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Members are invited to participate in monthly General Meetings held on the 1st Saturday of even months, commencing 10am - 12noon. Apart from normal procedures, meetings usually include an activity such as a guest speaker, presentation on the Association's resources, discussions relating to the past or matters of interest. Members may attend the library during advertised opening hours free of charge.

Publications

The association publishes a journal ***The CQ Genie-ologist***, three times per year, which is issued free to members. We invite members to advertise for information on their own family histories, and to submit articles free of charge. C.Q.F.H.A. Inc. exchanges journals with other genealogical societies, both in Australia and overseas, thus giving our members first hand information on the particular area they may be researching.

Research

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Page by Page

by Kay Page



Welcome to 2023. I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break and are full of enthusiasm for the coming year.

During the break our new backup system was installed. Many thanks to Chris and Trisha for facilitating this. This required some re-organisation of the storeroom. You will also notice that the library catalogue is now only accessible in the much easier digital form. Pest proofing has been done, the carpets shampooed and a general spruce up of the building, inside and out

Please give some thought to taking on a position within our Association. A mentor will be available to facilitate this. While the AGM is a long way off, we are still in need of an Events Co-ordinator for the beginning of 2023. Any committee member will be able to tell you what is involved with this or information is available at the rooms.

Thank you to all those involved in making our Christmas raffle such a success. It was heartening to see so many members pull together for this event.

1st prize Christmas Hamper - Cathie

2nd prize Wine and Ham voucher - Wanda

3rd prize Wine and Christmas Cake - Sharon

Thank you to all who contributed in any way - donating prizes, selling tickets, buying tickets. A special thanks to Richo Road Butchery who doubled the ham voucher prize.

Thank you also to our organiser, Linda who stepped up to take charge of the ticket selling and the organising of the luncheon.

Kay Page

Journal:

This issue has a focus on the Emerald district. Unfortunately, we didn't have any members contribute any new stories to this journal. We need your stories to continue our journal. So next issue we will be delving into 2 areas, Winton & Clermont districts. If you have anything on these areas please submit an article, but of course any article you have can also be submitted as usual.

Hope you enjoy,

CQFHA Journal Team

Articles for the June 2023 journal are **due 30th April**.

What's been happening at CQFHA...

- September Meeting - we had member Arch Finlayson as our Guest Speaker. For those of you who couldn't attend on the day a brief summary of his talk is on page 9.
- October Meeting - Familiarisation with the new electronic library catalogue.
- Social BBQ at the clubrooms - An enjoyable evening was had on Saturday, October 15, by all those who attended.
- Heritage Village markets - Thanks to all those members who helped to sell Christmas raffle tickets and promote the CQFHA.
- December General Meeting - Winners of the Christmas Raffle were drawn and then members proceeded to the Park Avenue Hotel to enjoy the Christmas Party (see photo highlights page 4.)
- Technology updates - Thanks to our Grants Officer, Enid, we have been successful in obtaining a grant of \$1000 from the Rockhampton Regional Council and with Discretionary Funds from our local Div. 7 Councillor Donna Kirkland it has allowed us to purchase and install new data storage and backup functions for our computers at our club rooms during our annual closure. (see photo highlights page 4.)
- Manual library card catalogue update - During the annual closure the manual library card catalogue was removed. All catalogued information can now be found electronically on any of the computers.

Photo Highlights



Christmas Raffle Winners
Above: First Prize - Cathie
Below: Third Prize - Sharon



Christmas Party

Rockhampton Regional Council Grant

Successful Grant from the Rockhampton Regional Council of \$1000 towards the Network Attached Storage (NAS)



Welcome New Members!

A warm welcome to all new and rejoining members. Please make yourself at home and don't be afraid to ask for help. If we can't help you with a specific question, we will point you in the right direction. We pride ourselves on being a friendly group.

New members:

Richard Corkhill #1453
Joy Hendersen #1455

Tonya Kahl #1456
Wren Brown #1457

Members it's time for a get together

Social BBQ
at the Clubrooms,
BYO

Saturday, March 18,
6 pm



Beginners' Day **CQFHA rooms**

Sat 13 May
9.30am - 12pm

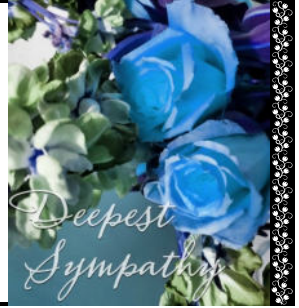
Members: Free

Non-members: \$30

VALE

Anne McHUGH (member No. 994)

Our condolences to family & friends



VALE

Estelle WOODHOUSE (Life member)

Member No. 22

Estelle Blanche WOODHOUSE (nee OHL) was born on the 28 February 1939, the daughter of John Henry OHL and Gertrude Ethel NELSON.

She began her schooling in 1944 and completed all her primary years at the Frenchville State School. She passed scholarship and attended the Rockhampton State High School from 1953.

She married Noel Valentine WOODHOUSE (who was also a Life member of the association) and raised two children.

She had many interests and hobbies. Those being music, wildlife welfare and of course family history. She was a foundation member of our association.

In 1975 she formed the Capricornia Wildlife Welfare Association. She was also a volunteer member of the Central Queensland University's Animal Ethics Committee. For her active and continuous service in this role she was awarded the honorary 'Companion of the University' in 2006.

She had resided in Rockhampton for most of her life. Our condolences go to her family and friends.

Farewell Estelle from CQFHA family.



Alfred Andrew Scott

by Linda Marshall

This story is rather typical of publicans of the West, moving from one area to the next around Central Queensland, all the places we have been visiting in the last couple of journals. This one is about a well known figure in Emerald, Alfred Andrew SCOTT. If we take a step back in time, we find that his father Jens SKOTT or SKYTT was a Danish immigrant. I guess at some stage the spelling of the surname was changed for convenience. Jens had married Mette ANDERSEN in 1867 in Foroup, Haderslev, Denmark, and the couple with one child, and with another on the way, arrived in Keppel Bay on 24 March 1871.

The family moved to the Springsure area, and eventually Jens rebuilt the Commercial Hotel in 1900 and renamed it Scott's Hotel. By this time Jens and his wife, Mette, had a family of 5 children, with Alfred Andrew being the second youngest, born on 11 February 1877 in Rockhampton. Before 1900 Jens had become a grazier and owned Emerald Downs. Unfortunately Jens didn't have long to enjoy his hotel as he died in 1904.

Meantime Alfred Andrew, like his father, had become a grazier with his own property, Scott's Grove, near Springsure. After his father's death Alfred took over his father's licence, becoming licensee from 1903 to 1911. Just before his father died, Andrew had married Helena Louisa HOFMEISTER (7 July 1903) in Springsure. They had a family of 4 children, their first son dying as a toddler - Cyril, Vera, Leslie and Ronald. For some reason in 1911, Alfred sold the lease, licence, goodwill, furniture and effects of Scott's Hotel to John Henry CLEMENTS. By the end of CLEMENT's ten year lease Rosella SCOTT, Alfred's sister-in-law had purchased the freehold of the hotel, and there was a court case concerning the original furniture. Rosella became the licensee for a short time in 1921.

After the sale Alfred moved his family to Emerald, taking up the licence of the Grand Hotel. He worked in the hotel from 1911 to 1913, then took a break, before taking up the licence again from 1919 to 1927. In the meantime from 1914 to 1918, Andrew and his family moved to Rockhampton, where he became the licensee of the Oxford Hotel.

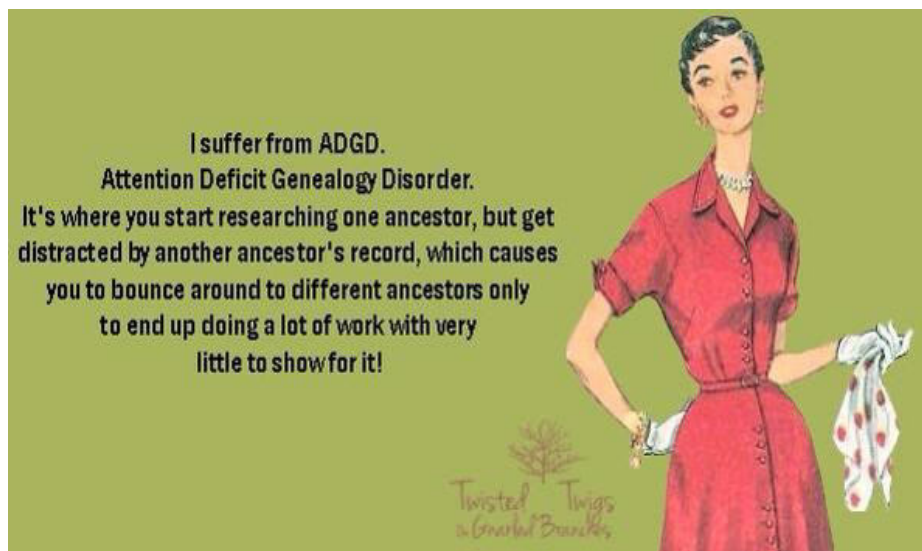
After his second stint in the Grand Hotel, Emerald, he moved to Longreach, and with a partner, Mr. Harry LAURIE, was successful in

an application for a block at Mt Cornish, which they named Verastan (near Muttaborra). Thereby Alfred returned to his original occupation of grazier, with his sons to help him.

Andrew stayed on Verastan until his death on 8 December 1934. He must have retained links with the Grand Hotel, as his wife Helena, returned to Emerald becoming licensee from 1937 to 1939. She still appears on the Queensland Electoral Roll as a hotel keeper for the Grand Hotel in 1943, although the licensee had changed. Perhaps they actually owned the freehold of the hotel, however the Grand Hotel (pictured) burnt down in January 1954. By 1949 Helena appears to have moved back to Verastan (Qld Electoral Roll), with her son Leslie working the property.



Her other son Ronald also became a grazier, owning Devonshire Station, Ilfracombe by 1949 and he was still there in 1972. Helena Louisa SCOTT passed away in 1958. Leslie sold Verastan in 1955, a property of 20,127 acres, considered to be the best of its size at the time.



Sourced from Facebook - Twisted Twigs on Gnarled Branches Genealogy

AGM September Guest Speaker—Arch Finlayson

by Jeanette Finlayson

After the AGM elections were finished, Arch FINLAYSON entertained members with recollections of his early childhood in Rockhampton.

He was born in 1940 so grew up during the war years and could remember the windows of their home being covered with paper to diffuse the light. He also recalled his Dad having to provide an air raid shelter, which fortunately was never used for the purpose of an air raid but was fun to play in.

His Dad worked in the railway which was declared an essential service so he was not required to go to war but several of the other Dads in the neighbourhood signed up to go.

Arch then spoke of his school years and compared them with schools today.

The services of the baker, milkman, ice man, fruiterer, and dunny man also were recalled with fondness. Members appeared to enjoy the talk.

Thanks, Arch



You might be missing out!

If you are a member and we don't have an email address for you, then you may not be getting all the goodies.

If you aren't getting:

"CQFHA: Alerts & Updates" every Friday at 5:30pm

and

"CQFHA: It's Backup Day" on the 1st of every month

then you aren't getting the most from your association.

Email: web@cqfamilyhistory.org.au with your name and you will be added..

Also, a reminder that there are 100s of free resources on the 'Members' Only' section of our website.

Early Emerald Families

by Jeanette Finlayson

For anyone with relatives who were early settlers in the Emerald district, Central Queensland Family History Association has two very good books which would give them a good idea of what Emerald was like from its beginnings, and also some snippets of early Emerald families. I have chosen to write about the “HICKS” family which is mentioned in “Emerald and the Gemfields Centenary”, as two of the HICKS boys married into my husband’s family, one being an Aunt and the other, a great aunt of my husband, Arch; also there is plenty to talk about as it was a very large family.

John Thomas HICKS and his wife Emma HEAD had 17 children whom I have found on the Queensland State Archives website. Poor Emma!! According to the centenary book, John HICKS and his wife came to Emerald from Gogango with their 15 children in 1896, but this can’t be quite true as at least three of the children died as infants and one died at age 6, long before they arrived in Emerald in 1896. Their eldest daughter, Harriet Elizabeth was married by then and was living with her husband, John AGNEW, at Gogango. John HICKS classed himself as a fencing contractor and he actually died 27 August 1896, aged 52 years, the same year as they arrived in Emerald, leaving poor Emma with 11 children, ranging from 18 to the youngest, Lucy, who was only 5 years old. Poor Emma, again!!

Here is the family of John Thomas HICKS and Emma HEAD :-

Harriet Elizabeth (1869-1935)

Mary Ellen (1871)

Alice Sophia (1872-1878)

George Henry (1873-1874)

Sarah Ann (1875-1876)

Eliza Jane (1877-1878)

William Augustus (C1878-1951)

Charlotte Emma (1879-1952)

John Thomas (1880-1864)

JAMES EDWARD (NED) (1881-1952) - Married JEAN FIN-
LAYSON 28/2/1923

Charles Tomlinson (1883-1954)

Herbert Spencer (1884-1946)

Bethany Alice Hawkins (1885-1902)

Anna Lindsay Haynes (1887-1961)

Henry George (1888-1965)

ALBERT VICTOR (BERT) (1890-1966) - Married MARY

NIMMO 22/6/1921

Lucy Ann (1891-1948)

It is unknown how Emma possibly managed to survive and rear her remaining 11 children, but we know Bethany Alice died 6 years later, aged 16. According to the centenary book, the HICKS family lived in a small corrugated iron house at the east end of Robert Street. Where they all fitted is anyone's guess, but it is also recorded that Albert (Bert) lived in that "cosy" little house all his life but it was pulled down after he and wife, Mary died. Bert and Ned are said to have started a wood delivery service to help the family to survive. Once the family reached voting age we can get some idea of their futures as this is recorded in the electoral rolls. Most of the girls married and moved away with their husbands but several of the boys remained in Emerald. The occupations recorded on the electoral rolls for the boys in most instances were "Labourer".

Somehow or other, Ned managed to purchase a property on the Eastern side of the river known as "Fairview" and he conducted a wood depot there with his own sawmill. In February, 1923 he married Jean FINLAYSON when he was 42 years old and she was 19 years younger than he was. Ned's mother, Emma died one month later. It appears as though Ned lived with his mother in the Robert St house for most of his single life, but after he married, he and Jean lived at his property at Fairview and they were still there in 1943; however, in 1949 we find Ned and Jean in Hill Street, Emu Park. They must have moved there some time between 1943 and 1949. The interesting thing is that they moved the Fairview house to Emu Park. It was similar to the style of the Robert St house – corrugated iron, and as far as we were concerned it was a long way from "cosy". In summer it was really hot and in winter, really cold, with the breeze blowing up through the ripples in the corrugated iron. Arch and I visited the house many times but by the time we were married, Ned had been dead for many years. This house is still standing in Hill Street today. The other strange thing was that after coming from such a large family, Ned and Jean had no children.

Albert Victor HICKS lived in Emerald all his life. On 22 June 1921 he married Mary NIMMO. She was the daughter of John NIMMO and Jane LAWSON. Both the NIMMO's and LAWSON's

had come to Queensland from Great Britain to work in the railway.

In 1901 John NIMMO was an engine driver, driving trains between Rockhampton and Longreach. He was Arch's great grandfather. I don't know how their daughter, Mary came to meet Albert Victor HICKS as the NIMMO's were based in Rockhampton.

Albert Victor was always known as "Bert". He was a blacksmith for many years with "G Bertles and Son, Blacksmith and Windmill Experts". They were also the first motor car dealers in Emerald, having been appointed as dealers for Eagers in the early 1920s. In later years Bert worked for the Emerald Shire Council and remained there until he retired. He was the last remaining member of the family which is understandable as he was number 16 on the list.

As mentioned in my opening paragraph, because this was such a large family, most of them living when Emerald was just getting established, there is a great deal of interesting information which can be included about this era. Unfortunately space in our journal does not permit my further ramblings, so if you would like to know more you can always come and utilise some of the wonderful resources that are waiting for you at Central Queensland Family History Association.



Mrs C. Hicks (r) with sons (back row) James Edward (Ned), Albert (Bert), William (Bill), George (seated). Picture taken in the grounds of their Robert St. home.



Neerkol Stories

by Kay Page

O'NEILL - Annie, Elsie, Florence

John O'NEILL and Annie BROWN were married in Queensland 19 Sep 1881. The following year their first child, Edward George, was born on 6 March. Another boy followed 8 Dec 1883 who was named Ernest Patrick. The couple were living at Pine Hill near Alpha when Annie Elizabeth was born 24 Aug 1885. Pine Hill at this time was a railway terminus town which gained a reputation for drunkenness and dissolution. Elsie Susan was also born there on 22 Jun 1887.

The unhealthy nature is evident in burial records of Pine Hill Cemetery. In the four years, 1883-1886, 68 burials are recorded, 70% of whom were children. In February and March 1885 twelve children, most under one year old were buried, having succumbed to dysentery or intermittent fever.

It is unclear if John and Annie were still in Pine Hill when their next 2 children were born. Charles Henry was born 28 May 1889 and died 2 Jun 1899; **Florence May was born 15 April 1891 and died 1 Jul 1891 (see below).** Florence Mary was born in Rockhampton on 15 Jun 1892. John James was the last child to be born to the couple on 18 Feb 1895.

----- / Wed 8 Jul 1891 / Page 5 / No title

The death of an infant named Florence Mary O'Neill, aged two and a-half months, the daughter of a woman named Annie O'Neill, formed the subject of an inquiry by Mr. H. Salmon, J.P., yesterday afternoon. The evidence showed that the mother, with her babe and another child of about seven years of age, slept in the one bed on the night of the 30th of June, and next morning the infant was found dead. It had been in good health previously, and there is little doubt had been overlaid. The inquiry stands adjourned.

Misfortune was to strike the family in this same year when John O'NEILL the breadwinner died from enteritis. He joined his 13 year old eldest child, Edward who had died from Syncope the previous year on 6 Oct 1894. This left Annie with five children to support from her income as a laundress.

Ernest Patrick at age 13 conceivably was old enough to work or stay with Annie. In 1906 he worked at both Malvern Downs Station and Peak Downs Station as a stockman but died at the early age of 27 years from nephritis. No record of a marriage could be found and he was buried in the South Rockhampton cemetery on the 28 Jun 1909 - RC 13/3358.

Three of the children were admitted to Neerkol on 5 Mar 1896.

Annie Elizabeth was 11 years old and after two years was hired out to Charles KESLEY and John SHARPLEY of Mackay, CH Wm CLEATLEY and George FAWCETT. No further information could be located for her. A possibility is that she married a DENNIS.

Elsie Susan was 9 years old when admitted to Neerkol. Likewise at age 13 she was sent out to work. Her employers over the next 3 years were F CARNEY, Mrs. MOODIE and WH BREE. On 19 Apr 1905 Elsie was taken ill and sent to the Diamantina Hospital in Brisbane where she died on 4 Jun 1905 at age 18 years. She is buried in the Sth Brisbane Cemetery in row ZE in an unmarked grave.

Florence Mary was a mere 5 years of age when she was taken under State Control. What a dreadful situation to be put in and then to become ill with only your 11 year old sister to be near you. Florence died from Ascites/convulsions on 13 Nov 1898 at Neerkol and was buried at the South Rockhampton Cemetery RC 47/2399.

John James may have remained with his mother as he was only 12 months old at the time his siblings were placed in the orphanage.

The Rockhampton Hospital.

Weekly Report.

The following is the report of the Rockhampton Hospital for the week ending Friday, the 30th instant:—Remaining in the institution on the 23rd instant, males 45, females 14, total 59; admitted during the week, males 8, females 4, total 12; discharged during the week, males 10, females 2, total 12; remaining in the institution on the 30th instant, males 40, females 16, total 56. Three deaths took place during the week, the patients being John O'Neill, Australia; L Gromett, England; and Thomas Collins, Australia. The Resident Medical Officer acknowledges with thanks the receipt of flowers from St. Paul's Guild and the Y Union; also old linen from the Y Union and Mrs Campbell; illustrated papers from Miss O'Reilly and Mr S. W. Hartley, and flowers from Miss M'Millan. The Visiting Committee for the month consists of Messrs W. V. Ralston, W. Spier and N. South.

No record was found for a marriage and he too was unfortunate to die at an early age. He was 27 years old when he died in Townsville and is buried in an unmarked grave in the Belgian Gardens Cemetery. D1/Row21 #330.



Sources: Meteor Park (Neerkol) admission records, Qld BDMs, Ancestry, Electoral Rolls, Trove, FindAGrave, Crossing the Divide by Janice Cooper

Happenings from 100 years ago

(sourced from TROVE)

The Daily Mail, Brisbane, Saturday 31st Mar 1923, p. 17

One of Emerald's oldest residents, Mrs. HICKS, died on Tuesday, aged 75 years. She was 35 years a resident of Emerald, and was highly esteemed. She was the mother of 18 children, 12 of whom are still living.

(Editor's note: This is Emma HICKS (nee HEAD) from the article on page 10.)

The Western Champion, Barcaldine, Saturday 30th Jun 1923, p. 14

A marriage was solemnised at Emerald on the 18th inst. between Mr. William MUNRO junr., second son of Mr. and Mrs. MUNRO, of Emerald, and Miss Alice Clara KINGSTON, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kingston, of Emerald. The Rev. PIZEY, Vicar of Emerald, tied the knot.

The Unclaimed Photo Album

by Trisha Brannigan

This is a continuation of the story from the October 2022 journal. I am going to investigate the line of Charles Alfred MASKELL's sister Esther WILLIAMS (pictured) .

The following is a timeline of events that I could find for Esther and her family.

1852 - Birth of Esther Ann MASKELL 29/08/1852 to parents George William MASKELL and Ellena NICHOLSON.

1854 - Her mother died 02/01/1854 in Warwick, Qld.

1856 - Her father died in Warwick, Qld. Her father had arrived in Queensland on the ship 'Fortitude' on the 20/01/1849 and married Helena ATKINS (nee NICHOLSON) on the 21/10/1849.

1867 - Esther Ann MASKELL married Charles Edwin WILLIAMS.

1880 - Charles was a storekeeper at Muttaborra.

1883 - Family residing at Forest Grove, Thompson River (Charles was applying for a Country Publican's Licence)

1889 & 1890 - Family living in Muttaborra as 2 children have died and are buried there.

1893 - Charles added to the electoral list, after living at Emu St, Longreach for 6 months, his age given as 52.

1896 & 1897 - Charles was a bailiff & commission agent at Longreach

1905, 1906 & 1909 - Electoral rolls have Charles Edwin, Esther Ann, Florence Emily & Edith May WILLIAMS living at Duck St, Longreach.

1913 - Esther died in 1913 and is buried at Nambour, Qld.

1917 - Charles died in 1917 and is buried at Nambour, Qld,

The following is a summary of Charles & Esther's children.

1. Eleanor WILLIAMS was born in 1868 and married William George MURPHY in 1883. There were at least 8 children. She died in Muttaborra, in 1906. Some of the names associated with the family are BENNETT, VALE, BROOKS, SHAWCROSS & WINTER

2. Mary Jane WILLIAMS was born in 1870 and married Ernest Edward LAKE in 1886. There were at least 9 children. She died at Brisbane in 1956. Some of the names associated with the family are ROWEN, DUNN, BOWEN, HEDGELONG, PLUMB, NASH, & WOLFE.



3. Alfred Ernest WILLIAMS was born in 1871 and died in 1889 at Muttaborra after a horse fell on him.

4. Wallace WILLIAMS was born in 1873 and died in 1890 at Muttaborra due to pneumonia epilepsy.

5. Albert Edwin WILLIAMS was born in 1875 and died in 1877.

6. Edith May WILLIAMS was born in 1878, there is no known marriage or descendants. She died 19 Jan 1928 after a brief illness. She is buried in the South Brisbane Cemetery with her sister Mary Jane LAKE.

7. Jessie Maude WILLIAMS was born in 1880 and married Edward Oborn PERKINS. They had at least 2 children. She died in 1963.

8. & 9. John & Sarah WILLIAMS twins who were born and died in Queensland on 20 May 1882.

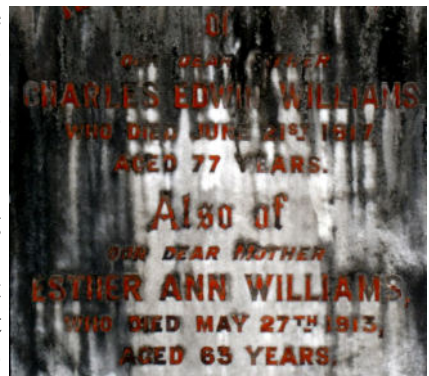
10. Florence Emily WILLIAMS was born in 1883 and married Lansdale GRETTON in 1917. There are no known descendants. She died in 1957.

11. Minnie WILLIAMS was born in 1885 and married William George EWART in 1914. There were at least 4 children. She died in 1974. Some of the names associated with the family are HAMILTON, PURDY, GLASBY & PAXTON.

12. Herbert Oswald WILLIAMS was born in 1887 and married Annie TUCKER in 1921. They had at least 1 child. Herbert died in NSW in 1959.

13. Winifred Blanche WILLIAMS was born in 1890 married Thomas John ELLIOTT in 1919. They had at least 3 children. She died in 1946. Some of the names associated with the family are ELLIOTT, BE-MI & THOUMER.

Esther & Charles had had a large family and without checking each family it is clear to see that there seems to be living descendants from this line. However none of the names of their descendants or their families are mentioned in the photo album, this leading to the assumption that it may be Esther's ancestors but not descendants that are contained in the album. The next avenue would be to look at the ancestors and relatives of Mary Jane MASKELL (nee SCANLON).



*Headstone for Charles & Esther
WILLIAMS*

(Source: Find a grave)

To be continued ...

A bit of fun....

CODE CRACKER



To complete this code cracker, all you have to do is work out which letter of the alphabet is represented by each number from 1 - 26 and then to help you keep track of the numbers used place that letter in the grid below (unused letters have already been prefilled) . The only hint to help you is that they are all places relating to the Emerald district.
(Answers page 27)

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The Nalty Family in Emerald

by Linda Marshall

The NALTY family was a very long standing family in Emerald during its early years. John NALTY was born 1849 in Fountain Hill, Kilmaine, County Mayo, Ireland. He married Julia O'DEA in Shrulce, Mayo, sometime in 1878. On 20 January 1883, John and Catherine, with children, Brigid Delia (1879), Mary (1880), and James (1882), arrived on the 'Melopmene' into Rockhampton. It appears that the family headed for Emerald fairly soon afterwards.

In the following years several other children came along - Patrick (1886), Richard (1888), twins Sarah and Peter (1890) followed by Winifred Anne (1895). Life must have been good, although there appears to have been a slight hitch in 1891. A newspaper report of a meeting between John, by then a grazier and victualler, and his creditors, states he managed to liquidate debts by arrangement not insolvency.

By 1887 John had taken over the licence of the Leichhardt Hotel in Emerald. Around 1901 the hotel must have burnt down, as John had plans and specifications drawn up for new premises. The building was to cost 1500 pounds and included 2 cottages. The plans were prepared by Messrs. Eaton & Bates, and were to be similar to the one lost in the fire.

John appears to have been interested in community events. In 1895 he held a meeting at the hotel to decide to try and form a properly constituted Race Club. Previously in 1889 there had been a Jockey Club meeting in the hotel. Later 1903 John retired from his position as trustee of the Emerald Cemetery. He continued to work in the hotel until 1908, even though he was a grazier as well. In 1899 he expanded his holdings by gaining another 290 acres, and in 1902 this was certified as he had fulfilled all the conditions for an agricultural farm.



Leichhardt Hotel, Emerald

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In 1908 his wife Julia took over the licence of the hotel until 1915, followed by son Patrick (1915-1926) then daughter Mary (1926 - 1946). In 1936 the hotel was once again burnt down, along with the Commercial Hotel and 7 shops. Mary must have rebuilt the hotel, as she didn't sell the freehold until 1953. So the NALTY family were involved with the hotel for 66 years in total, an amazing record.

However, tragedy struck the family in 1915 when Julia NALTY was operated on for appendicitis. Unfortunately though everything possible was done, she passed away. Her obituary states that she had a retiring disposition, and was a living example of piety and devotion to the Church. She assisted with every charitable movement and gained the respect and affection of everyone she met.

Unfortunately tragedy struck again in 1926, when Patrick was found in a back room of the hotel with his throat cut. He was a single man, and had suffered from epilepsy most of his life. By then his brother Peter was a stock dealer, and John was a grazier, while Richard had died as a child in 1894. James appears to have been a labourer, working in various towns. Mary's name appears in newspapers a few times in regard to the courts. In 1934 she was charged with opening on a Sunday, however this was dismissed as the person selling the alcohol was not authorised to do so. Mary was in court again in 1939 for not putting in income tax returns. There is also a report in April 1925 that the Leichhardt Hotel changed hands, with a Mr. and Mrs. Lawson STEWART taking over the hotel, and the NALTY family leaving on a tour of the continent, but I haven't found any evidence of this actually happening. Lawson STEWART is on the electoral rolls as a hotel manager in Emerald but it doesn't state which hotel.

The NALTY family were true pioneers of this Central Queensland town, and I am sure they were an integral part of the community.

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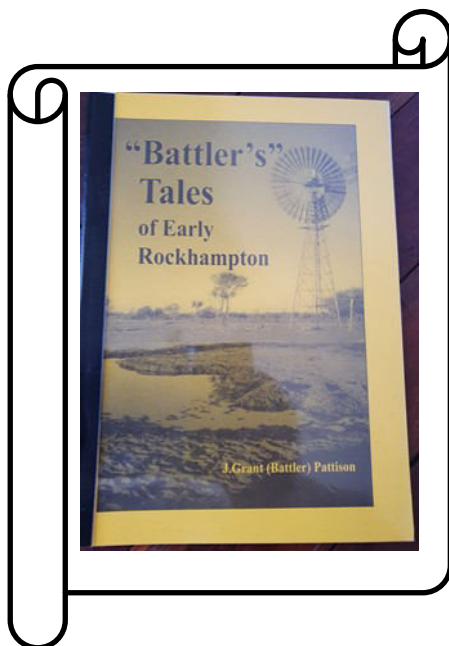
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JEWEL/RULE/NEALE - Coincidental Family Research

By E. M. A. Hibberd

On Tuesday 26 Apr 2022, visitors **Ian & Eileen from North Qld** visited the CQFHA library, having been referred to us by the Librarian at the RRC Library History Centre. They were looking for information about the **NEALE family of Cawarral**, and their land. I happened to be one of the library assistants on duty, and helped answer their queries. The Master Index was used, and among other references – the Gogango Divisional Board 1880-1903, and Livingstone Shire Council 1904-1918 Indexes for Rates and Valuations. The relevant names were found, and the land was identified, and, by another coincidence, we happened to have a map which showed exactly where the land was. Sadly the Cawarral School Centenary Book was “missing” from our library, but when I found out that the RRC Library History Centre had a copy, Ian & Eileen had already moved on.

Six weeks later, on 03 June, a Friday morning – I was at the RRC Library History Centre – another coincidence, as I was usually there on a Thursday. Visitors arrived and I could hear discussions with the Librarian about Cawarral. I glanced over but did not recognise the visitors. However later I heard the name Sarah JEWEL. Another coincidence – one of the same names that Ian & Eileen had researched. I had to say something – so did – and soon discovered that **Cheryl & Tom from Western Australia** were also travelling in Qld, and had dropped by to do some family history on the **NEALE family of Cawarral**. The CQFHA library was closed due to a power outage, so they had gone to the city library instead. It was suggested that maybe they could visit CQFHA the following afternoon (Saturday), and another coincidence – that was my scheduled library duty again. They turned up and we were able to quickly locate the material that Ian & Eileen had seen, except for the Cawarral School Centenary Book which was still “missing”.

CQFHA have a visitor’s book – so I asked if Cheryl and Tom would be interested in contacting their previously unknown relatives – Yes. So I emailed Ian & Eileen – do you want to make contact with Cheryl & Tom? – Yes. I then sent a follow up email to both couples, introducing them to each other, and left them to it. Several emails and phone calls later, they managed to meet up three times during their travels, swapping information and identifying faces in

photos, before they all resumed their original travel plans. One very good outcome – Ian & Eileen had an unidentified wedding photo – and it turned out to be that of Cheryl’s grandparents in Western Australia! Emails from them kept me informed of progress, and in another coincidence, Cheryl phoned CQFHA on a Saturday afternoon to pass on thanks to me for the assistance – but I answered the phone, as it was my scheduled library duty again.

Serendipity, coincidence, good luck, Karma – call it what you will, but I was surprised at how many things fell into place. Any of our library assistants could have helped either couple, however the links between them may not have been noticed if processed by different CQFHA library assistants on different days.

What was it all about? The main names are **JEWEL/JEWELL**, **RULE**, and **NEALE** with a few others thrown in by marriage, and a few spelling variations along the way.

The story started with the **RULE** family, but it was short and had a sad ending.

The ship *Countess Russell* sailed from London on 01 March 1873, and arrived at Rockhampton on 30 June 1873. On board at departure were indentured passengers 273 and 274, **Benjamin RULE** age 21, his wife **Sarah A RULE** age 19. They also had Land Orders 791 and 792 respectively beside their names. Their child was “born on voyage”. After their arrival, the marine birth (M) of Charles RULE on 20 April 1873, was registered in Qld, father Benjamin RULE, and mother Sarah Ann JEWEL. Benjamin RULE died in October 1874, and was buried on 02 Nov 1874 leaving a widow & 18 month old son (*see article page 25*).

On 22 Nov 1875, Henry John NEALE married Sarah RULE, also apparently taking on the role of step-father to Sarah’s son Charles RULE. Charles Russell RULE married Florence Emily LARGE in 1900. In the 1905 Cawarral Town Directory, C RULE was listed as a mine owner. He died aged 57 on 30 Oct 1930, and was buried in the North Rockhampton Cemetery.

Henry and Sarah NEALE had 10 children, starting a new NEALE family tree.

1. Henry John (b 1876, d 1899)
2. Theresa/Teresa Emily (b 1877, married James Kerr DAVIDSON 1896)
3. Walter (b 1880, m Bridget REGAN 1903)

4. Sarah Jane (b 1881, married Charles SLEEMAN 1901)
5. Ernest (b 1882, d 1906)
6. **Thomas** (b 1884, married Mary Francis CHAPMAN 1915, in WA)
7. Albert (b 1886, married Mary GUNN 1898)
8. William (b 1887, married, also moved to WA)
9. Harold (b 1893, single, had property in Dawson Valley)
10. **Lily Adelaide** (b 1896, married William CONROY 1921, and they lived in Mt Morgan, his parents having been long-time residents there). Family information is that two of the brothers died in mining accidents (*i.e.* Henry John (Jnr) and Ernest).

First visitor Ian is descended from Lily Adelaide NEALE (*see photo page 24*).

Second visitor Cheryl is descended from Thomas Alfred NEALE (*see photo page 24*).

Electoral Roll 1906 – Henry John NEALE and sons Thomas Alfred and Walter were all miners, residence Cawarral, and son-in-law James Kerr DAVIDSON was also a miner with address of Mount Wheeler.

Electoral Roll 1913 – Henry John, sons Albert and Walter were all miners, residence Cawarral, as was son-in-law James Kerr DAVIDSON. However Thomas Alfred NEALE was no longer listed.

Thomas Alfred NEALE had moved from Cawarral to WA between 1906 and 1913, but it is not yet known how or when he travelled there. Thomas also worked as a gold miner/pro prospector in Laverton, WA. He enlisted for WW1 Army service in Perth in March 1915, and married Mary Francis CHAPMAN on 24 Apr 1915. He fought at Gallipoli, returned sick and was discharged; re-enlisted and embarked as Engineer for France Dec 1916; survived the war; returned to Aus. in 1919. Thomas and Mary went on to create the West Australian branch of the NEALE family tree.

The missing Cawarral School 1874-1974 Centenary Book has reappeared and another final coincidence – one photo is of “A Mt Chalmers Mine” – with 9 men and 3 boys/teens, but only two are named – James Kerr DAVIDSON and Albert NEALE. Beside Albert is one markedly older man – is he perhaps Henry John NEALE? (Alberts’s father; DAVIDSON’s father-in-law). The photo was contributed by Colin (Andrew) DAVIDSON (*death Dec 1994; wife Muriel; CQFHA Scrapbooks*).

Sarah Ann NEALE’s death was registered on 24 June 1908, listing parents John JEWEL and Caroline CLIFTON. (*Sarah’s photo on page 24.*)

Henry John NEALE's death was registered on 10 June 1927, listing parents William Henry NEALE and Susan MORRIS.

It would appear that descendants of Sarah & Benjamin RULE, and Sarah & Henry NEALE, are still in the local area. The various surnames appear over the years in the Cawarral school books, Livingstone Shire Rates & Vals, and other local records. If you are related, or know someone who may be, please contact journal@cqfamilyhistory.org.au. We can email a message to either/both couples.



Top left: Matriarch Sarah Ann NEALE (previously RULE, née JEWEL)



Top right: Cheryl's grandparents Thomas and Mary NEALE



Right: Ian's grandparents, William & Lily CONROY

The Sad Demise of Benjamin RULE

By E. M. A. Hibberd

In the previous article (from page 21), **Benjamin RULE and wife Sarah** (& their baby Charles born on board) arrived in Rockhampton on **30 June 1873**. As indentured passengers, they may already have been under contract for employment, so their future probably looked promising – new land, new baby, and new life.

As the NEALE family tree started with Henry John NEALE marrying widow Sarah RULE in 1875, I wondered what had happened to her husband.

In the CQFHA Reference Book **Index to Register of Deaths Vol. 2** – Benjamin RULE has a brief mention, 1874, no parents' names listed. The QLD BMD lists his death (as shown on the right), indicating that exact day of death was not known.

Benjamin Rule Event date: /10/1874

In the CQFHA Reference Book **Index to Early Burials Vol. 2** – Benjamin RULE died in October 1874 (no date), and was buried on **02 Nov 1874 at Tilpal Stn.**

From **Trove** (NLA Newspapers Online) the story unravelled. **Rockhampton Bulletin (Qld: 1871-1878), Fri 23 Oct 1874, p. 2** *A MAN named Benjamin Rule was engaged to serve the masons in the erection of the house on Torilla Station about eight weeks ago, leaving a wife and child in Rockhampton. She has had three weeks' wages from him, and about a month ago, it is said, he left the work, taking his swag with him, intending to return home, but has not arrived. He has been tracked as far as Tilpal Creek, but has not been seen or heard of since. Our informant is not aware that any very diligent search has been made for him, but his wife is in great distress about him, as he has not been accustomed, when absent from home, to neglect communicating with her.*

Rockhampton Bulletin (Qld: 1871-1878), Wed 28 Oct 1874, p. 2 *INFORMATION was received yesterday morning from Yaamba by Senior-sergeant Graham, relative to the missing man Benjamin Rule, who left Torilla Station about five weeks ago for Rockhampton, and has not since been heard of. Mr. Collins tracked him as far as Tilpal Creek, and as that gentleman found no return tracks or any on the other side, it is supposed that the man was drowned while attempting to cross the creek. Senior-constable Francis Sealy telegraphed*

yesterday that the same Mr. Collins and a Mr. Williams, who had only been down from the country a few days, had made all inquiries both in Glenprairie and Tilpal and hearing nothing of him have come to the conclusion that he was either drowned in the creek, or whipped away by alligators, as the water swarms with them. Constable Sealy further reports that he intends to go at once, in person, where the man was last seen, and use every exertion to discover him if alive, and ascertain his fate if possible. Senior Sergeant Graham has also telegraphed to the officer in charge of the native police camp at Marlborough, giving all particulars, and requesting him to use all dispatch in the recovery of the missing man.

Rockhampton Bulletin (Qld: 1871-1878), Wed 4 Nov 1874, p. 2

IT will be in the recollection of our readers that a man named Benjamin Rule left Torilla Station on foot on or about the 20th September last for Rockhampton, and in consequence of his non-arrival in town it was generally supposed that he had been drowned in attempting to cross some of the creeks on this side of Tilpal. The police were communicated with, and Senior-sergeant Graham telegraphed to the officer in charge of the Native Police at Marlborough, giving particulars and requesting him to use all despatch in recovering the missing man if possible. Senior constable Sealy, who is stationed at Yaamba, was also furnished with full information and required to assist in the search. A telegram reached the local police station last night from Mr. C. F. Browne, who is in charge of the native police at Marlborough, stating that two troopers had been sent to Tilpal in search of the missing man, and had found his dead body on Sunday last in a branch creek one mile from Evans' Creek. Judging from the tracks, the telegram goes on to say, the deceased had evidently crossed the branch creek where his remains were found, and then, discovering that Evans' Creek was impassable, had endeavoured to return to Banksea Plains, and on attempting to recross the branch creek was drowned. He was dressed in a gray coat, black and white striped shirt, and blue serge trousers; the pockets were empty, and there was no swag to be seen. The telegram adds further that Mr. J. Black, of Tilpal, can furnish all the necessary details. The Senior sergeant at once telegraphed all these particulars to Yaamba, and instructed Constable Sealy to proceed at once to the locality named, and make a careful examination, with a view to ascertain if there is any evidence of foul play, to take possession of the body and any property, and to acquaint the nearest magistrate with the facts. Senior constable Sealy is also ordered to report to Rockhampton as soon as possible.

Queenslander (Brisbane, Qld: 1866-1939), Sat 7 Nov 1874, page 10
Some three weeks have elapsed He had been in the colony only about nine months, and was probably ignorant of the dangerous nature of the creek when in flood. The man's wife resides in Rockhampton.

Tilpal Station is on the Stanage Bay Road (after turning off the Bruce Highway at Kunwarara), about 92 km north of Rockhampton. Torilla Station is 45 km north of Tilpal (about 137 km from Rockhampton). Although less than a 2 hour drive nowadays, it would have been a long and tiring walk home to Rockhampton from Torilla in 1874, and a sad, lonely, and no doubt frightening death. Benjamin RULE's body was probably buried soon after and near to where it was found on Tilpal Station, or at the Tilpal Station cemetery, if there was one. Sadly, his young wife Sarah would not have had the comfort of visiting his grave.

However, Benjamin's death enabled Sarah's later marriage to Henry John NEALE, and the creation of the NEALE family tree.

RIP, Benjamin RULE.

Answers to Code Cracker (page 18).

Comet, Crinum, Springsure, Fairbairn, Gindie, Capella, Yamala

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Happenings from 150 years ago

(sourced from TROVE)

Rockhampton Bulletin, Friday 3rd Oct 1873 p. 1
DEATHS

CLOUGH.—On 3rd September, at Cardbeign, near Springsure, Queensland, Joseph Clough, native of Leeds, Yorkshire, England, and late an A.B. of H.R.M.S., Galatea. Aged 30 years.

Street Names in Emerald

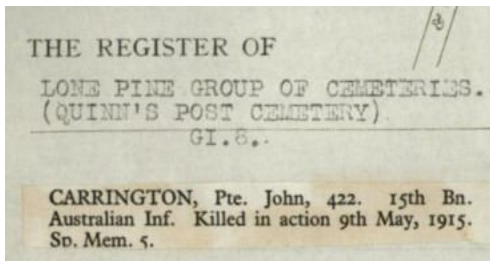
by Trisha Brannigan

I lived in Emerald for about 10 years before coming to Rockhampton a couple of years ago. I lived in Carrington Place which was a newer estate on the northern edge of Emerald. The estate also had streets named Cook Close and Downs Court. I had never really thought about how these streets had derived their names, until I was looking at the Cenotaph (picture to the right) in the central part of town. Their names were listed under World War 1. So, I'd thought I would research who these people actually were and what their involvement was in the war.



CARRINGTON Place

John CARRINGTON (pictured), was born in Longreach and was 26 years old and employed as a stockman when he enlisted at Rockhampton on the 21 September 1914. Regimental No. 422. He joined the 15th Battallion 4th Infantry Brigade AIF. He embarked at Melbourne on HMAT A40 "Ceramic" 22 December 1914. He was killed in action at Gallipoli on the 9 May 1915. Presumed burial Quinns Post Cemetery, Gallipoli. The picture below left is a plaque at the cemetery (sourced from Find-a-grave). He is also memorialized on the Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour (located on panel 75).



In trying to locate his next of kin, his brother George Carrington, the local deputy public curator and the war office had had no success.

John had given George's address details as care of Mrs. L. McDONALD, 4 East St., Rockhampton. But there had been no response from George. They also tried Comet CQ Railways and information came to hand that George had also enlisted in the forces (Regimental No. 1702) and that he was residing in Barcaldine. But all correspondence was returned so John was deemed 'Untraceable'. His items had gone to the 'Untraceables'.

But what was the 'Untraceables'? I googled it and found the book called: "Untraceables: The Mystery of the Forgotten Diggers". The following is an overview ...

This is not a conventional military history text detailing the battles of World War One. Gilliam and Fletcher have researched to find and share stories of the aftermath of war, focussing on its effects on veterans and their families-many of whom were at the margins of the AIF. Their treatment, which resulted in medals not being collected, raises many questions. How many unissued medals might there be? What were the causes of so many medals not being issued? How can cases of unissued medals be identified? Who is eligible to apply for the issue of the uncollected medals and what is the best



process to follow? This book seeks to answer these questions for families, schools, and institutions who are interested in stories which have been untold for generations.

This book is available from our library for loan. If you are interested in the 'Untraceables' there is also a Facebook page called: "Untraceables and Other Unissued Australian War Medals Project".

So was John CARRINGTON really 'Untraceable'? I did some further research into his family. It's possible his parents were still alive who were William CARRINGTON and Georgina BROWN. As I have found possible death dates for them after 1915. It turns out that Mrs. Lizzie McDONALD (Eliza Agnes McDONALD (1890 - 1955) was his sister. Also his younger brother George (1895 - 1959) was married and living in Emerald in 1934 (Qld Electoral Roll). His other siblings were: William (1888-1889), Mary ELLIOT (1892-1972) & Sarah COUGLIN (1893-1980).

So when John died in 1915, his next of kin was listed as George who was the eldest living brother at that time. But it's quite possible that his next of kin was his father, as he may have still been alive.

COOK Crescent

Harold Owen COOK was born at Stanwell on the 9 June 1885 to parents John COOK and Annie CURTIS (although his death entry has his parents as John Lionel COOK and Ada Annie FRY from the same source, QLD BDM). His father had died in April 1891 from an incident whilst at work on the railway line near Kabra. His mother then remarried Thomas EVANS in September 1891. Harold married Nellie Hutchinson CRISFIELD on the 15 June 1912. In November 1912 his mother died.



Harold had been employed as a railway guard in Emerald before enlistment.

He enlisted in the AIF on the 4 October 1915 aged 29 years and 9 months and joined the 26th Battalion, regimental No. 30. He embarked from Brisbane, aboard HMAT 'Ascanius (A11)' on the 25 May 1915.

During his time away his son Owen Frederick COOK was born on 4 December 1915. It could be presumed that he would not have known that his wife was pregnant on enlisting.

On the 30 July 1916 he was promoted to the temporary position of Corporal. Unfortunately not long after this appointment on the 5 August 1916 he was killed in action in France. He was 31 years of age and had left behind a young family to mourn his loss.

A proper burial for him was not conducted until early January 1928 when the Imperial war graves commission were successful in recovering his body and interring it in Serre Road Cemetery No. 2, situated near Beaumont Hamel France, in Plot 13 Row K, grave 6. The picture to the right is his headstone (sourced from Find-a-grave).

He is memorialised not only on the Emerald War Memorial but also at Kabra, on the Honour Board located at the Kabra Hotel (which had originally been at the Kabra Railway Station). He is also on the Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour (located on panel 107).



DOWNS Court

Robert DOWNS was born at Barcaldine on the 21 August 1893. His parents were Denis DOWNS & Mary Ann SHAW. His father died in 1896 when he and his sibling Denis were very young children.

Robert had been employed as a railway fireman before enlistment and for some years prior he had also worked at the office of the newspaper 'Western Champion'.

He enlisted in the AIF on the 4 October 1915 aged 22 years and 1 month and joined

the 25th Battalion, 11th Reinforcements. His regimental No. 4421. He embarked in Queensland, aboard HMAT 'Star of Victoria' on the 30 March 1916. He was killed in action in France on the 5 August 1916.

He is memorialised not only on the Emerald War Memorial but also at Barcaldine, on the War Memorial Clock Tower, shown to the left (photo from google maps). He is also on the Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour (located on panel 104) and Villers-Bretonneux Memorial.



DOWNS, Pte. Robert, 4421. 25th Bn. 5th Aug., 1916. Age 22. Son of Denis and Mary Downs. Born at Barcaldine, Queensland.

So now I know that these streets were all named after those who died whilst on active service. Whilst, they may not have had huge ties to the Emerald area, they were all born and bred in the Central Queensland region. They all had very different stories to tell, but what ties them together was the sacrifice they made.

Have you ever wondered about the street names you have lived in? Or does your family already have a street honoured with their name. Why not write a short story about it, where it is and why it is there.

Ancestry's Thrulines & Common Ancestor Hints - A Cautionary Tale of an Aspirational Huguenot

by a relative of Nola Clark

I last looked into these NIGHTINGALES using these traditional genealogical methods in around 2014. Since then much of my research has been based on analysis of DNA matches. Through Ancestry DNA matches I have been able to make a connection with Nola, who is descended from Emily Margaret NIGHTINGALE's sister, Annie Louisa. Despite both sisters changing their names from how they appear in the London records (Emily Margaret was previously just Margaret and Annie Louisa was previously Mary Anne) we found a newspaper entry from their mother who had lost touch with both, which gave both of her daughters married names. So even without the DNA we are confident that we are from the same family. The DNA match led us to make the connection and supports the paper trail that we found later on to prove it.

I have found DNA matches with other NIGHTINGALE descendants:

- another descendant of Annie Louisa
- 4 descendants of Thomas NIGHTINGALE's brother William
- 2 descendants of Thomas's brother Robert

Although having solid paths connecting me to these DNA matches does not prove that we match because of those paths this nevertheless gives me a great degree of confidence in the tree which I have built back as far as William and Margaret NIGHTINGALE's family.

Recently I have been looking at a 'Common Ancestor' hint that Ancestry has suggested for the DNA test taken by my grandmother's half-sister 'V'. In this case it is proposing a possible connection between 'V' and a DNA match named Stephanie, through a possible common ancestral couple named John Abraham NIGHTINGAL and Marie CHARGUELAGUE.

When we look at the relationship path we can see how this has been pieced together. Note that John Abraham NIGHTINGALE is suggested to be the fifth great grandfather of both V & Stephanie. This is the furthest back a Common Ancestor hint will go.

The 'Evaluate' tag against a person means that they are not presently in my tree and that I need to investigate the hint to see if it is valid. V's pedigree "My tree" goes back to William NIGHTINGALE but doesn't have Isaac or his father John Abraham. When I started to investigate this Common Ancestor hint there was an 'Evaluate' tag against Isaac NIGHTINGALE as well. Part of my investigation involved building a standalone tree for Isaac in my master tree and it seems that Ancestry has noticed him there and even though he is not connected to V's pedigree in any way it no longer displays

the ‘Evaluate’ tag against him which is clearly a bug. My tree certainly doesn’t have any of the people in the line of descent going from John A NIGHTINGAL to Stephanie. Stephanie’s own tree stops at her grandfather Edward A NIGHTINGALE. All of those other ‘Evaluate’ names have been found in other trees – and other trees can be wrong.

The other important thing to note is that the strength of the DNA match is 13cM. This is not particularly strong but it’s not bad. Matches under 10cM are false matches about 50% of the time.

Stephanie also matches another of the tests I manage, ‘A’, at 8cM. (A and V are the same generation level – second cousins with Emily M NIGHTINGALE as their common ancestor)

She doesn’t match myself, my sister or our aunt – but we are 1 and 2 generations further removed so that is not surprising.

I didn’t want to blindly accept this hint without investigating it properly (far too many people do this and the result is multiple trees with incorrect information in them) but the lure of that exotic sounding name, Marie CHARGUELAGUE, was strong.

So I created a freestanding tree for the family of Isaac NIGHTINGALE and built it out properly, firstly to see what I could find out about the CHARGUELAGUE family, and secondly to see if I could prove that Isaac was the father of our William NIGHTINGALE.

Firstly, **Isaac NIGHTINGALE** married **Susannah BUCHAN** on 25 Dec 1794 at St Botolph Without Bishopsgate – witnesses were Jacob BUCHEN & James NIGHTINGALE. Children baptised to this couple were:

Where Baptised	Born	Baptised	Name	Surname	Residence	Father's Occupation
Bethnal Green, St Matthew	15/12/1795	25/12/1795	Isaac William	Nightingale		
Bethnal Green, St Matthew	6/3/1798	18/11/1798	William	Nightingale		Weaver
Bethnal Green, St Matthew	24/2/1801	8/3/1801	James	Nightingale		
Bethnal Green, St Matthew	26/3/1814	15/7/1814	Samuel	Nightingale	St John Street	Weaver
Bethnal Green, St Matthew	18/9/1818	18/10/1818	Isaac	Nightingale	Wood Street	Weaver
Bethnal Green, St Matthew	25/12/1821	20/1/1822	George	Nightingale	Church Row	Weaver

There’s a big gap here between James and Samuel so there are probably others that I haven’t found yet – or it could mean that these were actually two separate families. Assuming one family then the existence of the second child named Isaac means that the first one must have died. The second Isaac also

died in 1819.

The William NIGHTINGALE born to this family could be the William who married Margaret and became the father of our Thomas NIGHTINGALE. The date fits and Bethnal Green is only a bit over a mile from Shoreditch. What I was sceptical about this was how likely it would be for a weaver's son to become a pipe maker.

Isaac's parents were **Abraham NIGHTINGALE** (not John Abraham NIGHTINGAL) and **Marie CHARGELEGUE**, (not CHARGUELAGUE, although there are lots of spelling variants for this name in the original documents). They married on 16 Aug 1758 at St Matthew C. of E. in Bethnal Green. Their witnesses were John BRISCONY and John ASHLEY. Both these men witnessed most of the marriages at the time so their names can't tell us much about the families of this couple other than the fact that none of them were prepared (or asked?) to stand as witnesses at the marriage. Children baptised to this marriage were:

Where Baptised	Born	Baptised	Name	Surname	Residence
Bethnal Green, St Matthew	4/8/1759	2/9/1759	Thomas	Nightingale	
Bethnal Green, St Matthew	26/5/1762	20/6/1762	Mary	Nightingale	
Bethnal Green, St Matthew	2/8/1764	26/8/1764	Abraham	Nightingale	
Bethnal Green, St Matthew	26/12/1766	21/1/1767	James	Nightingale	
Bethnal Green, St Matthew	15/2/1770	11/3/1770	Thomas James	Nightingale	
Shoreditch, St Leonard	14/10/1773	1/11/1773	Isaac	Nightingale	Haggerston
Shoreditch, St Leonard	17/9/1777	12/10/1777	Elizabeth Ann	Nightingale	Cock Alley

The mother was shown as Mary in all of these baptisms and also in her marriage but her name was clearly Marie in other Ancestry trees and looking at these trees I could see them showing her father as Jacques CHARGELEGUE and her mother as Catherine AUMOSNIER (also with spelling variants). I found a baptism for a Marie CHARGELEGUE born to this couple in 1736. She was baptised in La Patente which is shown as French Protestant in the Ancestry database.

Further online research revealed that this was one of several chapels established in and around Spitalfields by the Huguenot refugees who had fled

France over a period of around 100 years from the late 1600s. The Hugue-nots were Calvinist Protestants who faced persecution under the Catholic establishment and although their experience in France ran the full gamut from being tolerated to being massacred, they were not allowed to leave France – presumably because some of them held significant property which the French did not want to lose and others held skills and the French wanted to retain that intellectual property.

A very significant proportion of those who did manage to escape were silk weavers and most of these seem to have settled around Spitalfields. Their skills and their loom technology made them valuable to the English commercial world. Something like 25,000 Huguenots settled in the Spitalfields area over time so the French language, culture and religion were very prominent there. The word refugee actually came into English from these people.

I found that the records available for the French Huguenots are extremely thorough and allow us to easily compile accurate pictures of extended families. Unlike the C. of E. registers they show the mother's maiden name (many C. of E. registers didn't even show the mothers at all in those days) and they also show the names of the godparents, which the C. of E. registers don't show at all. Many Irish Catholic registers also show this level of detail.

The register that I first used to extract all of the records of anyone named CHARGELEGUE or AUMOSNIER (including godparents by that name) was extremely legible and well set out. I later realised that it was actually a later compilation from the original records of five different chapels. The original registers are also available and they are far more challenging to read (all in French of course) but they usually also included information about where the mother and father were born and this gave me a line on where in France the CHARGELEGUE family originated. I managed to extract 93 baptisms covering the period 1702 to 1775.

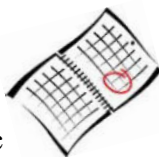
I must confess that I was finding this new avenue of research very interesting (and exciting). Without wishing to offend, I can't subscribe to the puritan nonsense that got the Calvinists into trouble – I much prefer the mystical lifestyle of the Catholics who seemed more inclined to seek pleasure from life to the joyless bleakness of extremist Protestantism – yet despite this, these people had an interesting story behind them and there's a lot to love about having some interesting ancestors. That's if I could prove they really were my ancestors of course.

To be continued next issue

Through the Journals

by Nola Harvey

Journal hard copies are available for loan at our clubroom. Electronic copies are available on our Website in the 'Member's Only' section and also at our Clubroom on the computers in the Calibre Program. All electronic journals received are listed weekly in the e-newsletter.



Below is a list of hard copy journals received since our October 2022 issue. Beneath the list are highlighted articles from some of them.

The Explorer's Tree (Blue Mts. FHS)	No. 119, Oct 2022
The Greenwood Tree (Somerset & Dorset FHS)	Vol. 47, No. 2, Jul 2022 Vol. 47, No. 3, Sep 2022
Cleveland FHS (S. Durham & N. Yorks)	Vol. 15, No. 4, Oct 2022
Kith & Kin (Cape Banks FHS)	No. 146, Sep 2022 No. 147, Nov 2022
Ormskirk and District FHS	Iss. 88, Jul 2022

Kith & Kin, No 146: *DNA Anecdotes*. The author describes some of the bonuses and knock backs when tracing through DNA matches while searching for her father's adoptive parents.

Kith & Kin, No 147: *What is an Infant?* While searching many church burial records the author found many entries referring many as Infant. One entry was found where the author knew the child was older. On obtaining a registered death certificate, it was discovered that the person was aged 14 years. Apparently two definitions for an Infant existed at that time.

Cleveland FHS, Vol. 15 No 4: *Genealogical Research, Agricultural Workers*. Lists some of the positions which their workers held, their related duties and mentions the establishment of the Agriculture Wages Board. Reference is made to the Enclosure Records, Maps, Land Tax and Registers of Deeds.

The Explorers' Tree, No 119: *Grave Mistake*. On obtaining a photo of the grave of the writer's great grandfather it was found that there was another grave with the name *Frederick George*. The author had a different name for her great great grandfather. The other name on the inscription was the correct name for his wife. To solve the problem the writer engaged a genealogist for further research.

Electronic journals

Below is a selection of highlighted articles from the electronic journals received since the October 2022 journal.



Newcastle FHS, Journal 240, Dec 2022: *Some Newcastle Photographers*: Contains names of photographers who were operating in Newcastle from 1875 to 1926. Also mentioned are titles of two books which give an insight into format and card used in that era.

Casino & District FHS, No 139, Nov 2022: *He died at Rookwood Asylum – Asylum Life in NSW*. This article gives a brief history of the function and how Government Asylums evolved. It also provide a link to the NSW State Archives website for further information.

Armidale FHG, Oct 2022: *Don't Overlook Government Gazettes*. The writer of this article makes a comment that the documents provide a wealth of information. It lists some of the documents which can be found and the writer mentions some examples from which he has gleaned information while searching these documents.

Wagga Wagga District FHS, Oct 2022: *Introduction to Genealogy: Genealogy Software*. Discusses the pros and cons of some of the online software to consider when venturing to use this platform. It also provides a list of the online platforms which are commonly used.

Maryborough District FHS, Vol 3, No 2, Nov 2022: *Genetic Genealogy: DNA Family History and YOU*. Offers detailed information regarding DNA technology, structure & function, heredity component, types of testing, the limits of DNA testing, privacy implications and advice when choosing a DNA testing service.

New Zealand Family Tree, Aug 2022: *Christchurch City Council Archives*: Have records available since the Council was established in 1862. These records include:- Cemetery Records, Correspondence, Dwellings, Local Government Electoral Rolls, Council Photographs. Unfortunately, these records are not yet available online but if visiting, an email address is provided.

Manchester Genealogist, Vol 58, No 4, 2022: *DNA – Matching Cousins?* Explains why a cousin may not appear on your DNA list of matches. The author's mantra for this situation which is common is that *no DNA match does not prove no relationship*. Advises to work together and converse with the cousin.

Other Rockhampton Repositories

In Central Queensland, we are very fortunate to have a number of other fine repositories for local history and genealogical research. For your convenience, we have included their opening hours below.

Please phone as details may differ.


Discovering the past at the *history* Centre

Have you discovered the Rockhampton History Centre yet?

Follow the white path in the Rockhampton Regional Library which will lead you into the Rockhampton History Centre and the public Reading Room.

The Centre is open Monday to Friday from 9am-5pm with staff able to assist starting your family or local history research.

Access online databases such as Ancestry and Find My Past to support genealogical and local history study.



The LDS Family History Centre

Talbot Street, North Rockhampton

Tuesday: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

closed all school and public holidays

Please contact Richard
on 0459 836 105 to book.

Please notify by 8am on the day if
you then can't make it.

Capricorn Coast Historical Society

The Bunker
(behind the Town Hall)
Yeppoon

opening hours:

Tuesday: 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

Saturday: 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

or by appointment contact:
Mary O'Brien 4933 0246

Capricornia CQ Collection

CQ University Library
University Campus,
Yaamba Road,
North Rockhampton

by appointment only:
tasac@cqu.edu.au

Rockhampton and District Historical Society

Borough Chambers, Stapleton Park,
North Rockhampton

opening hours:

Tuesday: 10 am - 1 pm

Saturday: 9 am - 12 pm

phone: 4927 8431



DNA SUPPORT SESSIONS

Many of our members have had their DNA done and are interested in understanding this side of their research. Therefore a decision has been made to offer three different programs so that all abilities and interests are catered for.

1. DNA One-on-One Sessions

- . These will be held as required.
- . These sessions will be run by Kay Page.
- . You will need to book these sessions with Kay.
- . Priority will be given to those whose DNA results have just come in.
- . Assistance is also available by email.

For bookings or queries please contact: dna@cqfamilyhistory.org.au

2. DNA on Zoom

- . This session will be held on Zoom convened by Chris Wright for those members who wish to use this online format and are interested in DNA, or have their DNA results and would like more formal instruction in understanding DNA tools.
- . This session will be held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 1pm on Zoom.
- . The link for access is on the Friday eNewsletter and also on the Members Only section of our website.

3. DNA Informal Get-together

- . This session is for members who are either thinking about having their DNA done or those who have their DNA results.
- . This is an informal session which will be held in the club rooms.
- . The idea is to give people the opportunity to ask questions and share ideas with each other face to face.
- . This will be held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 11am in the club rooms.

Coming Events

WEEKLY

Wed, 9am - Project Group - Members very welcome.

Wed, 9am - Cuppa & Chat - ZOOM

FEBRUARY

Sat Feb 4, 10am - General Meeting

Sat Feb 11, 10am - FTM User Group

Sat Feb 18, 11am - Informal DNA group

Sat Feb 18, 1pm - DNA User Group - ZOOM

Sat Feb 25, 1pm - Family Historian User Group – ZOOM

MARCH

Sat Mar 4, 10am - Committee Meeting

Sat Mar 11, 10am - FTM User Group

Sat Mar 18, 11am - Informal DNA group

Sat Mar 18, 1pm - DNA User Group - ZOOM

Sat Mar 18, 6pm – Social BBQ at the Clubrooms, BYO

Sat Mar 25, 1pm - Family Historian User Group – ZOOM

APRIL

Sat Apr 1, 10am - General Meeting

Fri Apr 7, Library Closed (Easter Friday)

Sat Apr 8, Library Closed (Easter Saturday)

Sat Apr 15, 11am - Informal DNA group

Sat Apr 15, 1pm - DNA User Group - ZOOM

Tue Apr 25, Library Closed

Sat Apr 29, 1pm - Family Historian User Group – ZOOM

MAY

Sat May 6, 10am - Committee Meeting

Sat May 13, 10am - Beginners' Day

Sat May 20, 11am - Informal DNA group

Sat May 20, 1pm - DNA User Group - ZOOM

Sat May 27, 1pm - Family Historian User Group – ZOOM

JUNE

Sat Jun 3, 10am - General Meeting

Please check Friday's newsletter for updates

Interest Groups

Project Group - Wednesdays - 9am CQFHA rooms & 9am on Zoom

Cuppa & Chat - Wednesdays - 9am on Zoom

FTM User Group - 2nd Saturday of month - 10am CQFHA rooms

Informal DNA User Group - 3rd Saturday of month - 11am CQFHA rooms

DNA User Group - 3rd Saturday of month - 1pm on Zoom

Family Historian User Group - last Saturday of month - 1pm on Zoom

Technology Sessions - as required

Financial Year - 1st July 2022 - 30th June 2023

Membership Fees:-Single \$45.00 + \$10 if journal posted

Family \$55.00 + \$10 if journal posted

Journal only :- \$30.00 posted in Australia

Overseas :- A\$45.00 includes e-journal

A\$75.00 membership and posted journal

A\$40.00 journal only - posted

Family Membership :- 2 members of a family living at the same address
(one journal)

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Saturday: Linda Marshall, Jeanette Finlayson, (alternate weeks)
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