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The Central Queensland Family History Association Inc. was formed on the 21st May 1986, as a non-political, non-sectarian, non-profit association to accommodate the growing demand for genealogical records in the C.Q. area.

Benefits of Membership

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

Publications

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

Research

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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Page by Page

by Kay Page

President Report 2023



I'd like to begin by thanking our patron Donna Kirkland for the interest and support she has given CQFHA over the past year.

Library assistants are the heart of our Association. Without them the doors would not open. The wealth of knowledge and experience of these members is astounding. They enjoy helping others and often go the 'extra mile' when dealing with our clients. Thank you to all of the library assistants for your time and efforts.

Thank you to Sharon Wright, Enid Bunt and other library assistants for doing all those cleaning jobs that nobody else is keen to do. It is appreciated but anybody is welcome to do any maintenance type jobs. Our 'cheapest morning tea in town' has increased its price to \$1 to cover costs. There is an honesty tin in the kitchen for your money. We have had some quality guest speakers at our general meetings which we have been grateful for. Thank you to Ken Murphy for organising these people. Our heirloom 'show and tell' continues to be popular.

I'd like to acknowledge the generosity of Richo Rd Butchery and Sharon Wright. Sharon donated the ham for the last Xmas raffle and Richo Rd Butchery added to that with a \$50 voucher. This venture is always a success and our main fund-raising venture. Thank you to everyone who assists in any way with this raffle. The number board raffles have been a success and an easier way to conduct our meeting raffles.

Thanks are due to Enid and John Bunt for setting up our recycling crate for your empty cans and bottles. Wine bottles will also be able to be recycled from November!

Several of our committee members took advantage of a 'volunteering workshop' to understand a little more about the mechanics of running a volunteer organisation. It was very helpful.

Our Project group continues to benefit all members of the Association with some members spending countless hours indexing records that we have. The Master Index which is available at both our library and online, continues to grow. Recently, the second part of the Livingstone Shire rates has now been made available for viewing. Data entry

of the Anglican records has now been completed. There is still quite a bit of work to be done in order to produce these in a format that is readily accessible to members. This has also been a huge project involving many hours and many volunteers. Thank you especially to Marion Hall who has headed this team. Our school indexing continues on a Wednesday morning. This is a great opportunity to assist in getting more records available for ease of research and mix with like-minded members.

Unfortunately, our User Groups have not been well patronised, so these will not be conducted. If demand warrants it, the situation will be reviewed.

On a social note, our twice a year BBQs have been appreciated by those who have attended. Our post-committee meeting lunches have served to get to know our fellow committee members away from family history.

Other aspects of our Association will be covered in individual committee member reports. If I am elected as president this year, this will be my final year as such.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank the members of the management committee and non-committee personnel who have worked so tirelessly behind the scenes to make this Association a family history group to be proud of. Committee members Linda Marshall, Enid Bunt, Denise Haynes, Trisha Brannigan and Nola Harvey thank you for your support, friendship and dedication.

Efforts from all members are truly appreciated and do not go unnoticed. I'd like to give a special thank you to retiring Assistant Secretary and Assistant Research Officer, Denise. Your input will be sorely missed.

During the coming year we will need to look at our fee structure, insurance costs and painting our building. The overall aim will still be 'continuous improvement'.

Kay Page

Calling all members to come along and socialise.

Get to know your fellow members in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

at the Clubrooms, BYO

Saturday

October 14, 6 pm



Journal:

This issue has a focus on the Local Government area of the Banana Shire. The next issue's topic will align with the March general meeting topic of Heirlooms. This is an opportunity for those members who can not make it to our meeting to showcase their heirlooms. So why don't you write a short story on your heirloom with a picture of yourself as well and we can display these at our meeting. Maybe you have a unique item and we can place it in our journal for our members to guess what it is. We need your stories to continue our journal. As usual you can submit an article of your choosing.

Hope you enjoy,
CQFHA Journal Team

What's been happening at CQFHA...

- A successful stocktake (and shelf cleaning) was completed on our reference and loans books. A big thank-you to Nola, Denise & Enid.
- Open Day 12th August, thanks to all members who helped out on the day. We were very pleased with the number of people who visited us.
- The Annual Evacuation Drill was completed.
- June Meeting - we had Guest Speaker Ellen Smith (Councillor for Div. 4 of Rockhampton Regional Council). Ellen gave us a talk about her McEvoy family. Her ancestors were affected by the Flu Pandemic in 1918. Ellen's ancestors also had a long association with local government. She also told about a family sulky that she had always wanted to restore, but it had sadly been sold on by another family member. Over the years she had seen the sulky around, it had been restored and used for various purposes. She happened to find out that it was for sale and bought it. It needs restoring again, so this will be a project to keep her busy in the future.



***Ken Murphy &
Ellen Smith***

- August Meeting - we had our member Chris Wright as Guest Speaker. Chris gave us a talk on: “Kernewek Lowender Cornish Festival”. This was a very interesting talk and video/picture account of the Cornish Miners who were brought out to Australia in the 1850s to mine in the Wallaroo, Kadina, & Moota areas of South Australia. I think she inspired other members to put this festival on their list of things to do. It also gave our association ideas for activities or events we could hold.



Chris Wright

- The grant received from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) of \$8525 has made a huge impact to our association. We have made all of our purchases with the grant money. So we are now enjoying the new office chairs for our computer desks in 2 different styles and have air-conditioning in the kitchen area. We have also installed a few pieces of technology. These items were a computer with monitor, a UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supply), data storage and other ancillary items. Thanks to Kay Page, Chris Wright & Trisha Brannigan for installing the technology equipment and for Enid Bunt in assembling the chairs. All these items are now being used and appreciated.



Office chairs



UPS



Computer & Data Storage

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:

#1464 Jeannine Gent, #1465 Helen Parish, #1466 Sandra Harris,
#1467 Leanne Dowse, #1468 Raelene Wagner, #1469 Jill Davis,
#1470 Sharon Parkinson, #1471 Maxine Auld, #1472 Catherine Bolck,
#1473 Tim Hill, #1474 Ann Farrow.

Re-joining members:

#1117 Vivian Murphy #1118 Debbie E. Murphy

Corrections from the June Journal:

#1458 Tammy Hammond

#1459 Peter McCray

#1460 Joanne Price

#1461 Alice Beilby

Christmas Fundraiser

Donations are required for our raffle.

Please bring non-perishables to the rooms.

*Tickets will be on sale after
the October meeting.*

Prizes drawn following the December meeting.



Christmas Party

Saturday

December 2

**Time & location to be
confirmed**

**Please check e-newsletter
for updates**



Important Membership News

As of March 2024 we will no longer be using a
PO BOX, all mail will need to be addressed to:
16 Highway street
PARK AVENUE QLD 4701



AGM - New committee elected for 2023/24

Congratulations to the following members:

President: Kay Page	Vice-President: Linda Marshall
Secretary: Linda Marshall	Assistant Secretary: Roseann Creagh
Treasurer: Enid Bunt	Assistant Treasurer: Sharon Parkinson
Technology Co-ordinator: Kay Page	
Library Co-ordinator: Trisha Brannigan	
Events Co-ordinator: Nola Harvey	

There are still some non-committee roles available, please see the back page for vacancies. If you are interested please send an email to:
committee@cqfamilyhistory.org.au

Changes to General and Committee Meetings for 2024

General Meetings Saturdays 10am CQFHA rooms on the first Saturday of the following months: March, June, September (AGM) and December.

Committee Meetings Saturdays 10am CQFHA rooms on the first Saturday of the following months: February, April, July, and November. A September meeting will be held 2 weeks after the AGM.

FTM User Group

The format of this group is changing. Sat 8 July was the last meeting. Users of Family Tree Maker may talk to Linda or Carmel on their rostered library assistant days or email Linda at secretary@cqfamilyhistory.org.au with relevant queries.



Jock Anderson, Wowan Publican

by Linda Marshall

In 1914 John Farquharson ANDERSON and his wife Margaret Bell ANDERSON bought the freehold of the Dundee Hotel in Wowan. Like many publicans of the time, it was Margaret who was the designated licensee while John became the hotel manager. They managed the hotel for 4 years. From 1918 to 1920 A. E. WALMSLEY took over the licence. After a break they returned and Margaret once again became the licensee in 1920 to 1923. In 1923 it is reported that Josephine LAING bought the lease but that the freehold was not included. Josephine had previously managed the Swan Hotel, in Rockhampton. Meanwhile, according to newspaper reports, John wanted to visit his homeland again. It is also stated in his obituary that he spent a few years on his farm “Balmoral” near Wowan.

John, or “Jock” as he was known, had bought “Balmoral” from the SUNDERLAND family around 1918, probably during his first break from the hotel. At first he had share farmers work the property, which was renowned for its corn and pumpkins. However in 1923, he built a house on the property, and with a good water supply found, he moved his family onto the property. He expanded the property into cotton, and lucerne amongst other crops. In fact James Grant PATTISON (Battler) camped on the property when he was roaming the west. Below are photos in an article Battler wrote for The Capricornian.



The Balmoral Homestead



Jock & Margaret ANDERSON

Meanwhile in 1925, Josephine sold the Commercial Hotel lease to Martin HANSEN. Martin was reported to have bought the lease, lasting for 7 years and 9 months, for £7,000. However by 1929 John and Margaret were back running the hotel. Margaret continued to be the licensee for the next ten years, where upon their son John Alexander Coutts ANDERSON took over until at least 1972 (according to the Qld Commonwealth Electoral Roll). So the ANDERSON family ran the hotel on and off for around 60 years.

The naming of John's property came from his humble beginnings. John was born to John ANDERSON and Jane COUTTS, on the 9 Jul 1861 at the Balmoral Estate, Invercauld, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. His father was head gamekeeper on the Balmoral Estate, during Queen Victoria's time. John F. travelled to Australia in 1883 on the "Selkirkshire" arriving in Rockhampton. He worked in Rockhampton for a short time before heading for Townsville, working in the Gas works there. It was while he was in Townsville that he met and married Margaret Bell JOHNSON on 4 Sep 1886. Margaret, the child of William Bell JOHNSON and Margaret BOTCHERBY, had been born in Durham, England, in 1867. She had arrived with her family, in Queensland, on the "Dorunda" in 1884, the family settling in Townsville.

Over the next 20 years 5 children arrived - Margaret Jane (1886), William Duncan (1888), Lillian Gordon (1890), Stewart/Stuart Douglas Farquharson (1897), and John Alexander Coutts (1907). During this time the family moved around, eventually returning to the Rockhampton area. John found work driving a dumping plant for Walter Reid & Co, then moved on to a position with Burns & Twigg. His next move was to Northampton Downs where he drove the first Woolsey shearing machine.

From here he began work in hotels, becoming the licensee of the Turf Hotel, and the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Rockhampton. John left the Cosmopolitan around 1904, taking up work in a sawmill, then moving the family to Baree, where he gained work driving an electric winding engine. According to the Qld Commonwealth Rolls the family were living in Baree by 1908 and still there in 1913. It was from here that they moved to the Wowan district.

The Dundee Hotel had originally been at Deeford. Mr Carl MOLLER had establish the small hotel in 1853, in Dundee, now Deeford, a small town on the Dee River. It was sold various times, until Mr Percy JULEFF bought it, then he sold it to John F. ANDERSON.

As the construction of the railway line had come to an end, business in Deeford had slowed down, so John moved the hotel to Wowan, replacing the building a couple of years later with a more modern hotel.



Andersons Dundee Hotel (1931)
(John Oxley Library, Qld State Library)

The life in Wowan must have suited the Andersons. John enjoyed playing the bagpipes, winning several competitions during his lifetime. He also helped set up the Ancient Order of Druids during his time in Rockhampton and was later a member of several groups, like The Wowan Masonic Lodge. John remained there until his death in 1935, and Margaret also died there in 1949. Their son John A. retired to Rockhampton, where he died in 1980.

PS. While looking up the Wowan State School book I came across an article my Uncle, a former teacher, wrote about his first married days living just outside Wowan. I would have never thought to look in that book for my own family information. It can have benefits to research/write a story for the journal.

Moura - The Colonial Settlers that shaped its first Settlement

by Narelle Fraser

Charles MARSHALL named his pastoral run/lease “Moura” for the purpose of livestock grazing on rangelands in 1854. The lease was not granted until 1857. State and Colonial governments owned land and was leased out to early European settlers. It was called the “Closer Settlement Scheme” in the 1930s. The leaseholder of a pastoral run had exclusive right of pasturage and perpetual right of renewal of the lease for terms of 33 years. Two theories regarding the origin of the name “Moura” are that it is an Aboriginal word meaning native camp dog, or it is named after “Moura” in Portugal where Charles MARSHALL served in the British Army during the Peninsular Wars. Marshall did not keep his properties for long and it changed hands several times during the next few years.

In 1874 Edward HOMER, John BROADBENT and Daniel WILIAMS as “Homer and Company” purchased the Moura lease and several adjoining properties, either side of the Dawson River. They then controlled an area of 332 sq. miles (85000 hectares). Edward HOMER developed his Moura property into a homestead, which was titled “Resident Manager” of the “Moura Runs” and they were consolidated in 1889. His property was 10kms from the original Moura township of today. Dissolving the partnership in 1894, E. T. Homer moved to “Barfield”, Banana.

On the 21 Jun 1926 the railway siding opened but they had no township.

In 1931 Norman FARMER sold to Robert DAVEY of “Roundstone” and the family moved to “Moura”. A change in government led to a new policy of “Closer Settlement” and the effective control of prickly pear.

The town was established in 1936 as a farming centre near the existing Moura Station. John and Mary Ann SALECICH were one couple who took up the “Closer Settlement Scheme” and they moved to Moura in 1937 and opened a café and a boarding house.

On Thursday, 23 Jun 1938, it was reported that a special train carrying 1400 Strathdarrs (sheep) mixed sexes, was detained by Mr Don ELLIOTT and arrived at Moura. The sheep were purchased from Garraman, 40 miles west of Longreach. They came from a drought area, but were in fat condition and carried four and a half months worth of wool.

On Wednesday Aug 1939, as sourced on Trove, the approval of a Post Office was granted with telegraph and telephone facilities under the control of Mr S. M. MISFIELD, storekeeper. When the new office was

established, the closure of the existing Moura siding telephone was actioned to close. This was previously run by The Public Estates Improvements Board.

On Wednesday, 5 Jun 1946, thirty loads of cattle were dispatched for agistment. Messrs. PRIOR and Sons, being the consignors. Also, Messrs ELLIOTT and KNAGGS started a sawmill near the town. Several orders ahead for bridges were planned.

A weir was built at Moura and following WWII, a new Dawson River Irrigation Scheme was revived. A small number of larger ballot blocks were allocated and after 100 years “Moura Run” had ceased.

Late 1950s mining operations carried out, were in the Moura-Kianga area. Theiss, Peabody & Mitsui mine was the first mine to export coal to Japan. In 1963 it was the first mine to introduce draglines. By 1996, it was the first mine to commercially gather and sell methane gas.

It also developed Highwall Mining techniques unique to steep seam mining. Overseas is where most of the coal goes from the Dawson Mine. The Dawson project was a \$1.1 billion expansion of the Dawson Mine by Joint Venture Partners Anglo Coal and Mitsui. Two operations were named Dawson North and Dawson South. Former operations were named Dawson Central. Three Dawson mines produced over 12 million tonnes of coal each year, but Moura has experienced three tragic mining disasters, that ceased underground mining. 13 miners were lost. At Kianga on 20 Sep 1975, the Kianga Memorial Centre was built in memory of those who died. A bronze miner statue on the Dawson Highway is a memorial to number 4 underground for the 12 men who died on 16 Jul 1986. Eleven men were lost in an explosion on 7 Aug 1994, No 2 pit. A 50m pool was built and named the Moura Miners Memorial Pool to remember these men. It officially opened in 1999. All underground mining ceased after the last disaster.

As Moura is located in the Banana Shire, it is now known for coal mining, cotton processing, sorghum and wheat growing, also chemical manufacture. Huge silos that carry grain, (the second largest in QLD) are located in the eastern end of town. You can see them from a considerable distance. Moura, from small settlements to a “Dawson Valley” town.



Banana Shire Council map



Neerkol Stories

by Kay Page

SHEEHAN - Edward, Robert & Frank

Irish families came to Australia for a better life, but unfortunately it didn't always work out that way.

For John SHEEHAN born c1854 and Maria FARRELL born c1863 in Ireland, this was the case.

Three little boys born within four years would have been quite a handful. They were all born in Rockhampton: Edward John b 17 Nov 1885, Robert William b 24 Mar 1887 and Frank James b 28 Sep 1888.

Nowadays, "inflammation of the lungs" probably would not be fatal but John succumbed to the condition on 2 Aug 1890 at the age of 36, leaving behind a young wife and children aged five, three and two. How daunting would the prospect of supporting her family have been for Maria.

In 1896 Maria herself was unwell and in hospital. Her circumstances must have been dire for her to relinquish her children to the facility at Neerkol. The children now aged eleven, nine and eight by this time must have been traumatised to know that their mother was ill and that they were going to live without her. This was only four years after the death of their father.

The eldest Edward John was released back to his mother's care the following year when he turned 12. He was probably old enough to help his mother by then.

None of the boys appear to have served in World War I. They were all single and 'of age' at the time.

When Edward was 36 he married a widow who was born Jane Margaret KARL. Jane was previously married to a hotel licensee, William James TIERNEY. This couple had a daughter, Elsie Amelia. She would have been 16 when Edward and Jane married. All electoral rolls consulted suggest that the couple didn't ever reside in the same house. Jane died in 1934 living her married life at Lake Creek Road and Edward died on 27 April 1941 living mainly in Quay Street working as a labourer. They are also not buried together.

Robert William and his two brothers lived with their mother at 275 Alma Street during their young adult lives. Maria died from can-

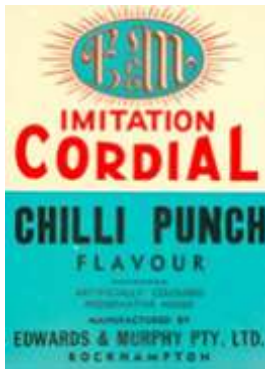
cer on 29 Sep 1912 at the age of 49. Two years later Robert who was a packer died from an unknown cause at age 28. No record of a marriage could be found for him.

Frank was a driver with the cordial manufacturers Messrs Edwards & Murphy.

He found himself involved in an incident which came before the courts in February 1919. He was discharged.



275 Alma St, Rockhampton



*Morning Bulletin 13 Feb 1919
Creating a Disturbance.*

Frank James Sheehan pleaded not guilty to the charge of having created a disturbance in East street.

Constable Thomas Donion deposed that at 10.15 p.m. on the 11th instant he saw the defendant come out of the Newmarket Hotel. He appeared to be very excited. He was in a fighting attitude. A large crowd of persons had collected on the footpath. The defendant struck several times with his fist at some of the crowd, but was eventually pulled away by others. He still wanted to fight. Witness then arrested him. By the defendant : Witness did not hear anyone call the defendant names. The defendant was fighting when witness arrested him.

The defendant deposed he was a carter residing at the Newmarket Hotel. On the date named he walked to the door with two other gentlemen, and, as he got to the door a man called him names. Witness said "Don't call me that." The man then struck at witness, punched him in the eye, and pushed him on to the footpath. Witness hit back and got into holts with the man. Witness was then arrested. Witness was sober.

By Sergeant M'Carthy : Witness did not have any previous quarrel with the man and had not been in his company before that. Witness was a permanent boarder at the hotel. He was in constant employment with the Premier Aerated Water Company. Baron Mendosa, a motor car proprietor, deposed that he was sitting in his car looking in the

James Barnes, and they had been going to this place for years. Having set the net they went to their camp, and to bed.

From what Barnes and Roberts state Willie and Sheehan got up in the morning, somewhere about 7 o'clock, went to the dinghy, and rowed out into the pond, or lagoon, which is easily 300 to 400 yards across, and there met their death. The dinghy capsized and the two men were thrown into the water, which was about 12 ft. deep where they were subsequently found. Their cries roused Barnes and Roberts, who were in a deep sleep in their tent and they raced to the side of the pond, to see, about 100 yards out, two heads just above the surface, which immediately disappeared. They also saw the overturned dingy. Without any hesitation both Barnes and Roberts plunged in to do what they could. Roberts, however, had to make for the bank as all power seemed to leave him and he found he could scarcely swim. Barnes, however, was in a desperate plight. He, too, found himself in trouble, due to the pace he had set, and he was almost done when the swamped dinghy drifted on top of him. This proved his salvation; for he was able to right the boat, into which he got. He was thus enabled to get back to land.

At no great distance away from the Duck Pond, on the rising ground away from the lagoon, is a house known as Rocklands, owned and occupied by Mr. Louis Hall. Early that morning, about 5.30, Mr. Hall was down at the camp and spoke to Sheehan, who was the only one awake. All were friends of his and he told Sheehan he could go to the house for a billy of tea. Later on Mr. Hall saw two men in the dinghy; they were pulling on the net. The next thing he saw the boat capsize and the men struggling in the water. He recognised them as Sheehan and Willie. He picked up a long rope and raced to the bank of the lagoon, but the men had disappeared some time before he reached there. Barnes was then in the water and Roberts had returned to the bank. Mr. Hall ran back to his house and rode to Meura Plains, a quarter of a-mile distant, from which place he telephoned to the police and ambulance. Constable Hotham and an Ambulance bearer went out, taking the grappling irons. This was about half-past 1. On arrival Constable Hotham ascertained that two men had been drowned and he at once telephoned for further assistance, with the result that Plain-clothes Constable Salagari and Constable Withers went out, arriving about 9 o'clock.

Prior to their arrival, however. Constable Hotham had secured Willie's body at about 8.20 a.m. Messrs. L. Baker and V. Lucas had joined the party in the dragging operations, and they rendered great

assistance, as did Messrs. Roberts and Barnes, the survivors of the ill-fated party. A second boat was available. It was not until noon that Sheehan's body was re-covered, at no great distance from where Willie's was found and between 40 and 60 yards from the bank. The bodies were brought to town and, after the usual formalities had been complied with, handed over to the relatives. The men were attired merely in shirt and trousers.

Willie was 26 years of age and resided in Francis-street. He was employed in the goods shed. Sheehan was 38 years of age and resided at 266 Quay street, He was employed as a driver by Messrs. Edwards and Murphy, cordial manufacturers. Both were single men and highly respected. The deepest sympathy will be extended to the bereaved relatives.

Both Barnes and Roberts were quite unnerved after the occurrence, especially the former, as Willie was a brother-in-law. They were awakened from a sound sleep by cries which they describe as heartrending and which they will never forget, and then both narrowly escaped sharing the fate of their comrades. They think that had they been awake the two ill-fated men would not have gone out in the dinghy.

A magisterial inquiry will be held in due course.

FUNERAL NOTICES.

THE Relatives and Friends of the late Mr
EDWARD JOHN SHEEHAN are respectfully
invited to attend his Funeral, to move from
our Funeral Parlour, Alma Street, **THIS**
(Monday) **FORENOON**, at 11 o'clock, for the
North Rockhampton Cemetery.

TUCKER & NANKIVELL,
Undertakers.

Telephone Nos 2478 and 2616.

WATERSIDE WORKERS' UNION.

Members of the above Union are requested
to attend the Funeral of their late Comrade,
Mr Edward John Sheehan.

By Order,
G. THOMPSON,
Secretary.

Edward SHEEHAN (1855-1941), Funeral Notice

Sources: Neerkol Admission Registers, Qld bdm, Trove, Ancestry.

From Wowan to Biloela

by Linda Marshall

As previously noted in my story about the ANDERSONs at Wowan, in 1925 Josephine LAING, (Dundee Hotel, Wowan) sold her lease to Martin HANSON. Martin had bought the lease for 7 years 9 months, but in reality was only the licensed victualler from 1925 to 1929. In the meantime his wife, Margaret, had applied to build a hotel in Biloela. Her first application in 1925 was rejected, but by 1928 it was successful. Together Martin and Margaret built the Commercial Hotel, with Margaret nominated as the licensed victualler.

Margaret had had her first experience with running hotels in Yeppoon. Her first licence was for the Club Hotel, in 1924, where she took over from Annie Mary WILTSHIRE. Her time there was short lived, and in 1925 she handed over to Mary Ellen REBGETZ. It appears to be at this time that the family moved to Wowan.

Life as a married couple had started 3 years earlier on 12 Jan 1922 when Martin HANSON married Margaret LYNCH. When Margaret applied for her first licence she already had one child, Martin (named after his father). Two more, Dawn and Kevin, would follow. This would have probably kept Margaret busy during the years she spent at Wowan. However by 1928 persistence paid off and she, with another woman Eliza HAYES, was successful in getting the licence for the new hotel in Biloela. Newspaper reports tell us that Margaret signed a contract to erect a 2 storey hotel, which would give excellent accommodation and would be an asset to the go ahead district. The ground floor was to be 4,000 feet, with an up-to-date bar, sitting rooms, coffee and dining rooms, kitchen and staff accommodation. The first floor was to have large airy bedrooms, opening directly onto a balcony. Mr G. J. T. GOUGH (Rockhampton) was the contractor, while Messrs E. M. HOCKINGS, and L. T. PALMER were the architects.

However grand the hotel was, Margaret only stayed for a year. Possibly wanting to have a better family life Martin bought the Grand Hotel in Gladstone, and that is where the family lived for many years to come. However this was by no means the end of the HANSON name in Biloela though. While Martin retained the freehold of the hotel for the rest of his life, his brother, Alfred Sigrud HANSON took over the licence.

I. MARGARET HANSON, wife of **Martin Hanson** of Wowan in the State of Queensland being the holder of a Licensed Victualler's License under the said Act for the premises known as The Commercial Hotel, and situated at Kariboe Street, Biloela, in the said District, hereby give notice that I intend to apply, at the next quarterly sittings of the said Court to be held in April to transfer the said License to **ALFRED SIGURD HANSON** of Biloela.

Transfer of Victualler's Licence for the Commercial Hotel, Biloela

The HANSON family, according to the Electoral Rolls, appear to have grown up in the Cairns area. There were nine children in total, with most staying in the North. At least 6 of the children, possibly in the care of the eldest, Hilda Viktoria, then 20 years old, appear to have arrived in Queensland in 1905, coming from their native country of Sweden. Their parents and other 3 siblings don't appear on the "Marathon" passenger list, at least under HANSON.

Margaret handed the licence over to Alfred in 1929 and he spent the next 10 years at the hotel. Alfred had possibly joined his brother in the area at some earlier point in time. By 1929 he had met and married Catherine Charlotte DRIVER in Biloela. Catherine was from Wowan, so possibly he met her while visiting his brother at the Dundee Hotel. Together they had a family of 5 children over the next few years.

Alfred rapidly became involved in the local community. By 1930 he was a vice-president of the Biloela Race Club, in 1931 he was a member of the Buffalo Lodge, and 1932 saw him as Treasurer of the ALP. He was active with his business as well, successfully tendering for a Publican Booth at the Callide Valley show in 1935. The 1930 Electoral Roll shows that Alfred's mother was living with the family by then. This is probably the reason he was the executor of her Will when she died in 1933.

However by 1939 the family were ready to move on, possibly to Rockhampton, and Alfred passed the licence onto another brother, Arthur Maurice HANSON.

Arthur then took over the hotel and successfully managed it for a further 13 years. Arthur and his wife Ursula Caroline Marquis ELLWOOD had married in 1926. The couple had been living in Gordonvale prior to moving to Biloela. However in 1953 Martin died and left his properties to his two sons, his daughter having died young. Therefore Arthur and his family appear to have moved on to Bardon in Brisbane, living there till Arthur passed away in 1976.

In the meantime Martin's two sons, followed in their father's footsteps and took control of the hotels they had been left. Kevin took over the licence of the Biloela Hotel (The Commercial) while Martin took on the Gladstone Hotel (The Grand). According to the electoral rolls, Kevin was the licensee in Biloela until at least 1962. He eventually retired to Rockhampton, breaking the HANSON connection with Biloela after 37 years.

Martin is listed as an airman on the Electoral Rolls but still living at the Grand Hotel, Gladstone in 1963. By 1968 he had moved out of the hotel and become a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

However there is one mystery. There are newspaper reports of a Morgan HANSON being the licensee for many years, and it is said he is an uncle to Kevin. However there is no Morgan in the original HANSON family. Alfred did have a son called Morgan. Is it Alfred they are referring to? Below is a family notice in the Morning Bulletin on 20 March 1942.

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Biloela Beginnings

by Jeanette Finlayson

We began our married life in Biloela. This was the beginning of 1970. We didn't think about it at the time, but the town of Biloela then, was a little less than 50 years old. Our home was a new, little three bedroom low set place in the main part of town. The street in front was dirt and there was no sewerage so we had an outdoor toilet. The "Dunny man" came every Thursday morning. My husband, Arch, and I were happy with our transfer to Biloela to start our new lives together. There seemed to be everything that we needed – a hospital, schools, a good shopping centre, churches, electricity and the ability to have a telephone, and luckily for us, really good neighbours.



Finlayson home. Biloela. Jan 1970.

For this story, I am going to compare our beginnings with the beginnings of another couple who arrived in the area just 46 years before us. From what I can ascertain, the Government had acquired land for the purpose of closer settlement, and then the land was subdivided into smaller blocks which had been purchased by these early settlers.

Newly-wed Mrs VAN ITALLIE and husband Rinus had purchased a block in the Biloela area. They left the Mackay area where they had been living with Mrs VAN ITALLIE's parents, by way of a pony-drawn sulky and a few belongings. They boarded a train at Gargett railway station (pony and sulky included), and headed for their new home in the Callide Valley. They arrived at Argoon on 29 Feb 1924 and unloaded pony, sulky and a few bare necessities.



Argoon, Biloela district

The couple obtained meals at a Public Estate Improvement (P.E.I.) Camp for a few days, and then used a map to find their block of land. When located, they set up their first home which was a 12 foot by 14 foot tent. They put a heavy, canvas tarpaulin over the top for extra protection from sun and rain. As soon as possible, they built a shack in front of it made of slabs, split from logs and trimmed with a sharp axe. Unfortunately, one day a huge whirlwind sprang up and destroyed their tent home. They were grateful that no one was hurt, but it meant they had to rebuild.

Mrs VAN ITALLIE did all her cooking on a heavy piece of sheet iron over an open fire in a ship's tank. (a square tank made from flat iron). This was placed at the end of the shack.

At this time there were no roads and no sign of a township. They had to order groceries from Rockhampton, then drive to Argoon with a draught horse and dray ONCE A MONTH to

get supplies! The trip there and back took all day. This interfered with their very busy work schedule which included land clearing, fencing, ploughing, cultivating, sowing seeds, and looking after crops which were already growing. All of this was done with horses and small farm implements.

In the first early months, the new settlers bought their meat from the Prairie Homestead property. Meat was 5 pence per pound, leg of beef 6 pence, tongue 6 pence, liver 1 penny. I am assuming the prices quoted were per pound.

Six months after arrival Mrs VAN ITALLIE discovered she was pregnant. They were both excited but worried as there was no doctor anywhere in the Callide Valley. Thankfully everything went well. When the time came, Rinus managed somehow to send a message to Wowan for an ambulance to take his wife to a Nursing Home in Wowan. Dr Ada STEWART came out from Rockhampton with an ambulance and cared for her. On Easter Sunday Morning the Van Itallies were gifted with their first child – Benjamin Marinus VAN ITALLIE. As it turned out, Benjamin was not an only child. He ended up with five brothers and finally a sister, Dorothy. Rinus had to be the midwife when Dorothy was born as the creek was in flood. Fortunately their neighbour, Mrs Sam ANDERSON arrived just in time to save Mrs VAN ITALLIE's life.



Van Itallie home, 1924

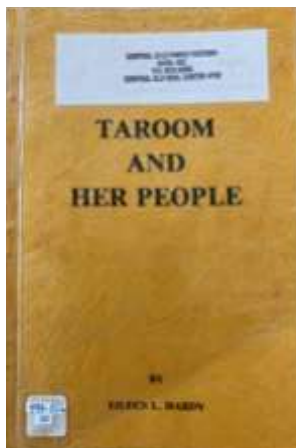
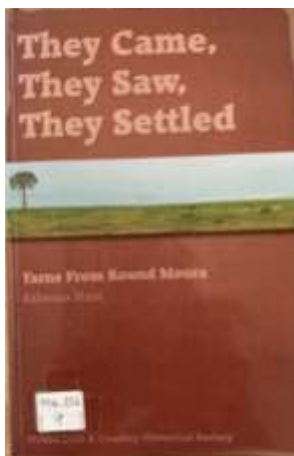
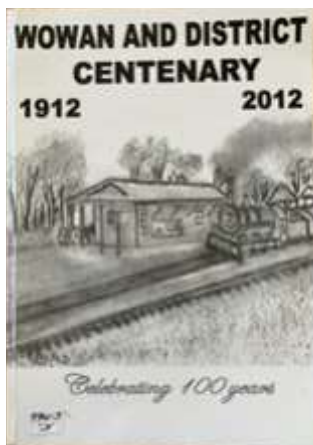
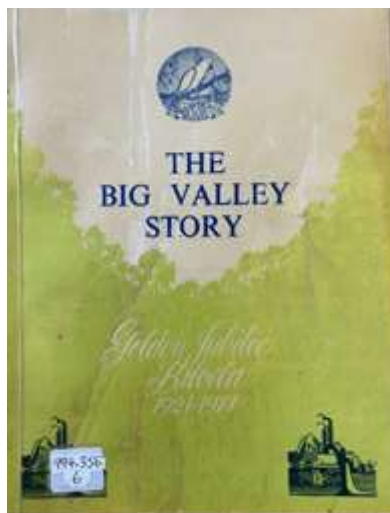


Ben Van Itallie

and gardening tools. When our two lovely sons arrived there were no dramas as there was a hospital and good nurses and doctors to make sure everything went well. However, when Bruce was born in January 1974 it rained and rained and Biloela became isolated, so it was fortunate that a rushed trip to Rockhampton wasn't necessary.

There are several more interesting stories of our early pioneers in “The Big Valley Story” (shown on the left) which is the book from which I gleaned this information. Some of the other books related to the Banana Shire region are

available in our library to borrow. They are shown below.



Janet's Birthday Book

by Gwen Petersen



Janet B. Hutchison's Birthday Book

This faded and innocent-looking little book is well over 100 years old, telling a story about my grandmother's connections to family and friends along with many references to the history of Banana. The book left Banana with her before her marriage to Harry ANDERSON in Yeppoon in 1916. She continued to add the names of Harry's family and those of her five children and their children, with many births (and deaths) being recorded through to her death in 1981. Janet was in her teens when she started her Birthday Book.



*Janet
Hutchison*

Janet, born in Banana on 27 Apr 1889, the eldest child of Emily TANWAN and William HUTCHISON. The town of Banana was about 30 years old at that time and was the administrative centre of the Banana Shire. Regular coach services connected it to Rannes and Westwood to the north, Calliope and Gladstone to the east, Camboon and Taroom to the south. A mailing address could be as simple as 'Janet Hutchison, Banana' with no delivery problems. (Her cousin, Vic B. KING, who sent her this postcard, appears in the Birthday Book). In later years the address may have added *D V Line (Dawson Valley Line)*, a reference to the rail link which ignored Banana and connected Baralaba to Theodore in the mid-1920s. Another rail line was to link Rannes with Bi-loela, again bypassing Banana.

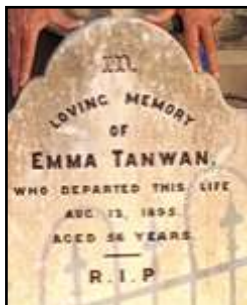


Postcard from her cousin Vic. B. King

In the early 1900s Janet

may have already finished her school years with no qualifications except for domestic duties, her time spent in helping to care for her ten siblings. The Banana Provisional School had opened in 1871, being replaced with a National School in 1874. All the HUTCHISON children attended, with Belle, the youngest, enrolled in 1920. Many names on the School Roll are those appearing in the Birthday Book – TANWAN, CUE, MARTIN, BERRY, SHEAN. The school was closed in 1935 but re-opened in 1960, when the cutting up of large properties into smaller liveable areas brought an influx of new settlers and, eventually, town residents.

The historic Banana cemetery has been less fortunate than the Banana School, enduring many harsh years and little care. Its records indicate possibly 10 families of Chinese descent living in Banana in Janet's time. Their names appear along with possibly 150 others, many in unmarked graves. Headstones for both Janet's grandmothers are still in place. Emma TANWAN (LEVY), the unmarried partner of Edwin TANWAN, spent a good part of her life in Banana. Her 1895 death certificate states that she was born in New York in 1852. She lived at Calliope with TANWAN, moving to Banana shortly after the birth of Emily in 1872. Her three children by TANWAN were Laura (later KING), Walter Edwin and Emily (later HUTCHISON). TAN WAN, along with another Banana resident, Charles AH CUE, entered Australia in possibly 1851 as part of a group of indentured Chinese



*Headstone of
Emma Tanwan*

immigrants. Charley CUE married Irish woman, Catherine FLAHERTY of Maryborough with her headstone also in the Banana cemetery.

Janet would not have known her HUTCHISON grandmother, born in Scotland in 1837 and buried in the Banana cemetery in 1888. Catherine STEWART and husband William HUTCHISON sailed to Australia in 1859 on the *Shackamax-on*. Their first child was Angus, born during the voyage. Another two sons, John Stewart (1861) and James



*Headstone of
Catherine Hutchison*

Reid (1863) were Queensland born. James Reid was acknowledged as the first white child born at *Camboon* and named after their employer and owner, James REID, who gifted land to William and Catherine which they named *Woolton*. Seven children later, Catherine died when her youngest was two years old. She never lived to see any of her grandchildren from the marriages of Duncan to Enid COLLINS, and William to Emily TANWAN.

All members of the HUTCHISON family lived in the *Woolton* home but Janet's family lived in the town of Banana. Her father William's marriage to a part-Chinese woman was not acceptable, an attitude that gradually softened with the arrival of eleven grandchildren. While William was excluded from the HUTCHISON partnership Janet's younger siblings, particularly Harold, provided the knowledge and hard work to maintain the property until its sale in 1968.

No such reluctance was noticed in Banana's acceptance of those eleven HUTCHISONS and the many other Chinese descendants who took part in picnic race days, tennis and cricket matches, dances and balls. They travelled to towns like Many Peaks and Camboon, Rockhampton, Mount Morgan and Yeppoon. The vehicles were probably slow and uncomfortable but it was all in the cause of a good time and a chance to meet friends and relatives.



West End Tennis Court , Many Peaks

The TANWAN and CUE connections continued into the next generation when Emma's second son, Walter Edwin TANWAN, married Ellen CUE of Banana in 1892. Together they had nine children, all showing Edwin's interest in horse racing. The family also owned

district properties, including *Passchendale*, maybe named because of the time served in the AIF in France during World War 1 by their sons Bill and Edwin (Ted). Their names (and that of William CUE) are shown on a newly erected town monument recording the names of the 188 men and two women who enlisted from Banana and District.



War Memorial, Banana

Janet HUTCHISON'S cousins, Bill and Ted TANWAN and Fred SHEAN stand tall in the history of Australian horse racing. The TANWAN name in state and national racing circles was eclipsed only by that of SHEAN, when Fred achieved the ultimate prize in 1938, riding *Catalogue* to win the Melbourne Cup.



Laura King

Janet's aunt Laura (Emma TANWAN's eldest daughter) married Jack KING, of Banana. Their descendants (the KING, SHIRLEY, SUTHERLAND and HOBSON families) continued to live in the Banana district. For many years they owned and operated businesses in the town, including the Banana Post Office which no longer exists. They have witnessed Banana's near-death of the 1930s and its resurgence of the 1960s. The police station, ambulance centre, blacksmiths, butcher shops, general stores, saddlers, police sta-

tion, billiard rooms, hotels lost their battle very early in Banana's story. The relocation of the Shire Council office to Rannes in 1930 came during the Great Depression, a severe drought, another looming World War, and a railway system which totally ignored Banana's existence.



Banana Post Office

Motor vehicles and nearby train travel from Rannes presented opportunities for older HUTCHISONS to exit the Banana stage and work in Yeppoon, Mt Morgan and Rockhampton, marrying and making permanent homes there. Younger siblings moved out to *Woolton* and the Banana connection became blurry. Janet HUTCHISON in her move to Yeppoon in 1914, would have been unaware of how badly Banana fared but kept that steady stream of letters and cards moving and connecting her with family and friends.

Janet never returned to Banana. A visit in 1930 would have reassured her that Bowen Street (shown below) hadn't changed much at all and the cemetery would have looked much the same. If she had



Bowen street, Banana. 1930

been able to be present on that day in Apr 2023 when the new memorial was opened, she could have read through many of the names on the new memorial and matched them with those in her Birthday Book.

She would have met another younger Emily, a seventh-generation TANWAN in the Laura KING line. For me, her granddaughter who now lives in the Baralaba district, looking at the town's history through her eyes, there are odd echoes of old Banana in modern times. Traffic constantly moves through the town; it has a well-attended school; socially it has reinvigorated its racing spirit; it is a thriving community supported by the nearby farming and grazing properties, coal mines, and a solar farm. All those little businesses and shopkeepers from Janet's time are never going to reappear because of the proximity and ease of access to larger towns in the Shire, but those street names and the cemetery will always recall a Banana which was the true centre of the Banana Shire.

What a great find!

When you are at the club rooms it is always worth chatting about your relatives as Nola HARVEY and Joanne PRICE found out. Joanne had been renovating her property at Kabra and had found the deeds to her property. Nola had mentioned that she had COKER rel, that had lived at Kabra. The deeds had Nola's ancestor's Harry Lawrence COKER purchasing the property in 1925 and later Archibald Aldridge COKER in 1980. Nola took a photo of the document for her records.

In addition to this Joanne also found some interesting newspapers under the layers of floor coverings. One newspaper article even mentioned her relations!

The photo on the right shows Nola (left) and Joanne (right) perusing the document.



Biloela Beginnings for the Woodalls

by Jeanette Finlayson

Michael WOODALL arrived in Biloela in early 1923. He had heard that land had been opened up after “The Closer Settlement Act” had come into being. The WOODALLs originally had a business in South Australia but had sold this and had gone to New Zealand. They found the climate there wasn’t to their liking so returned to Australia. Obviously Mick, as he was called, was very impressed with what he saw in the Biloela district and applied for five blocks of land. His sister, Hilda, wrote that she had arrived in Biloela on 17 Jan 1924 with her mother and brothers, Michael and Ted, so Ted must have returned to South Australia, and then brought his Mum and siblings back.

Hilda recalled that when they arrived it was extremely hot and she took off as much clothing as she could to cool off, and was considering getting the next train back, but something changed her mind. Apparently, at that time, people intending to settle in the area were met at Rannes by Government bus and were taken to the P.E.I. Camp near Biloela. Saddled horses were supplied and the Settlers were taken round to make their choice of a block of land.

After choosing their land, the WOODALL family lived in a tent for many months, but strangely enough, Hilda stated that she actually found it an exciting experience. She wasn’t deterred by the wildlife that roamed around at night and which often ventured inside. Some of the visitors included goannas, snakes, wallabies, kangaroos, and even scorpions! After one lot of rain the white ants visited and took a liking to eating off the soles of some of her shoes.

The camp oven was used to bake all of their bread, cakes and scones as well as main meals. In the early days there wasn’t a doctor and Mrs WOODALL played the part of midwife on at least ten occasions. They worked the soil and planted cotton. Mick took on shearing contracts with his friend Frank LEHMANN, while Ted stayed on the farms. The WOODALL brothers were the first to plant wheat in the area with Frank LEHMANN.

They did appear to have some recreational time as Mick is recorded as being a Foundation Member of the Biloela Race Club, and Ted was noted as a keen sportsman and excellent tennis player. Ted also recalled nights when they travelled to dances in Rannes and oth-

er small places in the area. Apparently they travelled in the back of the Government bus which was driven by Tom NEWTON. Needless to say, this was unofficial business for the Government bus, but it was hardly feasible to get to these dances on their push bikes, so rules had to be bent. Push bikes were their first mode of transport, then horses, and finally in 1927 a car was purchased.

Hilda ended her story by saying that the going was not always smooth and people had many setbacks from time to time with droughts, fires, and floods but their stout hearts won in the end. When we look back at what Biloela was like when we arrived there in January 1970, it is very obvious that it was only with a great deal of persistence and hard work and dedication that the town was the comfortable country town that we were living in then, and our thanks must go to the likes of the stout hearted people like Hilda and her family.



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Early Marriages in UK

by Rebecca Probert

Under Canon Law boys were able to marry at 14, and girls at 12. These minimum ages continued after civil registration in 1837. It was only in 1929 that the minimum age for boys and girls was raised to 16. Failure to obtain parental consent for parties under twenty-one didn't usually invalidate the marriage.

At certain times of the year there were fewer marriages. In the early 17th century marriages were *allowed* from 13th January to Septuagesima Sunday (the third Sunday before Lent), but were then *prohibited* until 8 days after Easter Sunday.

Hence, in 2023 this would mean that marriages were allowed for the 24 days from 13th January to 5th February, but then prohibited between 6th February and 17th April, a period of 70 days. They were then allowed until Rogation Sunday (14th May in 2023), then prohibited for 3 weeks until Trinity Sunday (4th June in 2023). It was considerably easier to get married in the second half of the year. Marriages were permitted until the start of Advent (3rd December in 2023).

It was possible to buy a licence to marry during one of the prohibited periods and, even without a licence, if the vicar was prepared to take the risk a marriage after banns would still have been valid. A consideration of the dates on which your ancestors married might give you some clues to the circumstances – particularly if you take into account the timing of the baptism of the couple's first child.

Those restrictions were removed in 1644, but then were reimposed at the Restoration of the Monarchy in 1660. However, enforcing the prohibitions was problematic.

There were also restrictions to the hours of marriages. You could only marry between 8am and 12 noon. 'Wedding breakfast' could be a consequence of the timing, though since this wording was not used until the 1830s it seems unlikely. Again, marriages contracted outside the permitted hours were valid (but regarded as clandestine). A deterrent arose, from 1823 until 1886, when clergy solemnising a marriage before 8am or after noon became liable to transportation for 14 years. From 1886 the hours were extended to 3pm in the afternoon and in 1934 they were extended again – to 6pm.

In the UK, from 1 Oct 2012 couples intending to say their vows at sunrise or walk down the aisle at midnight can do so.

Sources: Marriage Law for Genealogists by Rebecca Probert
www.gov.uk/government/news

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

by a relative of Nola Clark

Continued from the previous issue

So we now know that James' wife Esther (née CHARGELEGUE) was dead before 1815 and they had no children – or at least no surviving children. There was clearly a close relationship between Susanna, her brother in law James WARD and their nephews James and Isaac NIGHTINGALE. The next thing to find was the marriage between James WARD and Mary BUTCHER. This occurred on 10 Feb 1817 at St Luke's, Old Street, Finsbury. James was a widower and Mary was a spinster. Their witnesses were – James NIGHTINGALE and Abraham NIGHTINGALE! Clearly James Ward was very close to the NIGHTINGALES. Was this Abraham his brother in law or his nephew (b. 1764)?

At this point I had put together an extensive and well documented CHARGELEGUE family tree. I had identified two errors that are present in many of the available online trees and most importantly, I had established a clear connection linking Abraham and 'Mary' NIGHTINGALE's family to this family of French Huguenot refugee silk-weavers. All I then needed to do was prove that Isaac NIGHTINGALE's son William was the same person as my Thomas NIGHTINGALE's father William.

I went back to my old spreadsheet containing hundreds of NIGHTINGALE baptism and marriage register details for the first time since about 2014 to see what I could find there.

Alongside the group of baptisms for William NIGHTINGALE (the pipemaker) and Margaret there are families of varying sizes for something like 40 different William NIGHTINGALE's in those 35 or so years of records covering London and Middlesex that I had extracted but this particular small family caught my attention immediately.

Where Baptised	Born	Baptised	Name	Surname	Father	Mother	Residence	Father's Occupation
Bethnal Green St Matthew	13/2/1825	3/4/1825	William Isaac	Nightingale	William	Hannah	Smart	Weaver
Bethnal Green St Matthew	24/8/1826	1/10/1826	Samuel	Nightingale	William	Hannah	Cross St	Weaver

Oh dear. Right parish, right occupation, familiar family names....

The marriage for this couple, William NIGHTINGALE and Hannah HALEY, wasn't in my spreadsheet because it occurred a little earlier than the time period I had looked at when I was compiling it. It occurred on 5 Nov 1821 in St Dunstan, Stepney. The witnesses were William BROWN (possibly a connection of the so far unidentified Mary BROWN in Susanna OURSELL's will) and Mary WARD – and I now know exactly who she was, James WARD's 2nd wife.

After a lot of absolutely fascinating detective work I have managed to conclusively disprove the thing that I had set out to prove. I am now convinced that my William NIGHTINGALE is not the son of Isaac NIGHTINGALE and thus we have no obvious line of descent from (John) Abraham NIGHTINGALE and Marie CHARGELEGUE, and therefore no connection to the fascinating CHARGELEGUE family – hmmm. Disappointing.

That is not to say that we are not somehow connected to Abraham NIGHTINGALE in some other way. The DNA connection to Stephanie that started all of this may yet prove sound.

On 23 Jul 1830 Hannah NIGHTINGALE, widow, married James GREENLEAF, bachelor at St Leonard's, Shoreditch. Witnesses were John GREENLEAF and Sarah HALEY.

William NIGHTINGALE (son of Isaac) must have died between 1826, when his son Samuel was born, and 1830. I have not been able to find a burial record to confirm this.

I have located James and Hannah GREENLEAF in the 1841 and 1851 Census and this reveals that James was also a silk weaver. They had their own sons with them but there is no sign of William Isaac or Samuel Nightingale. They may have been offloaded onto other family members when Hannah remarried or they may have died young. It's also possible that they were raised with the GREENLEAF family but were out working by this time. If they had died young then this would certainly explain why there is no trace of this NIGHTINGALE family in other online trees.

Since concluding the CHARGELEGUE avenue of research I moved on to extracting more NIGHTINGALE baptisms, marriages and burials from the parish registers available online at Ancestry, extending the period of time covered back from 1821 into the late 1700s. 'A' has another Common Ancestor hint which also suggests that John Abraham NIGHTINGALE and Marie CHARGELEGUE are their common ancestors. I hope to be able to find extended family for my William NIGHTINGALE and perhaps this will reveal a connection between him and Abraham NIGHTINGALE. It's a work in progress.

I have also made contact with the owners of nineteen trees which contain one or more of the three misidentification errors concerning the CHARGELEGUE families, showing them the evidence for my conclusions and asking them to update their trees. So long as the errors remain in other trees the Common Ancestor hints will still assume they are correct and other researchers will see misleading hints. That was four months ago now and to date only four have responded to thank me for my information. Eight have not seen the message which of course means that seven have seen it and haven't felt inclined to respond. Therefore despite my efforts somewhere between eight and fifteen out of nineteen trees will still contain incorrect information and any number of other researchers will copy it and perpetuate the errors.

Of many things to be learned from all of this is the fact that a great deal of very enjoyable research can result in something that while valuable in itself adds no value to your own tree. Also, that there seem to be many more lazy copyists than good researchers and that a very large proportion of the online trees we see have little to no solid evidence behind them. The same error repeated in a dozen trees does not become a truth by way of that repetition. And most importantly, we should always remember that the suggestions offered up by Ancestry in Thrulines and as Common Ancestor hints are entirely based on completely unsubstantiated information found in other people's trees and we should always use traditional methods to verify them before we add them to our own trees.

Happenings from 100 years ago

(sourced from TROVE)

Morning Bulletin (Rockhampton, Qld. : 1878 - 1954) / Sat 2 Jun 1923 / Page 8 / Family Notices

MARRIAGE.

BEAUMONT-SPYVE.-At the residence of the bride's parents, on 23rd May, 1923, by the Rev. W. LAWTON, George Alexander, eldest son of Alexander James BEAUMONT, of Deeford, Dee River, to Dorothy, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert SPYVE, Railway Avenue, Wowan, Dawson Valley, and also granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kearney of Walmul, Dawson Valley.

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

The Ormskirk & District Family Historian	Iss. 90, Mar 2023
Cleveland FHS (S. Durham & N. Yorks)	Vol. 15, No. 6, Apr 2023
Cleveland FHS (S. Durham & N. Yorks)	Vol. 15, No. 7, Jul 2023
The Greenwood Tree (Somerset & Dorset FHS)	Vol. 48, No. 2, Jun 2023
Links 'N' Chains (Liverpool G.S. Inc.)	No. 134, Jun 2023
Kith & Kin (Cape Banks FHS Inc.)	No. 149, Jun 2023
The Explorers' Tree (Blue Mts FHS Inc.)	No. 121, Jun 2023

Cleveland FHS, Vol. 15, No. 6: The Unexpected Story Behind the Name: The writer has teamed up with a friend for the purpose of writing about the lives named on some of the interesting headstones in a nearby cemetery. On researching the chosen name on Ancestry the writer found the person's grandson who managed to inform them that his mother was a direct descendant of this person.

The Greenwood Tree, Vol. 48, No. 2: Trick Cyclist Who Astonished Dorset: This is an amazing story of a cyclist who ventured on a 400 mile cycling journey across England on a kind of penny-farthing/tandem bike. This bike had no brakes and the cyclist was required to pedal with his hands.

The Explorers' Tree, No. 121: The Bounty Ships Scheme to Australia: This article describes some of the Immigration Schemes which were introduced as far back as 1817 to 1838. The reason for the introduction of these schemes was to attract skilled tradesmen, farm labourers and domestic servants mainly to NSW and Van Diemen's Land.

Cleveland FHS, Vol. 15, No. 7: General Information - Convict Records: Within this article is named a website for those who may be researching a convict in their ancestry. A number of men, women and children were transported to Van Diemen's Land from 1788 to 1868.

Ormskirk, Iss. 90: The Mapping Manchester Collection: This article may be of interest to those who may have ancestors resided in Manchester and surrounding area during the sixteenth century. There is a free website mentioned to allow access to view these maps.

Links ‘N’ Chains, No. 134: NSW Birth Deaths and Marriages Registry District Codes: Listed are Registrar Numbers and Districts which may be relevant for those researching BDMs in NSW.

Electronic journals

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



Dust of Ages, Journal of Armidale FHG, Jun 2023: Free Convict Websites: Contains a list of free websites in Australia, with special mention as the states of Queensland, Tasmania, Western Australia and NSW. Also mentioned is the website of the Old Bailey, London, for those who have a convict who faced trial before deportation.

Queensland Family Historian, Journal of QFHS, Aug 2023, Vol. 44 No. 3: Writing the Family History: How do I start My Story: This article offers some suggestions and questions to ask oneself when embarking on writing your family history.

Family Ties, Journal of Bundaberg FHG, Jun 2023: Research Asylum Records at Q.S.A.: This guide provides detailed information on records available for various categories of mental illness. Some of this information may require an application to access closed indexes.

Hawkesbury Crier, Newsletter of Hawkesbury FHG, Jun 2023: The Marriage of Genealogical Research & DNA Testing: The author of this article writes about her journey into researching her paternal lineage. After gathering information for 10 years, she undertook a DNA Test with two companies thus managing to solve her previously unknown paternal ancestry.

Eagle Eye, Journal of Cowra FHG: Vol. 41, No. 1: Check Your Documents: The author of this article describes her venture into researching her grandparents. By her grandfather's death certificate, he was born in Castlemaine, Victoria, and died in Rockhampton in 1933. Her next step was to obtain her grandparent's marriage certificate which showed they were married in Narrandera. Following advice from another person she found her grandfather was born elsewhere.

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 them as details may change.

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. We offer the following to cater for this area of interest.

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

The following DNA groups are no longer running:

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

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

Some unusual names....

Frederick Forgett WOOLER. b. 29 Jul 1897 to Charles John and Emily.

Reginal Francis GRIMLEY. b 24 Aug 1897 to Francis Samuel and Sara Fisher

John Butler PUDDIFOOT. b. 10 Jun 1900 to John and Maria.

Referendum Wellington b. 3 Sep 1899 to Thomas John and Edith Lee Beckey.

In keeping with the above theme and with the upcoming referendum on the 14 Oct 2023 maybe that's an opportunity for some expectant parents to name their newborn, Referendum Australia!



Coming Events

WEEKLY

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

OCTOBER

Sat Oct 7, 10am - General Meeting

Sat Oct 14, 6pm - Social BBQ at the Clubrooms, BYO

NOVEMBER

Sat Nov 4, 10am - Committee Meeting

Sat Nov 25, 4 - 9pm - Heritage Village Markets - selling Xmas raffle tickets.

DECEMBER

Sat Dec 2, 10am - General Meeting

Sat Dec 2, Christmas Party (time & location to be confirmed)

Sat Dec 2, **Library CLOSED**

Sat Dec 2, Return all Library Loans

Sat Dec 9, 1pm - Last Library Day of 2023

Sun Dec 31, Feb 2024 Journal submission deadline

FEBRUARY

Sat Feb 3, 10am - Committee Meeting

Tue Feb 6, 1pm - **Library OPENS**

Please check Friday's newsletter for updates

Remember - Members' Interests

We have a very useful resource available to us on our website. All members are able to list their areas of research, which are in turn available for other researchers to, hopefully, find some common names.

You will find this resource in the members' area of the website, www.cqfamilyhistory.org.au on the left hand side of the page under: **"Members' Interests"**

Interest Groups

Check the weekly e-newsletter for confirmation of times & venues.

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

Technology Sessions - as required

The following groups are no longer running:

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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

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

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)
John Humphries, Jamie Hibberd

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