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GENERAL MEETINGS

General Meetings are held the **3rd Thursday of each month (except Dec) at 1.30pm**

At PREMISES and via Zoom: Corbould Park Racecourse, enter Gate 2,

Guest Speakers as advised in the Clipper. Visitors are welcome to attend.

RESEARCH ENQUIRIES

We are able to carry out research, within the resources we hold, for members and non-members. Cost to be calculated by Research Team. Post or email your enquiry to above address.

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NEWS ITEMS

2023 GENERAL MEETING GUEST SPEAKERS

JUN: Dr Jon Prangnell

JUL: Judi Waller

AUG: none

ZOOM....ZOOM.....

INTO

GENERAL MEETINGS AND GROUP MEETINGS

Details on pages 12 to 14

Monday 12 June - QSA trip

Wednesday 5 July-
New Members Welcome
Morning Tea

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
Sunday 11 June
Sausage Sizzle & Cake Stalls
Sunday 25 June
Sunday 9 July
Sunday 23 July

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Hello Members,

Hip, Hip, Horray! CFHRI has celebrated 30 years of Family History Research. Photos show what a great day we had then home to read our history. Included in this Clipper are stories of Henry Hill's life, a Swiss great grandfather, Edith Rose and the 'before his time' Phantom. Enjoy the read.

Sue Brownjohn, CFHRI Editor



PRESIDENT'S **REPORT**

I feel so relaxed writing this report as all the stress and panic has been lifted off my shoulders with the finishing of our **“30 Years of Family History”** book being launched on Thursday 18 May. More about that later.

Since our last Clipper, so much has been happening. Roz has outdone herself with really great guest speakers. In March we had **Anne and Tony Swain** who spoke about the **“Biographical Database of Australia: How to use & benefit from it”**. When they asked for a name to research, I



excitedly put forward my maiden name only to see a big fat “no records” come up!! How off-putting to think I don’t count. Not to worry – I’m sure there are records out there – just haven’t been discovered yet. A reminder to all our members that we have this

database on our computers. And judging from what Anne and Tony showed us, there is so much information on it that could be a huge bonus to discovering your family links.

We were so lucky to hear from our member, **Trisha Hyde** as she showed us how to research our military ancestors. Her topic was entitled **“Case Studies at the Australian War Memorial”**. Prior to presenting her talk, Trisha had asked members to submit a military ancestor she could research for the talk. **Lynette Wallis gave her Albert Ernest Thornely**, who was a driver in the 45th Australian Infantry Battalion, AIF, First World War, and a Military Medal recipient. Trisha’s research of this gentleman was extraordinary and her explanations of

how she went about finding out the facts, was inspiring. I can't wait for Trisha's course later this year on writing stories about our servicemen and women. It should be truly exciting.

During April and May, as part of the **Heritage Festival 2023 put on by National Trust Queensland, Pattie Wilson**

organised eight heritage walks along Bulcock Street and Bulcock Beach. These walks are becoming very popular and the people who have ventured on them have found them extremely interesting. Pattie was ably assisted on these walks by members, Valerie Thornton, Julia Richardson, Tim Hill, Bob Brummell, Peter Hovey, Lynette Wallis and Gaynor McMahon.



There have been some great outings throughout the last few months. On 13 March several members visited the new premises of **QFHS at Chemsides**. They seem to be well set up in their new home.

On 14 April a small group visited **Cooroy-Noosa Family History**. Unfortunately, I could not go but I was told they have a great place for their group to meet and research. Also on this trip, they went to **Eumundi Museum** which again, is well worth a visit.

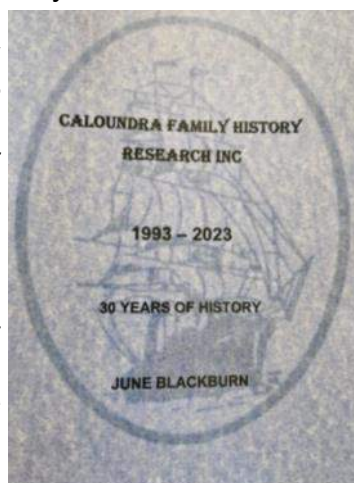
An in-house demonstration on how to perform **CPR** and use a **defibrillator** was held on Monday 3 May. It was conducted by representatives from **Caloundra-Ithaca Surf Lifesaving Club**. These sessions provide the necessary means to saving the life of possibly a loved one and I would encourage all members to learn these life-saving skills. We will be inviting our life saving experts back so make sure you keep an eye out for the next demonstration.



The **Sunshine Coast Council** invited our group to participate in **Harmony Week** during March. This involved giving four presentations on how family history encompasses harmony because of the many different places our ancestors travelled from. **Jan Swift, Trisha Hyde, Kate Bowman and I,**

gave these presentations at **Maleny Library, Bankfoot House, Caloundra Library and Kawana Library.** Accompanying us were three other members, **Roz Kuss, Lynette Wallis and Bob Brummell** who presented a case study which showed participants how to research. Trisha also presented her own case study at Bankfoot House. The presentations were well received and from the Maleny session, we now welcome a member of the public who has joined us to find out more about her ancestors.

The Book on our 30 years of existence is finished. It was not an easy task and involved months of research, typing up old minutes, saving everything digitally and interviewing a number of previous members, especially those who started the group back in 1993. But I feel very excited that this history will now not be lost. As we all know, recording our family history is so important, not just for ourselves, but also for future generations. That is how I feel about this book – it will be there in 10, 20, 30 years from now and I'm sure people in the future will shake their heads and wonder how we ever coped with such archaic records and methods of doing things – just like we do now when we look back at the



beginning of our group. I have thanked all those who helped at the general meeting on 18 May when it was launched. But another thank you will not go astray, so to those who helped make this book a reality – thank you from the bottom of my heart. You are all legends. If anyone would like to buy a copy, just let me know.

On the Training front, **Joe Smith** gave an extremely interesting presentation called “**Researching Family History Cheaply**”. It was well received and we thank Joe for taking the time to do this.

Upcoming Training for the next few months includes the first course “**How to be a Good Buddy**” is for people who take on the role of Buddy to new members. If you would like to give back and help a new member, then this course will explain everything you need to know. It is not an onerous job but one that is vital to ensure our new members fit in from the start. Let me know if you would also like to be a Buddy.

Membership Fees will be due between now and 30 June 2023. Members can renew on-line and pay by direct debit or Paypal, (using our Square Terminal at the rooms) or from your home computer or by cash at the rooms.

Single Membership is \$79 and Family Membership is \$115. These amounts were approved at the general meeting on 18 May. We value your membership, friendship and assistance at our various functions so hope you renew and continue your support of our group.

Bunnings have offered us four dates which we have gladly accepted. They are **11 and 25 June and 9 and 23 July**. And our cake stalls will also be returning. For those members who do not understand what these are, we cook cakes, biscuits, jams, pickles etc to sell on the same day as our sausage sizzle. In the past, cake stalls were even more successful than the sausage sizzles in regard to fundraising, so we are very excited about this. If you make anything for the cake stall, we ask you to list all the ingredients, so the

public knows what is in the goods to avoid any allergy reaction. A raffle will also be run at the cake stalls but this one will be for the public – not members. Having said that, if you happen to be in Bunnings and would like to buy a cake or raffle ticket, don't let us stop you!! As soon as Cathy is back, we will let you know more information.

I submitted this report the day before **History Queensland's AGM** so thought I would include a bit about the preparation for this in this edition. We are hosting this meeting at the **Caloundra District Indoor Bowling Association in Burke Street, Golden Beach**. Participants will be welcomed from many different family history groups similar to ours as well as from museums. Some will be appearing in person, whilst others will join us via Zoom. For those coming in person, they will be greeted with morning tea followed by History Queensland's AGM. Some of the societies present will give a report on how their group is going. After lunch, I will talk briefly about our 30th Anniversary Book and this will be followed by **Roz Kuss and Ralph Gray who will do a presentation on William Landsborough**. It will be a great day and for \$15 you will certainly get your money's worth.



Roz Kuss and Ralph Gray

New HQ President Kay Ryan and
Past President Margaret Doherty

Upcoming events will be our ***Welcome to New Members Morning Tea on Wednesday, 5 July*** as well as the ***Thanking of our Volunteers Lunch***. No date has, as yet, been for this event.

Keep an eye out for the many socials we present as well as the visits to repositories. I look forward to seeing you at our own **AGM in August** and if you feel the urge to nominate for a position, that would be absolutely wonderful.

June Blackburn, CFHRI PRESIDENT



NEW INTEREST GROUP

The new **Writing Group** will commence on **Thursday, 20th July from 9.30am-11am** and will be held before General Meetings. Bring a notebook, pen and your lunch and stay for the meeting.

The aim of the group is to give members hints, practice and confidence to write their family history stories with several long-term goals:

1. Have confidence to enter the Lorrie Barzdo Writers' Award;
2. Participate in writing projects e.g. Our Soldiers' War Histories Project;
3. Write and publish your family history stories.

Please email **Trisha Hyde** at training@caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au for further details.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

Caloundra Family History Research Inc. is very grateful to the Sunshine Coast Council for the grant under the Community Partnership Funding Program to provide funding of \$4,000 for three years to go towards our rent costs.

This funding will allow us to use more of our own money to provide training programs and resources for members and the Sunshine Coast community in a range of family history research areas.



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History Book Launch & 30th Birthday
Guests: L: Brenda Smith, Fran
Lawrence, Pat Norton R: Jan Hunter
and Therese Matthews with June.





**Outdoor May General Meeting
held before the Book Launch.**

**Valerie Thornton thanks CFHRI's
Historian June Blackburn.**



**Patrons Mark and Judy McArdle
help cut 30th Birthday cake with
CFH's former founding members.**



DATES FOR THE DIARY **JUNE 2023 to AUGUST 2023**



- JUNE** Research, **Interest Groups, General Meetings, Training, Outings & Other**
- Thur 1** Research 9.30am-4.00pm, **Zoom only Germany group 1-3pm**
- Sat 3** Research 9.30am-12.30pm
- Wed 7** Zoom FamilyTreemaker group 2-4pm
Close off QSA car pool trip Book on website
e: Roz vicepresidente@caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au
- Thur 8** Research 9.30am to 4.00pm
Hybrid groups Scotland 12-2pm & Ireland 2-4pm
- Sat 10** Research 9.30am-12.30pm
- Sun 11** **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle**
- Mon 12** **QSA car pool trip to 435 Compton Road, Runcorn open 9am-4.30pm Depart rooms 8.15am-Take lunch-Explore the collection before visiting**
<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/heritage/archives>
QSA Reading Room booked 9-12.30pm + 1.30-4.30pm
Book on website_e: Roz vicepresidente@caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au
- Thur 15** **1.30pm to 4pm Guest Speaker Dr Jon Prangnell**
Profile: Assoc Prof, Reader in Archaeology & Director of Teaching & Learning at School of Social Science UQ Topic: "Excavations at the Ayr Pioneer Sugar Mill" Part of the UQ South Sea Islander Project
Close off date How to be a Good Buddy course in rooms
Book on website/e Trisha training@caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au
- Fri 16** **Hybrid DNA group 10-12pm**
- Sat 17** Research 9.30am-4pm, **In Rooms Resources group 12-2pm**
- Mon 19** **Hybrid FamilySearch group 10am-12.00pm**
- Thur 22** Research 9.30am-4.00pm
Hybrid England & Wales group 1-3pm
Close off Writing Course for Family History in Rooms
Book on website/e Trisha training@caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au
- Sat 24** Research 9.30am-12.30pm
- Sun 25** **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle & Cake Stall**
- Mon 26** **Training How to be a Good Buddy Course in Meeting room with Cuppa on arrival. Registration 9.45am Class 10am-12.30**

CHECK CFH'S WEBSITE FOR ANY CHANGES TO DATES

JUNE Research, **Interest Groups**, **General Meetings**, **Training**, **Outings & Other****Wed 28** **Close off date New Members Morning Tea in Rooms****Book on Website/e** [Pattie secretary@caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au](mailto:Pattie.secretary@caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au)**Thur 29** **Research 9.30am-4.00pm****Fri 30** **Training Writing Course for Family Historians in Meeting room with Cuppa on arrival. . Registration 9.45 Class 10-12.30pm****Book on website/E:** [Trisha training@caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au](mailto:Trisha.training@caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au)**JULY****Sat 1** **No Research SCTC day race meeting Caloundra Cup****Wed 5** **New Members Welcome Morning Tea in the rooms Catered****Book on Website /e:** [June president@caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au](mailto:June.president@caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au)**Zoom FamilyTreemaker group 2-4pm****Thur 6** **Research 9.30am-4.00pm + Hybrid Germany group 1-3pm****Close off date War Histories of our Soldiers.****Close off date Members Only Beginners/Refresher course.****Book on Website /e:** [Trisha training@caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au](mailto:Trisha.training@caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au)**Sat 8** **Research 9.30am-12.30pm****Sun 9** **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle & Cake Stall****Mon 10** **Recording War Histories of our Soldiers Project 10-12pm in Meeting Room****Thur 13** **Research 9.30am to 4.00pm****Hybrid groups Scotland 12-2pm & Ireland 2-4pm****Fri 14** **Training Members only Beginners/Refresher Course in Meeting Room with Cuppa on arrival. Registration 8.45am course 9.00am-3.30pm BYO lunch****Book on website /e:** [Trisha training@caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au](mailto:Trisha.training@caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au)**Sat 15** **Research 9.30am to 4.00pm****Mon 17** **Hybrid FamilySearch group 10am-12.00pm****Thur 20** **Research 9.30am to 12.00pm****New Interest Group in Rooms Writer's group 9.30am-11.30am****Hybrid General Meeting 1.30 to 4pm Guest Speaker: Judi Waller****Profile: First time author of her published memoir "The Tales End" [featured in "Island and Surrounds" News Topic: "The Journey Toward Publication of my Memoir"]****Fri 21** **Hybrid DNA group 10-12pm****Sat 22** **Research 9.30am-12.30pm****In Rooms Resources group 12-2pm****SEE PAGE 38 FOR INTEREST GROUP TIMES AND CONTACTS**

DATES FOR THE DIARY
JUN 2023 to AUG 2023 (Cont'd)



- JULY** Research, **Interest Groups**, **General Meetings**, **Training**, **Outings** & **Other**
- Sun 23 **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle & Cake Stall**
- Thur 27 Research 9.30am-4.00pm
Hybrid England & Wales group 1-3pm
Close off date Convict Seminar - Catered
Book on website/e: Roz vicepresidente@caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au
- Sat 29 Research 9.30am-12.30pm
- AUGUST** National Family History Month
- Wed 2 Zoom FamilyTreemaker group 2-4pm
- Thur 3 Research 9.30am-4.00pm, **Hybrid Germany group 1-3pm**
- Sat 5 Research 9.30am-12.30pm
Convict Seminar Catered - 4 speakers - 4 exhibitors
Book on Website/e: Roz vicepresidente@caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au
- Thur 10 Research 9.30am to 4.00pm,
Hybrid groups Scotland 12-2pm & Ireland 2-4pm
- Sat 12 Research 9.30am-12.30pm
- Thur 17 Research 9.30am to 12.00pm,
Rooms only Writers group 9.30am-11.30am
Note: NOT ON ZOOM AGM & General Meeting 1.30pm to 4pm. No Guest Speaker—Certificates & Lorrie Barzdo Writing Competition Winners announcement
- Fri 18 **Hybrid DNA group 10-12pm**
- Sat 19 Research 9.30am-4pm. **In Rooms Resources group 12-2pm**
- Mon 21 Hybrid FamilySearch group 10am-12.00pm
- Thur 24 Research 9.30am-4.00pm,
Hybrid England & Wales group 1-3pm
- Sat 26 Research 9.30am-12.30pm
- Mon 28 **Recording War Histories of our Soldiers Project 10-12pm in Rooms**
- Thur 31 Research 9.30am-4.00pm

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER ROSTER LIST NOW FOUND ON CFHRI WEBSITE
OPENING HOURS THURSDAYS 9.30am — 4pm SATURDAYS 9.30am — 12.30pm
except 3rd THURSDAY 9.30am—12 noon & 3rd SATURDAY 9.30am—4pm
PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST 20 MINUTES BEFORE STARTING YOUR SHIFT

MEMBER QUERIES and BRICKWALLS

Can anyone help our members with these queries?

Member: Jan Schramm. - ARCHIBALD MCPHERSON

Archibald was born 1864, in Dunfermline, Fife, Scotland (confirmed in his Army Records). **However, in the 1871 census, it shows he was born in Inverkeithling. No birth record has been found.** He married Jessie Low in 1892 in Aldershot, Farnham, England. The couple had one child, Agnes Ritchie McPherson, born in 1893 in Aldershot. She is my Grandmother. Archibald's military record shows he served between 1885-1903 in India & South Africa and was discharged 31 October 1903 in Dover, England. Archibald was a Chelsea Pensioner but there is **no death date** to show when this finished. His parents were Archibald McPherson (1843-1910) and Agnes Ritchie (1837-1901)

Member: June Blackburn - WILLIAM HACKLES

William Hackles was born around 1863, supposedly in Hatfield, Hertfordshire to parents William Hackles and Elizabeth Stevens. **No record of his birth or any information of his parents has been found.** There is a record of a William Hackles in the 1871 census where he was living at a District Industrial School, Whitechapel, Civil Parish, West Hamp. Essex. He arrived in Brisbane, Australia on board the Almora in May 1884. He met his wife, Emily Holloway, on board. They both died in 1894, three weeks apart in Roma, Queensland under the name Eccles

Member: Elmien Ballot – SURNAME FABER

German speaking Johann Jürgen (Jan Jurien – Dutch) FABER from Alsace, employed as a sailor by the Vereenigde Oost-Indisch Geoeitroijeerde Maatschappij (VOC) arrived in the Cape of Good Hope on 4 February 1762, on board the *Huis te Boede*. **Looking for information on town of origin and family in France/Germany.** According to Marriage Certificate he came from Mannighoffen in Hessen Hanau, with a line through Hessen (scratched out?). All my existing research is documented on Geni.com (<https://www.geni.com/people/Johann-Faber-SV-PROG/6000000019044612069>). **Any new information, including the location of Mannighoffen will be appreciated.**

Member: Leigh Howard – MARRIAGE WOOD-BLACK

According to family legend, my Aberdeen, Scotland great grandmother **Christian Jane Simpson Black (1867-1946)** formed a relationship with my Scottish great grandfather **Charles Wood (abt 1856-1910)** who was a draper and possibly married in Edinburgh (abt 1889). The family group consisted of children Charles Wood Jnr (1891), my grandmother Christina Wood (1892-1986), Ima Wood (1894-1960), George Wood (1886) and William Wood (1897-1939).

I have established the ancestors of Christian Jane Simpson Black, however **I've struggled to establish if they were married or even the real name of my great grandfather and his Wood ancestry.**

HENRY HILL

On this Sunday morning in 1851, Police Inspector William Holmes emerges from the door of St. James' Church in Sydney's Hyde Park. It's cool in the morning, but like most January days, the temperature will soon start to rise. Having just spent the last hour inside, the parishioners are cold, and at his elbow, William's wife Ellen wraps her shawl a little closer around herself. William's cold too – and at 57 feels the cold even more now – but he can't show it; he's never off duty. As if he needs any reminder, he can see the Immigration Barracks, his place of work, just on the other side of Macquarie Street. As they step towards the sunlight, his eyes sweep around and take in his eight daughters following closely, all in their Sunday best. Seeing them smiling and chattering amongst themselves, happy and safe, William relaxes a little. There's some slightly raised voices at the edge of the crowd, and William begins to turn his head that way but then catches sight of his daughter Bridget. She's looking away from her siblings out towards the gathered parishioners. William quickly searches the crowd. With nearly a decade with the Sydney Police, he knows many of the faces around him - and knows many of their secrets too.

William suddenly sees the object of Bridget's attention. Young Henry Hill is standing there with his hands clasped behind his back, talking to James Levick, his employer. Whilst Henry is only a clerk in the ironmonger's shop, William suspects he won't always be in that role. Levick's business is doing well and may soon need someone experienced to take on further responsibilities, and Henry is well placed to answer the call; not only are James and Henry fellow parishioners, they both hail from Sheffield. In a booming city like Sydney, where everyone is seemingly from somewhere else, having that in common is an advantage. And there is no better place for an aspiring ironmonger to come from than Sheffield. William's thoughts have often taken this path. He had to be

sure that Bridget is getting involved with the right man. His face sours when he thinks of his oldest daughter Ellen and her marriage. She could have chosen far better than she did, but she married a man who came out with them from Ireland. Allowing that was a lapse on his part, and one William will not repeat with his other daughters. He must be so careful. On balance, William thinks Henry is a good choice. He'll be glad when Bridget and Henry's wedding, scheduled for 10 days from now, goes ahead.

Again, he hears raised voices on the edge of the crowd but he can't quite make out what's happening. Instead, he sees Richard Hill walking over to speak to Levick. This is something he might need to watch; this family are people of standing in this town. They have been here for fifty years; one of the family members is an Alderman and last year's Mayor. William watches closely; he knows that Levick and Hill's brother were friends for a long time. Not for the first time, he reflects that this well-connected Sydney identity and Bridget's intended have the same surname. Does this mean they are related? If so, this raises Bridget's standing in the community but even after all this time, William still isn't sure if they are kin.

The raised voices on the edge of the crowd can no longer be ignored. William straightens his tunic and moves purposefully off to into the crowd where he sees some boisterous young men are attempting to get the attention of some of the respectable women. He bursts in on them and they scatter in all directions; they know what he's capable of.

Not for the first time, William reflects on the life he has lived and wonders where it all went so wrong. It's little more than a decade later but he often thinks of those earlier times as having so much promise, promise that was not fulfilled. Four

of his daughters remain unmarried, and with the youngest now 27, the chances of a successful union for any of them have vanished. Not that Charlotte and Fanny have made successes of their marriages; their behaviour continues to stain his reputation, even five years after his retirement. If that wasn't enough, more and more people seem to now know that his brother was a convict. It saps him, and he feels all of his 68 years. He knows that Ellen feels the weight of all of this too, perhaps more.

This all pales when he is reminded of his daughter Bridget's death just two months ago. So young! Just thirty-six and buried so far away in cold Ballarat. Henry has made the wise choice to return here to Sydney, thinks William; with four children he couldn't care for them on his own. In better days, William understood and applauded when Bridget and her young family moved to Melbourne. Henry was given his opportunity and was chosen to manage Levick's store there, but after a few years the firm folded. Henry was trying to establish his own ironmongery store in Ballarat, but with the death of Bridget he couldn't go on. Now back in Sydney, William and Ellen don't have the capacity to care for the family either on William's modest pension.

There is one possibility, although the very thought of it makes him uncomfortable. Still, it might provide a solution - his daughter Maria holds the key. He knows that she was always been close to her younger sister Bridget and visited the growing Hill family in Melbourne. If she could somehow care for Henry's children ... William shakes his head. There are powerful moral injunctions against a man marrying his dead wife's sister. William knows it is illegal in England and every state in Australia, as Henry's sister-in-law is considered his sister under church law. But heavens, it would solve a problem; it would take both Henry and Maria off his hands. If only he knew Maria's mind better. William has seen the way that Maria looks at Henry's children and surely she knows

how much they suffer. He has even seen her try to comfort Henry too. But he just doesn't know. Would she sacrifice her future to take care of Henry's children? And what of her feelings towards Henry? William wished he knew – and wonders how much his battered reputation could stand another scandal.

There was one possibility though. If Henry and Maria were to enter into some sort of arrangement and get married far from here, perhaps no-one would know. It would have to be far away, where no-one knew them or either family. Even then, they would need to maintain the secret. Perhaps the new colony of Queensland, William mused; far from anywhere Henry and Maria were known and with a growing economy. Perhaps a place like Rockhampton would serve.

(The major events above are backed by primary sources. The only details I have changed is that some of some of William's daughters were adopted (whether this was an important distinction to William is unknown), and that William chased the 'vagrants' from the church before the service on this particular day, not after).

By Tim Hil CFHRI Member #1005

This story by Tim Hill was his entry for the 2022 Lorrie Barzdo Writers Award which is held each year by CFHRI.

As Tim was a new member and had not entered before, this story was included in the NOVICE SECTION of the Award. Tim has cleverly drawn me in with this snippet of Henry Hill's life and I want to read more! Can you do the same?

*I will soon be asking for entries for the **2023 Lorrie Barzdo Writers Award from our members**. Training sessions by Trish Hyde for writing your story will be available in June.*

Editor - Sue Brownjohn and Co-ordinator of LBWA

***Charles Henri Francois Simon
From London Butler
to Darling Downs Farmer:
The Story of my Swiss Great-Grandfather***

Henry Simon, my Great Grandfather, was born Charles Henri Francois Simon in 1843 in picturesque Yverdon-les-Bains in Vaud, Switzerland, just 10 miles from the French border. Henry's Grand-child, my Aunt Myrtle, who died in 1998 at age 93, had vivid memories of her French-speaking Grandfather having spent some years of her own childhood living with her Grandparents. Aunt Myrtle would mesmerize us as children with first-hand stories told to her of Henry's life. Growing up in Switzerland, Henry Simon was acutely aware that as the oldest son he was destined to dedicate his life to the church. However, the priesthood was not what Henry actually envisaged for his future and so at age 19 he fled across the French border determined to seek a different life elsewhere. Henry made his way to England, initially working on the London wharves. Here he attracted the attention of the aristocratic Captain Drake, who apparently recognised Henry's very precise organizational skills and subsequently offered Henry the position of butler in his prestigious English household. The wealthy Drake family travelled to Europe each winter taking many of their 20 servants with them and thus Henry revisited Europe extensively during the period of his London employment.

Aunt Myrtle reflected that Henry's English was understandably still lacking in the finer nuances and the household staff delighted in playing practical jokes at his expense. On one occasion when Butler Henry lifted the lid of a silver platter on the polished sideboard in the dining room expecting a roast goose, he discovered that one of the kitchen staff had placed a kitten on the platter. To his credit Henry apparently took these practical jokes in good spirit. During his years

working in this household Henry met Susan Harris from Oxfordshire, six years his junior. Susan was employed as the Drake's seamstress and with Captain Drake's blessing the pair married in Ardley, Oxfordshire in 1870 with Captain Drake presenting the newly-weds with a bible, which remains with a family member to this day. Henry and Susan subsequently made the significant decision to migrate to Australia to seek a new life.



Henry and Susan Simon arrived in Brisbane as Emigrant No. 21 and Emigrant No 22 on board the Star Queen in 1871. They initially travelled on bullock drays to the Darling Downs to a Government Migrant Camp at Merivale where they were allocated an 80-acre farming lease at Lower Freestone outside Warwick. Henry laid out his 80-acre farm in an extraordinarily neat and orderly manner befitting the regulated structure of his previous life as a butler. The farm was designed with a series of yards

each bound by neat picket fences. When Aunt Myrtle formally shared her memories in a family interview recorded by my sister Rosemary in 1988, she explained that one yard was the house yard and another the kitchen yard as kitchens were always kept separate from the main house, in fear of fire spreading. Another of Henry's yards was devoted to grape vines, still another for housing the shed with the buggies and another yard for the stables etc. The entire landscape of the farm was meticulously neat. Aunt Myrtle mused that her Grandfather even picked stray horse hair off the fences to ensure that all was absolutely spick and span, noting that her

father, Henry's son-in-law, Walter Payne, my own Grandfather, always claimed that Henry kept his farm like a well-presented dinner table.

Henry and Susan had eight children at Lower Freestone across a twenty-year period between 1871 and 1891, Frederick, Ann, Alice, Pauline, Henry, Pamela, Emily and Louis. The sixth of these children, Pamela, was my paternal Grandmother. Like many of his fellow farmers on the Darling Downs, Henry grew wheat but because the grain was thrashed with a horse that was led in a circular fashion with the sheaves of wheat held in the centre, the children were frequently kept at home to lead the horse. My Grandmother, Pamela, somehow miraculously learned to read and write despite her very intermittent attendance until age 12 at the local school. Henry was foremost amongst the farmers in the district for trialling the planting of Indian wheat, a harder grain to grind but one that was resistant to rust. The Warwick Times in 1883 reported that Mr Henry Simon had grown Indian wheat for five years without a crop failure and had even had twice-yearly harvests for two years without any rust issues.

Henry revelled in growing grapes on his farm and in using knowledge gained in his Swiss youth to make wine, which was well appreciated by his neighbours who were only too happy to purchase his very quaffable products. Unfortunately, my Great-Grandfather Henry was not sufficiently mindful of the legalities of the time in terms of selling alcohol on a Sunday. The Warwick Argus in 1897 reported that Henry Simon was charged with having "disposed of colonial wine to John Murphy contrary to the provisions of the Act". Senior Sergeant O' Lean of Yangan noted that Henry Simon's farm was becoming notorious for illegal Sunday trading, leading to bouts of lawlessness amongst locals. Sergeant O' Lean asked the magistrate to mitigate this evil by inflicting the heaviest penalty. Thus, the Police magistrate in fully

concurring with the local constabulary fined Henry, who had calmly pleaded guilty to the charge, the maximum amount for this Sabbath failure, a significant sum of five pounds for the offence plus five shillings and four pence to be paid in costs. Henry continued to refine his wine making skills but thankfully avoided further lapses of the trading laws.



My Great Grandfather, Henry Simon, died at the age of 62 in 1902, after suffering for many years with heart issues. His widow Susan Simon continued to work the farm for some time with the help of her grown children until her own death at age 77 in 1926. My own father, Roy Payne, was the last of Pamela's five children being 16 years younger than his sister, my Aunt Myrtle. Dad grew up in Freestone and spoke to me of how his Grandfather Henry's legacy had been carried through the generations. Dad's mother, Pamela, Henry's daughter, was certainly very particular about her children's table manners, tough lessons learned at what was according to Aunt Myrtle, Henry's extraordinarily rigid dinner table. My father said that it went beyond simply being particular about how he and his four sisters held their knives and forks. The children were never allowed to speak at the table. Seated at stools, the siblings completed their meal in silence while their mother Pamela sat at the other end overseeing their manners with her stick. Each evening my

Grandmother, Pamela, truly her father Henry's daughter, would be freshly adorned in a crisply starched, pristine white apron. I personally remember how my father in his turn, was also pedantic about the table manners of his own six children, although thankfully there was no stick involved!

Charles Henri Francois Simon, my Great Grandfather was certainly a fascinating man, having courageously migrated to two different countries in his lifetime and reinvented himself as a prestigious butler and then a successful farmer who was prepared to trial new varieties of wheat and produce grapes and wine despite rigid restrictions. Henry was a father to eight children, and as one of his many descendants I am in awe of this rather quirky, obsessively detailed and spirited Swiss Great-Grandfather of mine!

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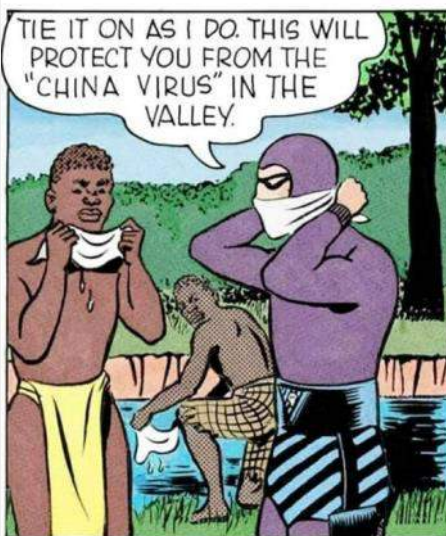
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THE BEST DAYS OF OUR LIVES

I have always thought the comic books I read as a child, firstly in the late 1940s and early 50s, and then as a young teenager in the early 60s, would one day 'come true'. They have in so many ways, not just in devices now worn and used by all ages, but even embracing the world pandemic we have been living with since the end of 2019. The Ghost Who Walks was full of knowledge...

See, the Phantom knew...



Would you believe, this comic was published in 1957?!

I sent this photo to my brother who replied in part-
I knew it !!!! B%#^y legend.*

Like Dick Tracy, another of his childhood idols, my brother loves his wristwatch which talks to him, takes phone calls, and pays his bills.

Reminiscing with my husband, who said he had watched all the Phantom episodes on YouTube from the 1930s, 40s and beyond, they talked of their gold Phantom skull rings, with luminous eyes!

We all love harking back to our childhood, as further evidenced by a friend Judy's comments below, on the same subject.

The Phantom was a favourite of mine too...so it isn't just a boy thing!!

*Way back when Mum and Dad ran the **Tytherleigh store in Landsborough**, they also held the newspaper licence... hence I had access to all the comics...and being an avid reader at an early age, read all of them every month.*

Superman, Captain Marvel, Dick Tracy, The Green Lantern, and many more....but The Phantom was a favourite. I too sent away for a ring with glowing eyes and along with my Davy Crockett fur cap strutted about in town thinking I was the ant's pants.

I collected the comics for years in an old cardboard box, but heaven knows what happened to them. They would be collectors' items today of course.

Loved the comic reference....those Chinese and their virus have sure been around for a long, long, time.

I've enjoyed having a trip down memory lane and into the land of escapism and make believe...an only child I really had a very active imagination. Along with Des Partridge, who became a newspaper columnist for The Courier Mail, we acted out comics, matinee movies and slung around town dressed in all sorts of dress up gear...I owned a complete cowboy outfit, an Indian feathered headdress, and didn't play dollies. That was an era.

A toast to a childhood well lived and parents who didn't stereotype.

Here's to The Ghost Who Walks. Maybe that child is still within us all? The best days of our lives?

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***Edith Rose's Story
A Rose by any other name:
Celebrating 100 years
of family history through my
mother's writing***

Sometimes we are blessed in life by first-hand accounts that are gifted to us through family interviews, letters or written tales. I feel so fortunate that my own mother, Edith Rose Payne, born in Cairns one hundred years ago, felt driven to write her own personal story in the months prior to her death from cancer in 1994. Despite being a highly-skilled typist, my mother chose to hand-write her life's memories in her beautiful copy-book script in a simple exercise book. In preparation for the 2022 100th anniversary of her birth I transcribed my mother's 15,000 words of astute final reflection as a gift for each of my five siblings.



Two things struck me dramatically as I sat typing. The first was a physical observation. The closer my mother came to the end of her life, the smaller her writing became as if symbolic of her pending demise, until in its final pages it was impossible to read without a magnifying glass. The second was an exhilarating understanding that this piece of final composition, as it chronicled her earliest memories as a three-year old in 1925, through to her childhood, her first employment, her life in the Airforce in World War Two, her engagement, marriage, years of lovingly raising her six children and determined return to the workforce, was such an historical piece. It served not just to define my own family history but provided such a vibrant social history across so many decades.

My mother took her middle name from her paternal Aunt Rose. This name was then lovingly carried forward in our family so that it now spans 125 years across five "Rose" generations: my Great Aunt Rose (1893), my mother Edith Rose (1922), my older sister Elspeth Rose (1950), my younger sister Rosemary (1955), my daughter Emily Rose (1983) and my Grand-daughter, Rosie (2014) together with my Great-Nieces, Layla Rose (2008), Mathilda Rose (2013), Cecilia Rose (2013) and Razli Rose (2018). It provides such a warm link across our family history, a link that is strengthened through the wealth of history in my mother's story. There is so much to process historically in my mother's writing that I will focus on her childhood as it offers insight into life in Northern Queensland in the 1920's.

My mother's earliest memory was of steering her treasured red tricycle as a three-year-old around an old wooden trunk where her toys were kept on the veranda of her parent's home in Cairns. Mum wrote that the trunk was absolutely magical for her simply because it was her Granny's trunk, brought out from County Kerry in Ireland by her Paternal Grand-mother, Hannah Hayes, in 1884.



Describing Granny Hannah as "an old darling whose face was a mass of wrinkles", Mum noted that Granny Hannah was "an armchair Granny", and quite inactive by 1925. Mum reflected that her Granny was possibly worn out by hard living on the gold fields at Croydon raising her family of six children.



My mother was an only child and she and Granny Hannah delighted in playing shops together. Mum's family always shopped at A.C. Barlow's, a local Cooperative in Cairns. Consequently, there was always a "book" involved in this shopping game. In her role as the shop keeper, Mum would ask her Granny initially, "Are you a share holder?" with a positive response being dutifully noted in the "book". My mother remembered that Granny Hannah wore her frocks to her ankles but best of all Mum was in awe of the white lawn camisoles and the marvellous divided linen pantaloons that were part of her Granny's daily attire.



My Grandfather drove the huge drays for the large procurement company, Burns Philp, in Cairns. Thus, when my mother was five her family moved in to the Burns Philp house so that her father could take charge of the three Burns Philp horses, Jim, Darky and Sailor used to pull the heavily laden drays. For the town parade to celebrate fifty years of the 1876 founding of Cairns, the horses were decorated with large ribbon rosettes to draw the float. The float display included four-year old Edith demurely dressed as a Pears Soap girl in a pretty checked gingham frock with a towel draped over her arm and carrying a cake of Pears soap.

Mum wrote of the family's many Christmas traditions that included pre-Christmas cleaning that demanded a frenetic scrubbing of their home until it was squeaky clean with scouring of the pine kitchen dressers, washing of all curtains, floor mats, bedding etc. She wrote that afterwards, "On the shelves of the dressers ornamental paper dolls could be seen, cut from newspapers." She reflected that while today poultry is served regularly as family fare, in the 1920's such

food was considered a special treat. Her mother and her aunt killed the birds themselves, plucking and cleaning them ready for cooking.

Wages were low, so money was set aside frugally over many weeks in advance to allow for these special treats. The Christmas meal held under the house, which was always well-decorated with paper lanterns and streamers, comprised a roast meal despite the Cairns heat. All of the family would be resplendent in mandatory hand-made crepe paper hats. Given that there wasn't an actual sink in the kitchen, the significant washing up was then done in a large bowl with water from the urn fed from the wood stove. Mum reminisced that after Christmas lunch her Uncle Walter would play the accordion before a great tub of sandwiches would be served for "tea".



Mum wrote of thriving on both learning and friendships during her early years at school at Parramatta School, just a short walk from her home. While Mum did wear a uniform to her beloved Brownies, children didn't actually wear uniforms to school so her mother, an expert seamstress made her many dresses from a fabric known as trabalco, in florals and spots.

There was always a hat made to match for this well-turned-out young student. For Sunday school, very special outfits were sewn by her mother that also included matching gloves and parasols.



Mum was required to walk home from school for lunch, which she considered a great nuisance because by the time she arrived home she was in a "lather of perspiration" whereupon her mother would produce yet another set of well-pressed clothes. The annual school fancy-dress ball was highly celebrated, with the hard-working committee providing an excellent supper. The Ball never ended before midnight, a long day for little people. Mum wrote that the girls were all subjected to the "barbaric practice of curly curers" set into the hair by their mothers at 7.00am and removed at

6.00pm prior to costumes being donned. These curlers consisted of very stiff and abrasive pipe cleaners wound tightly into a ball and then secured with a hair pin. Mum whimsically notes of the pain endured, "I think a nail might have been more appropriate!".

Mum wrote with exacting detail of school concerts, church fetes, the "Talking Pictures", Sunday School Picnics, New Years Eve Cracker nights and travelling by train for picnics at Freshwater armed "with rugs, ports filled with food and the Masters' Voice Gramophone". Above all Edith Rose's remarkable final writing efforts have gifted her six children, thirteen grandchildren and twenty-two great grandchildren

with such a vibrant memory of her daily life as a child of the 1920's.

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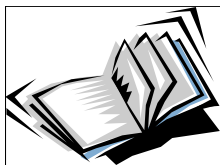
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