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#### **Benefits of Membership**

Members are invited to participate in monthly General Meetings held on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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

Country members will be provided with 5 hours of research with specific information from our library holdings. Additional research for members or research for NON MEMBERS by the Association, a fee of \$25.00 per hour will be charged. This minimum payment is required before commencement of research. This is Non Refundable.

#### Library

A constantly growing library of research material, including an extensive microfiche, microfilm and CD collection is available for use by members and visitors at the club rooms. Members - free. Non-members \$10 per session.

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While every effort is made to ensure accuracy, Central Queensland Family History Association Inc. does not hold itself responsible for opinions expressed, statements made or material submitted by contributors to this journal.

## Page by Page

by Kay Page

Drum roll! Our submission to the Community Gambling Fund was successful. Many thanks to Enid our Grants Officer for the time she has put into the application. We will now have a brand new computer and extra peripherals which are necessary to help future proof our system. Guests and helpers will welcome our newly air conditioned kitchen during the hot summer



months. Part of the grant money is for this. New chairs will also be an added comfort.

It is with pleasure I announce that we have a new Events Co-ordinator, Nola Harvey. Nola brings a wealth of experience to this role. She will still require assistance in the many and varied tasks she is responsible for. Please see Nola if you are able to assist. It is good to have another person on the committee to help run our organisation. Her ideas will be appreciated.

We now have a recycling crate kindly made by John Bunt. Please leave your 10c recycling cans and bottles in the crate at the rear of the kitchen. This should be a worthwhile fundraising venture.

The committee continues to improve information on the computers and work is being done on making the Projects area more user friendly. The online resources will, in time, mirror the physical library setup. If you have any spare time on a Wednesday morning, we invite you to come along, help index and socialise with other like-minded members. Too far away? Not a problem. You can always do a similar thing online.

CQFHA will have a presence at the Ridgelands Show thanks to Enid.

Membership fees are due very shortly and can be paid at the rooms or online. Please remember to fill in the renewal form. Full details can be found on p5. The fees remain at last year's prices and are considerably cheaper than most comparable societies.

Please come along to assist at our Open Day event on Saturday, 12 August and remember we have an AGM coming up where we would like to have positions filled. Details of these can be found on page 5 & 28 respectively.

How are your genealogical New Year's resolutions going? Make the most of the second half of the year by coming to our club rooms to further your research. Remember to take advantage of our user groups which are available both at the rooms and online.

#### Journal:

This issue has a focus on the Winton & Clermont district. We need your stories to continue our journal. So next issue we will be delving into the Local Government Area of Banana Shire Council. This includes places such as Biloela, Wowan, Banana, Moura, Theodore and Taroom. 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 October 2023 journal are due 31st August.
email: journal@cqfamilyhistory.org.au

## What's been happening at CQFHA...

- February Meeting we had Heirlooms, see article page 21.
- Social BBQ at the clubrooms An enjoyable evening was had on Saturday, March 16, by all attendees. See photo highlights page 4.
- April Meeting Guest Speaker Marilyn Sue Dooley. Marilyn gave us a talk on Irish Immigration, notably advertisements in the 1865 Irish newspapers for immigrants She spoke to us of the wealth of information on Irish immigration in government papers and newspapers in the Archives. Conditions in Ireland were very poor at that time, there had been the potato famine, and employment was hard to find. Many people were looking for a better life, so an attractive story in the newspapers about a land with lot of opportunities was well received. Marilyn is planning to continue her research into Irish immigration. See photo highlights page 4.
- Grant submission was successful from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. We already have the computer items and the airconditioning has been installed in the kitchen.
- We now have a crate to collect 10c recycling cans and bottles at the rear of our building. A big thank-you to John Bunt for manufacturing the cage. See photo highlights page 4.
- Beginners Day was held on the 13th of May. We had a mix of members and non-members attend. Thanks to our members who helped make the day a success. See photo highlights page 4.

#### Photo Highlights



Above: April Guest Speaker, Marilyn Sue Dooley



Above: Social BBQ

Left: 10c Container Crate





## 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:

Joanne Price #1458 Alice Beilby #1459 Rachael & Judy Aspinall #1462/1463

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#### Don't Delay - Renew Membership Today

Membership fees are due for renewal on the 1st July 2023. This is the last journal for your current membership. A form is enclosed with this journal, so please fill it in and pay your subscriptions to the treasurer, librarians, via our website (www.cqfamilyhistory.org.au) or post. We try to keep these fees low and you receive many benefits by being a member of this association. Prompt payment of your membership fees would be greatly appreciated. Only financial members will receive their October journal.

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

Family\*: \$55.00 + \$10 if journal posted. \$30.00 posted in Australia.

Journal only: A\$45.00 includes e-journal. Overseas:

A\$75.00 membership, journal posted

A\$40.00 journal only - posted

\*Family Membership: Two members of a family living at the same address.

Three journals are produced during the year - Feb, Jun and Oct.

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## Annual General Meeting 10 am Saturday 2 September 2023

All positions will become vacant.

Position descriptions and nomination forms will be available from the CQFHA rooms prior to the meeting.

Please give consideration to taking on a position as we need volunteers to keep our organisation operating successfully.

#### Ellen Evert

#### by Linda Marshall

Ellen EVERT was born as Ellen O'MALLEY in Newport, County Mayo. Like many young Irish girls, she opted for a better life in Australia. As a young 20 year old she travelled on the "Quetta" arriving in Maryborough on 12 Dec 1888 and travelled to Eulo as a governess. Jobs in Charleville, Mackay, and Charters Towers followed, before she met and married Peter Edward EVERT in Charters Towers on 23 Jun 1900. Peter EVERT had been born in Yeppoon around 1870. The young couple worked a dairy farm at Porphyry Creek, near Charters Towers after their marriage until 1917. During this time 2 sons were born, John Thomas William (1902) and Peter (1903), unfortunately Peter died as an infant.

Some time early in 1917 for some reason, the young couple travelled to Winton. This was a town that had originally been called "Pelican Waters". It is written that Robert ALLEN, the local postmaster, became tired of writing the long name on letters. Therefore he changed the name of the town to Winton, a suburb of Bournemouth, Dorset, England, where he was born. This name was formally gazetted in 1879.

In February of that year (1917), Mesdames PALMER and EVERT became the licensees of the Winton Hotel. The Winton Hotel had been built by Eli WILLIAMS who had 33 years experience in hotels. He had built the Winton Hotel 17 years before but by 1917 was suffering ill health. Ellen was the designated licensee and worked in this hotel until 1925. In that year Ellen and Peter EVERT bought the Imperial Hotel and once again Ellen became the nominated licensee. Unfortunately on 22 Apr 1926 the hotel, like many of that era, burnt down. The fire brigade had to work hard to stop the surrounding stores from catching alight. The couple were insured with the Union Assurance Society, so they collected £2,300 for the building. They had also insured their stock and personal effects with Queensland Insurance Company and received £400. With this payout the couple rebuilt the hotel, but this time called it the Central Hotel.

Ellen and Peter retained the Central Hotel until 1940, when they sold the hotel to Mr and Mrs R. MacDONALD. After 23 years of working in hotels they must have become well known citizens in Winton. Ellen must have taken a little time off in 1934 as her obituary states that she made a return visit to Ireland, also visiting England, France and Italy. She died in Nov 1945 at the age of 77.



Central Hotel, Winton, 1930

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# Lewis Lea JOHNSTON 39463 RAF – Winton boy's stellar air force career

by E. M. A. Hibberd

It all started when I was Troving for articles of less than 100 words for use as fillers in the Journal. One was from the Morning Bulletin, Mon 11 Oct 1943, page 3 – "AWARDED D.S.O. Wing Commander Leo JOHNSTON, of Winton, Queensland, who has served with distinction in the RAAF in Malta and North Africa, has been awarded the DSO." I knew that name was not in 462 Squadron (also in North Africa 9/42 – 2/44), but I immediately wondered – which Squadron, and what did he do to receive such a high honour? [D.S.O = Distinguished Service Order]

I looked in the Aus WW2 Nominal Roll – he was not listed; then the National Archives of Aus (NAA) – not listed; the Aus War Memorial – not listed; re-checked with name variations – nil; back to Trove for more on Leo JOHNSTON – nil. I knew that if he was from Winton with a DSO, he would be listed somewhere, so there must be a name error.

I went back to AWM search – selected "people", scrolled to "Honours and Awards", scrolled to "Distinguished Service Order" for "WW2", then searched for "JOHNSTON", and selected the only file – **Lewis Lea JOHNSTON**, Service Number **39463**, Wing Commander, Royal Air Force (RAF), with DSO award promulgated in the London Gazette. He was <u>not</u> Leo, nor was he Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). Was he a "Pommie Jackeroo" or similar, who happened to live/work in Winton, but went back to the UK to join the RAF?

I looked in the London Gazette for "Lewis Lea JOHNSTON" – many entries; tried again with "JOHNSTON 39463" – even more entries, some with initial L. L. He had a meteoric rise through the ranks, reaching the rank of Flight Lieutenant by 03 Sep 1940, later Squadron Leader, then Wing Commander – he obviously had potential. He was also "Mentioned in Despatches" on 01 Jan 1941. His Distinguished Service Order was listed in the London Gazette on 01 Oct 1943, in the Reserve of Air Force Officers (RAFO), **458 Squadron**. He was appointed a Commission at the permanent rank of Squadron Leader in the Royal Air Force, effective 27 Sep 1948, with seniority from 01 Jan 1946. He retired from the RAF on 21 June 1957, retaining the rank of Wing Commander.

I then looked in the Air Force Lists which listed his promotion to rank of Pilot Officer on 19 Feb 1937, and posting to 207 Sqdn on 22 May 1937; promotion to Flying Officer 19 Sep 1938; and subsequent promotions to Flight Lieutenant, Squadron Leader, and Wing Commander, as per the London Gazette dates.

This did not tell me about his personal life, nor why he was from Winton. Back to Trove – now finding lots of articles for Lewis Lea JOHNSTON – easy when you have the correct name! Sydney Morning Herald (11 Oct 1943) reported that he was "... as squadron leader of the new Australian squadron, which was equipped with Wellington bombers in September, 1940, took part in attacks over Germany and occupied Europe. Early in 1942 the squadron was sent to the Middle East, and he was appointed commanding officer." [= 458 Sqdn]

A Morning Bulletin article 17 Feb 1941 – "Flight-Lieutenant Lewis Lea JOHNSTON, who was recently mentioned in despatches, is a Winton lad. He was educated at the State School, Winton, and at Brisbane High School. After serving 12 months at Point Cook he was drafted to England, arriving early in 1937. Flight-Lieutenant JOHN-STON had the makings of an ideal airman, a mechanical knowledge, adaptability, alertness, youth and ability."

With this extra knowledge, I checked Digger Qbdm CD. Lewis was born on 18 Jun 1914, father William, mother Margaret (née SWAN). Now with the names of his parents, I also found four older siblings (one deceased, age 2).

1913 Electoral Roll CD – parents listed at Ingham, Qld, occupations wheelwright and home duties. 1922 Electoral Roll – parents and oldest brother at Elderslie St, Winton. 1934 Electoral Roll – father and oldest brother at same address, Winton.

Initially Lewis was not located in the Winton School records [CQFHA R 370-943 28 (V2)] but his 3 older siblings were listed. However a second search found him named as Lewis JOHNSTONE enrolled in 1921; and possibly in a group photo named as Lewis JOHNSON in 1924.

Back to the AWM – with correct name & number, more detail was found, including a time line of his Air Force career, starting with his enlistment as an Air Cadet on 20 Jan 1936 in the RAAF, then to the UK on a short service commission in RAF in 1937. There were also two photos – one of him in front of a tent in the desert in Feb 1943 and another on 01 Aug 1945 when he married Sister Moira Mary TINLINE of the New Zealand Auxiliary Nursing Service, in ITALY, with both in uniform. (See below)

Qbdm online recorded Lewis Lea JOHNSTON's death on 20 Mar 1979. The Ryerson Index online listed his death on 20/03/1979 "late of Southport" and his Probate Notice in the Gold Coast Bulletin on 06/10/1979.

Ancestry has family trees, one of which showed two marriages, with children (but not checked or verified for this article).

Was Lewis Lea JOHNSTON influenced in his early childhood by the formation of QANTAS in Winton on 16 Nov 1920? Did this possibly result in his later enlistment, war service, and subsequent career in the Air Force?

Research lessons – don't get fixated on a name being correct, as it may not be, particularly in newspapers. If a record is not where you expect it to be, there is usually a reason why. Think laterally and be flexible with prior "facts" when searching for more information.

Below left: AWM Image SUK14797



Below right: AWM Image SUK14570



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#### Jumping the Hurdles to Establish an Education for Clermont Kids

#### by Jeanette Finlayson

Education in Clermont had a somewhat challenging beginning. It became obvious that a school was required when the pastoral industry was expanding in the area and mining had begun. A meeting was held on 4 Sep 1866 at the Clermont Courthouse concerning the establishment of a school, which would be the first school in the area. Police Magistrate T. J. GRIFFIN chaired the meeting. He was a very questionable character who was hanged two years later, but that is another story! The following men were elected as the building committee: - N. RIEMERS, C.H. BUZACOTT, A. McLEOD, J. WINTER and Dr S. CANDIOTTIS.

A site of 5 acres close to the courthouse was selected and tenders were called in early Jan 1867, but by the time the first teacher, Simon MUNRO, arrived in Jul 1867, no building had been started! In desperation, the committee erected a temporary slab building and Mr MUN-RO's classes finally began on 26 August in a somewhat unenthusiastic manner, as reported in the "Peak Downs Telegram". Committee member, C.H. BUZACOTT had begun printing "Peak Downs Telegram" in Clermont in 1864.

"We are sorry to say that FEW scholars were in attendance, and that all came VERY LATE.....We trust that the number of scholars

will increase, and the minimum of 30 required by the Board of Education will be attained. The teacher does not appear to be a person imbued with hope, without which pioneering work of any sort is apt to prove very discouraging."



View of Clermont, Central Oueensland, 1870, Public domain

Alas, by the end of the year the enrolment had dwindled to 19 and so the school was closed! Editor BUZACOTT reported very scathingly about the poor teacher who had been imported from Scotland and was probably suffering from shock with the huge contrast between what he had left behind in Scotland and this vast bush area in Queensland. What a welcome MUNRO had received – no building, no books and no resources! How disillusioned he must have felt! BUZACOTT further reported that the teacher was an elderly bachelor who was thoroughly unsuited to a bush town, and the closure of the school was entirely the fault of MUNRO's attitude and incompetence. BUZ-ZACOTT then informed his readers that MUNRO was disgusted with the school because it looked like a COWSHED, and was even more disgusted with the town because the local tobacconist did not sell SNUFF! Somehow I don't think that is what is discouraging teachers, doctors, nurses and other city professionals from venturing into country towns these days.

Thankfully a number of private schools opened soon after. In 1868 Annie SIMPSON opened a private school and charged 2 shillings per pupil per week, with reductions for two or more children from the same family. In 1870 a report stated that William P. DOOLEY had an enrolment of 18 pupils who were very orderly and getting on very well. It also stated, "Some of the least promising little urchins are even able to go through the alphabet NEARLY correctly!"

After jumping over many more hurdles, a new school and residence were built and Clermont's first formal school was opened on 14 Oct 1871. Listed are a few of the enrolments recorded in the first five years of the school's opening, and the occupation of the parents. It is possible that there are descendants of some of the families still in the Clermont area. Many more names are available by contacting CQFHA.

George and Lucy AVERY – Bushman Emma HAUENSCHILDT – Farmer Margaret MOORE – Baker Charles and William CROGHAN – Bailiff Henry BROWN – Labourer Selena WHITNEY –Carrier George PURDY – Bushman James BLOXSOM - Shoemaker

The first Head Teacher was Arthur Lambert SPENCER, previously a teacher at "Brisbane's Normal School". In Jun 1872, the District Inspector, David EWART, reported that there were 23 boys and

24 girls present at his examination of the school. However he was not impressed with the "attainments of the children", which he stated were even lower than Copperfield. (Copperfield was another small school in the area.) The following year things were even worse. When Inspector EWART called at the school again, he discovered the school had been closed for a week, and Mr SPENCER had decided to head off to Copperfield to assist in teaching there. Apparently he would not have been a great asset, as we find Inspector EWART's report to Head Office read, "Mr SPENCER has been a complete failure in Clermont, both socially and as a teacher". He was replaced by Mr R. W. MILLER, who hopefully lived up to his reputation of being "of good address and will have the confidence of the people." Further research reveals that Mr MILLER did live up to his reputation, and enrolment numbers grew, but unfortunately his stay was very short. He commenced teaching in Clermont on 12 May 1873 and left 16 Oct 1873, because of ill health, according to Queensland Education Department historical records.

George Henry COOPER replaced Mr MILLER and remained until Joseph FLETCHER arrived in 1875. Joseph FLETCHER deserves a medal as he stayed there until 1883. Every year when Joseph FLETCHER was there, there was an increase in enrolment. A newspaper report states that in 1875 FLETCHER taught an average of 57 pupils per day out of 94 enrolled. His wife, Lucy, is recorded as being a staff member from Aug 1875 to when they left Clermont in Dec 1883, so he did receive some help in the latter part of the year. By 1879 the AVERAGE attendance had jumped to 100. Thankfully, there must have been some assistant teachers transferred to the school, as the names of 10 teachers have been recorded as being at Clermont State School between 1875 and 1883, during the time Joseph FLETCHER was Head Teacher.

The inspections continued to be very uncomplimentary.

1875 – Attendance not good. Punctuality very bad. One third of pupils arrived late. Pupils extremely backward. Half struggling with the alphabet and words of two letters.

1876 – Additional room built – used as infant section.

1878 – Two 100 gallon tanks were obtained by the School.

Previously, the school had a huge problem obtaining clean drinking water for the children, so this was a great relief for all.

We skip now to 1887 when additions were added to the school. With the completion of the railway in 1884, linking Clermont and Capella with Emerald, enrolment increased to 224, and in 1886 to 262.

We now move on to 1894 when Mr Thomas SPENCELEY was the Head Teacher. Enrolments were boosted when he arrived as he had a family of 10 children himself. He was forced to request an increase in sleeping accommodation in their residence as the school house was totally inadequate. Apparently he employed a young girl to do the "rough work" in the home and she was currently sleeping in the bathroom!

In 1895 the family was having a huge problem with bugs in the home and Mr SPENCELEY wrote to the Department requesting permission to paint the walls to destroy the bugs. Here is a portion of his letter - "The bugs are in such numbers this summer as almost to drive us from the house. We have been compelled to desert two bedrooms and this leaves us with two bedrooms into which to put seven girls and three boys. The last children who slept in the rooms had to be removed in the night literally covered with bugs." SPENCELEY thanked the minister for the carbolic which had been supplied the previous year. This had kept the bugs down somewhat, but Mrs SPENCELEY was unable and unwilling to use any more carbolic. He

stated, "Mrs SPENCELEY is unable any longer to continue this unequal struggle with the vermin."

Portion of the response from the minister gave the following advice. "You should use turpentine, kerosene and diluted carbolic acid freely on the walls of the residence for the purpose of destroying the bugs."

I think by now I have displayed enough hurdles



Clermont State School about 1905

that the teachers and students had to overcome in the early years of education in Clermont. I am very glad I wasn't teaching in the early days but then again I would not be able to cope in today's teaching environment with all the technology, gender fluidity, political pressure with climate change, and behavioural problems faced by teachers today. Some of the curriculum content is questionable also. Teachers appear to have very little power to control rude, disrespectful and unacceptable behaviour. This is affecting the good students. No wonder standards are falling.



#### Neerkol Stories

#### by Kay Page

#### **PATTEN - Alfred, Catherine & Mary**

Alfred PATTEN was born c 1832. He married a widow who was born Anne KELLY c 1854. Anne had previously married Thomas CONNOR in Ireland in 1875 with whom she had a child John CONNOR (1876-1947). John was born in Ireland and died in Newcastle, NSW. The family's early days in Ireland and Australia are a little hazy.

A very interesting fact is that they appeared to have married twice. Newspaper reports in several different newspapers in Queensland have their marriage being celebrated in Springsure in the Presbyterian Manse on 3 Nov 1883. It appears they may have then remarried on 16 Aug 1886 or it took that long for the marriage to be registered. The evidence for this is that the date on the Qld bdm index is 16 Aug 1886. The newspaper reports also differ in whether the couple were living at Orion Downs or Union Downs at the time of their marriage. This may also have been a transcription error.

Brisbane Courier 14 Nov 1883 p1

PATTEN—O'CONNOR.—On the 3rd November at the Presbyterian Manse, Springsure, by the Rev. W. D. Meiklejohn, Alfred Patten, to Annie O'Connor, both of Union Downs, Comet River.

The couple's first child was born nine months after the apparent second marriage. There doesn't appear to be a child born be-

tween 1876 and 1887. Alfred PATTEN was the first known child of the couple to be born. The birth occurred in Rockhampton on 12 May 1887. Shortly after this event Alfred applied to obtain a goldfields residence. The application was for an area 66ft x165ft, three miles north of Mt Morgan.

Thu 22 Sep 1887 / Page 5 / MINING NOTES

The following applications have been posted at the Gold Warden's office:

Wednesday.—Mr. Robert James, applying for a goldfields homestead area of five acres, Crocodile Creek; Messrs. R. Dutton and Cornelius Fox, applying for a reefing claim of 600 ft. by 400 ft., Ridgelands, known as the No. 1 North Dawn of Hope; Messrs. James Nelson and Alfred Patten, applying for a residence area each of 66 ft. by 165 ft., Mount Morgan; Mr. H. Aldridge, applying for a prespecting area of 900 ft. by 900 ft., three miles north of Mount Morgan.

Catherine Anne, their second child was born on 20 Apr 1890 in Mt Morgan. Two years later the couple had Mary Anne who arrived in Mt Morgan on 24 May 1892.

On the 18 Apr 1894 the bread winner died. There is a record of an Alfred PATTON in the Mt Morgan cemetery but no record of a birth or death date in those records. The circumstances of his death are also unknown.

Annie probably would have needed someone to support herself and her children. She subsequently married Henry KING on 30 Nov 1895 in the Catholic Church, Mount Morgan.

When the three children were brought to Neerkol both the step father Harry KING and Annie were alive. They were admitted as neglected children. This is 6 months after her marriage to Harry and it seems very sad that she has had to surrender her children to an orphanage. The children's ages at the time were 9, 6 and 4. The siblings were there for at least 7 years. Two years after admitting her children to Neerkol, Annie had another child who died 9 months later. This daughter, Annie Frances KING was born and died in Magdalen Asy-

lum, Chalk St, Wooloowin, Brisbane. She is buried in the Nudgee Cemetery. The Holy Cross Retreat opened in 1889 as a home for unmarried mothers, disabled girls and infants. It was operated by the Order of the Sisters of Mercy. The girls worked in the laundry which was co-located on the site. State



Government funds contributed to the running of this institution.

When Alfred and Catherine turned 12 the orphanage hired them out. Alfred's initial placement on 24 Jul 1899 was to Thomas Ryan. The next entry is for 15 Jan 1903 which indicating Alfred went back to work for Thomas Ryan. On 1 Jul 1903, when Alfred was 16, he was employed by A. M. BARRON.

Catherine, often known as Kate, left the orphanage for the first time at age 12 on 14 Apr 1902 to go to work for B. CONAGHAN. A B CONAGHAN was the licensee for the Champion Hotel, Rockhampton around this time. It seems this didn't work out as four days later she went to work for John HEALY. Later, in Oct 1903, she was hired out to James DEMPSEY.

Henry KING died 31 May 1905 and is buried in Herberton.

Alfred was married at 35 years of age to Annie Amelia NEILSEN (known as Bid) on 16 Apr 1923. Anne Ellen was born 14 Aug 1927 and died 16 Aug 2001. Alfred died 31 Aug 1970 and is buried in the Belgian Gardens Cemetery, Townville.



Catherine married William BEASLEY, a plumber, on



9 Jan 1913 and appears to have remained in Rockhampton. The couple had 4 sons and a daughter. Catherine died in March 1956 and is buried in the North Rockhampton Cemetery Methodist Sec 12



Row 14 Grave #30.

Mary had moved to Brisbane by 1916. She married John Edward



HOGAN on 22 Mar 1920 in Brisbane and had one son Dennis Michael (1929-2014) who was born in Innisfail and the couple also had a baby who died in 1933. Mary died at the age of 78 on 29 Jul 1970 and is buried with her son and baby in the Innisfail Cemetery. John HOGAN, Mary's hus-

Australia Cemetery Index, 1808-2007 for Mary Anne Hogan

band, died at the young age of 51 years after having served in

In loving memory of our dear husband and father JOHN EDWARD HOGAN, late 9th Bat. 1914-18, died 7th March 1938 aged 51 years.
Also Baby HOGAN died 2nd August 1933.
And our mother MARY ANNE HOGAN died 29th July 1970 aged 78 years.

R.I.P.

UK & France between 1917 and 1919 in WWI.

One wonders about the circumstances that Annie found herself in that caused so much grief for herself and young family.

Sources: Qld bdm, Neerkol admission records 1885-1909, Ancestry, North Rockhampton burial registers, Mt Morgan burial register, Fold3, Trove.



Unknown photo 35 x 45mm. A family member may like the original. Please email journal@cqfamilyhistory.org.au if you know anything about this man.

#### Clermont - CQFHA Library Resources

by E. M. A. Hibberd

Following are some of the reference sources held at the CQFHA library, which will assist in researching Clermont, or its people.

**CALIBRE** – electronic library on all CQFHA library computers

**Black Ridge** State School 1906-1920 Admission Register - scans of original pages (from QSA)

Black Ridge State School 1906-1920 Index (by CQFHA)

**Blair Athol** Cemetery – 109 photos of headstones, indexed by name (John H, CQFHA)

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<u>MAPS</u> – Full Index on Calibre; also summary in CQFHA Library e-catalogue; Maps stored in 6 Map drawers - listed below by Map Name / Map Drawer / Map Number

**Copperfield** (1887, drawn 1969) / D4 / MP92

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#### **REFERENCE BOOKS** – not for loan, library use only

**Copperfield** State School Admission Registers 1898-1920 / R370.943 / 64 (see also e-version and Index in Calibre)

#### Clermont Cemetery Index to Burial Register / R 921.943 / 17/ V1

Print date of August 1992, compiled by NV Woodhouse for CQFHA; sourced from Burial Register of Clermont cemetery, and Registrations of Deaths from various districts; includes surname, given name, age at death, death date; burial date, where born (many listed from other Australian states, also China, England, Scotland (with city, town or County name), Denmark, Prussia, Germany, India and elsewhere.)

# Index to Burials: Deaths Registered in District of Clermont from 1863 to $1990\ /\ R\ 921.943\ /\ 17/\ V2$

Printed Sep 1990, and compiled by NV and EB Woodhouse for CQFHA; includes surname, given name, age at death, parents names (where known); death date, and where buried. Most are buried at Clermont Cemetery; many other burial locations listed – e.g. Copperfield, Emerald, Jericho, Bogantungan, Blair Athol, Alpha, Jericho; various properties (e.g. Kilcummin, Logan Downs, Cotherstone, Elgin Downs, Peak Downs, et al); various diggings (e.g. Hurley's Diggings, Venus Diggings et al); as well as distant towns/cities (e.g. Rockhampton, Nudgee, Mt Morgan, with one as far as Kyabram Victoria).

#### A History of Clermont State School 1867-1992 / R 370.943 / 21

Compiled by Susan SMITH, published 1992 by the Clermont SS P&C Assoc; includes school timeline of events; photos of some students, and staff; recollections by contributors; staff list 1867-1992; and list of pupils enrolled by year (surname, first name, no other details).

#### **QSA: Signposts: Clermont / R 027.943 / 6 / V17**

QSA Signposts, 1996 – records held by Qld State Archives, which relate to Clermont – from various Agencies, including Aboriginal & Islander Affairs Dept; Clermont Dingo Board; Marsupial Board; Coroner's Court (deaths &

fires); Court of Petty Sessions (Summons, Licences, Maintenance cases); District Court; Inspectors of Brands; Inspector of Stock; Magistrates Court; Mining Warden; Protector of Aboriginals; Small Debts Court; Education Dept; maps; and other "Items of Interest". Online digitised records would now be available for some items.

#### **BOOKS FOR LOAN**

# Drovers, Diggers & Draglines: a History of Blair Athol & Clermont / 622.943 / 1

Author Kerry KILLIN; published 1984; mainly mining history of the town; photos of people involved; gold and copper, including section on the infamous GRIFFIN; later coal open-cut mining; large bibliography at back of book, not indexed.

#### Blair Athol: the Life & Death of a Town / 622.943 / 32

Author Diane MENGHETTI, published 1995; history of mining in Blair Athol, written in 3 sections – before 1920; Underground mining 1920-1945; and Open-cut after 1940; finishes with the removal of the town to allow for mine expansion, and relocation of residents mainly to Clermont; photos of people, places and events; Not indexed.

#### Flood Special: The 1916 Flood / 994.355 / 4

Extracts from the newspaper "Peak Downs Telegram" dated 06 Jan 1917, about the Clermont flood; includes photos; list of fatalities; list of shops, buildings and residences swept away.

#### A History of Clermont & District (Belyando Shire) / 994.355 / 3

Author Dan O'DONNELL; published 1989; chapters on discovery; settlement; local townships and communities (e.g. Clermont, Copperfield, Black Ridge, Kilcummin, *et al*); Churches; Communication; Hospital; RSL; Clubs and Organisations; Sport & Recreation; rich in names; lots of photos, some maps; not indexed.

#### Images: Clermont & District / 994.355 / 5

Published in 1990 by Clermont Photographic Club; book of colour photos of area, showing Clermont "Today" to become part of "Tomorrow's History"; people, places, events, nature; with captions; not indexed.

# A Shifting Town: Glass Plate Images of Clermont & Its People / 994.355 / 2

Compiled by Richard and Marguerite STRINGER, from the Collection of G C PULLAR; some history, map of Clermont with numbered positions of buildings; book in sections – The PULLAR family; Life in the Town; The Aborigines; and the 1917 Flood and shifting the town afterwards to higher ground; images include people, buildings, events; catalogue of complete collection as numbered thumbnails in rear of book.

#### Not For the Faint Hearted: Eliza's Story / 920.943 / 14

Author Margaret FINGER, published in 2009, compiled from memoirs written by Eliza FAINT; includes her description of childhood and growing up near Clermont, family photos, copies of historical documents, and a map showing location of properties named; not indexed.

#### Our Future Flows From Sandy Creek / 929.943 / 13

Compiled by members of the HAUENSCHILD Family and published in 1999; Genealogy and Family History of the HAUENSCHILD family – starting in Prussia, and after their arrival in Australia from Prussia in 1863; includes a historical timeline of world and Clermont history; photos, maps; family tree of seven generations from 1863-1999; referenced; and indexed.

#### **Reflections: Clermont & District 2009 / 929.943 / 72**

Compiled by Helen RATHBONE and Jessica DIX, published 2009 to celebrate 150 years of Queensland; book of 150 black & white photos of residents of Clermont and district, and their reminiscences; their dates of birth range from 1913 to 1964 so recollections cover a wide range of events and experiences. Great photos.

MICROFILM – newspaper not yet available on TROVE Copperfield Miner & Peak Downs Record 10/01/1874 - 27/10/1877 Film can be viewed on CQFHA's Film reader, and saved as pdf.

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Digger – Qld births, deaths, marriages

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<u>MICROFICHE</u> – check – you may find something of importance not available elsewhere

<u>CALIBRE - Other sources</u> – Police Gazettes, Government Gazettes, Directories – searchable by surname, location, or various other terms. You never know who or what you might find for Clermont and district.

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Dec 1988 – Statistics from the 1916 Clermont Flood From Newspaper "Peak Downs Telegram"

Jun 2008 - Clermont Floods

Sep 2014 - Clermont Reunion 2014

Mar 2017 – 1916 Clermont Flood

Sep 2017 – The Rose of Clermont (by Ken Stewart) – about Rose HAR-RIS, who, with her father, saved the lives of many flood victims in 1916. There are more – check the Indexes to CQFHA Journal on Calibre.

So many reference sources, so little time!

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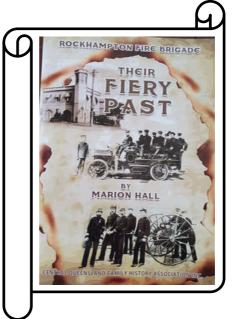
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## Heirlooms - February Meeting

by Linda Marshall

Ken MURPHY - Ken showed us a cup and saucer that his grandfather had owned. There is also a small matching jug, so there may have been a bigger tea set of the china. The china had a number marked on the bottom rather than a brand. Ken feels an affinity with his grandfather because like his grandfather Ken has the 'Viking disease', Dupuytren's Disease. Duyuptren's contrac-

ture begins with small lumps under the palm of the hand, it can eventually cause fingers to contract. It was often recorded among people of Nordic descent, hence the name 'Viking disease'.

Enid BUNT - Enid showed us a cup, saucer and plate that was part of a 62 piece set. The china has a Bon hallmark, made by H & K TUNSTALL. H & K TUNSTALL operated from 1870-1876 in Burslem, Staffordshire. In 1876 they moved to nearby Tunstall. By 1890 Unicorn Works took them over, and

eventually by 1956 they were incorporated into the Johnson Bros Group. The set belonged to Enid's unofficial adopted mother. The dinner set is a Homestead pattern.



Ann FINDLATER - Ann brought an embroidered shawl that was her great grandmother's, Ann JAMES (nee THOMPSON). JAMES arrived on the 'Almora' in 1882 from Wales.

Ann also had a miniature figure of a doll, another item which travelled from Wales. This figure was put in many a plum pudding after it arrived. Ann has very happy childhood memories of this miniature. This must have been similar to putting coins in the plum pudding. The practice was believed to bring the finder of the coins

good luck and wealth in

the coming year.





Jamie HIBBERD - Jamie told us about this Caterpillar badge. The badge is only an inch long with her father's name engraved on the back of it. Her father became eligible to be a member of the Caterpillar Club in May 1945, during World War 2. His aircraft was shot down over Germany and he was the only surviving crew member.

Leslie L. IRVIN began making silk parachutes in 1919. By 1922 IRVIN had founded the Caterpillar Club for anyone who had survived an emergency fall with one of his parachutes.

The Club now has 100,000 members over world wide. Jamie's father proudly wore his Caterpillar badge, pinned to his tie, to many family events over the years.





**Linda MARSHALL** - Linda showed a table runner which could be a future heirloom. It was titled "The Women Before Me" and featured photographs of her female ancestors, starting with her 2 x great grandmothers. The photos are printed on "Printed Treasures" sheets on a bubble jet printer. There is a sewn frame around each one with name and dates embroidered underneath each photograph. It is a great way to share/display your precious photographs.



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# Genes that stop DNA damage help people live past 105 years.

Clare Wilson, New Scientist /Vol. 250. No. 3334. 15th May 2021.

People who reach a very old age may have their genes to thank. Genetic variants that help prevent DNA mutations and repair any that do occur have been found in supercentenarians and semi-supercentenarians — who reach the ages of 110 and 105, respectively.

"DNA repair mechanisms are extremely efficient in these people," says Claudio FRANCESCHI at the University of Bologna in Italy. "It is one of the most important basic mechanisms for extending lifespan."

Damage to DNA happens throughout our lives. It has many causes, including sunlight and natural radiation, as well as harmful compounds called free radicals generated by normal cell activity.

Centenarians' genes have long been studied by researchers of healthy ageing, but FRANCESCHI's team is the first to sequence all genes, or the whole genome, of a large group of people.

The researchers sequenced the DNA of the five supercentenarians and 76 semi-supercentenarians from Italy, comparing them with 36 younger people from the same region, who had an average of 68.

The team discovered five genetic variants were more common in the older age groups, which changed the expression of three genes (eLife, doi.org/givz7t). These variants were also more common in a group of 333 centenarians whose genes had been analysed in a previous study.

Earlier work suggests the variants should collectively reduce the number of mutations accumulating in cells by combating free radicals, coordinating each cell's response to DNA damage and encouraging damaged cells to die.

FRANCESCHI's team discovered that the older individuals did indeed have fewer mutations in six out of the seven key genes analysed.



#### William Croft

#### From England to Australia—To a pastoralist in Clermont QLD

#### By Narelle Fraser

William CROFT was born in 1837 in Ely, Cambridgeshire, England. When he was 20 years old he travelled to Australia as an "Assisted Immigrant" on the vessel named "Vocalist". His occupation was listed as a ploughman at this time. He is listed that he could read and write but to what extent we aren't sure. In the 1950s Assisted Immigration continued on a larger scale after the discovery of gold in 1951. It made up about 50% of all migrants arriving in Australia.

William became a stockman and he met and later married Sarah HALL, who was a general servant in 1859 in NSW. Registration of the marriage was at Tamworth. Sarah was born in 1827, so she was 10 years older than William. Sarah and William's first two children were listed as being born in Surat, QLD, then next two were born at Clermont.

Clermont began to develop as a gold mining town in 1861, when a fellow by the name of SWEENEY discovered gold. Queensland's first copper mine was found four miles south west of Clermont and named Copperfield. Perhaps the lure of land and prosperity found the CROFTS settling in Clermont.

On the 26 Aug 1875, William was granted the title for 80 acres on Sandy Creek, Clermont. On the 17 Sep 1878 "The Queenslander" Brisbane wrote about this property; have seen Mr Crofts' farm on Sandy Creek; saw a nice patch of wheat, also potato and corn, doing well; peach trees loaded with half grown fruit; trellis- trained vines about to flower; strawberries flowering and sweet -scented orange blossoms mixing and embalming the air, with thousands of fully developed roses and geraniums; altogether a little Paradise in the wilderness. What a beautiful picture they paint!

William and Sarah had 4 children, 2 sons, Thomas Deepwater CROFTS (1860-1911) & Frederick Herbert CROFTS (1861-1929), and 2 daughters, Hannah Elizabeth CROFTS (1866-1866) and Elizabeth Jane CROFTS (1867–1948). Two of their children had large families of their own.

Thomas married Maria Margaret CONSIDINE in 1886, but there are no known children of this union. Frederick married Gertrude Mary HOWARD in 1884 and they had 7 children. Elizabeth married Joseph CHRISTIAN also in 1884. She gave birth to 9 children but only 6 survived. So, the CROFTS name continued with Frederick.

William CROFTS of "Bathampton" was considered one of Clermont's agricultural pioneers. He died at the age of 68 on 6 Sep 1905. His wife, Sarah passed away not long after him, on the 10 Nov 1905, aged 78.

An interesting article with pictures and history of Clermont to read is called "Historical Australian Towns". It is on the internet and shows early pictures of the town.

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## TROVE digitised newspapers snippings

/ The Telegraph (Brisbane, Qld.: 1872 - 1947) / Wed 2 May 1883 / Page 2 / SUDDEN DEATH.

## SUDDEN DEATH.

THE Commissioner of Police has received a telegram from Winton, dated yesterday, that an old sawyer named Frank Hellins died suddenly last night. He was sitting in camp chatting and singing with his mates, when he suddenly fell back and died, merely exclaiming "Oh."

The Longreach Leader (Old.: 1923 - 1954) / Sat 12 Jul 1941 / Page 15 / HONOUR ROLL

# HONOUR ROLL

L/CPL. T. P. CULL

Advice was received in Winton on Saturday last of the death overseas of Lance Corporal Thomas Patrick Cull of the A.I.F. who has died of wounds. He was 24 years of age, of fine physical appearance and cheerful dispostion.

The flag was flown at half mast at the Winton shire hall in his memory

#### Smallwood Street, Mareeba

By Linda Marshall

A few years ago on a trip up north I discovered my maternal great grandfather, William SMALLWOOD, had had a street named after him in Mareeba. William was born here in Rockhampton in 1868, the eighth child of John and Ellen SMALLWOOD. He grew up in Rockhampton and began his working life as a clerk in the Harbour Office under Captain SYKES who was the Harbour Master at that time. After 15 years William resigned this job and went to work in New South Wales for a time. His next career move was to become an account-



ant for the Alligator Meat Works, in Townsville. It must have been about 1893 as he married Mary Josephs DWYER and their first child, my grandmother was born later that year in Townsville.



William & Mary SMALLWOOD

After working at the Meat Works for several years he moved on to become the manager of the Biboohra Meat Works near Mareeba. Eventually the Meat Works closed, and William took up a post as manager of the Mareeba Sawmills. After 5 years he transferred to Yungaburra and became secretary and manager of Eacham Sawmills Ltd.

Even though it is said he was a reserved man, he became active in community events. He was a Mareeba alderman for a couple of years, and president of the DOB Society (Do Our Best - WW1). William was buried in Mareeba in 1929, with full Masonic honours, dying at the relatively young age of 60.

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#### Grant/McIntosh, Mackintosh and Bryant Families

#### by Jennifer Lentell

My ancestor is Jamesina GRANT born on the 12 Mar 1820 and baptized in the Parish of Killearnan County Ross/Cromarty Scotland. Jamesina was the daughter of Dr. James GRANT who worked on a lot of ships. One of them being the "Thomas Coutts", for The East India Company travelling to India and China. His wife Margaret UR-QUHART was the daughter of Captain John URQUHART of the East India Company. Jamesina was the only daughter and second child of James and Margaret.

The family did not live in Scotland very long as James was commissioned as a surgeon in the Troop of the Cavalry to the Island of St. Vincent in the Caribbean and stayed there until 6 Jul 1822.

On returning to London in Jun 1824 he was Assistant Surgeon at the Royal Military Asylum for Children at Chelsea. On leaving this position he got a good report. The following is an account of his patients:

- •21454 people Admitted
- •20258 people Cured
- 451 people Died
- 495 people Vaccinated
- 250 people Remaining in the books.

#### 21454 TOTAL.

On the 28 Mar 1825 he was on his way to Mexico to fight in the war and was killed in Mar 1836 at Aqua Dulce Creek, Texas. His will went on for 20 years. His only daughter, Jamesina, my ancestor was prohibited in the will from living with her mother and she could not marry without the consent of her uncle or another relative.

Jamesina became a school mistress working at a private school in Inverness. Jamesina had an illegitimate child to John MACKIN-TOSH called Edward Ewing MACKINTOSH on 9 Jul 1846 and married John Arthur MACKINTOSH on 14 Dec 1852 at Drumnadrochet, Inverness and sailed for Melbourne, Victoria on the ship, "Persia" shortly after.

John and Jamesina started a school at Bellarine on the Great Ocean Road near Geelong for the Presbyterian Church in approx. 1855 which they operated until 1860 when they left to travel overland to Oueensland.

John, Jamesina and Edward arrived in Clermont in the year 1862 after travelling overland from Victoria. What a shock they would have got to see some of the tin sheds used as houses down on the creek and the dusty old roads in the town as well as the scorching heat.

John started up his chemist shop and Jamesina (along with Edward helping her) bought a hotel renaming it Macks Hotel. Both businesses did quite well and John MACKINTOSH became mayor of the town in 1869.

On New Year's Day 1870 John went to the races and he passed away there that day. Jamesina (Snr.) died 23 March 1911 aged 91 years 11 days in Clermont, outliving her only son. She had lost 8 infants.

On 28 May 1870 Edward Ewing MACKINTOSH married Eliza BRODY an Irish girl from County Clare and they had 7 children.

Edward Ewing MACKINTOSH passed away in Clermont on 25 March 1903 aged 56 years from cancer. He had been to Sydney to seek help for his cancer. Elizabeth MACKINTOSH, his wife, died in Rockhampton on 17 Aug 1920 having moved there with her son Arthur.

Jamesina, Arthur John, Edward Ewing, Margaret, Gregor Richard Reace, Frances Elizabeth and William Grant all attended the Clermont State School.

Jamesina became a school teacher in Clermont and Blackall. Jamesina married James PLUMB and moved away to Warwick to live.

Arthur had his own bootmaker shop. Arthur and his wife Catherine Sutherland (nee BREMNER) and their family moved to Rockhampton after the big flood and operated a shop on Gladstone Road. Sadly, not long after moving to Rockhampton Arthur was repairing a tyre and a spark went into a 44 gallon of methylated spirits and Arthur was burnt badly and he passed away.

Edward had a furniture shop and also had the undertaker's business. When my mother Jean was in the Clermont Hospital for months on end mum would say, "Edward (Ted) is a very nice person but I don't like to see him coming to visit me as he seems like he is measuring me up for a box. He is always touching me to get the length of the coffin." This is true as when my Dad and I started work in Rocky a couple of the undertakers used to bring their cars into us and this is what happened to all of us that used to serve them.

They always patted your shoulder as though they were measuring you up. I guess it is just habit. Edward and his wife Sinclair Rose (nee BREMNER) later moved to Rockhampton where he had a shop on Lakes Creek Road before moving to Dawson Road.

Frances Elizabeth married Robert LITTLE a grazier and they moved to Littledale outside of Clermont and had 7 children.

Gregor Richard Reace died in Clermont at his parent's home.

William Grant died in Sydney from diphtheria and heart failure aged 22.

Margaret my ancestor married Joseph BRYANT in 1905. Joseph was a shearer and was born in Dalby. Joseph worked at Barcaldine and different sheds as a shearer. He only had one kidney and one eye. Margaret and Joseph had 4 children - Ronald, Frederick, Claude and Margaret Rebecca. Margaret and Joseph bought a property called Wattle Hill a few miles out of Clermont and the children had to walk to and from school.

Ronald and Claude got apprenticeships as motor mechanics at Dobson's Motor Engineering in Clermont when they left school. After Ronald finished his apprenticeship he left Clermont and rode to Brisbane on his push bike.

Fred became a miner at the Miclere (outside of Clermont) and a butcher.

My Father was Claude, born 1910 and when he was able to get a licence he purchased a motor bike to go to and from work. It was very noisy and used to wake up all the residents staying at the hotel. This day they had worked it out they were so sick of my Dad waking them up, they got loads of buckets of water and carried them up the stairs and put them on the verandah and waited for him to turn the corner the next morning. They were going to pour all this water over him. What they did not know was Dad decided to take a different way and they were left with all the buckets of water.

In 1935 Bert DOBSON decided to send Claude to manage his garage and picture theatre at Capella, a small town between Emerald and Clermont. Mum and Dad married in 1936 and lived next door to the garage. We had a back yard dunny and never locked our doors. Some people would come and sleep on the verandah at the front of the house and Dad would find them there in the morning. There was no electricity. We had the generator from the garage for lights at night for the house.

My mother Jean sold the tickets for the pictures for years before she had children and she never got paid. Dad, Claude, was fed up with all the men going out at interval and urinating on the wall of the picture theatre all the time instead of going to the toilet. He decided he would do something about it. He and the fellow working with him (Wally) rigged up a couple of metal lines along the wall of the theatre and hooked it up to the generator and when the men came out and urinated on the wall they got the biggest shock of their lives. They never did it again. It stayed there for a while.

The PURDIE twins lived across the road from us and they were devils of boys. This day when Dad was underneath a vehicle working on it Barry got in the car and Dad did not see him. He started up the car, backed it out and drove over the top of Dad and down the main street of Capella. The policeman saw the car coming down the street with no driver and followed it until it stopped and got the shock of his life when he saw Barry aged about 7 or 8 years old driving this car. It was lucky Dad didn't get hurt and I can tell you Barry got into trouble from Colin his father. When we moved to Rockhampton, Barry, Brian the other twin and their brother Keith always came out to our house every couple of weeks from the Grammar School and went home with loads of cakes.

I started school as a 4 year old as I couldn't start till I was 6 ½ years of age if I didn't because they couldn't take new pupils every year for the one teacher school. I didn't like going to school and when I came home from school at lunch time I cried my eyes out and did not want to go back. A close friend, Viv REID, used to take me back to school.

We moved to Rockhampton in 1952 because of my mother's health as there was no nurse, hospital or anything like that in the town. There was a post office, 2 grocery stores, railway and police station, butcher shop (that my uncle used to have) and a hotel and that was about it. Today there is a nurse there and O'Brien's and Stewart's grocery store are gone and have been replaced by another one.

My brother John, sister Margaret and myself all went to Berserker Street State School and on to North Rockhampton State High School. We all worked in Rockhampton. My sister has now passed away and I moved to Brisbane because of my health. John lives in N.S.W.



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

#### by a relative of Nola Clark

### Continued from the previous issue .....

What I quickly realised is that there were three CHARGELE-GUE families, all living in the same area.

- Jacques CHARGELEGUE and Catherine AUMOSNIER (or AUMONIER) had 10 children between 1728 and 1750
- Pierre CHARGELEGUE and Marie HERAUD had four children between 1741 and 1748
- Thomas CHARGELEGUE and Marie FONTAINE (or FAINTON or FENTON) had 8 children between 1736 and 1755.

I found family trees on <u>geneanet.org</u> which is a site for French genealogy which confirmed that these three men were in fact brothers and that they must have come to England sometime in the 1720s with their parents Pierre CHARGELEGUE and Marie BRAULT.

The last child in this family, Bailiff, was born in London. His unusual name came from his godfather but is also the maiden name of his father's mother.

This new foothold into the French trees was very exciting because if I could prove the link they would take us back deep into the early 1600s.

But one of the first things that I discovered is that there were some trees on Ancestry which showed the Marie CHARGELEGUE, who was the daughter of Jacques and Catherine (AUMOSNIER), had actually married a man named Pierre Le LIEVRE – not Abraham NIGHTINGALE. This was potentially going to be a problem.

When I looked at the baptisms of the children of the Le LIEVRE/CHARGELEGUE family I saw that three of them had godparents named AUMOSNIER – so the Marie CHARGELEGUE who married Pierre Le Lievre was clearly the Marie CHARGELEGUE whose parents were Jacques CHARGELEGUE and Catherine AUMOSNIER. Abraham NIGHTINGALE had definitely married someone named Marie CHARGELEGUE so I needed to find another Marie CHARGELEGUE.

Fortunately, this wasn't all that difficult. Jacques CHARGELE-GUE's brother also had a daughter by that name, born in 1736 just like her cousin.

These are the baptism details for the children of Thomas CHARGELEGUE and Marie FONTAINE.

Name	Father		Mother		Born	Baptised	Godfather	Godmother
Marie	Thomas	Chargelegue	Marie	Fontaine	1/3/1736	21/3/1736	Jean Biard	Catherine Chargelegue
Rebecca	Thomas	Chargelegue	Marie	Fontaine	24/9/1738	22/10/1738	Jean Rivand	Rebecca Fontaine
Thomas	Thomas	Chargelegue	Marie	Fenton	23/2/1741	15/3/1741	Jacques Chargelegue	Marie Chargelegue
Susanne	Thomas	Chargelegue	Marie	Fainton	27/9/1743	23/10/1743	Pierre Chargelegue	Marrianne Pierre
Jacques	Thomas	Chargelegue	Marie	Fontain	21/2/1745	17/3/1745	Jacques Godin	Marie Charle
Esther	Thomas	Chargelegue	Marie	Finton	27/7/1747	16/8/1747	Isaac Duboq	Esther Delambre
Susanne	Thomas	Chargelegue	Marie	Fenton	23/7/1750	12/8/1750	Daniel Couvert	Madeleine Mangar
Jacques	Thomas	Chargelegue	Marie	Fainton	13/7/1755	10/8/1755	Jacques Peremoni	Susanne Dexter

This Marie CHARGELEGUE is exactly the right age to be the one who married Abraham NIGHTINGALE in 1758. But no other online trees published anywhere have made this connection so I needed to find some supporting evidence to show that this CHARGELEGUE family was connected to that NIGHTINGALE family.

Looking at the other children of Thomas and Marie....

- Rebecca married **Isaac Lucas** on 26 May 1760 at St Matthew's, Bethnal Green. The witnesses to the marriage were John BRISCONY and John ASHLEY the same witnesses as the NIGHTINGALE/CHARGELEGUE marriage but because these men were regular witnesses at this church that in itself tells us nothing. I have not been able to trace any children born to this marriage and because the name Lucas is very common in the area I have not traced the couple's deaths.
- Thomas married **Catherine FEARON** on 6 Oct 1763 at St Matthew's Bethnal Green. The witnesses were "Ph: Ja: May" and Isaac Lucas (the groom's brother in law). They had five children (including twin daughters named Ann Monday and Mary Tuesday). Thomas was dead by the time Catherine wrote her will in 1806. Three of their children were still alive at the time, Ann (married to William MARTIN), Thomas and John.
- Susanne died as an infant in Sep 1744 and was buried in St Dunstan & All Saints, Stepney.
- Jacques died as an infant in Sep 1747 and was buried in St Matthew, Bethnal Green.

- Esther married **James WARD** on 24 Nov 1768 at St Matthew's, Bethnal Green. The witnesses were Isaac Lucas (bride's brother in law) and William WARD junior (presumably James' brother or father). I haven't been able to find any children born to this couple or any further trace of Esther.
- Susanne married **Jacques (James) OURSELL** on 10 Dec 1776 at Christ Church, Spitalfields. Their witnesses were James WARD (bride's brother in law) and John SWEETING. They had three children, the last of which was apparently born posthumously (i.e. after the father had died). None of these children seem to have survived because they were not mentioned in Susanne's will in 1821.
- Jacques I have not found any further trace of what became of him.

The will of Susanne OURSELL revealed the connection that I was looking for – that is the connection linking her sister Marie CHARGELEGUE to the Mary CHARGELEGUE who married Abraham NIGHTINGALE. The will had mentioned an executrix Mary WARD, a widow, nephews James and Isaac NIGHTINGALE and a niece Mary BROWN.

Her nephews James and Isaac NIGHTINGALE fit perfectly with the known family of Abraham and Mary. Her niece Mary BROWN has yet to be identified. Who was her executrix, the widow Mary WARD? Was she somehow related to James WARD who married her sister Esther and was witness at her marriage?

There are a lot of men named James WARD on Ancestry's database. I went through literally scores of wills looking for men named James WARD in the hope of finding a clue. Eventually I located the one I was hoping to find. There's a lot to take out of this will. He appointed Susanna OURSELL (his wife's sister), Mary BUTCHER and Thomas FRANT as his executors. Susanna and Mary were also his sole beneficiaries. Then he had Susanna and Mary witness the will. That was a clear problem. The authorities required independent witnesses to swear as to the legitimacy of the document and those witnesses were James NIGHTINGALE and William SETCOLE.

We know James WARD's connection to Susanna. Who was Mary BUTCHER? – Well it turns out that between writing the will in 1815 and dying in 1819 James married her. And this means that by the time of Susanna's will being written in 1821 she was Mary WARD, widow, Susanna's executrix. Who was Thomas FRANT? So far I have no idea. Was William SETCOLE just a neighbour or somehow related?

# 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 February 2023 issue. Beneath the list are highlighted articles from some of them.

Links 'n' Chains (Liverpool GS, NSW) No. 133, Feb 2023

The Explorer's Tree (Blue Mts. FHS)

No. 120, Mar 2023

The Greenwood Tree (Somerset & Dorset FHS) Vol. 47, No. 4, Dec 2022

Cleveland FHS (S. Durham & N. Yorks) Vol. 15, No. 5, Jan 2023

Kith & Kin (Cape Banks FHS)

No. 148, Mar 2023

Ormskirk and District FHS Iss. 89, Nov 2022

**Ormskirk, Iss 89: Medical Ancestors and Medical Terms:** This magazine features a couple of articles containing websites and information which may be helpful for those researching Medical Ancestors working during the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century in various areas in England.

The Greenwood Tree, Vol 47, No 4. The 1921 Census – Perils and Pitfalls. The writer mentions the disappointment in the lack of information. It was expected that more detailed information would have been included and many transcription mistakes are evident. The 1921 English census is the last for some time as records of 1931 census were destroyed by fire and the 1941 census did not happen because of eminence of World War II.

Cleveland FHS, Vol 15, No 5: Information Desk advises of updates to general and local information of genealogy websites of United Kingdom and universal, e.g., Find My Past and Ancestry.

Links 'N' Chains, Iss. 133. Beginner's Corner provides a detailed outline and pathway for those undertaking research into German Ancestry. Also contained in this article are some websites which may be of assistance.

The Explorer's Tree, No 120: Vignettes from Irish Research – Finding my Stanley Family. The writer tells of her journey when searching for her Stanley family ancestors. Unfortunately, the author was unable to find records. The reason being some record from an Irish website had been destroyed. Finally, being able to obtain results through a family historian whom she had not known previously.

### **Electronic journals**

Below is a selection of highlighted articles from the electronic journals received since the February 2023 journal.



Aberdeen & N.E. Scotland FHS, No 165: Using the 1921 Census. This article discusses some of the parallels of 1921 and 2020s. The writer also compares some of the information which appears in this census to former Scottish censuses.

Family Ties, Bundaberg G.A., Vol 24, Mar 2023: What does the Letter Code 'D' Mean. When ordering online a birth certificate of one of her ancestors, the registration number was 1931/D/4559. After being unable to find what this 'D' meant, decided to phone BDM Registry Office.

Queensland Family Historian, Queensland FHS, Vol 44, No 1, Feb 2023: Two Brothers: The Story of Jamaican DNA: This fascinating article is about the author's journey when researching his 3x great-grandfather and his brother who were born in Jamaica. About 6 years ago, the author and his mother as she is the direct descendant of that family decided to take a DNA test. What unfolds is very interesting.

The South Australian Genealogist, Vol 50, No 1, Feb 2023: Nineteenth Century Emigration from Scotland to Australia. This is a very interesting article on the history of the Scottish Emigration Scheme between 1836 to 1883. Many Scots were looking for a better way of life during this time for several reasons. The Colony of South Australia was seeking young adults and therefore offered free or assisted passage. Although there are a few lists with ship names, departure ports, departure and arrival dates, passenger lists were not kept in the early years. However some of the ships' manifest were handed in to authorities. A list of references concludes this article.

# **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.

## Southside Library | 230 Bolsover Street, South Rockhampton

Monday - Friday 9am - 5.30pm

Saturday 9am - 3pm

Phone: 4936 8265



History Centre | 230 Bolsover Street, South Rockhampton

Monday - Friday 9am - 5.30pm

Phone: 4936 8040

## 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 pm

Saturday: 9.30 am - 12 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 - 2 pm

phone: 4927 8431 (opening hours only)



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 11am in the club rooms.

# **Coming Events**

#### WEEKLY

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

Wed, 9am - Cuppa & Chat - Discord

#### JUNE

Sat Jun 3, 10am - General Meeting

Thurs Jun 8, Library CLOSED - Show Holiday

Sat Jun 10, 10am - FTM User Group

Sat Jun 17, 11am - Informal DNA group

Sat Jun 17, 1pm - DNA User Group - Discord

Sat Jun 24, 1pm - Family Historian User Group – Discord

#### JULY

Sat Jul 1, 10am - Committee Meeting

Sat Jul 8, 10am - FTM User Group

Sat Jul 15, 11am - Informal DNA group

Sat Jul 15, 1pm - DNA User Group - Discord

Sat Jul 29, 1pm - Family Historian User Group – Discord

#### **AUGUST**

Sat Aug 5, 10am - General Meeting

Sat Aug 13, 9.30am OPEN DAY (see page 28)

Sat Aug 12, 10am - FTM User Group CANCELLED

Sat Aug 19, 11am - Informal DNA group

Sat Aug 19, 1pm - DNA User Group - Discord

Sat Aug 26, 1pm - Family Historian User Group - Discord

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Sat Sep 2, 9am - Committee Meeting

Sat Sep 2, 10am - Annual General Meeting

Sat Sep 9, 10am - FTM User Group

Sat Sep 16, 11am - Informal DNA group

Sat Sep 16, 1pm - DNA User Group - Discord

Sat Sep 30, 1pm - Family Historian User Group - Discord

### **OCTOBER**

Sat Oct 7, 10am - General Meeting

## Interest Groups

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

Cuppa & Chat - Wednesdays - 9am on Discord

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 Discord

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

Technology Sessions - as required

# Financial Year - 1st July 2023 - 30th June 2024 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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