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EDITORIAL

Welcome to another edition of Kin Tracer!

I have to say, this edition of Kin Tracer has been a struggle! We have had a couple of deaths in the family and our mortality has certainly been questioned.

As usual, we went north to see my Father for ANZAC Day. He was asked to accept the salute for the march this year. What an honour.

He joined the Royal Australian Navy at the age of 17 as an ordinary rating to achieve the rank of POMED (Petty officer, Mechanical Engineer, Diesel) worked on minesweepers in hazardous areas and was discharged after years of faithful service with a letter which basically said *"...this sailor has been doing unspecified duties in an unspecified region for an unspecified period of time. Thank-you for your service."*

He's gone from being denied medals, (only to receive them after a period of time) to being recognised for the service he made to our country.

So many of our families have been marked by war. Some remember it fondly, with many tales to share. Others have deep, deep scars, hiding them from others and just to get through every day is an effort. I will always support the men and women who have created a legacy of freedom, even if we don't support war itself.

Angela James.

*HMAS Curlew arriving in Sydney on 7 December 1962.
One of the mine sweepers used by the Australian
Navy in a minesweeping task to clear a channel into
Tonolei Harbour in Bougainville, where US aircraft
had dropped a large number of magnetic mines in
1943.*

With thanks to the Royal Australian Navy Website.



WELCOME TO NEW AND RETURNING

MEMBERS

We look forward to meeting you and helping you with your family research.

Don't forget to add your names of interest to our GSC Members Interest list.

A spreadsheet format is available to add names of families, places they lived, ships they arrived on and dates. Or you can export a list from your genealogy software. Just ask and we will help you format the list so we can combine it with the research interests of our current members. We also have interest lists from over 2000 members who have been part of our group, so perhaps you share an ancestor somewhere in our group.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following people. If you see them around please make the time to say hi.



- 1915 Wendy Dunstan
- 1916 Kay Thomson
- 1917 Pat Saunders
- 1918 Coline Colton
- 1919 Elizabeth Hamilton
- 1920 Robyn Johnston
- 1921 Roshell Van Zyderveld

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

I hope you all enjoyed a good Christmas break and maybe a little further along with your family research. Since I spent the Summer in bed with pneumonia, I didn't get very far at all. I did, however, watch a lot of the recordings from Family History Down Under 2022 that was held in Sydney in November. As usual, there was so much information from these brilliant presenters that I wish I could keep watching again all year.



We reopened at Genealogy Sunshine Coast in early February, very quiet so far. We will be working towards an Open Day in May and looking for ways to attract members, old and new, to avail themselves of our resources. Our Facebook page is generating a lot of interest and some new members —check it out.

I am looking forward to Rootstech2023 in March, another online event with many presenters who were not at Family History Down Under last year.

Until next time, stay well and keep researching and recording your stories.

Christine Cutler.



MONTHLY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

COME AND JOIN US

DNA DISCUSSION GROUP: 3rd Monday of every month from 1:00 pm. to 3:30 pm.

Bob May shares his extensive knowledge of DNA and its relevance to family history research. Come and share a cuppa with the group and find out more about the subject.

IRISH GROUP: 2nd Tuesday of every month from 9.30 am. to 12:00 pm.

Join this very active Interest Group which continues to make great progress in unravelling and unearthing the myriad of information available to assist with the search for Irish ancestral origins and in unravelling some fascinating aspects of Irish history.

WRITERS' GROUP: 4th Tuesday of the month from 9.30 am. to about 12:00pm.

We all have plans to write our family story. Come along and share ideas on how to go about the task and gain practice in creative writing on a variety of themes.

ROOTS MAGIC and FAMILY SEARCH etc: Hands-on help 3rd Tuesday of every month 1.00 pm. to 3.30 pm. Jan, Milli and Virginia are available to help with Roots Magic, Family Search, Findmypast and Ancestry family trees and software.

We would like to reboot the following groups.

Please get in touch if you are interested in attending.

GERMAN & EUROPEAN GROUP: 1st Tuesday of every month from 9:30 am. to 12:00 pm.

Share your family names, places and years of interest.

SCOTTISH GROUP: 3rd Tuesday of every month from 9.30 am. to 12:00 pm.

New data now on-line has given the group much to discuss and opens up new avenues of research.

We are changing our **CONVICT Group** to an **AUSTRALIAN Group**, to be held on the 1st Monday of every month. This will include convicts, immigration and other aspects of life in Australia.

Please phone 5329 2315 if you are interested in any of these groups and need more information.

<https://sites.google.com/site/genealogysunshinecoastinc/Home/gsc-interest-groups>



PLEASE NOTE:

The General Meetings are held on the third Saturday in each month. We have been trialling the idea of beginning the morning at 9.30am with morning tea and a chat then going into the meeting at 10am. Please let us know if you have any ideas on this arrangement – either for or against.



RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS

Due to fluctuating COVID-19 restrictions, please check opening hours before attending.

QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

46 Delaware Street, Chermside, Brisbane. Ph: 07 3355 3369

Opening Hours:- Monday (2nd & 3rd Mondays only) 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Tuesday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Thursday 10:00 am to 3:00pm
Saturday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Sunday 12:00 am to 4:00 pm

<http://www.qfhs.org.au>

We also have two Queensland Family History Society membership cards available for use by our current members. These may be collected from our Resource Centre prior to your visit to Brisbane, but must be returned to Genealogy Sunshine Coast.

If you plan a visit to any of the following societies, take your current Genealogy Sunshine Coast Membership Card with you. You will be charged their daily fee, not the visitor's fee at these societies:

CALOUNDRA FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH INC.

Opening Hours: Thursdays (except the 3rd Thursday) 9:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Third Thursday: 9:30 am to 12:00 noon, followed by the monthly meeting.

Saturday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm;

3rd Saturday in each month 9.30 am to 4.00 pm.

Sunshine Coast Turf Club, 170 Pierce Avenue, Caloundra. Ph: 0450 297 939 <http://www.caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au> Email:hello@caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au

LANDSBOROUGH & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

4 Maleny Street, Landsborough. Ph: 5494 1755

Opening Hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

<http://www.landsboroughmuseum.org.au>

GYMPIE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

1 Chapple Street, Gympie. Ph: 54828211

Library Hours: Wed. 9:30 am to 2:00 pm; Friday 9:30 am to 12:00 pm; Saturday 1:00 to 4:00 pm

<http://www.gympiefhs.egympie.com.au>

COOROY-NOOSA GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL RESEARCH GROUP

17 Emerald Street, Cooroy. Ph: 3129 0356

Opening Hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

<http://www.genealogy-noosa.org.au>

ANZAC MEMORIAL SERVICE AT HELLFIRE PASS, THAILAND, 25 APRIL 2014

by Jan England.



Les on R & R Leave in Biloela June 1946

My uncle Leslie Mervyn England was born in Dubbo in 1913 and enlisted in the AIF on 9th July 1940 in Sydney. He was assigned to the 2/15th Field Regiment as a gunner in the 8th Division. The regiment left Australia on 29th July 1941 for Singapore. As the war with Japan intensified during the latter half of that year, the regiment were sent north to support troops along the Malayan Peninsula. However, the Japanese troops gradually advanced and forced the AIF to withdraw back to Singapore Island where the British forces surrendered on the 15th February, 1942.

The 2/15th regiment were imprisoned in the Changi prison-of-war camp and were later assigned to duties along the Burma-Thailand railway. The Japanese wanted to build the 415km railway line from Thailand to Burma as a supply line for the movement of troops and equipment. Thus Les became POW No 9411 in Anderson Force and was allocated to Work Group No 42. At the end of 1942, they were transported by ship to the northern end of the railway line in Burma to work on laying sleepers and rails.

The Thai-Burma railway was constructed from both ends in Thailand and Burma with Les commencing at Thanbyuzayat in Burma. The appalling conditions have been well documented and the number of deaths speak for themselves. Disease, rations, overwork, poor sanitation and brutality took their inevitable toll and over 13000 POWs perished during the period 1942-late 1945. It is also estimated that up to 240,000 Asian labourers died during this period.

Records are available which show the various camps where Les was hospitalised with malaria and dysentery but he managed to stay alive until the Japanese surrendered in Sep 1945 and he was transported back to Australia on the HMT Highland Brigade on 6th Oct 1945.

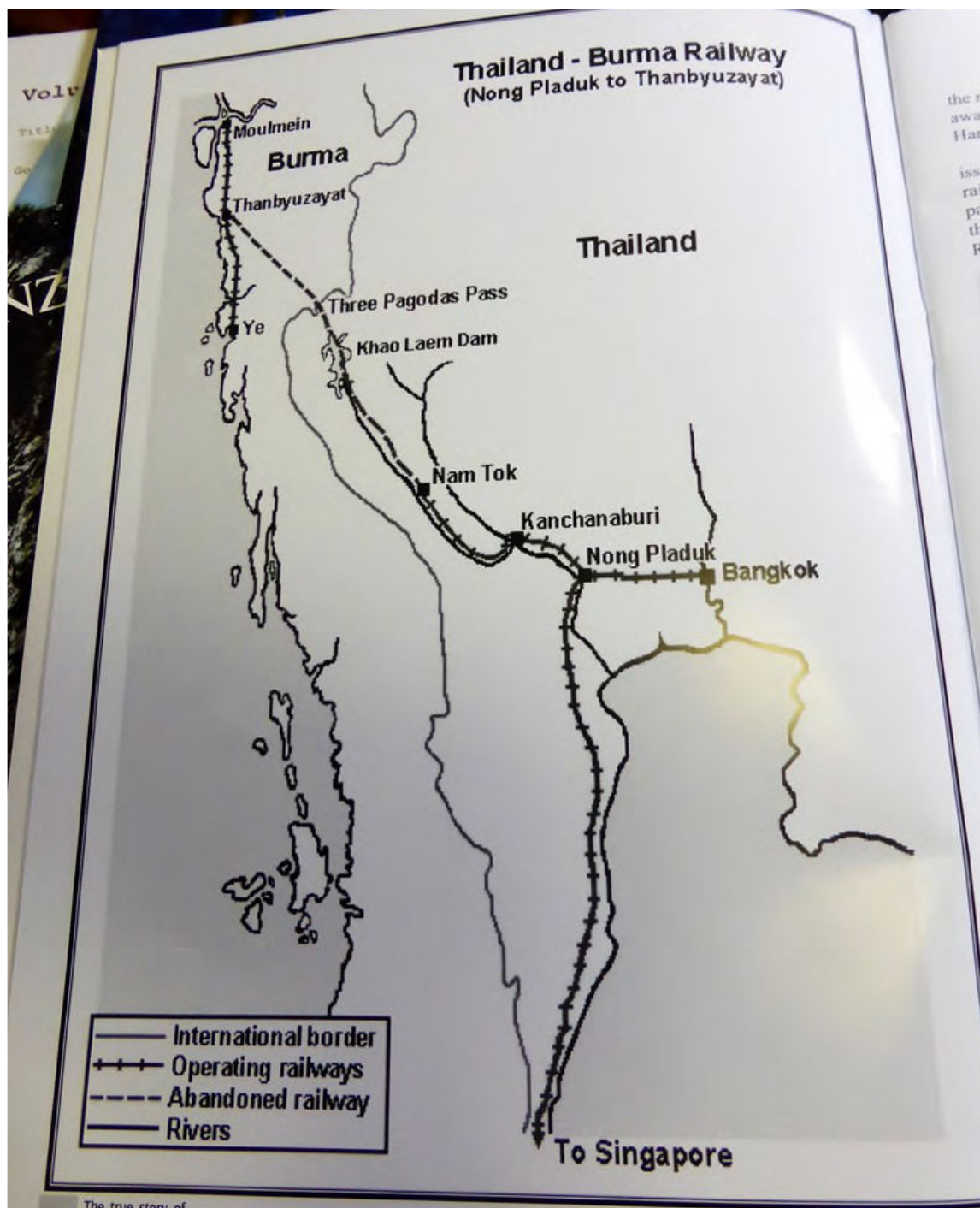
In 2014, I went on a 9 day tour with the Victorian company Belmore Travel who specialise in tours to military areas of the world such as the Gallipoli, Kokoda, the Western Front, Vietnam and Thailand. This tour was a traditional Anzac Day tour including a Dawn Service at Hellfire Pass and the morning service at Kanchanaburi War cemetery. It also included a visit to Myanmar (originally called Burma) where our group also went to Thanbyuzayat War Cemetery at the northern end of the railway line where Les had commenced his journey.

The tour commenced in Bangkok and then went north to Kanchanaburi where we had a one hour train journey which took us over the famous "Bridge on the River Kwai" which was constructed in WWII. The next day our group walked the 3.5 km along the Memorial trail to the Australian museum with a visit to the Weary Dunlop museum. Next day was to the Three Pagoda Pass at the border of Thailand and Myanmar and a POW campsite. We lunched at Wampo Station where we could watch the train make its way across the viaduct.

The morning of the 25th April saw us at the Dawn Service at Hellfire Pass, a very moving ceremony particularly when we arrived in the dark with only kerosene torches placed in the walls

of the Pass to mark our way to the ceremony. Many people laid wreaths on the memorial including myself and another person in our group who were selected because we had family members who had served there. Then we returned to the Kanchanaburi War cemetery for the memorial service followed by a visit to the Thai Burma Railway Museum. This Museum is staffed by Australians who either served or who had relatives who had worked on the railway line so they had an indepth knowledge of how the POWs had lived with extensive photos, maps and books for everyone to peruse. That afternoon, we returned to Bangkok with another free day before returning to Australia.

I felt very privileged to be able to take part in this tour especially when I could wear my uncle's badges which had been given to me by his step-daughter, at the Anzac Day ceremony .



MY FATHER'S WAR - CAROLYN SLADE



Born on Ross Island in Townsville, Queensland, 4th February 1912 to Alfred Charles Sinclair and Charlotte Bessie Haken, WILLIAM JOHN SINCLAIR was colloquially known as a "Ross Island Mud Picker." He was educated at Belgian Gardens Primary School until 1922 when his mother died. His quietly grieving father, who by then had been working away from home as a railway rolling stock examiner, gathered him up with his sisters to take them to live in Cloncurry.

School didn't feature much in Bill's life. He was more interested in the outside world, building himself a utility to run a carrying business in and around the town and meeting Charles Kingsford Smith when he landed in Cloncurry on a whirlwind flight.

Bill married Ivy Elsie Chappell 14th April 1941 in St Andrew's Church of England, Cloncurry and on the 8th May 1941 enlisted in the Australian Army to serve with the 26th Battalion.

He was sent to New Guinea, where he served as a mechanic from July 1943 to October 1945 and Ivy returned to her relatives in Brisbane to wait out the war. Bill saw active service in Buna Gona at the time of the Kokoda evacuation and spent time in many other parts of the country.

After his discharge from the Army with the rank of Lance-Corporal, he arrived in Brisbane to meet the two daughters who were born while he was away.

The only memory I have of him in uniform is a fading photograph – me as a baby, Mum in her best dress, Dad smiling broadly in khaki, and my older sister. We looked happy. We must have been happy. Dad was home. I didn't know he'd ever been away.

Bill found work as a welder for RL Windsor and Son Pty/Ltd but after eye damage from welding, moved on to work for Golden Fleece Pty/Ltd as a fitter. His daytime work meant he was home at night and as a tee-totaller, he had plenty of time for my sister and myself. Asthma and bronchitis were our allotted share of childhood plagues and when we were sick Dad would come into our room, sit on the bed and quietly talk about his time in New Guinea. He never spoke of the fighting. He never mentioned guns, so we could be forgiven for thinking he wouldn't know which end was which on a rifle. In fact from his stories, my sister was convinced he never saw any fighting at all while in New Guinea.

Dad's wartime stories were, of course, sterilised for our youthful consumption, but I could not imagine my Dad shooting people. He loved people and the funny things they did, so he told us about the New Guinea Natives, his fellow Aussie Soldiers and the American Soldiers stationed with him in the Jungle. The Americans had access to a variety of goods Australians had barely heard of, but the big attraction was ice cream. Ice cream makers had been shipped from the USA and the American troops generously shared with any Aussies they were billeted with.

Dad spoke of Lae, Wau and Bulolo as though they were old friends, and travelled back to New Guinea many years later to visit when I was living in Bulolo. He stared around at the little town and wiped his watering eyes, declaring, "It hasn't changed! They are even making oxygen in the original oxygen house we used during the war."

Together Dad and I shared the funny side of life. Our favourite story was about my Uncle Syd, Dad's brother-in-law and one of his battalion mates – trying to master Pidgin English.

“Gissim ah... that thing... er... something he cut wood.”

“Samting i cuttim dewai, Boss? – Yu laik akis?”

“No, er, yeah, dewai... cuttim... Er, no. What is it?” Syd scratched hastily through his pocket Pidgin dictionary.

“Yep, here it is,” He annunciated the phrase slowly and carefully...

“Pullim he come, pushim he go, all the same long axe,”

“Oh,” said his native companion, “you mean the saw, Boss?”

But it wasn't only the rank and file who encountered problems with communications. Officers fought valiantly to keep an army composed chiefly of drafted civilians safe and in fighting shape, but the men found maintaining radio silence the most difficult rule to keep.

Night-time guard duty was fraught with danger, real

and imagined, as anyone who has spent a night in the New Guinea jungle can tell. The darkness comes down as thick as the silence and one hour can seem like twenty when you're surrounded by nothing but snoring men, creaking trees, and perhaps snipers.

One black night as Dad stood on guard duty he heard a small guttural radio voice murmur through the darkness, “Husat i stap?” (*Who's that there?*)

Another voice answered, “Husat i tok Husat i stap?”

Then a third voice chimed in, “Husat i tok, Husat i tok, Husat i stap?”

The radio soon hummed to life with voices enlarging on the theme until the sergeant bellowed, “Shaddap, you lot! Radio silence! I don't wanna hear another word or I'll can the lotuvyez.”

Silence reigned and another hour yawned by. Then a small voice whispered in the dark, “Husat i stap?”

The war went on too long - as most wars do, and when it finally ended our heroes returned home carrying their souvenirs of battle: photographs; ashtrays made from the brass casings of bullet-shells; badges; medals; and scars - both mental and physical.

My Dad took his sense of humour with him when he went to New Guinea. He guarded it carefully throughout the fighting and brought it home intact. Then he passed it on to me. It's a great legacy.

WILLIAM JOHN SINCLAIR retired from Golden Fleece early for health reasons and died in Caboolture, Queensland, 20th December 1974 aged 62.

With an extract from the book “Edgewater Echoes of War” by Carolyn Slade



New Guinea army volunteers in 1942.

DID YOU KNOW THE FRANCIS FAMILY OF WOOMBYE?

They came from England many years ago. The families of John Grantham Francis and his wife Alice Shurvell.

John Grantham Francis and Alice Shurvell married in Woombye in 1897. They had eleven children and made their home on a property along Blackall Range Road, Woombye but later bought the Shurvell property on the Old Palmwoods Road so the children didn't have so far to go to school. John Francis ran cattle on the Woombye property. This property was later farmed by their son, Walter, who grew pineapples on the hillside.



John and Alice retired to a house built in Carter Road, Nambour in 1951 and Walter continued to farm the property at Woombye until the 1980s.

John Francis was a member of the Maroochy Shire Council (Abt. 1927 to 1935) and for some years was President of the Show Society (Woombye) and a member of the Woombye Fruitgrowers Association.

The John and Alice Francis Bursary was formed to provide funding for school children sitting for the Scholarship Examination at Woombye School to attend High School.

After John and Alice died (John on 25th October 1966 and Alice 27th of July 1967) May, Dorrie and Walter lived on in the Carter Road house. They were our neighbours in Carter Road, caring and friendly and loved by our children.

Genealogy Sunshine Coast has inherited a large number of photos from the Francis family collection. The collection has been digitised but as usual, there are no names on the photos so we are hard pressed to even identify family groups.

If you are related to or knew the Francis family and think you might recognise any of the people in the photos please contact us.

JAMES SHURVELL m. ANN MORRIS

Children:

1. ALICE SHURVELL born UK 1876; d. Nambour, Qld. 27.07.1967

m. 07.07.1897 Woombye Qld. (C000280)

Spouse: **JOHN GRANTHAM FRANCIS**

b. 25.12.1869 (1870/B010687); d. 25.10.1966

Nambour, Qld.

(Parents: **WALTER FRANCIS** and **CHARLOTTE MARGARET GRANTHAM**)

Siblings: **Annie Elizabeth Francis** b. 10.9.1871 m. **Frank Shurvell** 1895/B017451; **Sarah Rebecca Francis** b. 30.10.1873; **Eva Jane Francis** b. 9.9.1881; **Walter Isaac Francis** b. 2.11.1881; **Gertrude Emiline Francis** b. 6.12.1887

Children:

1. RUTH FRANCIS b. 24.9.1898 (Matron at Moreton Bay High School) d. 20.11.1990

2. EDWARD JOHN FRANCIS b. 7.1.1900 ; d.

08.10.1985; m. **MARY WRIGHT** 18.09.1926

Son: **HERBERT GEORGE FRANCIS** d. 02.01.1982

3. ANNIE MARGARET FRANCIS B. 22.03.1901 m. **DUNCAN KIRK** 09.04.1924; d. 20.0.1982

4. HERBERT FRANCIS b. 08.07.1902; d.

17.06.1991; b. 04.02.1878; d. 06.11.1946; m. **LUCY**

DROUYN LANE Sons: **William Herbert Francis** b.

3.12.1912 d. 20.09.1982; **Walter James Francis** d. 1976

5. GERTRUDE MAY (May) FRANCIS b. 26.12.1905; d 2000 (taught craft with CWA and Adult Education)

6. JAMES (Jim) CHARLES FRANCIS b. 3.1.1908 m.

MARY ELIZA POOLE (Lived at Dalby, Qld. d. Abt. 1984)

7. THOMAS FRANCIS b. 1909

8. DORIS (Dorrie) FRANCIS b. 13.8.1910; 1995

9. WALTER FRANCIS B. 4.12.1912; d. 2005

10. IRENE LUCY FRANCIS b. 20.4.1915 (Attended Nambour Rural School)

11. 4. ALICE (Bunny) FRANCIS b. 11.1.1904



The Francis family from top left: May, Annie, Ruth, Jim, Doris & Alice (Bunny), Edward & Herbert Irene and Walter.

May (in striped jacket) and Dorrie (right) at a cooking demonstration.



Right: Dorrie and May cut the cake for the Woombye Centenary in 1977 with Margaret Woodrow (Nee Aird)



Above on left: Walter carrying pineapples.

Left: Walter, Dorrie and Irene ready for school at Woombye – c.1922, 1923.

Photos from the family collection.

Carolyn Slade

Please contact: Genealogy Sunshine Coast with any information or to see the photos.

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SNIPPETS IN TIME

by Wendy McMullin

Nambour Chronicle 21st December 1923 p8

WOOMBYE AND DISTRICT

REMINISCENCES OF THE EARLY DAYS

Among the Pioneers.

By Buran (the Wind)

Woombye was originally Cobb's Camp and was one of stage terminations on the Brisbane-Gympie road located by the late Tom Petrie and Durumboi. Tom Murdoch had charge of the coach horses and he selected Chevallum on the Buderim tramline where the horses were depastured. Chevallum was the aboriginal name for Flying Fox. The remains of a kippa ring are still to be seen in Mrs. McMullin's paddock adjoining Chevallum. Some time ago a writer in the 'Chronicle' mentioned some incidents connected with early day which were by no means correct, especially concerning the old Cobb's Camp Hostel. Mrs. Stumpf ran the place for the company in the eighties (1880s). The hotel was a well constructed building, and was originally built by Mewett and Son of Caboolture. The timber was pitsawn, and consisted of pine, cedar and beech. Mr G.L. Bury afterwards effected additions for the company. The hotel stood where Mrs. Vallance's cottage is at present, and when Mr. Schubert erected the present Criterion Hotel he utilized the cedar of the old building to make the joinery for the new hotel. Meals at all of Cobb's establishments were 2/-, beds 2/-, and morning coffee 1/-, so that a night's tariff was only 5/-. I knew Mrs. Stumpf. I have slept in the old hotel, and I know the travelling public were not compelled to submit to the inconveniences alluded to by that correspondent.

Paynter's Creek was originally known as Wilson's Creek, called after a timber getter who worked the scrubs in the vicinity of the creek for cedar and beech. The name appears to have been changed by the authorities in Brisbane, but none of the settlers whom I have met seem to know why.

There are several Cobb's Camps in Queensland, and consequently confusion arose, so at the request of the postal authorities the present name was adopted in 1890, an alternate name Mundoolum (death adder) was also rejected for the same reason. The site of the present school was Mundoolum. For over 25 years there is no record of one of these reptiles being killed in the vicinity.

Wumbi is the aboriginal name for the scrub 'black myrtle'. It grows in many scrubs, and being tough and pliable, made a favourite riding whip for the early pioneers. The bush grew thickly in the scrub which originally covered the new Showground (now home to the soccer, pony club and Woombye Scouts) and where the railway station stands.

Diddillibah (black snake) was the name given to the settlement five miles nearer the mouth of the creek, at the head of the tidal water. It was adopted as the name of the settlement.

DISTRICT PIONEERS

Amongst the early settlers was the late Mr. H.A. Kiel, Messrs Archibald Aird, D. Cogill, Richard Heddon, L. Willersdorf and others. Timber- principally cedar, in which the scrubs along the creek banks, and the slopes of the Blackall were exceedingly rich, was the magnet which attracted these early settlers. The timber was taken to the rafting ground, near the mouth of Eudlo Creek, and was rafted to the mouth of the Maroochy River. The railway brought goods and passengers to Cobb's Camp in '89 (1889) or '90 (1890). Previous to that communication was either by boat or coach. The late William Pettigrew ran steamers to the Maroochy and Mooloolah Rivers to carry timber obtained from the scrubs. The Tadoona Rajah and the Gneering were paddle-wheel boats. They bought supplies to the pioneers and returned laden with timber. The Tadonnah Rajah came up to the rafting ground. Mr. Dunning, father of Mr. R. Dunning, of Palmwoods, kept the store at Eudlo flat. But neither the Tadoonah Rajah nor the Gneering could leave the Maroochy laden with timber; consequently log timber had to be drawn to the rafting ground and rafted to the Cotton Tree. The logs were hauled ashore, loaded and taken to the Mooloolah River.

The same difficulty existed at the Mooloolah Bar, and so the logs had to be once more rafted down past the mouth. The boats anchored outside under shelter of the Heads. Heavy logs such as beech were supported on the raft by lighter ones. When being loaded into the boat they often slipped and went to the bottom. The timber getter bore all the loss. Later on Mr. Pettigrew built the Tarshaw, and she loaded at Maroochydore. This was a considerable advantage. W.P. Clark built the Wa-woon (scrub turkey) at Bli bli, and she traded to Brisbane. The Tarshaw and the Wa-woon subsequently were sent north, and are still in active service.

Such are some of the experiences as related by Mr. Archibald Aird, who is now the oldest resident of Woombye. He has already entered on his 50th year. He joined his brother-in-law, H.A. Kiel in the timber business here in 1874.

TRIALS OF EARLY SETTLERS

In those days white settlers were few, and the bushman's constant companion was the black boy (sic). Mr. Aird learned to speak the Aboriginal dialect. To the blacks he was Gru-man (kangaroo). The property he selected was frequented by hundreds of kangaroos. The blacks called Maroochy Mara Kutchi. Mooloolah meant "big rock" so called on account of the immense shelves of rock extending into the ocean at the point.

Dependent on boats in the early days, the settlers had many hardships to put up with which we cannot now realise. In bad weather the boats could not get in. On one trip the Gneering, with flour, sugar and beef aboard, got to Bribie, and after waiting for the weather to clear went back to Brisbane. The settlers lived for six weeks on sweet potatoes. When the rations arrived later their condition can be imagined. Mrs. Aird, who is a daughter of Mrs. Stumpf, arrived in the district two years before her husband. Their eldest son, Charles, was the first white child born in Woombye. Mr. Aird recalls that on several occasions he had known the late Mrs. Chambers, of Yandina, to pull single handed in a flat bottomed punt from Yandina to Maroochy and back for provisions, a distance of over 40 miles. What hearts must the pioneers of 50 years ago have possessed! And as we notice them one by one, being laid to rest, after their labours, we barely pause to even pay "The passing tribute of a sigh."

TERROR OF THE TRIBE

Mr. Aird was present at the capture of the murderer "Piper." Piper years previously had murdered a botanist at what is now "Dead Man's Waterhole" on the Caloundra Road, for a few shillings which he knew the unfortunate man possessed. After he had felled his victim he compelled Johnny Griffin and another boy to take part in mutilating the body, so they should be implicated. He was captured, but jumped from the boat and swam ashore. Piper was a desperate villain, and was held in terror by the other natives. Though years had intervened, and he joined the other aboriginals in fishing, timber getting and other occupations, he was wary of capture. An opportunity presented itself to Constable Smith of Cobb's Camp. Piper and another black were getting wood for the station, when Piper carried his load inside Smith called on H.A. Kiel and Tom Murdock to come to his aid. He (Smith) covered Piper with the revolver, and Mrs. Smith handled the carbine, while Tom Murdock and Kiel grappled with the powerful outlaw. The latter, on account of his greasy skin, had nearly freed himself when Murdock, grasping a handful of sand, obtained a grip of Piper which was effective. Piper was taken to Brisbane for trial, but the evidence not being satisfactory, he was acquitted. Piper selected a gin from the Durundur tribe, and one of the latter dying, Piper marked by the tribe as the cause of his death. An attempt to murder him in his sleep failed, but he was afterwards poisoned by some rum given to him by a member of the tribe. Johnny Griffin was hit in the shoulder by the police with a musket ball, and the bullet was never extracted.

(References to "blacks" or "black people" are used in the original article as quoted from 1923. No intent to cause distress is intended.)

BY-GONE RELICS

Mr. Pettigrew erected a large sawmill at the mouth of the Maroochy between the Club Hotel and the School of Arts in the early 90's (1890's). Traces of machinery and some of the original buildings are still in existence (1920s). Pettigrew spent a lot of money securing special hand saws from America for this mill, but they were unsuitable for hardwood, and were a failure. The mill was afterwards purchased by James Campbell and Sons. The old Gneering now lies on the bank opposite the Club Hotel at Maroochydore. The Tadonnah Rajah was sunk in a collision in the Brisbane River.

A Visit to the Genealogy Centre *by Judith McKenzie*

Within the walls of the Genealogy Centre in Petrie Park Road lies a wealth of history and knowledge about our forefathers – people who came from all parts of the world to form the Australian population as we now know it.

Our group of 39 Nambour 90 Probus members were split into 3 groups with each group given a talk about the centre and its various facilities.

The library boasts a huge number of books and historical articles as well as information about the early pioneers who came from England, Ireland, Scotland, Italy Greece, Germany and numerous other places and made their home here. Information is also included in ships' logs and passenger lists with the Port of Maryborough being a very busy port of entry for immigrants, many of whom drifted to this area.

Census records, Cemetery records and Military records may also be accessed as well as local history books compiled by many local residents.

Trained and very patient genealogists, librarians and volunteers are on hand to help you with your research.

Regular workshops are held to assist with computer skills, how to research in the library and the Internet and understanding DNA and many other skills. Workshops are open to the general public.

After a very informative morning that had us all thinking about our ancestors and our family tree, we were treated to an absolutely generous and sumptuous morning tea.

Thanks go to the Ladies at the Genealogy Centre for hosting so generously and thanks to Elaine and Lynne of Probus for organizing this interesting outing.



Photo with thanks to Virginia Bassett.

VALE - NELL BRIGGS AND ANNIE SHURVELL

Palmwoods Loses Two Great Pioneers

Palmwoods lost two great pioneers of the district last month (June 1996) with the deaths of Annie Shurvell and Nell Briggs.

Annie Owen was born one of 14 children, in England on January 6, 1898 and arrived in Australia as a 17 year old. The family first went to Montville, where her mother's sister lived, riding horses up the range from the Palmwoods station.

They then settled on a farm near the Hunchy School in 1918. About the same time, Annie met and married Walter Shurvell.

They grew small crops and ran a dairy farm on a property in Shurvell Road which had been selected by Walter's father Frank, and worked side by side until Walter's death in 1952. Walter and Annie had three children, Herb, Joy and Glen (sic) Glynn, who was born at the Palmwoods Hospital. The elder two children started their education at the old Hunchy School and later moved to Palmwoods where Glynn started school.

Annie managed to sew for her family and also meticulously ran her household as well as work on the farm. After Walter's death, she continued to work with her younger son Glynn.

She lived on the property until her death on June 16 1996, a total of 73 years on the family farm. A tireless worker, she could still be seen out picking beans when she was 80. She was not happy unless she was working. She was also a regular church-goer, attending what was then the Methodist Church in Church Street.

In 1969, at the age of 71, she took an around the world trip and visited her birth place at Bolton in Lancashire. Annie then returned to England with her granddaughter in 1975 and again in 1983 with her daughter.

She is survived by three children, four grandchildren and six great grandchildren as well as one sister, Mary Morrison, aged 95 who lives in Nambour.

Having lived in Palmwoods all her life, Annie witnessed dramatic changes in the area – as had Nell Briggs who died on June 1, 1996 aged 87.

Nell was born on March 5 1909 in Warwick, the fifth of 10 children of Ernest and Agnes Briggs.

The family moved to Palmwoods in 1913, where Ernest, as well as running a dairy, farmed small crops and later citrus and pineapples. Ernest died in 1961.

Nell was educated at the Palmwoods State School and lived on the family property at 16 Briggs Street, right at the top of the hill, until her death.

The Sundale Retirement village is part of what was the original Briggs farm.

Nell was a Guide leader at one time and the story goes that she was always late.

She never married but led a quiet life living at home and being part of a family that was renowned for its hospitality.

Tennis players would gather on the family tennis court on Saturdays and cricketers would play in the cow paddock now known as Briggs Park. The history of the family which lived in the one house for 83 years is extraordinary and their legacy in the Palmwoods community is great.

Nell was survived by one brother, Bill, who lived in Brisbane. Her nephew Ken Spackman remained to carry on the family links with Palmwoods.

Sourced from the Nambour Chronicle- Palmwoods News July 1996

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There are also a few titles previously accessioned highlighted on the new resources page

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Soldier Settlers of the Granite Belt: the Pikedale Soldier Settlement Scheme by Lorene Long - Accession No: 16949 ; Shelf Location: QLD 4380 HIS

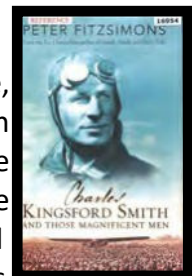
A book about the settlement of soldiers and their families in the Granite Belt area after WWI. It is full of names and details, and a treasure trove for anyone researching this time and place. Meticulously-researched and well-written. The appendices include a timeline, photographs of artifacts from the period, rainfall charts, a list of soldier settlers and property descriptions. 229 p. : map , b&w

photos , appendices

Charles Kingsford Smith and Those Magnificent Men by Peter Fitzsimons -

Accession No: 16954 ; Shelf Location: BIO Kingsford Smith

This book is much more than the title implies. In his usual enthralling epic style, Peter Fitzsimons traces the history of flight breakthroughs in the world and in Australia. Not only does he tell Kingsford Smith's story, including his wartime exploits, but also depicts the achievements of Charles Ulm, the Wright brothers, the Red Baron, Ross and Keith Smith, Lindbergh, Bert Hinkler and many others. We read of the formation of QANTAS, and the Great Centenary Air Race. 679 p. : b&w photos , maps , endnotes , biblio. , index.



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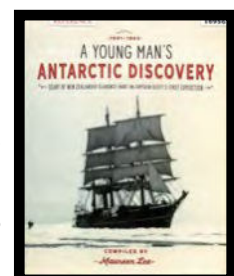
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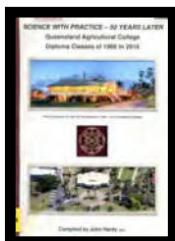
the tent lines in Nui Dat, Vietnam; the people of the Battalion; the activities; people from support organisations; the South Vietnamese people and countryside; the trip home. Included at the end of the book are: list of contributors; roll of honour; 7 RAR Nominal Roll. 366 p. : b&w and col. photos

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Accession No: 16956 ; Shelf Location: BIO Hare.

A newly-published first-person account from Captain Scott's first expedition to Antarctica. It is the transcribed diary of a young member of the team, Clarence Hare, describing the adventure from the beginning of the voyage on the "RRS Discovery" in December 1901 until the ship's return to New Zealand in March 1903. Part of Clarence's story includes being lost in a blizzard for 46 hours. The compiler has added biographical details about Clarence and others on the voyage, as well as other background information. A beautiful compilation. 173 pages : b&w & col. photos. ; index.



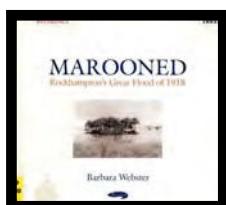


Science with Practice – 50 Years Later : Queensland Agricultural College Diploma Classes of 1966 in 2016 compiled by John Hardy - Accession No: 16946 ; Shelf Location: QLD 4345 HIS

Includes information and photographs from the Queensland Agricultural College (near Gatton) in 1966, as well as 47 biographies (approx. one page each) of ex-students in 2016, and obituaries of some staff members and students. Small portrait photos of each student and some staff members. The GSC collection includes several other publications from the Queensland Agricultural College. 127 p. : b&w photos ; campus plans.

Peachester Community Church edited by Helen Page - Accession No: 16959 ; Shelf Location: QLD Local 4519 HIS.

A booklet produced in 2022 for the centenary of the Peachester Community Church building. It is not intended as a definitive history, but is a compilation of historical details, newspaper items, photographs and memories. Methodist services began in Peachester in the early 1900s, with the Methodist Church building being built in 1922. In 1977 it became part of the Uniting Church's Stanley River Parish, and in 2017 became a community church. 36 p. : b&w and col. Photos.



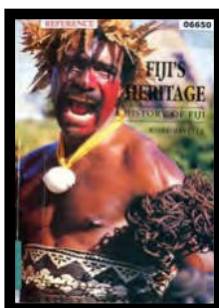
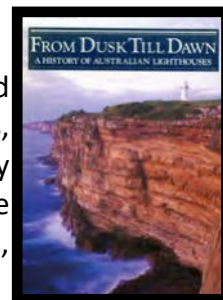
Marooned: Rockhampton's Great Flood of 1918 by Barbara Webster - Accession No: 16937 ; Shelf Location: QLD 4700 HIS

By accessing newspapers, photographs and interviewing witnesses, the author has captured the impact of the 1918 Rockhampton flood on individuals and the community as it occurred. A detailed account of the causes, events and after-effects of the flood. It examines not only the physical effects, but also the effects on individuals, the community as a whole, and on politics. Appendices show a chronology of the 1918 flood and a comparison of historical flood heights in Rockhampton. 134 p. : b&w and sepia ill. , maps , appendices , endnotes , index.

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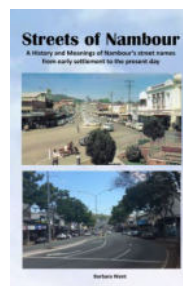
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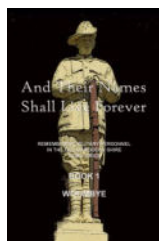
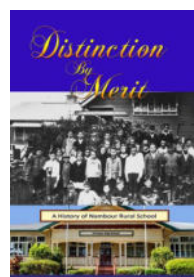
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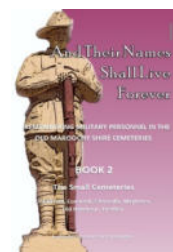
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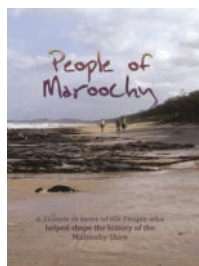
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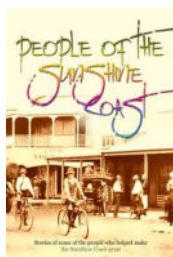
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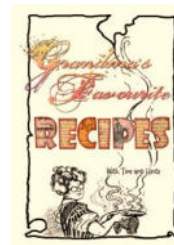
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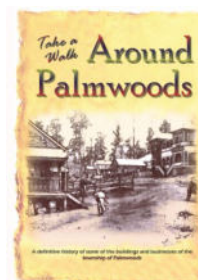
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PALMWOODS PAVEMENT BOOK

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Remembering the original Pavement Project and Nicklin Memorial Clock in Main Street Palmwoods.

The pavement has been redesigned to become Piccabeen Green with the names transposed from the original terracotta tiles to the current boardwalk, making them a little harder to find.

Owing to the loss of the distinctive tiles, we at Genealogy Sunshine Coast have collected stories behind the names nominated by local residents and tried to give some history of the town and its people from the early days to 2020.

Some of the stories have been written by the families featured in the book. Others have been gleaned from newspaper stories and historical documents. All add to the colourful flavour of the town, making it a popular place to live and raise a family. Many Photos plus Index.

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Remember, this is your magazine. Your opinion is important.

Submissions can be about Sunshine Coast local history; some segment of your own family history, perhaps how your ancestor was punished as a convict; a story giving an insight into how a brick wall was broken down; research tips and new websites; tips for scanning; etc.

Don't think your family is boring. Get started writing and you will remember things that will interest and help others. If you find it interesting, guaranteed someone else will too!

Don't forget sources.

Funny articles or cartoons are welcome as long as sources are quoted and permitted.

Please try to keep entries to no more than two A4 pages – preferably one.

An A4 page in Calibri 12pt, is approximately 600 words – without a heading or photos.

Edit, edit, edit. Tighten up the story and cut out any unnecessary sentences or words.

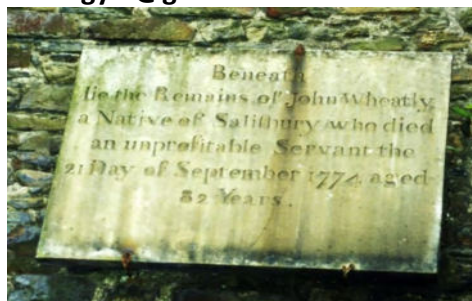
ALWAYS submit stories or articles electronically. Printed items must be copied to electronic format and this can create errors. Stories can be in either Word or PDF. Photos no less than 300dpi in Jpeg format.

If you are not a regular visitor to the GSC resource centre and cannot bring an item in on a USB stick, the easiest way to submit a story is by email. It can be sent as a gmail attachment (photos attached separately) to **genealogysc@gmail.com Attn Kin Tracer Editor**.

We are a flexible bunch, so, do your best and we'll sort out the rest.

Short snippets are always welcome and are often needed to fill in gaps.

EG: a differently worded death notice or headstone inscription.



Or a strange newspaper notice eg: A duel where one man died, ending with the words, *"From that moment, the Duke's political aspirations in Spain came to an abrupt end."*

Snippets like this make good fillers.

Obituaries; Marriages; Exam results from 1920; Whatever you find interesting and might help someone else with their research.

We all have our favourite websites for research. However, when was the last time you looked at our website? **Genealogy Sunshine Coast** has an overabundance of links which really can be quite helpful. Any useful website you might come across could help others to find their families. Please include them in your submissions.



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Wednesday Closed

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