

# MARYBOROUGH DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC.

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## 11 additions to Maryborough Walk of Achievers



**We will be closed for our annual Christmas Break  
from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 &  
reopening on Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup> 2024.**

**We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year.**

**From the Team at MDFHS**

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## **PRESIDENTS REPORT NOVEMBER 2023**

Hello to Journal readers and all who read this report. As it is only two months since my last report I have very little to report. All is running smoothly as usual, and we have caught up with our research. It has been a very busy year for research with queries coming in thick and fast. Once again great work done by Karen and Jenny to get on top of it. Cyril has been working hard transferring photos taken years ago into digital form and we are putting them on Facebook where they can be viewed and purchased. We found one of Margaret Wroe when she was a young honey and even one of Noela on her wedding day. There are many that need to be identified. Speaking of Margaret, sadly what we were hoping would not happen has. Margy has had to call time on the physical part of the Cemetery tours and is now only doing the organising etc. This now falls back on Jenny and Scott who have been carrying a lot of the burden for some time. Margaret, we can never thank you enough for the time and effort you have put into all things Maryborough. A huge effort that many don't appreciate.

Regrettably, this is just another step backwards in the future of our society. Without workers coming forward to carry on these jobs, and current people becoming weary of continuing, organisations such as ours that do such a worthy and great service to the public fall by the wayside. Research and the cemetery tours are our only source of income now and with expenses rising we will for the first time have to look at drawing on our term deposit in the new year. While it is healthy, it saddens me to have to touch funds that all you before me worked so hard to save. However, we are hanging in hoping a miracle happens and we can go forward.

Our opening hours will change in 2024. Tuesday to Thursday 08.30am to 1.30pm, closed Monday, Friday & weekends. Other times can be discussed when visiting the area.

On a brighter note, Christmas is around the corner, and I take this opportunity to wish all our workers, members, and supporters a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR. All the best to you all. If travelling, please take care. See you all in the New Year.

John Ruhle  
President

### **New Members & Volunteers**

Virgina Cox (New Member)  
Helen Bachelor (Volunteer)  
Leslee Hughes (Volunteer)

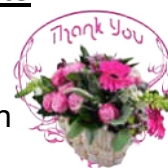
One day in your life  
You'll remember the love you found here  
You'll remember me somehow  
Though you don't need me now  
I will stay in your heart  
And when things fall apart  
You'll remember one day . . .

### **Remembering Past Members**

Val Stocks  
Keith Shang

### **Journal Contribution Acknowledgements**

**Family History -** Marlene Wilson  
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**Bits & Bobs -** Sue Ellsum & Cyril Clark  
**Other Articles -** Barbara Vines & Sue Ellsum



## ABDY BROS

When Joseph Abdy a dealer of Russell Street South Brisbane applied for a Certificate of Naturalisation on 1 September 1913, he stated that he was by birth a Turk and had arrived in Australia from Constantinople on 23 May 1902. He was now married with four children – three boys and a girl. On his Statutory Declaration dated 1 September 1913 he said he was 29 years of age and was born on 9 August 1884 at Constantinople. He had been in Australia for 10 years. Joseph was naturalised on 12 November 1913.

Joseph married Lily Malouf on 9 August 1905, and they had seven children – Herbert 1906, Robert 1907, Michael 1909, Eva 1911, Mabel 1914, George James 1916, and Edward 1925.

**MR. JOSEPH ABDY.**  
**THE** funeral of Mr. Joseph Abdy, whose death occurred in a private hospital on Saturday, took place at the South Brisbane Cemetery yesterday morning. Dean Cashman officiated. Prior to the funeral a Requiem Mass was said at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.  
The late Mr. Abdy, who was born at Mount Lebanon, Syria, in 1883, arrived in Australia 35 years ago, when he became established in Brisbane as a draper. He had been a resident of the city practically ever since, with the exception of brief periods spent in a number of country towns in the State. He was one of the prime movers for the establishment of St. Clement's Church, South Brisbane, especially for the Syrian community, the foundation stone of which was laid by Archbishop Malouf when on a visit to Australia early in 1929. Since Mr. Abdy's retirement from business five years ago three sons—Herbert, Robert, and Michael—have established themselves in business as merchants in George-street, with branches at Maryborough and Gympie. Other survivors of the deceased are his widow; two sons (George and Edward), and two daughters (Eva and Mabel), all of Brisbane.

After his arrival Joseph was a storekeeper at Woodford where Michael was born. Eva's birth in 1911 was registered in Brisbane. Joseph died on 16 September 1933 and was buried in Dutton Park, South Brisbane. His obituary in the Courier Mail said he was born at Mount Lebanon in Syria and that he had arrived in Australia 35 years ago and established a business as a draper in Brisbane. He retired about five years before his death. Three of his sons [Herbert, Robert, and Michael] established themselves in business as merchants in George Street, Brisbane with branches in Maryborough and Gympie as the Abdy Bros.

Joseph's mother Rose or Friaah died in February 1908 and her funeral was from his residence Hardgrave's Building in Stanley Street, Brisbane on 7 February. Joseph was granted a hawker's licence in April 1912.

Lily died on 27 March 1981 and was buried at Mt Gravatt on 30 March aged 92 years. Her son George James was buried with her in 2000.

**FOR Sale, 34 Second-hand Stumps, in first-class order, 6ft from ground. J. Abdy, Glenelg-st., South Brisbane.**

**The Daily Mail 15 January 1923:** For Sale 34 second hand stumps in first class order 6 feet from ground J. ABDY Glenelg Street.

**The Telegraph 15 May 1923:** Big House to Let, penny section, beginning of Gladstone Road, suitable for boarding house 9 rooms, pantry and bathroom, back and front verandah, gas through out. Apply J. ABDY opposite Boys' State School, Glenelg Street, South Brisbane.

**Brisbane Courier 18 March 1929:** Heavy rain caused the postponement of the ceremony of blessing and the laying of the foundation stone of St Clement's Church for the Syrian Catholic community - to be erected on the corner of Ernest and Merivale Streets, South Brisbane. His Grace and Dr MALOUF adjourned to the residence of Mr and Mrs J. ABDY where afternoon tea was served. The ceremony will take place on 24 March.

**IN INSOLVENCY JURISDICTION**  
Before his Honour Mr. Justice Macrossan, S.P.J.  
A certificate of discharge from insolvency was granted to Joseph Abdy, who was declared bankrupt on his own petition on December 14, 1917. Mr. George Seaman (instructed by Messrs. Morris, Fletcher, and Cross) appeared for the applicant.

**The Brisbane Courier 17 July 1930:** stated a certificate of discharge from insolvency had been granted to Joseph Abdy who was declared bankrupt on his own petition on 14 December 1917. Joseph was at that time a timber worker of Blackbutt.



**The Maryborough Chronicle 10 December 1931:** had an advertisement: New Maryborough Venture in premises lately occupied by the Bee Hive ABDY BROS [of Brisbane and Gympie] will open on Monday 14 December as the people's general drapers for Maryborough and District - Abdy Bros Adelaide Street.

**In the TRUTH 11 September 1932:** the Abdy Bros at the corner of George and Ann Streets, Brisbane announced that they had secured the stock of John S. Shaw Ltd in voluntary liquidation and were offering bargains such as Lisle fancy socks at 1/-. In a large advertisement in the TRUTH 20 November, they announced the clearance of the liquidator's stock.

**The Maryborough Chronicle 14 December 1932:** featured a whole page advertisement of Xmas bargains by the Abdy Bros to commemorate their first year of trading in Maryborough.

The Abdy Bros of Mary Street, Gympie won third prize of 500 pounds in the Golden Casket in February 1933.

**The Worker 30 August 1933:** Mr J. ABDY principal of the firm of ABDY BROS drapers of George Street, S. Brisbane with branches at Gympie and Maryborough.

In August 1934 Miss E. Abdy of Brisbane was managing the Maryborough business of the Abdy Bros while Robert Abdy was holidaying in Brisbane.

**Daily Standard 6 December 1934:** Photo of Miss May SABA who became engaged to Mr R. ABDY

**Telegraph 25 February 1935:** To welcome home Mr and Mrs R. Abdy who were married in Sydney Mrs J. ABDY entertained about 200 guests at her home in Ernest Street

In April 1935 a presentation was made to Miss Maud McCarthy who was leaving the firm. She was presented with a tailor made blazer by Mr Abdy and with a cut glass fruit dish and salad bowl by the staff.

Mr R. Abdy presented his employee Miss E. Hoyle with a crystal water set to celebrate her approaching marriage in December 1936.

There were over 400 entries in the "The Lady Vanishes" competition for which the Abdy Bros donated 4<sup>th</sup> prize -Box of Best Quality Holeproof Hosiery in May 1939.

The Abdy Bros candidate Miss Joan Heilbronn in the "Miss Gympie" competition raised 1004 pounds of the total 2203 pounds in November 1940.

A large article about the Abdy Bros appeared in the Chronicle on 21 June 1941. It stated that Herb was the firm's buyer and was well known in Maryborough. His brother Robert was a popular resident and was a cricketer and a keen tennis player.

Crowds rushed to the drapery firms including that of the Abdy Bros on 9 May 1942 hoping to secure goods which were to be rationed as from that day, forcing the early closure of the stores as stocks were exhausted.

Mr Joseph Michael Monsour formerly of the Bee Hive stores had been absent from business for 14 years by April 1946 but wished to reoccupy his premises at present occupied by the Abdy Bros.

**An article in the Chronicle 27 November 1946:** announced that the Abdy Bros had closed down their Maryborough branch. Yared Bros purchased the whole of their stock.

Mr and Mrs R. Abdy and son Bobby were staying at that time in the Hotel Carlton, and they intended to stay in Maryborough until the end of the school term when they would leave to reside in Gympie. Mrs Abdy was farewelled at a luncheon and afternoon tea at the Hotel Urangan.

### Children of Joseph and Lily:



**Herbert** born 18 May 1906 was a salesman living at 19 Ernest Street S. Brisbane in 1934. His mother Lily is listed as living at the corner of Ernest and Merivale Streets. In 1943 Herbert was a merchant of Mary Street, Gympie. He married in Sydney in 1949 Fifie Marie MALOUF who was born on 23 July 1911.

They had a daughter Mary Ann on 28 June 1950. From 1954 to 1968 Herbert a storekeeper and Fifie were living at 23 Alfred Street, Gympie. Herbert died in NSW in 1974 and was buried in Gympie on 24 April. Fifie died on 23 June 2009 aged 97 years and was buried with Herb



**Robert** born 29 December 1907 married in Redfern in 1935 May SABA. The Daily Standard 6 December 1934 had an engagement photo of May. To welcome home Robert and May, Mrs J. Abdy entertained about 200 guests at her home in Ernest Street, Brisbane in February 1935. The Queenslander 7 March 1935 had a photo of May in her bride's dress. In 1936 Robert was a draper at 197 Adelaide Street, Maryborough. He was there till the business closed in 1946. In 1949 he was a storekeeper in Channon Street, Gympie. In 1968 he was a manager living at 55 Louisa Street. He and May Honey were still there in 1980. Robert died on 2 January 1985.



**Michael** born 26 August 1909 in Woodford was a draper in Mary Street, Gympie in 1936. In 1937 he was living in Ernest Street, Brisbane. In 1943 he was a shop assistant living at the Northumberland Hotel in Gympie. Michael served in WW11 in the General Transport Company. He was a draper of Monkland Street in 1949. He married on 2 June 1953 in Brisbane Mary Josephine MOYNIHAN who died in Gympie on 13 March 1959. There is a wedding photo of the pair in the Courier Mail 3 June 1953. Michael was a storekeeper of 96 Monkland Street, Gympie from 1954 to 1980. He died on 18 September 1998 late of Ekibin, formerly of Gympie. He was buried next to Mary Josephine on 23 September.



**Eva** born 26 November 1911 died on 6 July 2002 aged 90, late of the Archbishop Duhig Nursing Home, Holland Park. She was buried in Mt Gravatt. She was a shop assistant and lived at 19 Ernest Street with family. In 1958 she was at 79 Ernest Street and at 54 Lutzow Street, Ekibin with Lily and George James by 1968. She gets several mentions in the newspapers: In January 1929 she was a bridesmaid for Zanie Malouf and George Joseph Bou-Mansour; 24 September 1934 she and Robert were leaving for Sydney and Melbourne by car for a three months' trip; October 1940 Eva assisted by her sister Mabel and Mrs G. Mansour organised a 50/50 dance in the city hall to aid the British Bombing Victims Appeal; February 1943 Eva and Mabel organised a pre wedding tea at Lennons in honour of Miss Sadie Malouf's approaching marriage to Mr Arthur Yewdore; Eva was bridesmaid at Michael's wedding in June 1953.

**Mabel** born 29 November 1914 was a saleswoman of 19 Ernest Street until she married Arthur Baker on 1 October 1955. She was a bridesmaid at the wedding of Robert and May in 1935. In 1940 she holidayed in Rockhampton with her uncle and aunt Mr and Mrs G. Malouf; August 1947 Mabel and Eva entertained 30 guests at a cocktail party at their home at East Brisbane before attending the Mater Younger Set Ball.

**George James** born 11 November 1916 was a shop assistant staying at the Northumberland Hotel, Gympie in 1943. In 1949 he was a bookkeeper living at the Royal Hotel. In 1954 and 1958 he was an accountant of 96 Monkland Street. He was an accountant living with Lily and Eva at 54 Lutzow Street, Ekibin in 1963. He was still there in 1980. He died on 27 June 2000 aged 83, late of Archbishop Duhig Nursing Home.

**Edward** born 21 February 1925 served in the RAAF in the Northern Territory in 1945 in WW11. In September 1945 he spent two weeks' holiday as the guest of his brother and sister-in-law Mr and Mrs R. Abdy of Adelaide Street, Maryborough. He also holidayed there in August 1946. Edward was a shop assistant of Ernest Street 1954-1959. From 1968 to 1980 he was a department manager with his wife Selma at 28a Thomas Street, Gympie. He died in September 2014 aged 89 late of Duhig Village, Holland Park. Selma died in April 2015 aged 90 late of Hilltop Gardens, Kelvin Grove.







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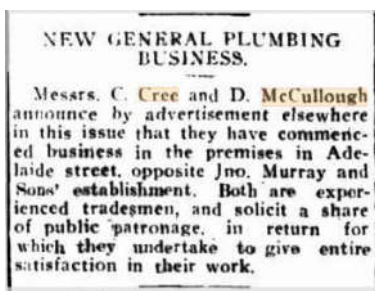




## Cree & McCullough



Story written & supplied by member Marlene Wilson  
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In the Chronicle 28 October 1919 Messrs C. Cree and D. McCullough announced that they had commenced a new general plumbing business in Adelaide Street, Maryborough opposite Jno Murray & Sons' establishment.

In March 1923 Crawford Norman Cree and David Walter McCullough trading as the firm of Cree and McCullough were charged with having kept a poison [hydrochloric acid] in the wrong bottle – one that had previously contained an article of drink.

In January 1924 the firm moved to a shop next to the Ambulance Brigade. H. Richards, motor painter and enameller, body builder and upholsterer, moved into their old premises.

In February 1931 Cree and McCullough tinsmiths and plumbers secured the sole agency of a special vacuum process cleaning pump. In April 1932 they applied for the erection of a septic tank at 34 Bazaar Street for Mrs Gehrman and Miss Boge. This was approved subject to the installation of a "Caporit" purifying pit on the line of effluent.

In July 1932 the firm took over the agency for an economical gas burner, the Wallace kerosene gas burner, that could be attached to all wood stoves. In November 1932 they took delivery of the New Crown Dover Stove said to be the acme of stove manufacture. In February 1934 the secured the agency for the sale of the "Bonnaire" deodorisers – available in several designs. When fitted to the lavatory it automatically flushed the chamber emitting a spray of delicately perfumed disinfectant.

In March 1938 Cree and McCullough protested about the council thinking of taking over repairs to all water services on the council streets on the grounds that they had carried out this class of work satisfactorily for the past 20 years. Their notice in the Chronicle in December 1939 stated the firm had a competent staff of licensed plumbers and drainers and they were prepared to undertake all classes of sewerage works. Their address was given as 136 Adelaide Street.

Employees of Cree and McCullough while working on premises off Bazaar Street on 1 March 1940 cut through a G.T. pipe containing C5 pairs telephone cables. The firm was carrying out contract work for the council. The cost of repairs was charged to the council who accepted no responsibility for the damage.

A very informative article about the firm appeared in the Chronicle dated 21 June 1941 stating the firm had completed plumbing jobs at St Mary's Hospital, at Stuparts Ltd and for the Royal Hotel.



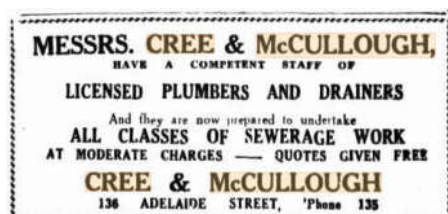
**Crawford Norman Cree** was born on 18 April 1889 in Maryborough to William McLellan Cree and Elizabeth Tansee [Daniels]. On 16 March 1912 he married Annie

Margaret Campbell the daughter of Patrick Campbell and Rachael Jane Smith. The couple lived at 56 Bazaar Street, next door to the McCullough's. They had Crawford Norman 1912- 1981, Winifred Margaret 1913-1976, William Claude 1919-1973, and Noel 1929- 1990. Annie Margaret died at their residence on 26 June 1961 and Crawford Norman on 14 June 1969.



**David Walter McCullough** was born on 18 October 1886 in Maryborough to William McCullough and Fanny Elizabeth Ely. He married on 1 October 1912 Edith Prickett [Nicholls] who

was born on 17 March 1888. The pair were in Lennox Street in 1922 but moved to 58 Bazaar Street by 1928. In 1963 they were at 4 Bashford Street. They had Mavis Edith 1913-2002 and Gladys 1919-2003. Edith died on 23 March 1966 and David Walter on 8 May 1975 in Melbourne.



17<sup>th</sup> August 1927



## Cree & McCullough Water and Sewerage Fitters

WITH each succeeding year it becomes more evident in every direction that increased attention is being paid to the sanitary arrangements of our public institutions, business houses and private residences. Sanitary authorities have without exception placed to the bad name of our old-fashioned and defective hygienic arrangements every epidemic that ever decimated our ranks. Plumbing and sanitary arrangements are represented in an advanced form in the work of Messrs. Crawford Cree and David McCullough of 136 Adelaide-street, Maryborough. Some of the largest plumbing jobs in the city have been successfully undertaken by this firm including St. Mary's Hospital, Stuparts Ltd. and the Royal Hotel. Particularly do they specialise in water and sewerage installations, in which respect they definitely know their job and are masters of it. The bathroom which offers a special case for individual treatment is given particular attention by Messrs. Cree and McCullough. Modern sanitary equipment can now be obtained in various colours and designs, and everything in this line can be supplied and installed in the shortest possible time with a minimum of inconvenience. All their large range of sanitary and bathroom fittings and equipment including modern fuel stoves are on display in their showrooms and if you are contemplating the erection of a new home or the renovation of your present home a visit to this firm will well repay the effort expended.

Although they contract for large assignments, Messrs. Cree and McCullough are prepared to attend any job large or small with the same degree of personal interest and attention, and the same degree of expert workmanship. In all their work, they use only the best quality materials, so that you can be sure any job they complete is not going to give trouble later on. Their telephone number is 135.

This plumbing business has been established for nearly 25 years. It has had a remarkably successful career, progressing in some measure as each year has gone by. The aim has always been to give clients a standard of service which cannot be improved on the best.

21<sup>st</sup> June 1941

## **An Unusual Case**

### **Poison in Wrong Bottle**

Crawford Norman Cree and David Walter McCullough trading as the firm of Cree and McCullough were charged at the instance of Inspector Cato, with having, for the purpose of holding a poison included in Schedule No. 2 of "The Poisons Regulations of 1921," to wit, Hydrochloride acid, and a bottle of a kind usually employed to contain an article of drink.

Mr. H. H. Morgan appeared for the complainant, and Mr. E. J. McCaffrey for the defendants, who pleaded not guilty.

It was agreed that the evidence should apply to both cases.

Inspector Cato stated that he had the appointment of the Commissioner for Public Health (Dr. Moore) and had authority to prosecute to such matters. On 19<sup>th</sup> December last about 11.30 am. He entered the premises of a plumber's workshop occupied by Cree and McCullough, Adelaide St, and had a conversation with a lad.

After waiting for some minutes Mr. Cree entered the workshop. Witness said to him "I am an inspector of the Health Department. Are you a member of the firm." He replied, "Yes, Cree is my name." Witness said, "As you are no doubt aware the poison law is now administered by our department. I want to have a talk to you about it, particularly about the packing of hydrochloric acid." He said, "We don't sell spirits of salts. It was stopped by the pollee." Witness drew Cree's attention to a bottle on a bench which he stated contained spirits of salts, and said, "This bottle is of a type which is usually used as a food container. You are committing a breach of the regulations in so using this bottle." He said, "Every plumber in town uses a food container for spirits of salts. Anyway, what authority have you got to tell me this." Witness showed him a copy of the Poisons Regulations 1921 and explained the provisions of Section 25 to him." He

laughed and said, "If you want us to use poison bottles you had better send us a "bluey". Witness said, "What is your Christian name!" He replied "Crawford", Witness said. "What is the name of your partner?" He said "McCullough – the firm is Cree and McCullough." Witness then seized the container together with its contents and removed portion of the contents, which he placed into two bottles, and corked, sealed and labelled them. One of these he handed to Mr. Cree, and the other he delivered to the State Analyst, which he tendered.

The food container referred to was labelled and bore among other words, "Quench Quick", "Limes flavoured", "Coo-ee Manufacturing Co. Brisbane", and to his knowledge was a type of bottle which was usually used as food container for imitation lime-juice. The bottle was easily accessible to anyone in the shop, even a child. Witness said, "Do you use this hydrochloric acid in your business!" He said, "Yes I usually send a beer bottle of it out with every kit."

By Mr. McCaffrey, the height of the bench on which the bottle was standing was about two feet or two feet three inches. It wouldn't be more than 2 feet 6 inches high, and at least 2 feet wide. Four forms were issued under the poison regulations. He called at other plumbers, and at Mr. Hill's he found hydrochloric acid in a sauce bottle. That was a food container. He did not know any reason why others had not been prosecuted but Mr. Cree was the only one who wouldn't listen to reason.

Mr. McCaffrey stated that he could call defendant, but his evidence would be much the same as the Inspector's. The acid had been contained in a jar in the shop, and from it, the bottle was filled each morning, so that the workmen could get their supplies in smaller quantities. He did not believe that the regulation under which the proceedings were taken was intended to apply to such cases.



Mr. Morgan contended that the interpretation of the regulation was that the law intended protection against the consumption of poisons by persons who might be misled as to the nature of the contents on account of the poisons being contained in a bottle of a kind usually used for an article of food.

The P.M. said he had decided to convict. He pointed out that the wording of the complaint made it somewhat doubtful as to whether the law intended prosecution against persons who might put such poisons in any class of bottle other than that usually employed to contain an article of drink.

Mr. McCaffrey asked that only a nominal penalty be inflicted.

Mr. Morgan stated that the Department was not pressing for a heavy penalty, as the object of the prosecution has chiefly to deter people using persons from setting carelessly with them.

The P.M. inflicted a fine of 10/- on each defendant, with the following costs in each case, costs of court 3/-, analyst's fee 10/6, professional costs £1/1/-, making a total of £2/4/6 in each case.

Maryborough Chronicle 7<sup>th</sup> March 1923

**MESSRS. CREE AND McCULLOUGH**  
Messrs. Cree and McCullough, plumbers and hardware merchants, Adelaide-street, since the opening of their business some years ago have established themselves firmly in this city. This progress has been entirely due to a policy of rendering the best service to the public at the very lowest cost. Housebuilders and others who require plumbing work would be well advised to obtain estimates from this firm, which guarantees the highest standard of workmanship. Evidence of the thoroughness of their work is to be found in the solidity of the many large contract jobs they have successfully undertaken. In their showrooms they have a fine range of stoves manufactured by all the leading makers, baths, sinks, and bath-heaters. They are also experts in septic tank installations. Messrs. Cree and McCullough invite the public to inspect their premises, where all the latest in plumbing lines is to be seen.

30<sup>th</sup> September 1925

**TANKS! TANKS!**  
SPECIALLY BUILT BY LYSAGHT'S—TANK-MAKING IRON IN ALL SIZES.  
PRICES ON APPLICATION.  
TANKS for carting water with top and cover:  
50 Gal. £1 8 6 68 Gal. £1 9 0  
88 Gal. £1 12 6 110 Gal. £1 18 0  
First-class Workmanship Guaranteed.  
**CREE & McCULLOUGH,**  
136 ADELAIDE STREET — Phone 135 — MARYBOROUGH.

21<sup>st</sup> January 1939

**SELECTING YOUR STOVE.**  
This is an important factor. The right Stove in your home will save much worry and annoyance. Then interview us. We have just the Stove to please every housewife and cook. In Steel Stoves:  
CROYDON, First Finish ..... £11/10/-  
CROYDON, Second Finish ..... £8/10/-  
THE ELEVATED OVEN ..... £8/5/-  
DOVER STOVES—The Scotia and Sovereign Standard—No. 7, 14/15/-  
No. 8, 15/6/- Elevated, 10/- extra.  
5 Per Cent Discount for Cash and 5 feet of Piping given Free.  
BOILER FRAMES AND COPPER—10 gal., 24; 14 gal., 24/7 1/2; 14 gal., 24/15/6.  
FOR THE BEST SERVICE GO TO—  
**Cree & McCullough**  
TINSMITHS AND PLUMBERS, Adelaide Street, Maryborough.

7<sup>th</sup> March 1923

**KITCHEN AND BATHROOM FURNISHINGS**  
The Latest and Best to your Taste and Fancy, including —  
ENAMEL BATHS, from ..... 17  
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29<sup>th</sup> July 1940

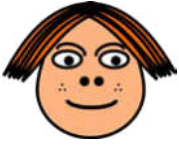
NO GARDEN CAN FLOURISH WITHOUT THE USE OF A GOOD QUALITY  
**GARDEN HOSE**  
THE WELL-KNOWN MANUFACTURERS — DUNLOP, PERREAU AND GOODYEAR.  
FROM 74. PER FOOT. FROM 74. PER FOOT.  
ANY QUANTITY YOU REQUIRE FROM —  
**CREE & McCULLOUGH,**  
ADELAIDE STREET.

12<sup>th</sup> December 1935

NOW IS THE TIME TO INSTALL THAT LONG DEFERRED  
**BATH HEATER!**  
CHIP BATH HEATERS from ..... 20/-  
GAS BATH HEATERS from ..... 13  
Get one installed before the cold weather sets in. It will be a good investment.  
For further particulars and cost of installation apply —  
**CREE & McCULLOUGH,**  
136 ADELAIDE STREET — Phone 135 — MARYBOROUGH.

3<sup>rd</sup> May 1936

# Sue's Corner



A New York woman who has a marvellously retentive memory, has sold her head for £5 to a medical college, to be examined by the experts after her death.

Mon 26 Oct 1896

A Pontefract woman sued her husband for deserting her and her six children. It was alleged that the husband a year ago sold his wife for half-a-gallon of beer and that she readily went to reside with her purchaser. The Bench refused to grant a maintenance order against the husband.

Tue 20 Apr 1897



A STRANGE gun accident occurred last evening in a yard off Wharf-street. A man named Buettal and his wife were amusing themselves firing at a target with a pea rifle. The woman unfortunately got in the line of fire and received the bullet just below the cheek bone. The shot must have passed into the nostril and, in the rush of blood, have been carried down her throat, as it is ascertained that the shot is nowhere lodged in her face. Mrs. Buettal walked to the Hospital, where her wound was dressed and she then returned home, so that it may be concluded that no very serious consequences are likely to ensue.

Tue 29 May 1883

A man, while intoxicated, endeavoured to drown himself in St. James' Park. On being rescued, an emetic was given him, and he vomited four shillings and sixpence, his inability to account for the disappearance of his money having led to his attempted suicide.

Fri 1 Apr 1887



## YAREDS -Drapers



Edward Nicholas YARED was born in Zahle, Lebanon on 15 April 1911 the son of Nicholas Abraham Yared. He arrived in Brisbane from Port Said on the ORVIEATO on 24 December 1924 with other family members. He lived in Maryborough for two years, Mackay two years and Sydney two years 10 months. He had been in Nanango where he was a storekeeper for one year and 8 months when he applied for naturalisation in June 1933. When he took the oath of allegiance on 25 October 1933, he was a draper of Adelaide Street, Maryborough. He was granted naturalisation on 4 December that year.



The Chronicle 22 August 1933 announced that Yared Bros of Bundaberg and Nanango would open a general drapery business in Adelaide Street [opposite the Commonwealth Bank, next door to the City Butchery Company] on Friday 25 August with a full stock of ladies' wear, hosiery, mercery, and general drapery.

Edward formed a partnership with his brother Joseph Nicholas Yared a grocer who traded as the Maryborough Cash and Carry.

On 2 November 1940 at All Saints Church in Brisbane Edward married Hazel Jean ABRAHAM, the daughter of George Abraham and Jamilie Trad. They lived at 99 Bazaar Street in Maryborough. They had four sons- Garnet, Allen, Len, and Joseph.

Yareds held a sale in July 1940 to dispose of the balance of Mr P. Kramer's stock. Percival Kramer a tailor and mercer of Kent Street had called for tenders for the purchase of his business in April 1940.

Edward Nicholas Yared and Joseph Nicholas Yared were fined in August 1940 for making false income returns as a partnership as drapers and grocers. Joseph Nicholas Yared moved to Sydney and married there in 1945. He died in 2006. The health inspector and the medical officer inspected the buildings occupied by Hetherington & Sons, Yared Bros and Stop and Shop in October 1943. The buildings at the rear of 225-239 Adelaide Street were old, badly lighted and ventilated and used as a produce store and for reserve stocks of drapery and stationery. Two parcels there were found to contain rat fleas. The buildings would need to be reconstructed and to be rat proofed.

The Yared Bros celebrated 11 years of trading in 1944. They had commenced business in 1933 in Adelaide Street in premises previously occupied by ADAM & SON.

In March 1945 Edward trading as the Yared Bros was fined for failing to keep a complete record of the employees who were in his employment for the six months prior to an inspection.

In November 1946 Yared Bros purchased the whole of the stock of the ABDY BROS who had closed their Maryborough branch.

In August 1949 Yareds held a huge birthday sale to celebrate 16 years in business.

In 1980 Edward was a shop assistant of 99 Bazaar Street. Hazel Jean and sons Garnet John and Joseph George were living there also. Edward and Hazel moved to Coorparoo, Brisbane c 1988. Edward aged 82 died in January 1992 and Hazel aged 103 in June 2021. They were buried in the Hemmant Cemetery.





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**YARED BROS'**  
**DRAPERY VALUES HAVE NO RIVAL**  
 OUR AIMS IS TO GIVE BEST QUALITY GOODS AT KEENEST PRICES

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**LOOK! — YARED'S M.C.C.**  
 STILL IN THE LEAD FOR VALUE QUALITY AND SERVICE

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**YARED BROS.**  
 Home and Accept Cash Orders  
 ADELAIDE STREET (Opp. P.O. Box 1000) MARYBOROUGH

**Yared Bros.**  
 Drapers, Grocers & Mercers

A NOTABLE example of genuine customer service yielding a steady business progress is offered by the well-known drapery and mercery business of Yared Bros. in Adelaide-street, Maryborough. This progressive firm has been in business here for about seven years, commencing first as a drapery store and later branching out into groceries.

Yared Bros. has become a community centre—a place where thrifty shoppers congregate. Local residents have long realised that at Yared's they can buy really reliable drapery, mercery and groceries at prices consistent with the times. It is a standard of service with no ups and downs, for it is always above the average and thoroughly dependable.

At Yared Bros. you can obtain the best at a better price. For the size of the store stocks are most comprehensive and cover a range of departments as large or larger than that of many of the bigger stores. Yared's specialises in manchester, dress materials, millinery, haberdashery, hosiery, lingerie, school clothes, men's suits to measure or ready to wear, hat, overcoats, sports clothes, boys' wear, the best Australian groceries. There is a daily delivery service.

Yared Bros. is the sort of store that most shoppers delight in wandering about in. Everything is displayed artistically so that you can look at it in ease, and courtesy is the motto of the firm. Shopping at Yared Bros. is a real pleasure.

A store which has satisfied literally thousands of discriminating shoppers is certainly one that you can feel confident in shopping at. If you are not already one of Yared Bros.' many friends, you owe it to yourself to pay them a visit. They guarantee quality equal to that of any southern firm.

Messrs. Eddie and Joe. Yared, principals of Yared Bros., have displayed considerable enterprise and business ability in so greatly extending the scope of the business in the short time of seven years. They are keen townsmen and anxious to see Maryborough an increasingly prosperous city.

Story Researched & written by member Marlene Wilson  
 Articles & Photos curtesy of Trove & Find-a-Grave



## 100 years ago in The Chronicle

**October 17, 1907:**

A sensational runaway occurred in Newtown yesterday morning, fortunately attended with no loss of life.

Mrs Kinbacher of Tinana, with her children and a lady friend was driving along Tooley Street in a sulky when the horse took fright and bolted.

The child was at once dropped out and fell to the ground uninjured.

On approaching the corner of Tooley and Walker streets the sulky went into a culvert and capsized, the two ladies being violently thrown out.

Both received a good shaking.

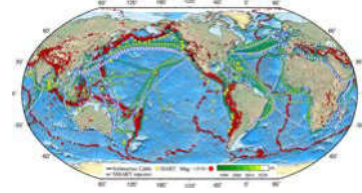
# Did You Know



## 11. Did you know sharks love the taste of the Internet?

If shark attacks give you the heebie-jeebies, you and the people over at Google aren't alone. In 1987, it was reported by *The New York Times* that

sharks "have shown an inexplicable taste for the new fiber-optic cables that are being strung along the [ocean](#) floor linking the United States, Europe, and Japan."



## 68. Did you know the longest place name in the world is 85 letters long?

Nearly impossible to pronounce, Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotamateaturipukakapikimaunga-horonukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu is a city in New Zealand and the name itself is 85 letters long. Good luck trying to repeat this did you know fact to your friends!



## 22. Did you know a mailman made a castle in France?



Le Palais Idéal is an 85-foot-long, 33-foot-high castle located south of Lyon made from rocks that a 19th-century French postman picked up during his mail route over the course of 34 years. Even though the mailman had no formal architecture training, he built the castle himself including the pillars, grottoes, and flying buttresses. Today, the massive structure still stands and visitors still go see it today.

## 30. Did you know there is a museum dedicated to failure?



Boasting around 159 failed products and innovations, the touring [Museum of Failure](#) features displays on such bad ideas as Harley-Davidson [perfume](#), Colgate frozen entrees, and Microsoft Zune.

## 43. Did you know a lifeboat drill was cancelled the morning of the Titanic tragedy?

According to passenger Arthur Godfrey Peuchen, a routine lifeboat drill was scheduled on the [morning](#) of the day of the Titanic disaster. However, the crew never assembled for one and it was cancelled.



## Albert Erbacher – Pastry Cook, Baker & Horticulturist



Albert Erbacher was born in Toowoomba in 1895. In 1919 he married Muriel Leadbetter. They had three children – Howard Albert [Cliff], Phyllis Muriel and Norman Louis. Albert and Muriel divorced in 1931 and he remarried in 1932 to Sylvia Mathilda Spies. The pair lived at 168 Sussex Street, Maryborough.

In 1921 Albert a pastry cook was living in Ipswich Street, Toowoomba. In January 1922 he was fined for setting fire to inflammable material in the open air between 5pm and 7am.

In September 1924 he placed a notice in the Maryborough Chronicle stating that he had conducted a pastry and cake business in Toowoomba and also for the last six months in Gympie and would open a high class pastry and cake shop in the premises that were lately occupied by Mr W.G. Miller the jeweller of Kent Street. The whole of his takings on opening day were donated to the General Hospital.

Albert placed many advertisements in the Chronicle for the remainder of 1924 promoting his cakes, pies and tarts - Coffee Rolls, Buns, Tea Cakes, Cinnamon Rolls, ginger, seed, Madeira and sultana cakes, Jubilee biscuits, Shortbread Creams, Date and Tennis Cakes, Date Sandwiches, Gingerbread, meat pies 2/- dozen, apple tarts 1/- dozen and Rainbow, Paris and Christmas cakes.

The house Albert occupied in John Street caught fire in January 1925. A painter had been burning off paint on the front of the house and a fire started between the boards. The building was owned by Mr R. Bolwell.

Later that month Albert was charge with exposing to contamination a quantity of raisins and also for failing to keep his premises in a clean and sanitary condition.

Albert announced in November 1926 that he had decided to open a further shop in Adelaide Street [lately occupied by W. Wells & Sons]. Several new lines in cakes and pastry would be introduced.

Albert's brother William aged 19 who lived with him lost his life in the flooded Mary River in January 1929. In June 1927 Mrs A. Thorne & Sons the tailoring specialists moved from Mainway Corner into the shop next to Garland's Cafe in Kent Street lately occupied by Albert Erbacher. In 1928 Albert was offering for sale homemade bread and fruit – plums, apples, peaches, bananas, pines, pawpaw's, grapes, and case lots of mixed fruit. His bread was named Golden Crusted Creamy Malto Bread. In December 1931 Albert generously handed out to children hundreds of toy aeroplanes and birds attached to sticks.

Albert would display unusual fruits, vegetables, or flowers in his shop window – a freak "three in one" pineapple grown on Mr F. Gesch's "Afton Farm" at Graham's Creek; stalks of what was known in Toowoomba as breadfruit; apples grown by Mr F. Bell on his lindah Road property; a New Zealand Snake Lily by Mrs Deighton of



Garden Street and an outsize pumpkin weighing 411 pounds grown by Mr C. M. Lee of Lower Kent Street.

Smoke was seen coming from Erbacher's bakery in December 1935. Two fire engines arrived and found that some wood which had been placed in the oven so that it would dry out had ignited.

Albert won first prize at St Stephens Annual Flower Show in September 1936 for his bowl of roses and for a bowl of carnations as well as for cut flowers : Antirrhinums, Iceland Poppies, English Marigolds and Nasturtiums. Albert was a judge at many other horticultural shows for the vegetables and flowers.

In May 1943 he was fined with a breach of the Health Acts - the inspector said the floor of his front room should have been cleaner but acknowledged that no bench or articles that came in direct contact with foodstuffs was dirty.

The Chronicle of 15 August 1947 reported that Mr and Mrs Erbacher with their two children Judith and John were holidaying at the Bay.

At the Maryborough Show in 1951 Albert took the championship bloom of the show prize with an orange toned scarlet double gerbera as well as prizes for cut flowers – dahlias, gerberas, and gladioli and for the most uncommon flower.

An article in the Chronicle 29 June 1954 announced that Albert Erbacher would be celebrating 30 years in business on 30 June with half price specials. During the war years he said the firm dropped interest in fruit and vegetables and concentrated on pastry but about three years ago decided to specialise in fruit and vegetables again. In 1963 Albert a fruiterer and Sylvia were still at 168 Sussex Street but moved to Urangan by 1968. They both died in 1981 – Albert on 22 March and Sylvia on 7 September. They were both cremated and have plaques in the Maryborough Cemetery.



# PETITION FOR DIVORCE.

ERBACHER v. ERBACHER.

## Husband's Allegations.

### HAPPENINGS AT SOUTHPORT.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.—Evidence in the suit before Mr. Justice Henchman was continued in the Supreme Court to-day, in which Albert Erbacher, of Adelaide-street, Maryborough, is petitioning for a divorce from Muriel Erbacher, on the ground of alleged misconduct with Arthur Robertson, of Southport, an insurance agent.

Mr. N. J. Moynihan (instructed by Messrs Leonard Power and Power) appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. N. Macrossan (instructed by Mr. K. B. Price, of Southport) for the defendant, and Mr. W. H. Boden (instructed by Mr. J. B. Price) for the co-defendant.

Harry Johnson, private inquiry agent, gave evidence of the alleged movements of defendant and co-defendant at Southport in corroboration of the evidence given by the plaintiff.

Under cross-examination Johnson said that he said to defendant, "I am convinced that adultery has been committed."

Mr. Macrossan: It is strange that Erbacher did not hear that said?

Witness: He was a very excitable man, but I am sure that it was said. I was convinced that adultery had been committed.

Mr. Macrossan: I don't care what you are convinced about. You just answer the questions.

Evelyn Margaret Middleton, a married woman, of Lawson-street, Southport, said that she lived close to Mrs. Erbacher at Southport. Since the beginning of this year she had seen co-defendant going to Mrs. Erbacher's place. When he was in Southport he would sometimes go there every afternoon in the week. She had seen them go out together on Sunday afternoons. She last saw defendant and co-defendant together on October 4.

Mr. Macrossan: You called on Mrs. Erbacher recently and told her that Johnson had called on your father and offered him £5 to come and give evidence?—Yes.

And he gave him 2/ and offered him £5?—Yes.

Mr. Macrossan: You went and told Mrs. Erbacher that some neighbour had been saying things about her?—Yes.



Mr. Macrossan: You went and told Mrs. **Erbacher** that some neighbour had been saying things about her?—Yes.

And you wanted to dissociate yourself from those things?—That is so.

Under re-examination witness said that her father refused to come and refused the £5, while she was forced to come when she was subpoenaed.

Sarah Noonan, of Lawson-street, Southport, said that she lived next door to Mrs. **Erbacher**. She had seen co-defendant go frequently to defendant's house. She had seen him go in the morning, afternoon, and evening. The greatest number of times in one day was three times, but that was not frequent. Mrs. **Erbacher** went to her place to borrow a writing pad and witness told her that she had been subpoenaed to give evidence. She said to Mrs. **Erbacher** that she (Mrs. **Erbacher**) had never tried to hide her movements, and the neighbours could not keep their eyes closed. Defendant replied that it was no business of anybody else what she did.

This closed the plaintiff's case.

Mr. Macrossan asked the Judge to withdraw the case from the jury on the ground that there was no satisfactory evidence of misconduct on July 20 as alleged.

The Judge, after hearing argument, declined to take such action.

Mr. Macrossan opened the case for the defendant, and said that about March of this year co-defendant called on defendant in relation to getting industrial policies on the lives of defendant and the children. The payments had to be paid at so much a week, and it was thus necessary for Robertson to call weekly for the payments. If they were not forthcoming he would have to call again. On July 20 defendant was informed that a man had been watching the house. Co-defendant would bring the "Toowoomba Chronicle" along to her at times. On the night of the alleged misconduct Robertson was there, but there was a married woman who was a friend there also. Robertson left early and the woman was still at the house when a knock came at the door and the private detective Johnson took possession of the place. There was no misconduct on that occasion or on any other occasion.

The case was further adjourned until to-morrow.

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Toowoomba Chronicle & Darling Downs Gazette  
Petition for Divorce – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
1931



## BAKER PROSECUTED.

**Albert Erbacher**, baker, appeared on two charges in the Summons Court yesterday. One was that he had exposed to contamination a quantity of raisins. On this charge, Mr. Macfie, who appeared for the defendant, pleaded guilty on his behalf. The second charge was with having failed to keep his premises in a clean and sanitary condition, and to this he pleaded not guilty. Mr. Mason, the Health Inspector was represented by Mr. H. G. S. Morton, who prosecuted. Mason gave evidence as to the condition of the premises, and his statements were corroborated by George Henry Richardson, formerly nuisance inspector to the City Council. **Erbacher** and two employees, named Leonard Spies and Patrick Brown, gave evidence that the shop was always kept clean, and that it was swept on the day of the examination. It had been raining, and some mud may have been tramped in to the floor. The walls of the bakery shop were whitewashed less than a fortnight before the inspection. Defendant was, convicted, and fined £1 with 3/6 costs of court on each charge, and on the second charge professional expenses amounting to £2/2/, were also allowed.

Maryborough Chronicle, Wide Bay & Burnett Advertiser  
Wednesday 28 January 1925 Baker Prosecuted

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**COFFEE ROLLS !**

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**Buns, Tea Cakes, Cinnamon  
Rolls.**

**Ginger, Seed. Madeira and  
Sultana Cakes, 1/4 lb.**

**Wedding Cakes made to  
order.**

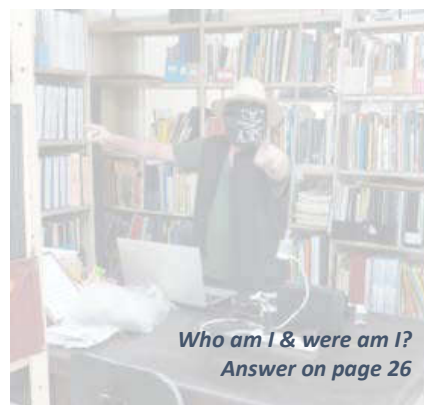
**CAKES SENT TO ANY PART OF  
THE STATE.**

**A. ERBACHER,**

**THE QUALITY PASTRY COOK.**

**KENT STREET AND AT GYMPIE**

'Phone 632.



Who am I & were am I?  
Answer on page 26



## Where Are the Wicked Folk Buried?

'Tell me, grey-haired sexton' said I,  
Where in the field are the wicked folk laid?

I have wandered the quiet old graveyard through,  
And studied the epitaphs, old and new,  
But on monument, obelisk, pillar, or stone,  
I read no evil that men have done.'

The old sexton stood by a grave newly made,  
With his chin on his hand, his hand on a spade:

'Who is the judge when the soul takes its flight?  
Who is the judge twixt the wrong and the right?

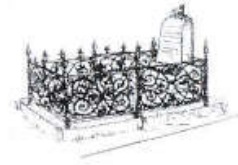
Which of us mortals shall dare to say  
That our neighbour was wicked who died to-day?

In our journey through life, the farther we speed,  
The better we learn that humility's need

Is charity's spirit that prompts us to find  
Rather virtue than vice in the lives of our kind.

Therefore good deeds we record on these stones;  
The evil men do, let it rest with their bones.

I have laboured as sexton this many a year,  
But I never have buried a bad man here.'



Author unknown From "Journal of the Association for the Preservation of the  
Memorials of the Dead in Ireland," Vol. 2, Part 1 (1895)

## SOME UNUSUAL OR LESSER KNOWN HISTORIC OCCUPATIONS N-R

**Note:** These have been extracted from a number of sources. Many have been used in census returns.

**NAVY** – A labourer building canals, roads or railways.

**NIGHTWALKER** – A watchman or bellman.

**ORDERLY** – A soldier who functioned as a servant for an officer.

**OWLER** – A sheep or wool smuggler.

**PANNIER** – A robed waiter

**PATTEN MAKER** – A clog or shoemaker.

**PEDASCULE** – A schoolmaster or one who educates, guides, or instructs.

**PESSONER** – A fisherman or fishmonger.

**PLATELAYER** – A railway employee who lays, inspects and maintains railway lines.

**PRINTER'S DEVIL** – A printer's errand boy or apprentice.

**PUDDLER** – An iron foundry worker or one who worked clay into 'puddle' to make things watertight.

**QUARREL PICKER** – A glazier.

**RAKER** – A street-cleaner or scavenger.

**REEVER** – One who was a clerk or scribe.

**RUNNER** – A smuggler or messenger.



Levelling Seafront Oval.

Photo supplied by Hervey Bay Historical Village and Museum.





## The PRICKETT Family

On 4 May 1753 in Thame, Oxfordshire Edward PRICKETT married Phillipa WARD. Their daughter [Gratiana] Charlotte was baptised on 25 July 1763. Charlotte had a daughter Penelope Ann Prickett who was baptised on 17 May 1798. Penelope had a son George Edward Prickett who was baptised on 14 October 1825 in Thame, Oxfordshire.

In 1841 George aged 15 was living with his mother Penelope and his grandmother Charlotte a lace maker in High Street, New Thame. Charlotte died in 1849 and was buried on 5 November.

In 1851 George a bricklayer was still there with his mother Penelope a needle worker.

In the Sep Quarter 1851 George married Emma BRADBURY who was born in Shabbington, Buckingham to parents Thomas and Mary [nee Harper]. She was christened on 4 September 1831 in Northchurch.

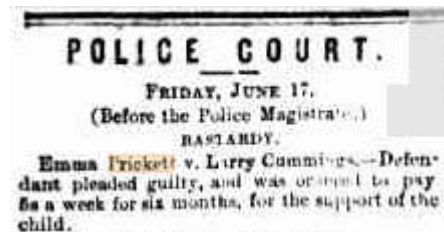
In 1861 George a bricklayer was in Friday Street, Thame with Emma and children Thomas 9, Albert 5, and Ann 2. His mother Penelope aged 62 years was with them. She died in 1871 and was buried in Thame on 16 January.

In 1871 George and Emma were still in Friday Street with children Albert 14, George 9, Fanny 3, and Mary [Polly] aged one year old.

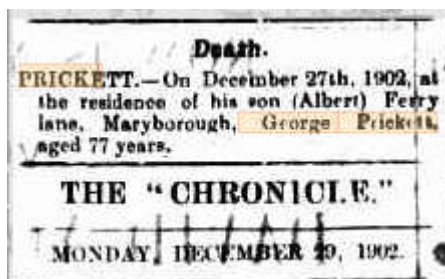
Emma and George had 10 children by March 1873, five of whom died before September 1873: Thomas 1852 buried 19 July 1864; Charlotte 1853 buried 18 May 1859; Ann 1858 buried 31 December 1863; Charles Alfred 1865 buried 15 December 1866; Henry 1873 buried 8 August 1873.

**George and Emma** arrived in Maryborough on the GLAMORGANSHIRE on 3 May 1874 with their five surviving children - Albert 17, George 14, Emma 10, Fanny 6, and Mary 4.

**Charles Prickett** was born in Maryborough on 17 March 1880 to Emma the daughter of George and Emma but was raised as the son of George and Emma. Emma sued the father of her child for bastardy in June 1881.



The Prickett's were well known bricklayers in Maryborough and notices in the Chronicle in 1890s tell of work done for the council i- erection of tanks, laying concrete in engine houses, repairing furnaces for Walkers Ltd and retubing boilers.



Emma died on 17 August 1901 at her residence in Ferry Lane and George on 27 December 1902 at the residence of his son Albert in Ferry Lane. He was buried with Emma in grave C544 in Maryborough.





**Albert Prickett** was born in Thame in 1856 and baptised on 25 August 1861 with his siblings Ann and George Frederick. On 22 October 1879 in Maryborough, he married Mary Ann Collins, the daughter of Edward Collins and Mary (nee Skinner). Albert was a bricklayer like his father, as were his brothers George and Charles. He was involved in the construction of the Maryborough Town Hall.

He played football for Natives and was a cycling enthusiast. He and Mary Ann lived at first in Ferry Lane but moved to Fort Street by 1925. They had seven children [Annie, Sarah, Charlotte, Albert Thomas, Frederick, Mary Ann, and Percy Edward] and also raised their daughter's child, Albert Thomas. Albert died on 26 May 1933 at his residence the corner of Queen and Fort Streets. Mary Ann then moved to 20 Ferry Lane, her son's residence, and died there on 11 November 1947.

**OBITUARY.**  
The death occurred yesterday of Mr. Albert Prickett, a well-known and respected pioneer of Maryborough. The deceased, who was in his 77th year, was born in Oxfordshire, England, and emigrated to Australia in the 70's, sailing by the Glamorganshire and arriving at Maryborough on May 8, 1874. He was a veteran of the brick-laying trade and, together with his brothers, helped in the construction of many of the city's main buildings. He was one of the oldest members of the Excelsior Lodge No. 1 of the P.A.F.S.O.A. A keen follower of football, the late Mr. Prickett was a member of the Rugby League for many years, and he also was a cycling enthusiast. The deceased is survived by his wife, two sons, Messrs. Albert Thomas and Percy Edward, four grand-children, two brothers, Messrs. George and Charles (Maryborough) and three sisters, Mesdames W. Churchett (Torbanlea), J. Mann and F. Nicholls (Maryborough). The funeral will take place from his late residence, corner Fort and Queen streets, at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

**OBITUARY**  
**MR. GEORGE PRICKETT**  
The death has occurred of Mr. George Prickett, one of the pioneers of Maryborough. Born on May 4, 1861, in Oxfordshire, England, Mr. Prickett emigrated to Australia in 1874, landing from the ship Glenmorganshire at Maryborough when this centre was in its infancy. He was a well-known member of the building trades for many years, and was engaged in building operations on a great many of the landmarks of the city. He took part in the erection of the Town Hall and the original chimney at the Dominion Milling Company's flour mill, the latter of which was built by Mr. Prickett and his brothers, trading in the name of Prickett Bros., bricklaying contractors. He also built the chimney at the new defunct smelting works at Aldershot and the former chimney stack at Wilson Hart's sawmill before the mill was destroyed by fire recently. Mr. Prickett also worked on the Gympie goldfield when it was at the height of its activity, building chimneys and installing boilers. He took part, too, in the erection of the Bauple sugar mill for which he carried out subsequent repair work for a long period. Many of the bakers' ovens in Maryborough were installed by Mr. Prickett, who carried on his occupation until his demise. He is survived by his wife, five sons—Messrs. George Frederick, William Henry, Francis Bernard, Walter and Joseph Prickett—and two daughters, Mesdames B. Newman and A. Staib. There is also one brother, Mr. Charles Prickett, as well as three sisters, Mesdames W. Churchett, F. Nichols and J. Mann, and ten grandchildren. One brother predeceased him in 1935. The funeral will move from his late residence, 17 Queen's Place (off Queen-street) at 11.30 o'clock this morning.

### **George Frederick Prickett**

was born in Thame on 4 May 1861 and baptised with Albert and Ann on 25 August that year. On 1 January 1887 he married Margaret Gretchen [Rachael Margaret] Bertram who was born in Maryborough in 1864. George was a bricklayer and helped to erect the Town Hall, the original chimney at the Dominion Flour Mill, the chimney at the Aldershot Smelting Works and the earlier chimney stack for Wilson and Hart. He worked on the Gympie goldfield installing boilers and chimneys. He and Margaret lived at Queen's Place off Queen Street. They had eight children – a stillborn female, George Frederick, William Henry, Francis Bernard, Thomas Walter, Joseph Percy, Alice May, and Isobel Margaret. George died at 17 Queen's Place on 17 August 1936 and Margaret on 20 September 1950.





**Emma Prickett** was born in Thame on 23 September 1863 and was baptised on 24 April 1864. Emma had two sons before her marriage on 27 October 1884 to William Churchett - Charles raised as her brother and Bertie born 1882. She had nine children after her marriage - William James, Lizzie, Nellie, Lily, George, Emma Louise, Joseph, Albert, and Charles. William was also a bricklayer and worked on many Maryborough buildings including the A.M.P. Society building in Bazaar Street and the School of Arts in Kent Street. He also had a mixed business in Adelaide Street. He was employed by the Prickett's to construct coke ovens for the Torbanlea Collieries and at Howard he bricked in boilers for the Queensland Collieries. He and Emma were living in Torbanlea by 1894 where he was a carter in 1905. He built a general store his daughter managed in Torbanlea. William formed the Churchett Torbanlea Coal Company, and he was the manager. He moved to Pialba in 1925. William died in hospital on 8 September 1933 and Emma on 26 October 1957 at her son's residence 69 Ferry Lane.

**Fanny Prickett** was born in Thame on 23 September 1867. Fanny had two children Sarah and Edith born in Queensland before she was married. On 1 November 1890 she married Frederick Nicholls and had a son Arthur in 1891. Sadly, Arthur died of wounds in France in 1918. Frederick died in April 1892 and Fanny married his brother Arthur Daniel Nicholls on 7 August 1894. They had Emily, Daniel, James Victor, and Beatrice May. Arthur and Fanny lived in Ferry Lane but moved to Bazaar Street by 1925. They were living separately 1931 to 1937 – Fanny at 319 Ann Street and Arthur at 324 Alice Street. In 1943 Fanny was at 245 Ann Street and Arthur at 7 Kenilworth Street. He was late of 107 Bazaar Street when he died on 25 July 1947. Fanny was at 66 Fort Lane in 1958. She died on 16 November 1962 late of 72 John Lane.



**Mary [Polly] Prickett** was born in Thame on 23 June 1869. On 16 November 1889 she married James Mann. James was a glazier and machinist at Fairlie & Sons. A very long article in the Chronicle 17 July 1939 celebrated James's employment for 60 years and 7 months at Fairlie's. The pair lived at 16 Keith Street, Maryborough. Mary had a daughter Elizabeth Mary before her marriage and she and James had seven children – James Alexander, Ellen Ethel, William Henry, Jessie Margaret, Violet May, Elsie Pearl, and David Percy. James died on 19 August 1943 and Mary at the residence of her daughter Mrs N. Binnington on 11 August 1959.



**Historic contributions by the Prickett family to Maryborough's lasting Heritage.**



**Town Hall**



**Dominion Flour Mill**

**Walkers Limited**



**Wilson Hart**



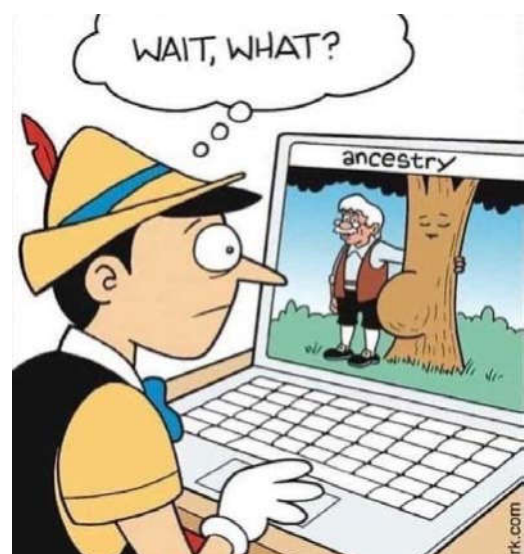
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**Who am I?**

It's our very own Cyril mucking about on one of our many fun filled days in the rooms. Thanks Cyril for making our days brighter.





## Gravestone Symbols & their meaning



Sometimes an anchor was placed on the gravestones of seamen since it was their last resort in a storm.

But more often, the [anchor on a gravestone](#) was a symbol of hope. The Bible references an anchor in connection with hope in Hebrews 6: 18-19, "... lay hold upon the hope set before us: which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast ..."

Those without hope may be like a ship tossed on the sea, their emotions being carried in every direction. The anchor would remind family members visiting the grave to hold on to the hope of seeing their loved one again.

To members of Freemasonry, the anchor represented well-grounded hope, a life well-spent, and eternal tranquility.

## Future Local Events coming up.

**MDFHS Cemetery Tours (held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday each month)**



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2024  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024



Maryborough Military and Colonial Museum



The Story Bank

Join a fascinating tour with our experienced guides



**Tipples and Tales**

**SATURDAYS 2.30pm**

Meet the historical characters of the Bond Store as you enjoy a tantalising experience of regional poets, liquors and lasting platters.

Cost: \$30 Bookings essential.



Brennan And Geraghtys Store Museum



The Maryborough Mural Trail



Hervey Bay Historical Village and Museum



Bond Store



**Tea with Mary**

**THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS 9.30am/10am**

**(REQUEST)**

Your very own Mary Poppins inspired character will guide you on a fascinating tour of beautiful riverside parks and glorious colonial architecture, finishing with a delightful morning tea in an old style cafe.

Cost: \$20. Bookings essential.



**Free Guided Walking Tour**

**MONDAY TO SATURDAY 10am**

Learn more about the colourful history of Maryborough on a free guided walking tour. The perfect way to share our local history with visiting friends and family. No need to book, just turn up. Departs City Hall.

# Books

## On Sale from our rooms

### Maryborough Heritage Register Series

#### Books

<b><u>Whose House is That?</u></b> (House names of Maryborough & District and their Owners)	<b>\$12 (+P&amp;H)</b>
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<b><u>“Mine Host” of Maryborough &amp; District.</u></b> (Licensed Publicans & Pubs to 1924)	<b>\$12 (+P&amp;H)</b>
<b><u>“Mine Host II” of Maryborough &amp; District.</u></b> (Licensed Publicans & Pubs 1924 to 1970)	<b>\$12 (+P&amp;H)</b>
<b><u>Hotels of the Burrum District</u></b>	<b>\$12 (+P&amp;H)</b>
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<b><u>The Newton Rodeo</u></b>	<b>\$10.00 (+P&amp;H)</b>

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<b>Tandora A Pioneer’s Dream by Lindsay Titmarsh</b>	<b>\$60 (+P&amp;H)</b>
<b>Hard Yards – Rugby League Recollections – 1910 -2010 by Ted Weber</b>	<b>\$35 (+P&amp;H)</b>
<b>A Grand Passion by Anne De Lisle</b>	<b>\$25 (+P&amp;H)</b>
<b>Swifts as we Remember</b>	<b>\$10 (+P&amp;H)</b>
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