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Opening Times:

Monday and Friday CLOSED
Monday nights only when advertised.
Tuesday and Thursday 10am – 2pm
Wednesdays 12pm – 4pm
Saturdays open 3rd only 9am – 11.30am
Closed mid-December – late January
Open by appointment mid Dec – late Jan

Memberships:

Single \$40
Family \$50 (2 People same address)
Pensioner \$35 Pensioner Couple
Student \$30 (needs to show card)
Joining Fee \$5 All prices include GST
(Membership year Jan to Dec)

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President's Report Sept-Oct-Nov 2023

It is hard to believe this is my last report for the year and Christmas is looming again. Time really does fly!

September:

*After our September meeting Robyn explained to members how to obtain cheaper certificates for England and ordering them through the GRO.

*After the meeting we all went to lunch at the Barker Street Café.

October:

*Saturday 7 October, we held a Trivia night at the Cecil Hotel which was a great success. We had nine tables of eight, so lots of noise and laughter. A big thank you to those who organised and ran the night. The profit was a great boost to our bank account.

*Monday 23 October Michelle Hurcum from Grafton gave a follow up presentation on how to use NSW Land Records.

* **Vale:** Our group wishes to convey our very deepest sympathy to our librarian Mavis Goodlad on the sudden passing of her long-time partner John Holmes. John made himself available to our group whenever we needed help. John died of a heart attack at the Bean Creek fire front on October 14. For 52 years the senior deputy captain served in the Mallanganee Fire Brigade.

November:

*Sunday 5th November, we had a visit to Pimlico Museum. We didn't pick the best of days for being out and about, as it rained all the way to Pimlico. The museum was worth the visit, and we enjoyed a chat over morning tea. Our lunch was to be at Woodburn but by the time we got there the rain was torrential, so lunch was cancelled, and we headed home again. It was still nice to have a morning out with good company.

*At our November meeting it was agreed we look into holding another Trivia night around April next year.

Coming Up December:

Our Christmas party is advertised elsewhere in this newsletter. You are all invited to attend. We hope to have a speaker on the day. We will be self-catering, this in the past has been very successful with a great array of food. There will not be a hamper raffle this year. We will have an in-house raffle on the day and a 100 Club. The 100 Club has been running at our research room since mid-October and will be drawn at the Christmas Party. We ask that you bring along a gift to the value of \$10.00 to put under the Christmas Tree and to be exchanged after our lunch. RSVP please by 7th December.

Make use of Subscription Websites:

A reminder to all members that our group subscribes to 'Ancestry', 'Find my Past', 'The Genealogist', 'Biographical Database of Australia', and we are an affiliated library with 'FamilySearch'. Your membership gives you access to these websites, a much cheaper way to find your ancestors than paying hundreds of dollars out of your own pocket. Please make use of these sites. If you need assistance using a website, please ask for help.

Read Newsletters:

Members have you all forgotten we exchange newsletters with 100's of other groups throughout Australia and overseas. This resource is not being utilized. Your membership allows you to take newsletters home to browse. Our newsletter editor Shirlee puts in hours of work putting our 'Crossing Place' together, as do editors of all Family History Groups. The information contained in these newsletters is invaluable. Next time you are in the room take home a handful, you will be surprised what you might find relating to your interest.

Best Wishes to you all for Christmas, the Holiday Season and New Year --- *Barbara Hollis*

The Holidays - How Casino People Spent Them. (1923)

All who could get away from Casino during the Christmas and New Year holidays did so. The weather was oppressively hot in town. But not so at the coast. Hundreds found coolness in the breezes from the sea and in the curling breakers that broke on the sands at Evans Head, Ballina, Byron Bay, Brunswick Heads, and on the south coast of Queensland. Railway and motor traffic was heavy. Trains and cars went to the coast filled with pleasure-makers. At Evans Head there must have been nearly three hundred people camped. There was a thousand or so at Ballina. Byron Bay and Brunswick Heads also had their tent towns. The holidays were free from rainstorms. It was delightful weather for camp life, the most of which was made by all who engaged in it for a few days. It was with a sigh that town folk donned hot clothes again on Monday afternoon, packed up and returned to town and work!



Camping out in style, Evans Head, NSW

Today it is easy to distinguish the coast-dwellers from the stay-at-homes. The former are bronzed and sunburnt; the skin is peeling off the noses of the girls. Cold creams are in great demand. Chemists have sold out of coconut oil. There are sore, legs and sore shoulders. But who minds? The recollection of a pleasant time assuages the feelings of the most badly sunburnt man or woman. More people travelled from the North Coast of this State to Tweed Heads and Coolangatta than ever before. The delights of that Queensland border watering place are becoming to be more appreciated as its attractions become better known. The surfer will tell you there is no better surf anywhere than that at Coolangatta. And there is little danger. It is estimated that there were over twenty thousand visitors to Tweed Heads for the holidays. There were hundreds of tents. And plenty of life! Jazz dancing halls, picture shows, and numerous amusement places. And Capt. Percival's aeroplane, which took the venturesome skywards.



Captain Percival's joy flights over Kirra beach and posing at right with Mayor R G Johnston.



There seems to have been only one unfortunate surfing accident on the North Coast during the holidays, that in which a young girl named Morrow, of Kyogle, lost her life in the treacherous surf at Evans Head. At the best of times there is an undertow in many parts at Evans Head. Since the fatality it is stated that steps have been taken to indicate the safe area by the erection of flags. This should have been done long ago. There is also a need for a lifesaving club at Evans Head. If seaside resorts are to be popularised the shire authorities and townspeople must make them safe and provide adequate dressing and other facilities. There is also a real need for a first-class hotel at Evans Head. Except for two or three inter-district cricket fixtures, there was nothing to keep Casino folk at home. A large number of the sporting section went to Ballina and Coraki for the races.

Casino and Kyogle Courier and North Coast Advertiser, Wednesday 3 January 1923, page 2



Large holiday crowds Lighthouse Beach, Ballina NSW



Holiday makers on Byron Bay's first jetty built 1888



Swimmers at Brunswick Heads. NSW



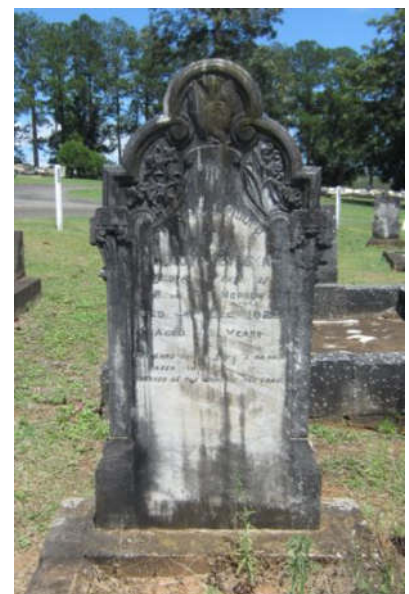
Holiday campers, Brunswick Heads, Boxing Day 1923

SAD HOLIDAY FATALITY
KYOGLER GIRL DROWNED
Kyogle Examiner, Wednesday 3 January 1923, page 2

DROWNED IN THE SURF
FATALITY AT EVANS HEAD
Casino & Kyogle Courier, Wednesday 3 January 1923, page

SAD FATALITY AT EVANS HEAD
Coffs Harbour Advocate, Wednesday 10 January 1923, page 3

Pictured right is Gladys Morrow's grave and headstone,
Kyogle Cemetery, NSW



A Lone Grave in a Paddock - The Suicide of Ralph Reid

Submitted by member Shirlee McPherson

Ralph Reid born in Scotland in 1815, the son of Ralph Reid and Elizabeth Mackenzie, was the husband of my great-great-aunt Amelia (Emily) McPherson. Ralph and Emily were married in St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Port Macquarie NSW on 22 March 1845. Both stating that they resided in New England. Their witnesses, Peter Bruce and John Hugh Fraser, were from Lake Innes and New England. Ralph was 12 years older than Emily, she was 18 and Ralph 30 years of age when they married.

Emily and her family were Scottish bounty immigrants from Kingussie, Inverness Shire. The McPhersons arrived per the "St George" in 1838 and settled initially at Maryville and then Patrick's Plains in the Hunter River region. Ralph was recorded to have originated from Kingussie also, but this has not been confirmed and his arrival date is not known. According to the information on his death certificate he was born in Scotland and arrived about 1838 also but was not listed on the "St George".

Ralph and Emily were to have between 11 and 13 children. By the time of Ralph's death in 1868 only 9 were living. The family moved several times in their marriage with details found of four children being born in Armidale, four in Warwick and three in Tenterfield. The 9 children living were: Ralph, Alexander, Margaret, John, Duncan, Emily, Margery, Kenneth and Robert. Twins born and died in 1856 were unnamed and a second Kenneth born in 1859 also died. Another child was accounted for only in number on Ralph's death certificate with 9 living children 2 males and 2 females deceased. Emily's death certificate 4 years later notes 9 living and only 1 male deceased. On both certificates the informant was their oldest son Ralph Reid Jnr and there is no record of Ralph Snr being married before he married Emily to explain the larger number of children on his death certificate compared to his wife's.

By 1853 Ralph 'had attained the status of station superintendent'. This must have been a profitable position to hold, for in February 1854 Ralph invested in a town block at Tenterfield, Block 4, Section 13, for the sum of £4/5/-. In the proclamation of the sale Ralph is recorded as being from Maryland, Darling Downs. The Marsh family were the owners of Maryland Station and Ralph was to become their overseer-manager.

During his time at Maryland, Ralph had to oversee the care of large mobs of sheep and manage employees. This was not an easy task at times. In 1856 mobs of sheep travelling through the Tenterfield district became exposed to the infectious disease catarrh. The owners of Maryland, Ralph and other station owners were concerned the disease would spread into the Darling Downs district. On 2nd May 1856 they met in Warwick with several magistrates and requested an inspector be appointed to examine the sheep and report.

In December 1857 during an unusually wet season; the *North Australian*, an Ipswich newspaper, reported that 20,000 sheep had died on Maryland Station. This highly incorrect number resulted in Ralph writing and complaining to them via the *Moreton Bay Courier*. The *North Australian* responded saying "Mr Reid has acted rather discourteously" in the matter by taking his grievances to another paper and not to them.

Shearing time often brought with it unexpected incidences. In December 1859 a shocking murder occurred at Maryland when two shearers fought over a sheep with the result one being stabbed with shears and dying of his wounds. Later that same month another stabbing occurred when a stockman in Ralph's employ beat and stabbed his wife and on another occasion one employee bit the nose off another during a dispute.

In 1860 Ralph ventured into a partnership with his employer Mr. C. W. Marsh. The property they purchased "Acacia Creek Station" was right on the NSW-Queensland border near Killarney and appeared to be a promising investment for cattle, sheep and wool production.

The separation of Queensland and New South Wales in 1859 caused some issues for the landowners with their properties on the new boundary line. In July 1860 Ralph and his employers wrote to the Colonial Secretary stating the inconvenience arising from the present position of the Boundary line (NSW & QLD border) which is stated it divides portions of districts and even of runs.

The new state border was not always a troublesome issue for the Reids. When their eldest daughter Margaret married William Adams in 1867 and wished to marry at the homestead, which was in NSW, using a minister from Queensland they were able to overcome the problem with little trouble.

Mr. Reid had a fine family of four sons and one daughter. The eldest, Mr. Ralph Reid, did some of the pioneering of the Cooktown cattle country at King's Plains. Mr. Ralph Reid is now a resident at Cairns. Miss Reid married a Mr. Adams, who owned Koreelah, their wedding created quite a ripple of excitement at that time. Miss Reid decided that, the Rev. Benjamin Glennie, who resided in Warwick, should perform the marriage at the Head Station. A difficulty then cropped up, because her home was in New South Wales, and the Rev. Mr. Glennie held no license to celebrate marriages in that State. However, it was discovered that the boundary lines between the two States passed very close to the Acacia Creek House—only a few yards away. Some of the family therefore, suggested that a temporary pavilion be erected in Queensland, where the ceremony could be carried out legally. This was done, and after the happy couple were married, they walked back with the guests to the old home, where the wedding breakfast was served.

Several years on the business venture at Acacia Creek began to fail and in early 1868 the property was listed for auction, the sale to take place in April of that year. At the time of advertising Acacia Creek Station stocked 9000 sheep and 1200 cattle.

Ralph wrote to his partner that same month of April 1868 with a proposal: "I have no hesitation in saying that breeding sheep will never do here, but cattle will do well. It would at all seasons carry 4000 head well and would be a most remunerating cattle station and I now believe if we could sell the sheep and stock it with cattle, it would still pay."

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.
PEREMPTORY SALE.
To close a Partnership.
CLARENCE DISTRICT.
NEW SOUTH WALES.
ACACIA CREEK STATION,
together with 9000 SHEEP (more or less), and 1200
HEAD OF CATTLE (more or less).
RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions from Messrs. R. Reid and C. W. Marsh to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, Sydney, in APRIL next,
That well-known first-class pastoral property,
ACACIA CREEK STATION,
CLARENCE DISTRICT,
situated on the table land at the head of the Clarence waters, and adjoining the celebrated Darling Downs Station, **CANNING DOWNS**
It is only distant 108 miles from Ipswich, and about 26 miles from the thriving TOWN OF WARWICK, to which a railway is projected, and expected to be complete within two years.
THE IMPROVEMENTS are extensive and nearly new. They comprise a desirable 7-roomed shingled cottage residence, with kitchen and garden, barn, stables, coach-house, carpenter's shop, stockmen's and shepherd's huts, shingled; excellent stockyard, about 15 miles of fencing, &c.
With the station will be sold
9,000 SHEEP, more or less
1,200 HEAD OF CATTLE, more or less.
Full particulars of which will appear in a future advertisement.
This superior pastoral property is too well known to need any comment. It is only necessary to state that it is an **UNDENIABLE FATTENING STATION**, most eligibly situated **CLOSE TO A NUMBER OF MARKETS**, and in one of the best districts in New South Wales. More detailed particulars and terms will be shortly announced. In the meantime, an inspection is invited prior to the sale, for which every facility to intending buyers will be given.

"P.S. More particulars when I hear from you. My eyes are so bad that although I write this, I cannot see a line of it. Otherwise, I am in good health and able to knock about."

Although the letter seemed optimistic and cheery enough Ralph was to become more strained. He was heavily in debt. This may have been because of the cost of wages and stock feed. The whole situation proved too much for Ralph and on the night of the 24 September 1868 he suddenly took his own life. The newspapers reported the following: -

The Late Mr. Ralph Reid.

Very many old colonists will be shocked by the information that Mr. Ralph Reid, of Acacia Creek, has died by his own hand. He was for many years well and favourably known in the Northern districts of New South Wales,

which then included what are now the Southern districts of Queensland. We quote from the Warwick Examiner the particulars of the enquiry made into the cause of Mr. Reid's death:-

Dr. Koch, J.P. on receipt of the news, went out to the station, which is distant about twenty-five miles from town, just over the border in New South Wales. In order, however, to hold magisterial inquiry, it was necessary to adjourn from the head station to this side of the border, so that Dr. Koch as magistrate of Queensland could legally act. The following evidence was taken:-

Edward Craig deposed:

I know the deceased, I stopped at Acacia Creek, and between 11 and 12 o'clock last night Mrs. Reid called me up; she told me that Mr. Reid had ruined himself, and asked me to get up and assist the boys; I went to Mr. Reid's bedroom and saw a pool of blood on the floor, and the two boys holding their father up; I assisted them in lifting him on to the bed; shortly after the bleeding commenced again, and he soon died; Ralph Reid then picked up a knife from the floor and showed it to me; it was covered with blood.

Alexander Reid deposed:

Am son of the deceased; remember my brother calling out for me last night; I immediately ran into the bedroom where my father and he used to sleep; saw my father lying on the ground and my brother holding his head up; I assisted my brother to raise him up; I then saw a stream of blood running down his shirt; I looked where it came from and saw a deep gash in his throat; tied a towel round it but could not stop the bleeding; took two more towels and put them over the first one; the bleeding seemed to stop then; just then Edward Craig came into the room; we together removed my father to the bed; he tried to speak but could not; the bleeding came on again; I then got some feathers and put them on the wound; I left the room for about five minutes and when I came back my father was dead; before I went out I saw my brother picking up a knife from the floor; it was covered with blood; my father had been ailing some time; he was mostly in his senses but at times he was not.

Ralph Reid deposed:

Am the son of the deceased; I saw him alive last, between ten and eleven o'clock last night; I spoke to him and he seemed alright; I went to sleep; after some time after I heard a fall which woke me; I jumped from my bed and called my brother who was sleeping in the next room; I then went to the place where my father had fallen down; I caught him in my arms, and just then my brother came in; we put him in a sitting position and I then felt the blood rushing over my hands; I went out of the room to get some cobwebs; after I came in again I found my father in the hands of my brother and another person; I assisted in removing him to the bed; he made several attempts to speak; but could not succeed; the blood soon burst out again and soon after that he died; I had found in the meantime a knife on the floor covered with blood; I believe my father cut his throat with that knife; my father had been ailing for some time; he seemed frightened at something, but I could not tell what; he was at times out of his senses - the last time about three weeks ago.

This ended the inquiry. The deceased was buried yesterday (Friday) at the station. Mr. Reid was an old colonist and had spent the better portion of his life in this district, gaining the esteem and respect of all parties, and whether as "super" or master everyone coming in contact with him had but one opinion of him. No direct reason can be given for the commission of the sad act, but it is generally supposed that a depreciation of his property had latterly preyed on his mind, and led to temporary insanity, during a fit of which he has taken away his own life. He leaves a wife and nine children, about half of whom are little more than infants.

The Darling Downs Gazette and General Advertiser, Wed 30 Sep 1868, page 3

Ralph Reid was buried the following day at the Acacia Creek station. He was 53 years old. The children's ages at the time of his death were 22, 20, 18, 16, 10, 7, 5, 4 and 5 months. One month later a notice regarding claims against the estate of Ralph Reid and the firm Reid and Marsh, Acacia Creek was listed. In April 1869 the Acacia Creek run was transferred to the Commercial Banking Company, Sydney. Sadly, two years later Emily was diagnosed with uterine cancer, she lived with the disease for 18 months, dying in Warwick on the 30 November 1872. Emily Reid is buried in an unmarked grave in Warwick cemetery.



Sacred to the memory of
 Ralph Reid
 Who died 24 September 1868
 Aged 53 years.
 How still and peaceful is the grave
 Where life's vain tumults past
 The appointed house by Heaven's decree receives
 us all at last.
 Deeply mourned.

Following the deaths of his parents the eldest son Ralph 'in a most creditable manner took on the responsibility of seeing that his brothers and sisters were being cared for and that their education continued, as well as finalising other family affairs'.

By 1874 Acacia Creek Station was once again advertised for sale. It appears during the six years after Ralph's death all the sheep were sold or removed from the property as the new sale advertised cattle only. Ralph Reid's belief in stocking only cattle on the station had obviously been recognised, although too late for Ralph.

In 1889 Ralph Jnr married and by 1896, along with his brother Alexander, had taken up sugar cane farming in Far North Queensland. They settled in the Innisfail and Geraldton districts. It is believed the younger children came to the Lower Clarence to live with their mother's McPherson family.

Three of Emily Reid's brothers Willian, John and Ronald McPherson had moved to Far North Queensland from Warregah Island and Maclean on the Lower Clarence in 1884 to select land for sugar cane growing. Perhaps they were the incentive for Ralph and Alexander to undergo this change too.

Ralph Reid Jnr did extremely well in this new venture and on his death in 1929 was highly praised and recognised for his contribution to the sugar cane industry. He too named his first-born son Ralph. This Ralph worked alongside his father until he enlisted, with his father's blessing, at the onset of WWI. He returned home safely. Alexander Reid was also very well respected with every farmer in the district of Geraldton attending his funeral in 1909.

Although Ralph Reid Snr died in tragic circumstances his death highlights the Reid's strong family values and determination which contributed to the pastoral and agricultural advancement of this country and the unwavering allegiance to the "Mother Country" in times of war. His lone grave stands as a testament to the generations of the Reid families of the past, present and future. - Editor

FOR PRIVATE SALE.

THE ACACIA CREEK STATION,
 On the borders of the Clarence and New England districts, and within 26 miles of the Queensland Railway Terminus at Warwick, together with a choice herd of about

3200 Well-bred CATTLE.

The breeding of the Cattle has been most carefully attended to, and particular attention is directed to the fact that there is a large draft of **Bullocks** now ready for disposal. The cattle are, all in good condition and perfectly quiet, being all paddocked.

The **BULLS** are about 17 in number, one of them being the Imported Pure-bred Bull **REFORM**, and the others are of high pedigree, from the stud herds of Messrs. Lee, Chisholm, Loder, &c.

The grazing capabilities are estimated as fully equal to 5000 Head, and the Station is nearly entirely fenced and sub-divided into paddocks by first-class substantial fencing.

The Run is abundantly and permanently watered throughout. The Improvements are good and ample in every way, and are all in thorough repair.

This property can be confidently recommended for its salubrity, favorable situation, and freedom from selection; the annual increase of stock is remarkably good.

For full particulars, price, terms, &c., apply to

G. N. GRIFFITHS,
 5967 271, George-street, Sydney.

LONE GRAVE IN A Paddock - SOURCES & LINKS

The Darling Downs Gazette and General Advertiser, Wed 30 Sep 1868, page 3 – THE LATE MR. RALPH REID
Brisbane Courier, Wed 30 Sep 1868, page 3 - SHOCKING SUICIDE AT ACACIA CREEK
The death by suicide of Ralph Reid was also published in the *Northern Argus* and the *Queenslander*
Maclean & District Historical Society – Research documents donated by William A. Dalyell

The Early History of Warwick District & Pioneers of the Darling Downs, Thomas Hall 1925 – A full pdf copy of this book can be downloaded here:- <https://espace.library.uq.edu.au/view/UQ:216522>

The death of Ralph Reid Snr and his lone grave has been mentioned in the following website: -

<http://maps.bonzle.com/c/a?a=p&p=16742&sethid=16742&d=notes&c=1&x=152%2E24617&y=%2D28%2E43048&w=80000&mpsec=0>

Maureen Clifford, known as the Scribbly Bark Poet, penned a poem to his memory simply titled RALPH REID. Copyright restricts me from reproducing the poem here, but you can read the poem on this link: -

<https://www.bushverse.com/bushoz1/bush-poetry-verse-2-members-poetry/ralph-reid/>

BEST CHRISTMAS EVER IN THE SHOPS REMINISCENT OF PRE-WAR DAYS

CASINO, Monday —

Saturday in Casino was reminiscent of pre-war days when Christmas shopping a thrilling event in which the joy of purchasing and giving was the predominant sensation. While it must be admitted that choice of gifts for both sexes was a good deal restricted compared, with pre-war days, it would appear that the shops had explored every avenue open to them to secure stocks from which gifts could be selected, and in this they had been fairly successful, for stocks were large and varied. Prices, compared with pre-war made one gasp at times, when ascertained, but on the whole, it could be said that this was more the exception than the rule. From early morning until closing time on Saturday crowds thronged the stores and Casino presented a very animated appearance, the country folk being particularly well represented. Noticeable in the crowd was the number of returned servicemen of all branches of the forces. With them in most cases were their young wives and small children, and happy greetings were exchanged between these and pre-war friends as they met in the streets and shops. One thing that impressed was the fact that there seemed to be no shortage of money, and the general disposition appeared to be "Let us have a happy Christmas this time and don't think too much of the cost." Preparations for departure to the various seaside resorts are widespread, Evans Head appearing to hold pride of place. There will be a great exodus from Casino when business houses close their doors for the holidays to-day.

Northern Star, Tuesday 25 December 1945, page 5 & right
Northern Star, Wednesday 19 December 1945, page 4

SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS REVUE AT CASINO

CASINO, Tuesday.—With the object of raising funds for the Patriotic Parcels' Fund, a Christmas revue staged by Miss Joyce Bowden and assistants attracted a large audience at the Civic Hall last night. Sparkling entertainment was provided. Opening with a song, "I'll be home for Christmas," by Mrs. L. Fryer, solos, tap and fancy dancing, junior and senior ballets followed. Those taking part included Pattie Watson, Pam Johnston, Rita Furneyval, Marney Sparkes, Barbara Dowling, Marlene Riley, Diana Everingham, Margaret Pone, Pat Robbins, Tessie Hobbins, Miss Joyce Bowden, Mary Furneyval, Marge Hollingworth, Mrs. Lindsay Fryer, Verlie Griffen, Narelle Bowey, Pat and Veronica Gray, Maureen McGuinness, Jean Chapman, Joan McDougall, Kathleen Skinner, Jan Gorton, Frances Kuhn, Janette Grimes, Mavis and Fay Martin, Jean McDonald, Helen Morris, Pam Cole, Diana Freeman, Mary Power, Lynn Randall, Shirley Donnelly, Mary Jones, Margaret Stanfield, Lola Nadin, Margaret Eilkinson, Melva Akins, and Thea Clark. The Mayor (Ald. G. F. Thomson) and the Deputy-Mayor (Ald. A. E. Robinson) returned thanks to the organisers, Miss Bowden and Mrs. O. A. Simpson. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. Simpson.

A feature of the revue was the provision of scenery, depicting snow-laden trees and other scenes, all designed and prepared by Mr. H. Kinder without cost to the promoters.

THE NORTHERN STAR – CHILDREN’S PAGE – INDEXING HELP NEEDED

It has been 10 years since I came across the “Children’s Page” in the Northern Star and wrote an article about it for the newsletter. This page was published weekly between 1925 and 1940. With good intent and purpose, I began indexing the names of children who submitted letters to the page. I have downloaded several years and indexed all of 1925 and am working through 1926. I am ashamed to admit it, but life got in the way, and I drifted away from my vision. Now I would like to ask members if they would be interested in helping me finish it. The page is a treasure trove for family historians seen through the eyes of the Northern District children.

The Children’s Page went through several visual changes over the years. Aunt Kath (presumably a female journalist) ran at first a column and then the entire page. Children were referred to as nephews and nieces often using pen names. They particularly liked floral names and would write about their everyday life at home, at school and on holiday sometimes sending in photographs. During early 1926, dengue fever was rampant in the district and so many children, their family members and even Aunt Kath were struck down with it. It did not go unmentioned in the children’s letters.

If you have a computer at home and would like to help, please contact me via email. I can either post to you a disk or stick containing 1 year of pages to be indexed and a Worksheet which you can print out for hand recording the information, as well as an Excel template for transferring your indexing onto. Or if you would just like to give it a try, I can email you one month plus the templates. Generally, there are 4 pages per month with about 40-50 names on each page. This varies a lot depending on how many letters were received.

Indexing consists of writing down the children’s names and pen names, the town where they lived, ages if noted and if they submitted a photo, a poem, or riddles this is also recorded.

I am happy to help you through the process and answer any queries you might have in regarding how to record the info. Thanks in advance - Email: shirleemcpherson@gmail.com

Samples from *Northern Star* 6 Sep 1939, p 12



Dear Aunt Kath, -

Ferguson St Casino

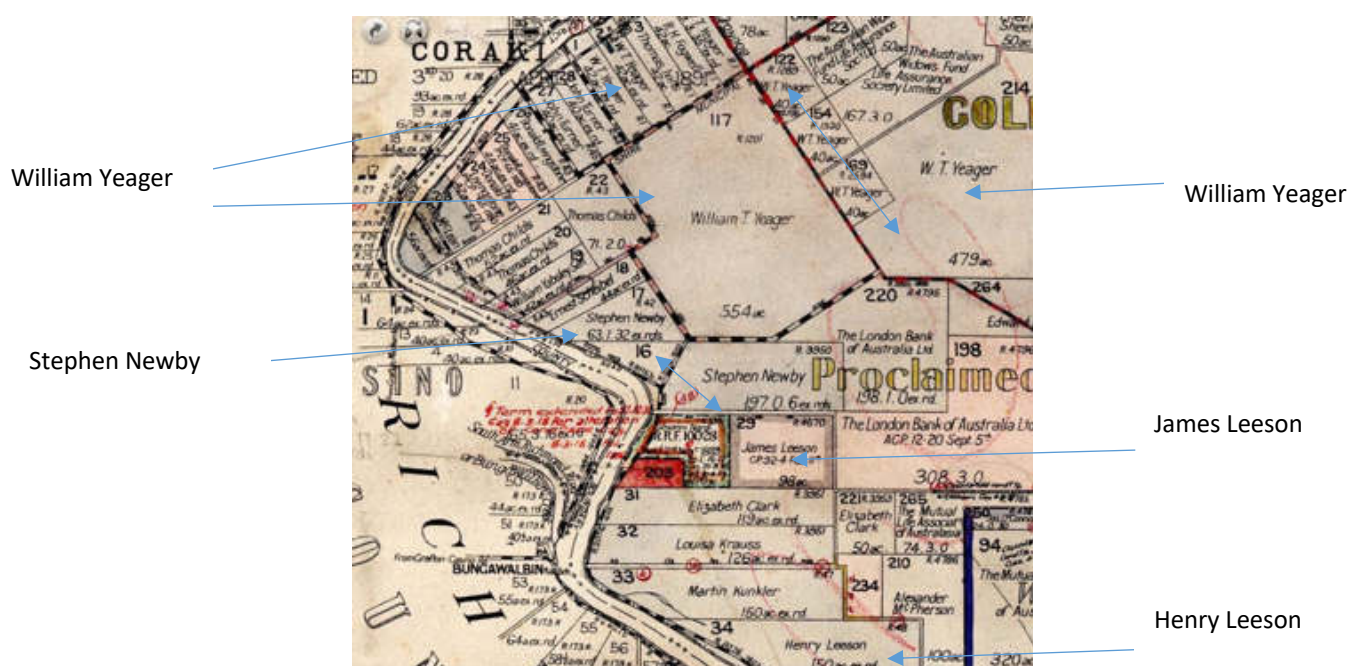
I have told you many things concerning myself, so this week I will change my subject and tell you of other interesting subjects. All the High School pupils had a day in Kyogle when the annual sports were held. Casino was successful in winning the cup again. We have two canaries building now, and I hope they are more successful with their eggs than the lovebirds were, because the latter threw them all out of the nest. We are going to clip the fur from our Angora rabbits soon, as it is getting too hot. On Thursday next, we are going to Lismore for the day to do some shopping and visiting. I have a camera now, and develop the films myself, with the aid of my science teacher. We have been very busy these last few days, mowing a tennis court in one of my friend’s paddocks. We were unable to secure a net, so we are using wire netting. I will close now, Aunt Kath, as it is time for dinner.
Your loving niece. NITA MCCANN (“Cornflower”)

FINDING OLD PLACE NAMES – Submitted by member Kaylene Morris

Recently I had a research enquiry regarding three places in our area that I had never heard of or had any idea where to find them. The places were 'Long Reach', no not the one in Queensland, 'Riley Grove' and 'Oakland'. All these were near Coraki, NSW. But where? As I hadn't heard of the area names before, I thought I'd try the NSW "Historical Land Records Viewer". I put in the place names. Nothing! I enlarged my search to towns nearby where these places were supposed to be. For example: Coraki, Swan Bay even down to Woodburn. After several different attempts I still came up empty handed. I contacted our map guru Cherryl, and I gave her the names of the places, thinking she would look on the maps. Instead, she tried "Trove" and searched the place names mentioned, which came up with occupiers, in those areas. By checking the maps again, I found where these men owned land. I now had an idea where the two of the places were. (*Trove - digitised newspapers & the HLRV*).

Another suggestion from Cherryl led me to check a book held in our rooms, which lists all schools in New South Wales stating when they opened and when they closed. I found that these schools had all either closed or changed names around 1908 -1914. Oakland school had become "Yeagerton", named after William T. Yeager, who owned a lot of land in that area. Book title: "*Government Schools of New South Wales 1848 to 1993*". Looking at the maps again using the persons names, I found Henry Leeson of Long Reach (Bungawalbin) and Steven Newby of Riley Grove and William Yeager of Oaklands. All these places were between Coraki and Swan Bay. There was a lot of backwards and forwarding to get the result. In the end it turned out that "two heads were better than one".

Map below shows the various blocks for Thomas Yeager, Henry Leeson, James Leeson and Stephen Newby



NEW BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY

Book	Author	Subject	No
Peter Hibbs 1770 - The Ship's Boy of the Endeavour Set of 5 Books	Hendrika Johnson	Explorers	2086 A/E
Lotions, Potions, and Mixtures of Emotions – PHRY Family Part 1	Hendrika Johnson	Family stories	2120
18th Century Royal Navy - Medical Terms Expressions Trivia	Rex Hickox	Armed forces	2121
ANZAC Tradition Between the Lines.	Edward Dunlop	Armed forces	2122
How the First World War was Won		Armed forces	2123
Letter from the Front Line		Armed forces	2124
National Maritime Museum		Armed forces	2125

Royal Navy - Illustrated History	J.R. Hill	Armed forces	2126
The Great War		Armed forces	2127
Understanding the Second World War		Armed forces	2128
Illustrations of Australian plants		Explorers	2129
Australian Convict Sites		Convicts	2130
Fellowship of First Fleeters	Conway MacCallum	Explorers	2131
A Fortunate Life	A.B. Facey	Family stories	2132
Map Guide to Modern History - 1789 to the Present		Maps	2133
Pioneer Women of the Bush and Outback	Jennifer Isaacs	Australia	2134
History of Fraser Coast in Pictures		Queensland	2135
Rockhampton - History of City and District	Lorna McDonald	Queensland	2136
Scottish Roots	Alwyn James	Scotland	2137
Tasmanian Story	Lloyd Robson	Tasmania	2138
Birdman's Wife Life of Artist - Elizabeth Gould	Melissa Ashley	Family Stories	2139
Faces that Shaped a Region - Volume 1 - Fraser Coast		Queensland	2141
Mrs Cooks Book of Recipes	John Dunmore	Explorers	2142
Where the Waves Fall	K.R. Howe	New Zealand / Pacific Isles	2143
Terra Australis - Matthew Flinders Great Adventures - Circumnavigation of Australia	Tim Flannery	Explorers	2144
West Gippsland - Pioneers & Settlers - Pre 1900	Gippsland Genealogical Society	Pioneer Register	2145
Farther Than Any Man - Rise and Fall of Captain James Cook	Martin Dugard	Explorers	2146
Journals of Captain James Cook	J.G. Beaglehole	Explorers	2147
I am Cook - Hordern House		Explorers	2148
Cook and the Russians	J.G. Beaglehole	Explorers	2149
Captain Cook	Alistair MacLean	Explorers	2150
Captain Cook's Journal during the First Voyage round the World	James Cook	Explorers	2151
Connecting You Now - Reuben William GILL & Selina Elizabeth HERRHANN	Sharin Gill	Family Stories	2152
Where Autumn Leaves Fall - from 'Belmont' and Beyond	Sharin Gill	Family Stories	2153
To Unkya & Beyond	Sharin Gill	Family Stories	2154
Family Connections	Sharin Gill & Kathy Smith	Family Stories	2155
Toby's Timber Vol 1	Hendrika Johnson	Family Stories	1799a
Toby's Timber Vol 2	Hendrika Johnson	Family Stories	1799b
Tall Pines to Lone Pine from Pastures to Palestine	Hendrika Johnson	Family Stories	1902
Bend in the River – Uncovering Woodburn's Tales from the Grave	Samantha Elley	North Coast	2107
Kyogle Public School Centenary Book – New Park to 1995	Glenn Martin	Schools	2108
Wilson's Creek Pioneers Commemoration – 72 nd Anniversary School opening		School	2109
Pioneers and People who have shaped the Isis	Scott G. Stedman	Pioneer Register	2010
Royal Family	A3 folder	Newspaper	

In this list of new books, you will notice a new subject EXPLORERS. The subject NEW ZEALAND now has an added piece PACIFIC ISLES. EXPLORERS can be found in isle 4 and NEW ZEALAND / PACIFIC ISLES in isle 6. We also have an A3 folder with items about the Royal Family over the years, it's in the newspaper A3 folder isle 3. I would like to thank members and visitors who donated these books. --- THANK YOU --- Librarian Mavis

“WATCHING THE WEB”

- **DustyDocs** - <http://dustydocs.com/> - Links to free websites in the British Isles containing Parish Records
- **FamilySearch - Ireland, Catholic Parish Registers, 1740-1900**
Catholic church parish registers from Ireland, containing baptism, marriages, and deaths that took place in Ireland and Northern Ireland from 1740-1900. Records may include name, parents, spouse, father's occupation, residence, date of birth, date of marriage, burial date, and much more depending on the record type. This collection also contains a small amount of confirmations, dispensations, and funeral
- **Ancestry - About Ireland, Catholic Parish Registers, 1655-1915**
The Ireland Catholic Parish Registers is the single most important collection needed to trace your Roman Catholic ancestors in Ireland in the 1800's. According to the 1861 census, almost 78 percent of the population was Catholic; by 1891, this had risen to 89 percent.

This collection is made up of baptism, marriage and death records from over 1,000 Catholic parishes across the whole of the island of Ireland - both in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, as it is known as today. While baptism and marriage records make up the majority of the collection, death records can be found primarily for parishes in the northern regions.

- **FamilySearch - Wales, Glamorganshire, Parish Registers, 1538-1912**
This collection contains baptisms, marriages, and burials from parishes in Glamorganshire. This collection was done in cooperation with FindMyPast, and a full version of the index can be found at www.findmypast.co.uk/records.
- **FamilySearch - Italy, Venezia, Civil Registration (Tribunale), 1871-1930**
Civil registration (stato civile) of births, marriages, and deaths within the custody of the Venezia Courthouse (Tribunale di Venezia). Includes ten-year indexes (indici decennali); residency records (cittadinanze); supplemental records (allegati); and marriage banns (pubblicazioni).
- **The Genealogist Website - National Tithe Record Collection for England & Wales now complete on Map Explorer <https://www.thegenealogist.com/news/>**
Family historians can use this exciting resource to view their ancestors' land and homes plotted on the historic Tithe maps. These maps have been georeferenced, allowing you to view the location on today's Modern Street and Satellite maps to see how the area has developed over time. Searchable by the owner or occupier's name, place or keyword via Master Search or you can view the maps directly in Map Explorer™. Zooming in on a place will show pins for each plot of land, showing you the owner and occupier of each property. You can view the original Tithe map or other related historic maps and a *satellite* image view.
- **The Genealogist Website - New 1831 Irish Tithe Defaulters and Irish Parish Registers**
Release of 371,400 Kildare Catholic Parish Registers covering baptisms, marriages and burials, which will be a welcome resource for those family historians wanting to research their Irish ancestry from this eastern part of Ireland. Also released more than 29,000 individuals recorded as Irish Tithe Defaulters.

These records from 1831 can be a useful stand-in for the 1831 Irish census which was almost completely destroyed in 1922. Tithes were levied on all occupiers of agricultural land, no matter what their religion was and the Roman Catholic population of Ireland particularly resented paying these tithes to the Church of Ireland (the Established Church) on top of often supporting their own priests. Refusal to pay the tithes came to a head in the years 1831 to 1832, beginning what is known as the 'Tithe War' in Ireland.

MEMBER'S NOTICE BOARD - Dec 2023 – Feb 2024

- Wednesday 6 December – Committee Meeting 10.00am
- Wednesday 13 December – Christmas Party 11.00am
- Thursday 14 December – Rooms Closed for Christmas to January break.
- Wednesday 24 January 2024 – Planning Meeting 10.00am
- Tuesday 30 January 2024 – Research Room will re-open for research
- Wednesday 14 February 2024 – General Meeting 10.00am



CHRISTMAS PARTY – RSVP 7th Dec



Come along on Wednesday 13th December to our research room.
Time 11am for an enjoyable lunch, fun and fellowship with friends
Bring along a \$10 gift for under the tree &
a plate to share – see food list in rooms. Lucky Door Prize.
\$100 Club Tickets available to purchase. Guest Speaker TBA

MEMBERSHIPS 2024

If you are attending the Christmas Party your 2024 membership forms will be handed out to you and you can renew on the day or at a time suitable. If not attending your renewal form will be posted. Please return your membership form either by email, post or drop it into the rooms. Be sure you mark which age group you are in, for insurance purposes and consider being on roster. It's a good way to learn more about the resources we have in the rooms.

All new members are invited to come to the rooms and find out how we can help you with your research. Workshops and meetings, often followed by interesting talks. Hope to see you there.

Kaylene Morris – Membership Secretary

RESEARCH ENQUIRIES – General Information

(per family name e.g.: Mr and Mrs Smith and children)

\$25 for initial enquiry using resources available at rooms with 10 photocopies included in initial fee.

You will be advised of any additional information available over the fee with extra photocopies charged at 20 cents per page. Please supply basic information i.e., BDM dates and parents if known. Inform research officer **exactly** what you are looking for and what you already know so time is not wasted doubling up on research.

Research will not be undertaken until research fee is received. Research may take 4-6 weeks depending on number of enquiries received and availability of the research team.

Research where reference given from book or newsletter: \$5.00 includes 2 photocopies – 20 cents each for any additional pages.

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DECEMBER 2023

Fri 1 Closed	Sat 2 Closed
Tues 5 R Nesbitt, P McDonald	Wed 6 M Goodlad, G McAteer, C Houlihan
Thurs 7 C Mison L Reynolds	Fri 8 Closed
Sat 9 Closed	Tues 12 Y Stevenson N Cowen M Goodlad
Wed 13 CHRISTMAS PARTY	Thurs 14 N Cowen C Houlihan
Fri 15 Closed	Sat 16 Closed

Research Room Closed Friday 15 December 2023 Re opens Tuesday 30 January 2024

JANUARY 2024

Tues 30 N Cowen Y Stevenson M Goodlad	Wed 31 B Hollis C Mison

FEBRUARY 2024

Thurs 1 C Mison Y Downes L Reynolds	Fri 2 Closed
Sat 3 Closed	Tues 6 R Nesbitt P McDonald
Wed 7 M Goodlad G McAteer C Houlihan	Thurs 8 N Cowen C Houlihan
Fri 9 Closed	Sat 10 Closed
Tues 13 N Cowen Y Stevenson M Goodlad	Wed 14 M Goodlad G McAteer C Houlihan
Thurs 15 K Francis H Elford J Rowe	Fri 16 Closed
Sat 17 L Yates G Rooney	Tues 20 K Morris J Gorry
Wed 21 R Nesbitt J Griffiths	Thurs 22 B Hollis J Wilton
Fri 23 Closed	Sat 24 Closed
Tues 27 K Morris R Birmingham L Lill	Wed 28 R Nesbitt C Mison
Thurs 29 N Cowen C Houlihan	

ALEXANDER - *Beaudesert Times*, Friday 6 August 1909, page 9

There was a chap who kept a store
And though there might be grander,
He sold his goods, nor asked for more,
And his name was Alexander.

He mixed his goods with cunning hand,
He was a skilful brander.
And since his sugar half was sand,
They called him Alex – Sander.

He had his dear one, to her came,
Then lovingly he scanned her.
He asked her would she change her name,
Then a ring did Alex-hand-her.

“Oh, yes,” she said, with smiling lip,
“If I can be commander!”
And so, they framed a partnership
And called it Alex-and-her.

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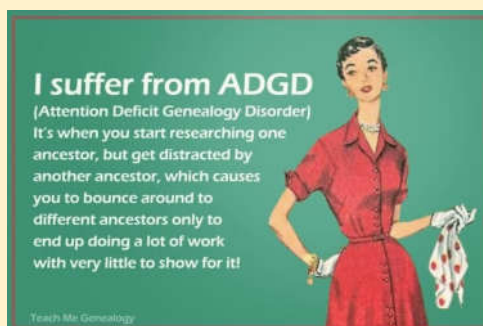
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**"Family faces are magic mirrors.
Looking at people who belong to us,
we see the past, present and future."**

Author: Unknown



"How will our children know who they are if they do not know where they came from."

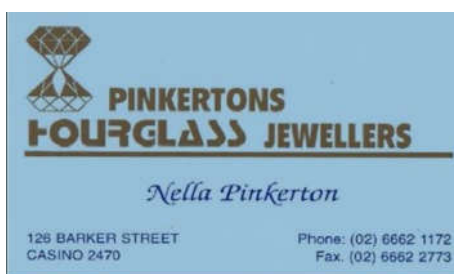
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