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General Meetings are held on the **second Wednesday of the month**, February to December, **12:15pm to 2:30pm**, at Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield Street, Cleveland. An entry fee of \$2 applies to cover the room booking (and a lucky door prize ticket). Free parking is available at the Centre. Meals can be purchased from the Centre's café by those wishing to have an early lunch prior to the meeting.

The Annual General Meeting is held on the second Wednesday of July at 12:15pm, followed by a General Meeting.

The Management Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month, February to December, at 2pm.

Meetings are not held during January.

The RGS Collections contain a range of resources for world-wide genealogical research in various formats. These are held in our Genealogy "Genie" Room in the Council's Cleveland Library, Middle St (opp. Bloomfield St), Cleveland.

RGS members can use the RGS Library and its facilities, including accessing available online research organisations, at any time the Cleveland Library is open. **To obtain the Genie Room key**, members must present their **RGS Redland City Council's Libraries Service card** to the Cleveland Library Reception staff. It is not the same card that you use for borrowing privately from the Council's Libraries. It is the card given to all joining members. You must activate this card at Cleveland Library each time you renew RGS membership by presenting it with your latest RGS Membership Card.

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Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30am to 12.30pm - Saturdays 12:30pm to 3:30pm

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Redland City Council's Local History Collection: The Local History Collection is housed in the Cleveland Library with much of it available online at https://redl.sdp.sirsidynix.net.au/client/en_AU/search/asset/1007593/0. Georgia Bennett is Redland City Council's Local History Librarian; Gillian McNeill is Local History Technician.

A Note from the Editor

Welcome to the first edition for 2024. The first month of the New Year and the Festive Season are now behind us, and it's time to get into the serious business of continuing our research and breaking down brick walls!

Our Christmas lunch in December was a most enjoyable affair, a good time had by all! The Donald Simpson Centre catering staff put on an excellent and plentiful spread. Thanks to the contributions of prizes from and the purchase of tickets by our members, the Raffle was very successful in raising money for the Society.

Our Librarian needs your support! Karen is down 4 GRAs. Please consider becoming part of this very important group. With a full complement, commitment is 3 hours per month on either a Tuesday or Thursday morning or a Saturday afternoon; otherwise, present volunteers have to double up on their time to fill in the gaps.

Reminder: The password for accessing the Members' Section of our website is required to be changed annually. Please look out for the new password for 2024, details of which are circulated in February of each year.

Greg Glidden

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Notes from the Librarian

Hello Everyone and Happy New Year!!

I hope all have had a relaxing break and are now eager to return to our Genie Room for researching and to borrow a book or magazine.

Our Society subscribes to the following sites, all freely accessible in our Genie Room:

- FindMyPast
- Biographical Database of Australia
- RootsIreland
- The Genealogist

The Redland Library subscribes to Ancestry and FindMyPast including "The 1921 UK Census"; these can be accessed in our Genie Room, too.

We also subscribe to *Family Tree* (UK), *Who Do You Think You Are?* (UK) and *Irish Roots* magazines. The latest copy of each can be viewed in the Genie Room and previous copies can be borrowed.

We have received our missing back-copies of the *Irish Roots* magazines for 2022, and these can now be viewed in our Genie Room.

Some magazines and journals from 2020 have been culled from the Genie Room shelves and will be placed on the back table at the February General Meeting for members to take.

We start the year off with 17 GRAs, 2 less than this time last year. I would like to "Thank" all GRAs - You are very much appreciated!!

I ask all Members to consider joining our GRA team. Please contact me with any questions

George Chapman has Donated the Facsimile Text Edition of the *Universal British Directory 1793 – 1798*, nine Volumes plus Index in total, thank you. RGS has purchased the *St John's Pinjarra Burials 1844 – 2020 in Western Australia* on USB.

Both of these additions are currently being catalogued.

There are two new acquisitions –

- Title – *The Pioneer Register*. Author – Dr James Smee. Category – Pioneers. Location – 1 NSW PIO SME. This consists of 24 various volumes. Donated By Pam Gilbert, thank you.
- Title – *Domesday Book*. Author – Elizabeth Hallam & David Bates. Category – History. Location – 2 ENG HIS HAL. Donated By Mark Player, thank you.

A reminder that a Complete Catalogue List of our Books, CDs and Microfiche is on the RGS Website and on Computer 3 in our Genie Room.

When visiting the Genie Room, please remember to sign the Attendance Book, and to fill out the Borrowing Book, if borrowing any Books, Magazines or CDs.

Looking forward to seeing all Members in our Genie Room in 2024.

Karen Hawkes

Holidaying with a Genealogy Addict

Yvonne Weston

What is a holiday without a little ancestor hunting? As most of you were aware, my husband, Paul and I went on a big holiday in June and since we were in England for the start of it, it would have been remiss of us not to do a little digging. Not literally but figuratively of course.

After picking up our hire car, we headed out from Heathrow on the M4. That was the straightforward part, then to find the town of East Woodhay in the Newbury area. This was quite an adventure, but we so wanted to find the St Martin's Church in the village as this is where Paul's grandparents got married. It is also the church graveyard where his grandmother's parents and grandparents were buried.

So downhill, round and round in country lanes, our GPS system was determined to show us the whole county. We finally arrived at the church. It was open but not a soul in sight. Standing in the spot where Robert James Weston and Emily Kate Tilling spoke their vows was humbling. It is a pretty church and well maintained but the grounds and headstones were another story.



It was fairly evident that the grounds had been recently mowed but not short, it was still calf deep in places and the grass was wet, but nevertheless we trudged through the grounds looking for Emily's parents' and grandparents' headstones. Moss covered, decaying headstones gave us no clue as to their whereabouts, so after 30 minutes of searching, soaking wet shoes, we gave up but at least we were able to see where they all got married. From there our objective was to find the memorial to Emily's 2 brothers, Albert & Thomas Tilling, who perished in WW1.

Again, our GPS sent us all over the village and surrounding areas but finally we found the village green with the memorial. It stood proudly and was clearly maintained with a great deal of care. We were sated that some of our efforts were rewarded. This allowed us to spend the next 2 weeks solely holidaying and enjoying ourselves.

Mind you, the end of our road trip in the UK was flagged as another scavenger hunt. Well, that is what it felt like. We were on the hunt for 'our George' and his family.

Our next port of call was Sedlescombe, where George had always maintained he was born and certainly where we believe his family came from. I had contacted the church, Parish Church of Saint John the Baptist, and confirmed the baptism of George's siblings. Although George's baptism and birth records are nowhere to be found, all the other evidence and DNA matches support that his family did indeed attend this church. So off to Sedlescombe we went.



Arriving at the church, which was locked, we entered the grounds and proceeded to look at the headstones. What else are we going to do. "No, no, not this one", was the cry from me as I sent Paul down one section whilst I scoured the next section. Paul forlornly replied, "Nothing here either!" Undeterred, I came to an area much overgrown and under several big trees.

Nothing for it but to dive in - 'In for a penny, in for a pound!' as they say.

“Paul, come quick! I've found one!”, that was the start of our discovery. Crypts, if that is the right term, with the family name clearly showing through the brambles. Armed with sticks and twigs, we claw back the vines. Covered in brambles, thorns and surrounded by bees, we brave the scratches and the annoyed insects to reveal several crypts with members of George's family, brothers and their respective families. Wow! We could not find the parents but believe that they are in the same location, just in such poor condition as to be unreadable. At least we have found something.



Feeling chuffed at this find, I push on to Hawkhurst to find George. But alas, the church had been bombed during WW2 and headstones and records had been destroyed. Nevertheless, we searched, whilst 2 ladies of the parish looked at the records.



We even went to the local cemetery without success. Now, that put a dent in my armour!



Deflating as this was, I dragged Paul to another church and graveyard to look for more of the lost souls. This time in Benenden. Again, 15 minutes passed, and nothing could be found then suddenly, a Colebrook appeared. Not just any Colebrook but Paul's 3rd great grandfather and Mary his 3rd great grandmother no less. We had only popped into the church because I nagged him into it, knowing that there was a family connection. I didn't expect to find anything considering how badly the headstones were maintained in the other graveyards. This one was in much better condition. My headstone radar was working well but by now Paul had had enough of being dragged into the hunt. He was satisfied with what we had found and wanted to 'holiday' again. Now I am left wondering if I can work another ancestor hunt into a future holiday. Hmmm, maybe not real soon but never say never.

Membership Officer Needed

Well if you like a roller coaster ride you would enjoy being Membership Officer.

I have been a member of RGS, originally as a Redland Branch member of GSQ since 2004 and the Membership 'person' of RGS since June 2007.

Over that period of time RGS has accepted 414 members to the Society. Of course over those years there have been good numbers and then there have been quite low numbers in our Membership.

Some have joined and found it not to be their 'cup of tea'; they should have joined a café - maybe they didn't realise we have a great coffee shop attached to the Library. Others have climbed as far as they wish to in their tree and are now afraid of the height. For quite a lot of us though, each branch you add is sometimes more amazing than the last.

You don't have to look back as far as Adam & Eve, just several lines back and then the fun starts by adding or as we say 'putting some flesh on those bones'.

Connecting with others also researching can be very rewarding. Helping the Society with either taking up a position on the Committee or by becoming a Genealogical Research Assistant (GRA) helps you learn so much more.

If you don't like a roller coaster ride, so be it, just cruise along with the flow, you don't have to have a degree to do what I do and if you did I wouldn't be doing it. I can offer any assistance you require, and you will always have the support of the Committee and, I am pleased to say, the Members of our Society.

Please give some thought to taking on Membership Officer either yourself or with a friend, male or female, we aren't choosy.

Annette Hall

My Uncle Arthur ...and an Occurrence of Serendipity

Audrey Warner

I recently attended an interesting and informative presentation by Col Sutcliffe where he talked about Hellfire Pass and the Burma Railway which made me want to know about the life, and death, of my own uncle who was a POW there during World War II. My memories of my Uncle Arthur are exceedingly vague as I was only around 5 when he left to go to war. He was one of my mother's young brothers and I recall visiting him and his family just before he left. I'm afraid I remember playing with his children rather than anything about him. My next memory is of making a floral wreath from flowers in our garden on ANZAC day which I placed on a large tree in our back yard after being told that he had died as a Prisoner of War. His death was devastating to his mother and siblings, and it is only since I began looking into my family history that I have learned some of his story which I would like to share.

On 10 November 1905, Arthur Edward UNDERWOOD entered this world, the ninth of the twelve children born to Walter Ernest Underwood and Bridget Agnes HANDLIN. His younger years were spent living at Eight Mile Plains in Brisbane, Queensland where, with his siblings, he attended the Eight Mile Plains School. His grandfather, William Underwood, had been the Treasurer of the original board responsible for the start of the school. I'm told that the house in which the large family lived was quite small situated close to what is now the corner of the Pacific Highway and Underwood Road. The Eight Mile Plains school is on the opposite corner.

On 31 August 1929, Arthur married Jean Eunice Savage in the Thompson Estate Presbyterian Church where the Rev. Alexander Duff officiated. Attendants were Thelma Savage, A. Westman and flower girl June Gill. Arthur and Jean went on to live at Holland Park and have three children, Eunice, Dorean and Kevin. These were my cousins, the children I played with just before Uncle Arthur left as a member of the Australian Defence Force. In later life *Dorean* became *Doreen*, as she told me the original spelling had been a mistake.



I have learned some of my uncle's military history from the Thailand-Burma Railway Centre in Kanchanaburi, Thailand, as well as the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and from his army records. His Australian Army record states that at the age of 35 he was a Grocery Manager who enlisted in April 1941, at the Brisbane City Hall Recruiting Depot and became Private QX21368, a driver in 2/3 Reserve Motor Transport Company. I have read that many of the men of this company were older with some approaching fifty.

Also from his Army records we learn that after his enlistment and before being sent overseas he spent time in hospital then travelled to Java arriving there on 25 March 1942. The next we hear of him is on 31 October 1942, as a Prisoner of War. On 22 December 1943, his records show *Now interned Thai (no date given)* and on 26 September 1944, *Now reported died of illness Thai POW Thai camp*.

The "Unit History 2/3 Res MT Coy AASC" includes the following paragraph which gives details of what transpired in the time that Arthur served in the area – *Thereafter, the unit was loaded on the Kinta, manning the ship after the crew deserted, and sent to Java to join the intended 1st Australian Corps to be formed in Java from the 6th and 7th Divisions returning from the Middle East. In fact the divisions did not arrive in time, and 2/3 Res MT Coy became part of a scratch brigade designated Blackforce, which was soon run down in the Japanese invasion of Java after Dutch resistance collapsed. It was surrendered by higher command on 8 February and imprisoned in the [Bicycle Camp](#) at Batavia, where it remained under increasingly brutal conditions until moved to Singapore in early October 1942.*

The POW record from the Thailand-Burma Railway Centre says Arthur was a member of Java Party 4, Black (Ex Java) and gives his death as 17 July 1943, at the 55 Km Hospital (Khon Khan) where he was buried in Grave No. 012. Cause of death is given as Cardiac Failure following Anorexia after Diarrhoea, Beri-beri, Cerebral Thrombosis. There must be so much more of his story in that awful place that we will never know than just those few words on a piece of paper. His

body was re-interred and is now in the cemetery at Thanbyuzayat, Myanmar, although advice is given not to visit there because of the severe unrest in the area.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission went along the whole length of the Railway in 1946, marking the location of as many graves and camp cemeteries as possible. It was decided that all the bodies below Neiki Camp would be removed for Military reinterment to Kanchanaburi War Cemetery and those bodies above Neiki Camp would be removed for Military reinterment at Thanbuzayat.

Now to the present day - remember those three cousins I mentioned at the beginning; a sad part of this story is that Arthur's wife re-married and her family had no interaction with the Underwood family for many years – 60 in fact. We cousins never knew each other in our formative years, and it was not until the beginning of the 21st century before we met again. This is where that lovely word *serendipity* came into play when my cousin, Peggy Underwood, was on a caravanning holiday and, while talking to another lady in the caravan park, found that her maiden name had been Underwood. Peggy realised that she had found her long lost cousin Eunice, the older of the two daughters of Arthur and, once the connection was made, arrangements were soon in hand for a re-union of all the cousins. Eunice was the oldest of the group as she had been 13 when her Dad left. She told us that, as a young girl, she had even stayed with our grandmother for a while so was able to share those memories. To her, Grandma had seemed to be a very strict and grumpy old lady, although in my mind as a small girl who had only seen her on short visits she was remembered as a gentle soul.



Unfortunately all of our parents, that is Arthur's siblings, had passed away; nevertheless there were quite a number of our generation invited to the home of Arthur's son, Kevin, for a get-together. We were sad to hear that Kevin had believed that his father's family were not interested in keeping in contact with him and his sisters. We **were** pleased to hear they had lived happy lives as part of a larger family when Jean had more children with her second husband. Arthur's three children married and had their own families; Eunice and Doreen married English brothers who both fought in the Battle of Britain. At the time of the re-union, Eunice was living near Redcliffe and Doreen was visiting from England.

This photo shows Kevin with his sister Eunice and cousin Peggy, the two caravanning ladies who were the catalyst for the reunion.

Due to distance, disabilities and even death in some cases, we no longer meet, but I am so happy that a chance caravan park meeting led to the reunion of nine cousins, just a few descendants of William and Frances Underwood, pioneers who arrived in Queensland in 1865 for whom the suburb of Underwood is named.

[Footnotes referencing author's sources of information have not been included - Ed. RR]

Snippets



Ancestry Recent Release

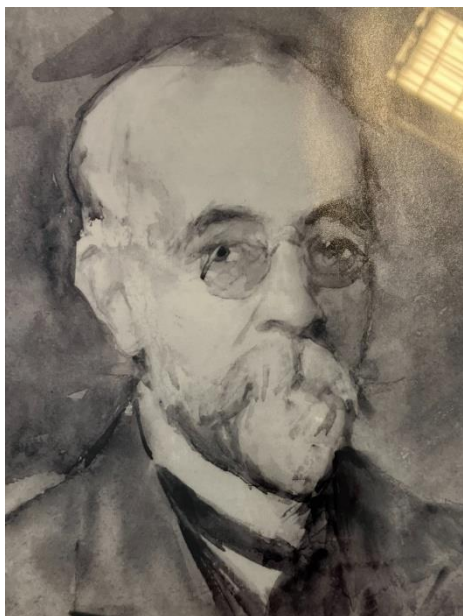
- Australia: Coastal Passenger Records, 1852-1924.
This collection contains images of passenger registers for ships travelling between ports in Victoria, Australia, and ports in other Australian cities. The information in these records can be used to uncover if your ancestor travelled by ship between Australian ports at a specific time and place. You may also find answers to questions about your ancestors that you haven't found in other documents. Was your ancestor married? What was their occupation? What nationality were they?
- Queensland: Military Pensions 1872-1919
- Australia: Army Reservists Indexes 1909-1920; Indexes of Teacher Registers, 1860-1905

MyHeritage Recent Releases

- Scotland: Prison Registers 1791-1965
- Germany: Rhineland Emigrants 1814-1939
- Germany: North Rhine-Westphalia – Münster, Detmold, and Arnsberg Marriages 1874-1899

Searcher and the Sasines

Ian Barrett



While researching my Scottish Bryce family, I came across yet another occupation I had never heard of before, viz: the “searcher”. That label in an 1891 Scottish marriage record belonged to my great granduncle Dr. William Moir Bryce 1842-1919. At the time of his first marriage in 1870 William’s occupation was “clerk” but there he was, 21 years later, a “searcher of records”.

Needless to say, curiosity got the better of me. So began a fascinating journey into the world of Scottish property records (sounds dry, doesn't it?), the Register of Sasines, the remarkable life of Dr William Moir Bryce, and interesting communications with current Scottish searchers of records. Here is a little of what I learned...

According to the online website for the Registers of Scotland, the Scottish Register of Sasines is the oldest national public land register in the world, dating back to 1617. A searcher of records is one whose occupation it is to find the relevant official records required for legal procedures relating to land ownership and land transactions.

William Moir Bryce commenced work as a searcher of records in the public registry office when procedures for recording property transactions were rudimentary and not standardised. Hence, finding land records and the quality of decisions pertaining to land records were less than reliable. Property fraud was on the rise at the time and there were ramifications flowing from the UK’s Married Women’s Property Act 1870. So there needed to be a better way!

William recognised the need, and the opportunities, and devised dependable standardised recording and search processes. With business partner Peter Ross Millar he established the property records search firm Millar and Bryce in 1873 in Edinburgh to provide professional search services to the legal profession using his improved systems. This firm followed on from the search agents firm established by his father in 1840.

“In an article from The Scots Law Times, dated November 1909, it was reported that Bryce, by then aged 67, instituted the method of certificates of search, now more commonly referred to as a legal report in today’s conveyancing terminology. Where Bryce seemed to be at the forefront of change, innovation and engagement, it appears that his partner Millar looked after the operational and financial side of the business and thus a successful partnership emerged.....

His principles are preserved for posterity in the many books he wrote. These underpinned his decision making and drive to be the leader in the searching industry. His foresight to change, adapt and develop as a business, along with his resilience during periods of great change at the turn of the century was crucial to the early years of Millar & Bryce.... These fundamental traits still remain in the company DNA today.” Source: *The Herald (Scotland)* 5 Dec. 1918 https://www.heraldsotland.com/business_hq/17275446.business-hq-true-art-survival-millar-bryce/

According to the National Records of Scotland:

“The firm is now part of Decision Insight information Group (UK) Limited, a leading provider of risk management and due diligence solutions, formed in January 2011. The firm undertakes searches for clients through a variety of registers and records held by the National Archives of Scotland, Registers of Scotland and Companies House.”

And an Historian of Note:

But William was much more than an innovative searcher of records and businessman. Throughout all of his adult life he was an avid historian, researcher, author, illustrator, and volunteer.

According to the National Records of Scotland,

"..he also undertook much historical research in his own time, writing articles for the 'Book of the Old Edinburgh Club' (especially on the history of the Burgh Muir), the 'Scottish Historical Review' and other publications. He was president of the Old Edinburgh Club at the time of his death. His main books were about Grey Friars in Edinburgh, and in Scotland in general."

Several of William's works and illustrations about the Grey Friars and Holyrood Palace are now considered to be of Scottish national importance and are held in national libraries in Scotland and overseas as reference works. During his life William's hobby was "volunteering" with the Queen's Brigade of the British Army. Who would have thought he had the time!

Although William's life was spent in Edinburgh punctuated by numerous trips to Paris to research Scottish royal dynasties, at least five (5) of his siblings and his widowed mother emigrated to Queensland, Australia.

Just weeks before he died, William was awarded a doctorate of laws by Edinburgh University in recognition of his lifetime's achievements as an historian and for his innovative services to the legal profession.

With special thanks to the Executives of Millar and Bryce, Edinburgh, for generously sharing a treasure trove of information and resource material with me.

Ian Barrett

"Sasine" - Scots law: The seisin or possession of feudal property, also the formality by which it is acquired by the tenant. The instrument or deed by which the transfer of feudal property is proved. A mode of investiture in lands, according to ancient Scottish law.

[Editor, RR]

Guest Speaker



Our final guest speaker for 2023 was Charlotte Sale, her topic, *Getting the most out of FamilySearch*.

Charlotte demonstrated the many different resources available, gave examples of using them, and explained the benefits of each method. There is so much more to this website than using the name search with some relevant vital details.

The Q&A section that followed the session indicated a lot of interest in the less-familiar/lesser-used resources.

It is well worth your while to open the "Help and Learning" page selecting the "*? in the circle*" on the Home page. A vast amount of information is accessible from here, which will "need to be digested in bite size pieces".

The Magazine Interest Group

The MIG is a small number of RGS members who also subscribe to a Family History Society of their choice. These societies are mostly from the British Isles but also from Australia and New Zealand.

The magazines from these societies are circulated amongst the MIG members for reading before they are either returned to the member or placed in the RGS Library in the Genie room for all members to peruse.

When you join another society, you not only receive its magazine, but you also have access to the 'Members Only' section of its website to enhance your research.

If you wish to learn more about the MIG and to which societies members already subscribe, please contact me.

Annette Hall



Life in Cape York 1867 (continued)

William Turton Kennett

Bev McFadyen

Customs House, Somerset, 1867-1869. William Kennett.

Image no. 33001-0028-0001. John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland.

The first pages of William Kennett's letter, written 1 October 1867 and addressed to "My dear Friends" in England, was published in *Redland Researcher* edition 149 November 2023. Reiterating the introduction, "*William Kennett was a mission teacher based at Somerset, 5 miles south of the tip of Cape York in North Queensland. Bev's grandfather's eldest sister married William. He spent time at Somerset located five miles from the tip of Cape York during which he was well received by the local community. However, due to a change of government he was subsequently asked to leave.*" More pages of the letter are printed below:

At certain times they (viz: the local Aboriginal People) have curious songs and dances which they call "alka" (carrobboree [sic]). When one of their number dies, his body is placed in a tree until the head falls off; the body is then buried, four upright posts being placed over the grave. The head is put in a basket and a grand dance takes place. The meaning of these songs and dances I have not yet been able to ascertain. They are always very reluctant to speak of the dead and will on no account mention their names. They have no religion and their superstitions are very few. Some have an idea that after death they will ride as white men, but none have any notions of a Creator.

They are all very fond of tobacco which they smoke in a curious way. A piece of bamboo is chosen about three feet in length and an inch and a half in diameter; a hole being made at one end. This is sometimes curiously carved; about two inches from the end farthest from the hole another hole is made on the outer surface and into this a small mouthpiece of bamboo is fitted. The tobacco is put into the mouthpiece and lit; the mouth is then put to the other end of the bamboo and the air drawn out, the smoke taking its place; the mouthpiece is then removed and the mouth applied to the hole and the smoke is inhaled in this way. Everyone (man, woman and child) smokes. Some of them are able to speak a little English and nearly all of them can swear in English. I have always noticed the first English word a foreigner learns is an oath. The English words they use they apply in a curious way as for example – supposing that I am questioning them.

Have you any fish? Ans. "no good" meaning no.

Where is Buma? Ans. Me darms "no good" (I have not seen him)

Or they may say – Cade shirt no good – "Give me a shirt" or "Have you a shirt?"
 Cade fumfum no good – "You won't hit me?"
 Cade wappi no good – "Don't you want any fish?"

Another word that has almost as many meanings as "no good" is "tomorrow" which means in five minutes time, or in six weeks. It also means a little further.

However, they learn English very well and I daresay laugh as much at me when I speak Goodang as I do at them when they speak English. They have only one name and cannot understand how white men have more. They however call us just by one surname and are very fond of naming their children after us. Their names are very curious. I will just give you the names of some of the youngsters that are at my house now.

1 <u>BOYS</u>	Toolootca –	Father dead (natural death)	Mothers name	Ecarda
	Cocone –	Brothers " (drowned)	"	Carboo
	Buma			
	Pigadin	" (shot)	"	Mews
	Cheena –	Father's name Bignose	"	dead (natural)
	Pig-a-pig	" Chamaka	"	name Ecarda
<u>GIRLS</u>	Korochocka	" (shot)	"	" Wyasa
	Cobudda	" name Mapi	"	name Moppuilchu

Of all the children I have seen, only six or seven have both parents living.

I think I have said nearly all I can about these people, they are peaceable and so long as they know you are not armed you may go anywhere in perfect safety – but you are always obliged to be ready for any emergency. We have a sentry out all night and the greater part of us lie down to sleep in our clothes (this is partly because of the warmth of the bed being too great). I have a loaded gun near the door, another by the side of the bed and my revolver in a chair on the other side – and the usefulness of this precaution I experienced on one occasion during a midnight raid made by a hostile tribe.

The remainder of my letter will be taken up by extracts from my 'log-book' which I have kept since I have been here and which will, I think, perhaps show how we live here and how the time is spent.

One thing I should mention is that we have service on Sundays in the "lock-up". It is very short as we have only part of the service. The service and sermon take up three quarters of an hour from 10 a.m. to a quarter to eleven. I would give a great deal to be able to go to church again. We don't know one's advantages or appreciate them till we lose them.

I think I sent most of my friends an account of one mishap on Stephen's Island and consequent termination of our intended expedition to New Guinea.

March 14 We took up our residence at Somerset and as the houses appointed for our use were not in readiness we quartered ourselves at the house of lieutenant Pascoe who had gone on holiday to the south. During the afternoon a brig from the Gulf of Carpentaria called the "Policeman" came in and anchored. We felt much the strangeness of the place and for the first night the cry of the sentry "All's well" every half hour kept us awake, but we had had our siesta or two hours sleep in the heat of the day.

March 15 We paid today our first visit to the camps in company with a blackfellow Haricum whom we met. This man has kept with us ever since and is I believe a faithful and noteworthy fellow. The women at our approach snatched up their children and ran off, but finding that we meant them no harm soon returned, crying out "Biscuit moro choguba mora" meaning that they hoped we would give them plenty of biscuit and tobacco.

March 16 To-day we sighted a vessel to the South apparently making for Port Albany (Somerset)

March 17 Sunday. Our first service in Somerset took place in the "lock-up" or "jail" (a little wooden hut)

March 18 The vessel seen on the 16th still appearing to be in the same spot. A boat was sent off and she was found to be the "Magenta" a French Brig bound from Sydney to Batavia. She had stuck on a reef and the crew were deserting her. However, she came off safely and anchored in the port.

March 19 We dined on board the "Magenta". All on board were French and spoke little or no English with the exception of two boys. These boys belonged to Sydney and had run away to sea on board this vessel. Poor fellows, they little knew what was before them, they were very badly treated and as they told us before the captain, wished they were back again. A offered "Subrosa" to take them if they managed to get ashore but they had no opportunity.

March 20 It being little Polly Apted's birthday I drank her health (I am afraid that did me more good than it did little Mary) and wished her all those good things which we wish those who are near and dear to us.

March 26 The "Policeman" left the port. I sent no letters home by her as she seemed anything but a likely craft. It was just as well I did not for it took her a month to get 150 miles.

April 2 I commenced my evening school with the marines this evening. I had eight in attendance and this has been my number since. The school was open two nights a week for an hour and a half each time, but I since increased it to three evenings. The men put me much in mind of the Whitechapel blues. It is by being schoolmaster to the marines that I obtain my rations, this being independent of my mission work. I may take this opportunity to speak of our provisions. We have the same very nearly as on board ship. Fresh meat three times a week and the rest is made up of biscuit, salt meat, a pint of ale and glass of grog daily, and a very small allowance of preserved potatoes (vegetables, except pumpkins will not grow here). We adapt the rules for meal times and meals which are general throughout Australia. We

have three meals daily which are alike in everything but name, breakfast, and luncheon p.m. and dinner 6 p.m. at every meal we have tea meat and biscuit, bread occasionally as flour is only 2/- a quartern and is then full of "creeping things". Butter I need not say is unknown, it is as mad as oil fifteen hundred miles further south so that you may guess what it would be here.

April 17 The brig "Ellesmere" entered the port bound for burke Town, Gulf of Carpentaria. I dare say my friends may think I ought to send them letters by these vessels. I generally send one home and chance it, for it is very doubtful whether they ever reach their destination: for if reposted at Burke Town they have to be sent by overland route to Cleveland Bay, a three week journey, thence to Port Denison, Brisbane and Sydney before they meet with a homeward bound mail. Sometimes they are put upon an island (Booby Island) about 150 miles from here to the North West. There is a post office there for passing ships. The island is a small uninhabited one – a box is placed there and passing vessels can leave letters to be taken up by some other ship. The "Curacos" man of war passed there eight months ago and we have since heard from England that they saw letters there addressed for this settlement which have not reached here yet.

April 27 The "Eagle" steamer from Adelaide called in on her way to explore the Gulf of Carpentaria. I got two of our blacks (Tommy and Elijah) employment on board until our return to this settlement in three or four months' time.

May 6 I began to teach the youngsters sewing. We managed to make a towel and a couple of petticoats. The latter being made out of a piece of smartly coloured print pleased the girls vastly. Petticoat making was not one of the accomplishments I learnt at college, for I little thought that I should ever have to make clothes for little darkies. My English friends would have been highly amused (Mrs Apted's girls particularly) to have seen us at work. Our school is a strange one, quite unlike anything you can imagine. We have no school house so that I take the children on the veranda of my house. Sometimes some of the men come in. Our great difficulty is that in order to get the children to attend we are obliged to feed them and as we have no funds for that purpose, we can do but little. My salary is not sufficient to keep myself and twenty or thirty urchins, or I would get the knot tied and have a batch of my own. I therefore have them in for a couple of hours every day and give them a feed of rice and sugar of which they are very fond. They come about seven in the morning and if my door is not open they call in at the window "Kennett, good morning". They then get me in my day's firewood whilst I am having breakfast. They then boil up any tea that is left and keep a sharp look out for scraps of meat or biscuit for themselves. At present my work is to teach them to speak English and it is in doing this that I have taught myself their language. I take a picture book generally the Childrens Friends or the Band of Hope and pointing to pictures of things which are seen here ask their names in Goodang and then give them the English; thus a picture of horses and dogs in a field – pointing to picture of horse I say "Goodang neiman". They say Yaraman. I reply "whitefella name horse" then pointing to the dogs they say "Inkodin" which I tell them is dog; and so we go on till about 9.30. I then set them to work to boil the rice and look after it for themselves and in telling them to do this and other things for themselves I always speak in pure English, and they very soon learn what I mean. They go away to the camps a little after ten calling out as they go off "good night" (they cannot yet understand Goodbye) "inga marang kaje nappa" meaning when the sun is up a little way tomorrow the children will come. I hope some of the missionary societies will send us funds to carry on our work; we had many promises from them in Sydney, but I cannot feed my little ones on promises.

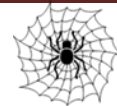
May 16 A party of blacks from one of the islands (Prince of Wales Island) in Torres Strait came to the settlement on a visit to the Goodangs. They were Kowraregors and were far finer men than the people on the mainland. I went out with them for an hour or two in their canoe and they pressed me much to go back with them to their tribe and talk to their children saying "Kowrarega kaje budgerie; Goodang kaje narang" or there are plenty of Kowrarega children but only a few Goodangs. I told them I would go some day with which promise they were obliged to be content. They returned to their tribe the next day.



Further information is contained in the blog "Taking the William Kennett Archive to the tip of Queensland" on the State Library of Queensland's website <https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/blog/taking-william-kennett-archive-tip-queensland>. A number of photographs taken by William Kennett are reproduced in it. Also, it includes a link to the British Museum's "online catalogue" illustrating some of the artefacts that William Kennett obtained by barter and sold to the Museum.[Ed RR]

London Missionary Society memorial, Somerset

Wandering Through the Web

**Family History Daily**

<https://familyhistorydaily.com/>

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Lost Cousins Newsletter

<https://www.lostcousins.com/newsletters2/latenov23news.htm#BrickWalls>

Peter Calver has written an article *How to overcome brick walls*. Suggestions pertaining to this issue always are worth reading.

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