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President's report

March 2024

Well, much has been achieved since November. Indexes have been added to and other projects started but as is the way some are yet to be finished. I have no doubt that as we approach the completion of one task, we will have already thought of another way to make the library more user-friendly for our members and visitors.

One project that went ahead in leaps and bounds was scanning the school histories that we had. These school histories have a wealth of information in them. Often, they will include the history of the families of the areas as they are usually the history of the school and the district. They will be found under schools and in the particular school folder.

Our next big project is scanning the Toowoomba City Council rate films 1930 to 1950s. These I'm pleased to say are a lot easier to read than the early records that we hold. Of course, sometimes it's very difficult to read the writing when a council officer has taken a very thick pen to cross out the previous owners' name. I have indexed two of these films but it's another of those projects that takes time. I am indexing the films by streets since the streets are supposed to run alphabetically on the films, but this is not always the case, and you will find for eg. Greenwattle Street (1 scan only) on film 30 and the rest of the street on film 32 and continued on 33. Alas Fogarty Street is then out of order and on film 33. Therefore, it is necessary to check the index to the films.

Whenever working on a project, I like to make sure we're not wasting our time and the end result will be of benefit. I have a particular interest in Haig Street and it's on film 33. In my quest to discover just when Haig Street was developed, I had to go back to the Middle Ridge rates when it was called Wagner Street. I knew I was on the right track as soon as I found David Henry Schaumburg who went on the electoral roll 6 November 1912 at Wagner Street, Middle Ridge. Then I needed to find out whether the story was correct that No 4, 6 and 8 were all built by the Dellers. I have no idea whether they physically built them or not but yes, they owned the land when a dwelling was put there.

For anyone wanting to trace the history of their house it is a challenge as often there were no numbers. However, these later ones have the property description. For example, 8 Haig Street (my house) is por 130 sub 74-75. By making note of the property description, you are able to develop a timeline of owners. Just from the later scans I was able to find that Joseph Deller purchased the land 13th August 1934 from Sydney Hungerford. Sydney is shown as owning the land in 1912 but I haven't gone back any further. Joseph also purchased No. 6 the same day from Henrietta Holt. His wife Friedericka owned No. 4.

What a great resource this will be once the project is finished and I must thank Anne, Max and Fenella for helping with this.

We are always mindful of the fact that most researchers like to sit in front of a computer and search quickly. Therefore, it was suggested at our meeting that we scan the pioneer registers. We are now working our way through the New South Wales pioneer registers, and they will be found under Pioneers and by the town or if it's a general one then under pioneers.

The Fifth History Queensland Conference

The fifth History Queensland Conference will be held in conjunction with the seventeenth Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry between 21 and 24 March 2025. The conference name is Connections: Past, Present and Future and will be held at Brisbane Technology Park at Eight Mile Plains

Featured speakers include Judy Russell (Legal Genealogist), Dr Nick Barratt (BBC's Who Do You Think You Are) and Hamish Maxwell-Stewart (University of New England and CEO of Digital History Tasmania).

<https://www.connections2025.org.au/>

**Thomas (1864-1923) and
William (1865-1900) Concannon**

The *Merkara* arrived in Moreton Bay on 8 April 1885 and was met by the Boko, and the Brisbane passengers were then transferred and taken to the immigration depot. These immigrants comprised of folk from England, Scotland, Ireland and other places, their skills ranging from bricklayers, miners, gardeners to domestic servants. Thirty-two of the passengers had paid their way on this voyage.

Two young Irishmen Thomas 'Tom' Concannon aged twenty-one and his brother William aged nineteen were two of these passengers. The brothers had boarded the *Merkara* in London on 10 February. Why they left Ireland to travel to London and then to Australia is unknown, however, they were assisted immigrants so there was the promise of employment and a new life. Australia was the land of opportunity.

By the end of 1885 both brothers had joined the Queensland Police Force. Their father was a policeman in Westmeath, Ireland and had been serving for over thirty years. The brothers arrived in Brisbane with very good references.

William was described as 5'11 & ½ inches tall having blue eyes, red hair and a ruddy complexion. His service number was 73 and he was sworn in on 23 September 1885 on applying to the force William stated he was a clerk. William's first post was Fortitude Valley, Brisbane.

Tom initially obtained employment working as a groom for Dr Kesteven and then found a position as a clerk. Shortly after William was sworn in Tom applied to join the Police force. He was sworn in on 13 November and given the service number of 657. His first post was out west in Roma. Tom was described as 6'2 inches tall with grey eyes, brown hair and a dark complexion.

Roma had no police barracks and Tom most likely took lodging in one of the four boarding houses operating in the town at the time. The dry flat landscape of Roma would have been so different from the wet, lush greens of his homeland. He remained out west for ten years serving in Roma for six years and six months, St George for two years, Surat for one year and two months, Goondiwindi for a year and Yeulba for six months. He requested a transfer to Brisbane on several occasions however, the request was denied.

Tom got quite ill in 1894 from influenza which developed into pleurisy, and he was off work for eight weeks. As he had not been ill during his nine years of service, he was paid in full for this time off work.

Tom and some of his fellow officers were involved in several scrapes in which the consumption of alcohol was partaken. Only minor infringements were noted in his file; however, these did impact his promotions within the force.

Whilst stationed at Goondiwindi one of his colleagues Tom Guthrie married Miss Annie O'Mara from Warwick. Through this connection he met Annie's sister, Kate. In December of 1896 Tom requested permission to marry Kate. Policemen could not just marry anyone without their character being assessed.

The following is from the character reference of Kate made by Acting Sergeant D.S. William (No, 403) of the Warwick Station:

Reports re character of Catherine Agnes O'Mara and her relatives that from inquiries made he has ascertained that Catherine Agnes O'Mara is a thoroughly respectable young woman also her brothers Edward and James are very respectable and of good character, Edward is a contractor and undertaker residing in Warwick. James is a farmer residing near Warwick.



Kate and Tom were married at St Mary's Catholic Church, Warwick on 5 January 1897. On the 16th of that month the couple travelled to Brisbane on the train. Tom's longed for transfer to Brisbane had been approved and he took up duties at the Roma Street Station. Their train fares were reimbursed, and they were also entitled to a rent allowance. The couple settled in Brisbane welcomed their first child, a son, John Thomas on 6 November 1897.

Meanwhile, William has been stationed at The Valley (Fortitude Valley) and then Roma Street in Brisbane. After almost ten years in Brisbane, he was transferred to Thursday Island by this time he had attained the rank of Senior Constable. Whilst on T.I. Senior Constable Concannon does get into some mischief involving alcohol and gambling. A recommendation in his police file suggests he be transferred **'before his good character is ruined'**.

In February 1898 William made an application to marry Miss Margaret Woods of Brisbane. Her father was also a policeman, Sergeant Thomas Woods, stationed at the Lodge, Government House. There was no issue with the approval process.

After almost three years on T.I., William was transferred to Newtown a small, two-man station outside Maryborough commencing his duties as Acting Sergeant.

Margaret and William's wedding took place at St Stephen's Cathedral in Brisbane on 27 April 1898. Her father, Sergeant Thomas Woods, walked her down the aisle. William's brother, Tom, was the best man and her two sisters were bridesmaids. A large number of family and friends attended the reception held at the Lodge, Government House. Their cake was designed and made by Mr Ernest Muling of the Kiosk, Botanic Gardens. The couple spent their honeymoon on the Darling Downs.

Newtown would have been quite the change of pace for Margaret after Brisbane. The couple welcomed their first child, Catherine Mary, on 16 March 1899. William received praise for his work at Newtown. In his report Chief Inspector Stuart wrote in his report:

When I last inspected this Station, it was simply a disgrace to the department. Since Acting Sergeant Concannon has taken charge of it, he has altered all this and he has it now both inside and outside one of the cleanest and best kept Stations in the District. Making such a change reflects great credit on the Acting Sargeant and it was quite refreshing to inspect it after inspecting Tinana.

The following year on 9 September William was transferred to Croydon. A brand new Police station had been built there with a residence for the Officer-In-Charge. The building was constructed by James Lancaster, and is still standing today (2023). It has been listed on the Queensland Heritage Register and is known as the former Police station. Prior to his transfer to Croydon, William had completed and passed his exams to become a Sargeant. Once the exam had been taken and passed an officer had to wait for a Sargeant's position to become available. When the post in Croydon became available it was offered to William. He also took on the additional role of Inspector of slaughter houses. Croydon was a thriving town at this time, gold having been discovered the area in 1886.



William took ill early in November, just two months after moving to Croydon. He soldiered on and was treated by Drs Thomas Flood and Nigel Trenow however, he did not improve. His brother, Tom, applied for leave on 14 November and headed to Croydon. Tragically, on 21 November 1900 William succumbed to heart failure brought on by malaria and dysentery. He passed away at the Croydon Police Station and was buried in the Croydon cemetery the following day.

Margaret was now a widow with a small child and she was pregnant with their second child. No one will know if William knew that he was to become a father for the second time. Upon his death Margaret received a gratuity of 154 pounds and returned to Brisbane to live. She moved in with her parents. Mary Ernestine Wilhelmina Concannon was born on 5 June 1901.

No doubt Tom returned to Brisbane with a heavy heart. He was to remain in Brisbane until 7 June 1912 when he was transferred to Toowoomba. By this time, he had served at the Roma Street, Coorparoo, and Depot police stations. He and Kate now had four children with the birth of Jane Mary on 31 July 1899, Catherine Agnes aka Kitty on 9 January 1901 and James William on 14 January 1903.

Tom and Kate had three more children: Thomas Joseph born on 26 February 1905, Anna Bridget aka Nancy on 13 November 1906 and last but not least Edward Anthony born on 2 February 1910. They lived in several locations before purchasing a four bedroom wooden home in Hume Street, Toowoomba (now the location of Officeworks). The house was named *ConMara*. This house was very conveniently located close to the main Police Station of Toowoomba. Policing has always been a hazardous occupation and it was no different in Thomas' day.

On 9 April 1914 he was able to stop a runaway horse in Ruthven Street, he received a medal for his courageous actions. The following citizens made statements regarding his bravery: William Ryan, John Power, Henretta Henry, William Rutledge and John O'Dea. On the 23 March 1914 Tom was hit by a car whilst on duty. An ambulance was called and he was treated at the Ruthven Street scene. He later sought a consultation with Dr Reginal Freshney.

By this time Tom had been a serving Police Officer for over thirty years. Dr Freshney endorsed Tom's retirement from the force, the injuries sustained from the car were minimal however, Thomas had developed diabetes. However, he continued to work and officially retired from the force on 1 May 1916 he received one hundred and eighty eight pounds, eleven pence and eight shillings on his superannuation annually, this being the full rate of pay for an Acting Sergeant, his rank at retirement.

He may have retired from the job however, with a relatively young family of seven children Tom would have been very busy. His eldest son, John, became a Catholic Priest and was ordained at St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba on 8 December 1920.

On 26 April 1922 he walked his eldest daughter Jane down the aisle when she wed William Carroll at St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba. The ceremony was performed by his son Rev. Father John Concannon. Jane and Bill welcomed their first child, John Daniel Carroll on 1 July 1923. Kate and Thomas' first grandchild. By this time sons James and Thomas were studying in Sydney to become Priests.



Photo at left - Front: Kitty, Tom and Kate Concannon.
The gentleman's name at the back is unknown.

Thomas became ill early in the year of 1923 after battling a very lengthy illness he passed away at St Vincent's Hospital, Toowoomba on 26 October. It was quite the honour to be buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Nudgee in Brisbane and this is where he was laid to rest. His funeral took place at St Patrick's Cathedral,

Toowoomba after the service his body was transported to Brisbane on the train. A large number of family and friends made their way to Nudgee for the internment.

Suzanna Margetts (Sue)

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Queensland Police Museum

Queensland State Archives



Vale Neil & Beth

Photo at left from Order of Service Neil Hooper first came to us as Work for the Dole person and stayed. He had retired from the Police Force in 1995 and came to us in late 1996. He had been in the police force from 1957 and luckily for us his last post was in Toowoomba.

Neil immediately fitted in. It turned out that he had served in Roma where he met his wife Beth and since a number of our members, including the Donnelllys came from Roma it was always a talkfest when they got together. The president soon put

him to work checking the data she had inputted onto computer from the Darling Downs Gazette which had previously been put on fiche. Once this project was finished, he and Ken Stephen then indexed even more categories. This database went from 23000 entries to over 134,000 entries. Again, once this was finished Neil then indexed the Toowoomba Chronicle which already existed but had only been indexed for BDMs and accidents and so Neil found all the other events which were many.



When we moved the building Neil couldn't stay away for long. He was soon accessing the building via a ladder. Despite his diagnosis of Parkinsons he continued to come as long as he could. Beth became his driver and dropped him off for his last day here in February 2019.

Sadly, he passed away on the 7th January and unfortunately, he was joined by Beth on 16th January.

Married women teachers' applications

We hold copies of 693 declarations submitted by married women teachers for the years 1932-1935 as part of series NRS-12294 Special bundles [Public Service Board], which have all now been digitised and are available to view in the online catalogue.

In 1932, against the backdrop of the Depression, the NSW Government passed the Married Women (Lecturers and Teachers) Act. This Act restricted the employment of married women in the Department of Public Instruction, which meant that currently employed married women faced dismissal and any woman intending to marry had to resign upon doing so.

However, married women teachers could apply for an exemption by completing a statutory declaration every year explaining their circumstances. Most applied on the grounds of hardship, combined incomes being inadequate to support a family, supporting husbands unemployed due to illness or injury (especially after service during World War I), or supporting family members. (From the Museums of History NSW)

In 2006 the Toowoomba & Darling Downs Family History Society published *Darling Downs Biographical Register to 1900* in two parts A-K and L-Z. Ann Simon wrote about Henri Simon thus:

HENRI SIMON

Henri SIMON b 1840 Yverdon Switzerland to Jules and Annet SIMON, d 4 Sept 1902 Lower Freestone, m Dec 1870 Bicester Oxfordshire England Susan HARRIS [b 1848 Brackley Northamptonshire Eng to **Timothy** and Elizabeth HARRIS née TAYLOR, d 18 Oct 1926 Yangan].

Children:

1. Frederick Jules SIMON b 25 Aug 1871 Warwick, d 18 Apr 1958 Sandgate, m 16 Sept 1896 Allora Martha TANZER [b 8 Sept 1875 Spring Creek to John and Ernstina TANZER née BOLL, d 6 Nov 1954 Brisbane]. Seven children. Jules selected land in the parish of Deuchar, county of Merivale, for which he received the Deed of Grant on 1 Aug 1895. He had built a slab hut with bark roof. This cost £8, and he made improvements to the land to the value of £118. Jules grew maize on his land.
2. Anne Elizabeth SIMON b 22 Oct 1873, m 7 Aug 1890 Richard FORD. Ten children.
3. Alice Fanny Matilda SIMON b 3 Jul 1876, m James DENNISON [d 2 Mar 1909]. One child.
4. Pauline Doschanelle SIMON b 23 Jul 1878 Freestone, d 5 Jun 1880 Freestone.
5. John Henrick SIMON b 12 Feb 1881, d 6 Oct 1963 bur Warwick, m Elizabeth McCLURE [b 1886, d 2 Oct 1970 bur Warwick]. Two children.
6. Pamela Susanne SIMON b 13 Nov 1883, d 7 Aug 1939 bur Warwick, m Walter PAYNE [b to Thomas David PAYNE, d Jan 1947 bur Warwick]. Four children.
7. Emily SIMON b 11 Sept 1886, d Dec 1972 bur Warwick, m Warwick Herbert KADOW [d May 1971 bur Warwick]. One child.
8. Louis Cecil SIMON b 10 May 1891, m Gladys Brighton MARLTON. Six children.

HENRI and SUSAN SIMON sailed for Australia on the barque *Star Queen* on 30 Dec 1870 and landed at Moreton Bay on 20 March 1871. They came out as steerage passengers. Henri was 26 and Susan 22 years of age. Leaving Moreton Bay, Henri and Susan travelled by bullock wagon to the county of Merivale (Green Hills). Susan was four months pregnant with her first born, Jules. On arrival Henri obtained land. In 1896 they took up 80 acres at Warwick, selection 1163. The electoral rolls show Henri was a freeholder at Freestone Creek from 1874 to 1879. The Post Office Directories show him as a farmer at Upper Freestone Creek in 1889, and at Freestone Creek Lower 1894-1902. In 1903, after Henri's death, the entry was in Susan's name.

Ann SIMON

In 2023, Alison Atwell's story of her great-grandfather was published in *Caloundra Clipper* June 2023, no. 121, quarterly magazine of Caloundra Family History Research Inc. Alison's story is reproduced here, with her permission.

Charles Henri Francois Simon

From London butler to Darling Downs farmer: The story of my Swiss Great-Grandfather

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

Aunt Myrtle reflected that Henry's English was understandably still lacking in the finer nuances and the household staff delighted in playing practical jokes at his expense. On one occasion when Butler Henry lifted the lid of a silver platter on the polished sideboard in the dining room expecting a roast goose, he discovered that one of the kitchen staff had placed a kitten on the platter. To his credit Henry apparently took these practical jokes in good spirit. During his years working in this household Henry met Susan Harris from Oxfordshire, six years his junior. Susan was employed as the Drake's seamstress and with Captain Drake's blessing the pair married in Ardley, Oxfordshire in 1870 with Captain Drake presenting the newly-weds with a bible, which remains with a family member to this day. Henry and Susan subsequently made the significant decision to migrate to Australia to seek a new life.

Henry and Susan Simon arrived in Brisbane as Emigrant No. 21 and Emigrant No 22 on board the *Star Queen* in 1871. They initially travelled on bullock drays to the Darling Downs to a Government Migrant Camp at Merivale where they were allocated an 80-acre farming lease at Lower Freestone outside Warwick. Henry laid out his 80-acre farm in an extraordinarily neat and orderly manner befitting the regulated structure of his previous life as a butler. The farm was designed with a series of yards each bound by neat picket fences. When Aunt Myrtle formally shared her memories in a family interview recorded by my sister Rosemary in 1988, she explained that one yard was the house yard and another the kitchen yard as kitchens were always kept separate from the main house, in fear of fire spreading. Another of Henry's yards was devoted to grape vines, still another for housing the shed with the buggies and another yard for the stables etc. The entire landscape of the farm was meticulously neat. Aunt Myrtle mused that her Grandfather even picked stray horse hair off the fences to ensure that all was absolutely spick and span, noting that her father, Henry's son-in-law, Walter Payne, my own Grandfather, always claimed that Henry kept his farm like a well-presented dinner table.

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

Henry revelled in growing grapes on his farm and in using knowledge gained in his Swiss youth to make wine, which was well appreciated by his neighbours who were only too happy to purchase his very quaffable products. Unfortunately, my Great-Grandfather Henry was not sufficiently mindful of the legalities of the time in terms of selling alcohol on a Sunday. The *Warwick Argus* in 1897 reported that Henry Simon was charged with having 'disposed of colonial wine to John Murphy contrary to the provisions of the Act'. Senior Sergeant O' Lean of Yangan noted that Henry Simon's farm was becoming notorious for illegal Sunday trading, leading to bouts of lawlessness amongst locals. Sergeant O' Lean asked the magistrate to mitigate this evil by inflicting the heaviest penalty. Thus, the Police magistrate in fully concurring with the local constabulary fined Henry, who had calmly pleaded guilty to the charge, the maximum amount for this Sabbath failure, a significant sum of five pounds for the offence plus five shillings and four pence to be paid in costs. Henry continued to refine his wine making skills but thankfully avoided further lapses of the trading laws.

My Great Grandfather, Henry Simon, died at the age of 62 in 1902, after suffering for many years with heart issues. His widow Susan Simon continued to work the farm for some time with the help of her grown children until her own death at age 77 in 1926. My own father, Roy Payne, was the last of Pamela's five children being 16 years younger than his sister, my Aunt Myrtle. Dad grew up in Freestone and spoke to me of how his Grandfather Henry's legacy had been carried through the generations. Dad's mother, Pamela, Henry's daughter, was certainly very particular about her children's table manners, tough lessons learned at what was according to Aunt Myrtle, Henry's extraordinarily rigid dinner table. My father said that it went beyond simply being particular about how he and his four sisters held their knives and forks. The children were never allowed to speak at the table. Seated at stools, the siblings completed their meal in silence while their mother Pamela sat at the other end overseeing their manners with her stick. Each evening my Grandmother, Pamela, truly her father Henry's daughter, would be freshly adorned in a crisply starched, pristine white apron. I personally remember how my father in his turn, was also pedantic about the table manners of his own six children, although thankfully there was no stick involved!

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

By Alison Atwell CFHRI Member

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RURAL EDUCATION

SCHOOL AT STANTHORPE

BRISBANE, Thursday-Referring to the establishment of a rural school at Stanthorpe. Mr. Huxham said that a number of additional schools will be established, but the matter had not yet been finalised. At Stanthorpe the present institution will be used both as a primary and a rural school. The building will be raised on high blocks, and will be so re-arranged as to give the greatest amount of light and ventilation.

James 'Jim' William Concannon 1903 - 1963

When you pull up in the car park of St Joseph's Catholic Church in Helidon one can see a beautiful brick building that looks like it has stood there forever. In fact, the church was built in 1914 and was originally known as St Andrew's. The brick structure, measuring 70 feet by 38 feet with a chancel of 16 feet 6 inches by 12 feet and a porch 10 feet by 10 feet is a mixture of Gothic and Romanesque design. The plans were prepared by Messrs Coutts and Sons, architects of Ipswich. The contractors Messrs Worley & Sons. The bricks came from Ebbw-Vale.

Inside the building is large, spacious and has beautifully crafted stained glass windows – all depicting a significant religious event. Each of these stunning windows were donated by families of the parish.

There is an air of peace and tranquillity in this church. Rev. Father James 'Jim' Concannon was posted here in 1938 after several traumatic years that involved the death of his brother Rev. Father John and his three sisters, Janie, Kitty and Nancy, all to tuberculosis.



James William Concannon was born in Brisbane on 14 January 1903 the son of policeman Thomas William Concannon and his wife Catherine 'Kate' O'Mara. Jim was their fourth child he had three brothers and three sisters. When he was nine years old his father was transferred to Toowoomba.

Jim was educated at the Christian Brothers College (St Mary's) in Toowoomba. He passed his senior university level exams in 1919 and followed his older brother, John, to Sydney to study for the Priesthood at St Patrick's College, Manly.

He excelled in the subjects: philosophy, hermeneutics (Bible Studies) and Modern History. Jim was also an excellent cricket player and was part of the Young Catholic Men's association team.

He returned home on his holidays and for family events during these years of study. On 22 September 1922 his sister, Janie, married William 'Bill' Carroll at St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba. His brother, Rev. Father John, performed the ceremony. The following year he became an uncle, when Janie and Bill welcomed their first child, John Daniel Carrol. Sadly, on 26 October of the following year his father passed away.

James was ordained at St Patrick's Cathedral on 8 December 1925 along with William McGovern, John Gleeson and Joseph Kelly. After the ceremony, the newly ordained priests and their families celebrated at a luncheon held at St Saviours School. They then returned to their families to await their first curate position.

Rev. Father Jim's first posting as a curate was to Gayndah. He was only there for a few months when he was transferred to Ipswich to assist his brother John who was not well. Whilst in Ipswich Rev. Father Jim continued his work with the Young Catholic Men's association. Rev. Fathers Jim and John were also present for the inaugural midnight mass at St Mary's Church. The congregation was massive, the parishioners barely fitting into the church.

He remained in Ipswich for about twelve months and he was then posted to Annerley. Whilst in Annerley Rev. Father organized many fund raising events which included bridge, euchre parties, fetes and balls. During his time at Annerley the balls included modern and old-time dancing and the music was provided by bands and even small orchestras. These events raised much needed funds for the parish, especially the Benevolent Society.

In 1933 he went to Cairns on holidays and caught up with Aunt Annie & Uncle Thomas Guthrie and his cousins Catherine and Jane and their families. His mode of travel was on board *Canberra* a coastal steamer. Rev. Father Jim travelled with his cousins and did touristy things like visit the Mulgrave Sugar Mill.

All of the parishes that Rev. Father Jim served at had a school and a convent. Many of the sisters in the convents were also teachers at these schools. Having a school meant that the Parish Priest did get to know his flock as he was in regular contact with the parents and children. In 1934 Rev. Father Jim was promoted to Parish Priest and was transferred to Graceville.

In 1938 he was transferred to Helidon a small town with a population of 539 people. His mother, Kate, moved into the Presbytery with him. After the tragic loss of four of her children she sold her home in Toowoomba. Her grandchildren John, Thomas and Imelda spent many school holidays with her and their uncles, as their father, Bill Carroll had to work.

These were trying times with the depression and then the outbreak of World War 2. Whilst in Helidon Rev. Father Jim oversaw the largest Corpus Christi procession ever seen in the town with over 500 people attending the parade in June 1938. He also requested to the council that the road be repaired from the main highway to St Joseph's as well as a street light to be placed outside the church. These requests were granted.

After three years of good works at Helidon Rev. Father Jim was transferred to Kingaroy as Parish Priest in 1941. A huge farewell celebration was held at the Helidon School of Arts building for him.

Kingaroy was a much larger parish, the town having a population of 2583 at this time. In Rev. Father Jim's time your local priest was almost one of the family and after performing weddings, christenings and funeral etc he would join the family at their gatherings following these events. 1948 was another difficult year with the passing of his brother Rev. Father Thomas and his mother Kate.

Whilst in Kingaroy he celebrated his silver jubilee – twenty five years of service as a Priest. Many other priests, including his remaining brother Rev. Father Edward attended the church service.

In January 1952 Rev. Father Jim was transferred to Bulimba to become the parish priest. The St Peter's & Paul Catholic church at Bulimba was built in 1926 and was a Romanesque style, designed by Toowoomba's own Henry 'Harry' James Marks.

Rev. Father Jim remained in this role until his death on 7 March 1963. He was laid to rest at the Nudgee Cemetery in Brisbane.

Suzanna Margetts (Sue)

Sandcastle (Garden) Competition at Sandgate

The Dickman Family of Chinchilla always went on holidays. Their location of choice was Sandgate, Brisbane. The children always had a great time. One of the activities they enjoyed was the sandcastle competitions.

This competition started early in the 1920s as a result of *The Daily Mail* writer Martin Hambleton's idea. Prizes were awarded for first place (one pound), second place (ten shillings) and third place (five shillings). Photos of the winning sand gardens were printed in the newspaper.

The competitions were continued until World War 2 when many questioned the advisability of having large groups of people in one place. However, it was decided to continue resulting in higher attendance.

This photo is from the collection of Henry 'Harry' Dickman and his wife Mary Ann Alice Fraser. This photo was taken while they were on holiday.

Henry was a grazier on the property *Speculation* which housed its own school. The family consisted of Henry and his wife Mary, and their five children, Ellen, May, Florence, Henry and Ronald.

Sue Margetts



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THE RELEVANCE OF DNA — WHERE IS JOHN JONES?

When my husband began researching his family history around 30 years ago, he found that his great grandfather was named John Jones who married Letitia McMillan in Scot's Church, Melbourne in 1853. According to his marriage certificate, John was born in Sydney, NSW, and his father's name was also John Jones, a labourer, who was married to Mary Jones (nee McArthur). In those early days of genealogical research, one of my husband's cousins had engaged a researcher to find out more about the Jones ancestors. That researcher presented the results: she said that John Jones (the first) was a superintendent of sheep to Captain Piper at Stoney Creek near Bathurst, and John (the second) was baptised in the Anglican Parish of Bathurst by Rev. John Espy Keane on 24 March 1833.

Based on this information the family tree grew slightly with another son to John and Mary named George being baptised by the same minister in the same place two years later. Searches for a marriage between John Jones (the first) and Mary McArthur were fruitless. We then turned to records of convicts of the names John Jones and Mary McArthur. Needless to say, there were hundreds of John Joneses who were transported as convicts in the First and Second Fleets, and a number of Mary McArthurs as well. Many hours and days over many months and years have been spent researching records of Captain Piper's land holdings, employees and convict servants to no avail, although we learnt quite a lot about Captain Piper that we did not know before. The family trees that have been worked upon over the years, however, have all been based on the premise that John Jones (the first) was a superintendent of sheep to Captain Piper and lived at Stoney Creek near Bathurst and had at least two sons, one of whom was John Jones (the second). Perhaps 'superintendent of sheep' was a fancy name for a shepherd?

John Jones (the second) and his wife Letitia settled on land at Merton, Victoria, some 23 miles from Mansfield, where Letitia's family had settled. They had nine children, the fourth born of whom was my husband's grandfather, Edward Alfred Jones, known as Alf. Alf, three of his brothers, and one sister, came to Queensland in the 1870s and 1880s. Unfortunately, John Jones (the second) seemed to disappear from the records from about 1880 when his name stopped appearing in the Mansfield rate records, with Letitia left recorded as sole owner of their property, eventually being unable to pay the rates due. Despite attempts to find a record of John Jones (the second's) movements – including possible admissions to mental asylums – or death, either in Victoria or Queensland (to where Letitia also moved), each promising lead ended in disappointment. The name John Jones must be one of the hardest names to research! My husband gave up the search some time ago, but whenever the name appears in my own research, I always follow up to see if it may be HIS John Jones.

In the last year we were contacted by a descendant of John Jones (the first) who had done quite a bit of research into the family. At last, we thought, a lot of the mysteries would be solved, and we could link up with even more family members and flesh out the life of John Jones! But again it was not to be. A couple of years ago, both my husband and I took DNA tests. As the last surviving and youngest son of the youngest son of his Irish grandparents, my husband thought doing so would be of assistance for others in his Ryan family and also Jones descendants who may be undertaking family history research. Our hoped-for new Jones relative had also done a DNA test – BUT THERE WAS NO MATCH. Not a scintilla. Nothing. Not even by trying to match through other relatives. I am now trying to weed out all the references to John Jones (the first) being a superintendent of sheep to Captain Piper and to Bathurst from the family records we have amassed over the years. It is difficult to put aside a belief that one has held for so many years. It appears that we will never know the true origins of John and Mary Jones (nee McArthur), but one thing is certain: they did not live at Stoney Creek near Bathurst and their origins remain a mystery. After all, DNA does not lie.

Kay Ryan, member

From the *Toowoomba Chronicle and Darling Downs Gazette* 29 February 1924, p4 c7

Heavy clouds formed up at midday yesterday in Toowoomba but dispersed during the afternoon. The following temperatures were recorded at the Toowoomba Botanic Gardens last evening by Mr. J.J. Leadbetter for the preceding 24 hours:- Maximum 79.3 deg; screen minimum 62.2 deg, grass minimum 61.5 deg.

WALTER COLTHERD 1830 – 1884

Written by Joel Davis (3rd Great-Grandson)

Walter COLTHERD was born on 14 August 1830 to parents Jean LINTON and James COLTHERD in Yarrow, Selkirkshire, Scotland. Walter was the eldest of seven children: Robert born in 1832, James born in 1834, John born in 1836, Margaret born in 1839, William born in 1843 and Alexander born in 1846.

Walter immigrated to Australia prior to the 1860s. He met and married Ellen VALLENS in Victoria in 1861. Ellen was born on 27 November 1835 in Frampton, Dorset, England to parents Elizabeth SPENCER and Richard VALLENS. Ellen immigrated to Australia from England, departing from Plymouth aboard the *Herald* on 22 February 1859 and arriving in Melbourne on 1 June 1859. Together they had four children: Richard James 'Jim', Walter, William and Elizabeth.



**BURNETT INN,
NANANGO**

Ellen died on 27 December 1867, aged 32 years, which left Walter (snr) to raise three boys on his own and he made the difficult decision to give them up for adoption at the Diamantina Orphanage in Brisbane. After giving the boys up for adoption, Walter moved to Nanango where he worked as a shepherd on Cooyar Station in the employ of Mr John Frederick McDougall. Unfortunately, he too came to an untimely and rather gruelling death on 9 September 1884, aged 54 years. An inquest into his death on 10 September outlined that he clipped his foot, fell over a log and broke his back and right arm. He was found by neighbouring farmer, William Loughheed and transported to the Burnett Inn by Police Constable Patrick Power, who had been sent to the scene by Senior Constable Francis McGuire. Unfortunately, Walter passed within about half an

hour of his arrival to Nanango.

Walter's Employer, Mr John Frederick McDougall

John Frederick McDougall (1820 – 1896) was born in Parramatta, New South Wales, but became well known as a pastoralist and politician in Queensland, serving on the Queensland Legislative Council from 1860 to 1865, having been called to the very first legislative council when Queensland split from New South Wales. McDougall was an early pioneer on the Darling Downs where he was the long-term owner of Rosalie Plains Pastoral Station, as well as several others including Cooyar and Texas. McDougall had land holdings in St Johns Wood, Milton and Paddington in Brisbane and was one of three founders and original trustees of the Queensland Turf Club, having arranged a land grant for property at Eagle Farm, now known as Eagle Farm Racecourse. In 1875, he was also one of the founding trustees of the Toowoomba Grammar School. He passed on 11th November 1896 in Sandgate and was buried in the Toowong Cemetery on 12th November 1896.

**Children of Walter and Ellen COLTHERD**

Richard James 'Jim' COULTHARD was born on 12 June 1861 in Ipswich, Queensland. After being left at the Diamantina Orphanage following the death of his mother, he was adopted by a Captain Simpson from Enoggera, Brisbane, Queensland on 10 September 1870. On 28 March 1888, Jim married Mary Elizabeth KREUTZER in Sandgate. Mary was born on 14 November 1859 to parents Maria Eva 'Mary' MOLEDOR and Christian Hermann KREUTZER in Nundah, Queensland. Her family immigrated from Germany in the 1850s and settled in Nundah. The family settled in Strathpine where Jim took up farming, although not as shepherd like his father, Walter. Together, Jim and Mary had seven children: two girls – Mary Ann and Gertrude, and five boys – James Walter, Francis, Joseph Christian, John Thomas 'Jac' and Vincent Bernard 'Vince'. Mary died on 20 October 1927, aged 67 years, and Jim passed away in the Brisbane Hospital on 16 February 1932, aged 70 years. Both were buried at the North Pine-Lawnton Cemetery in the Moreton Bay Region.

Walter COULTHARD was born on 24 November 1862 in Ipswich. After being left at the Diamantina Orphanage, he was adopted by a Mrs Hale on 18 May 1878, as indicated by orphanage paperwork. Conflicting

records, including his death notice in the newspaper, outlined that he was a cripple and therefore could not be sent out in the ordinary way to service when he reached the age, and so he did work for the institution. He remained with the institution until 31 October 1861 when he was retrenched on account of his age. His duty was to supervise the boys at the home and to attend to the garden. He was well known to thousands of state children who had passed through the institution and was a faithful worker and beloved by all who came in contact with him. Walter died on 6 November 1932, aged 69 years. The funeral took place at the Lutwyche Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, representatives of the department and the Institution attending.

William COULTHARD was born on 26 September 1864 in Ipswich. After being left at the Diamantina Orphanage, he was adopted by a Mrs Coles from Fifteen Mile Stage, Brisbane, on 21 October 1876. No further records detailing William's life have been confirmed.

Elizabeth COULTHARD was born on 11 September 1866 and died on 6 August 1867 before she reached one year old.

Discussion Group

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the Month, Jan and Judy run a session for our members, with each day being a different topic. The cost is \$3.00 per session which includes a handout. Start time is 10a.m, Everyone is welcome. For more information please contact Jan or Judy. You can find them at our rooms each Thursday.

March

Beginners Session focussing on Record keeping and Software and using our library

DNA for beginners

Then in no particular order:

Copyright (a guest speaker) This is an important issue when writing stories about your families.

Wills and Probate records

Maps in the Genealogist UK – How to use this wonderful United Kingdom resource.

THE TRUTH WILL COME OUT

Some time ago I wrote an article for *The Gazette* telling the story of my great Uncle William Clyde TEYS. He had enlisted in the army as an underage seventeen-year-old in 1916. From his army records I was able to document his enlistment and his mother's attempt to get her son back to Queensland. At the time I was not wholly convinced that Mary Ann and Wilfred Teys knew nothing about their son's enlistment but put it down to my cynicism. William supposedly had forged his father's signature.

Then recently on TROVE I found a couple of newspaper articles that proved that it was not only William who was lying. On page 3 of the *Western Star and Roma Advertiser* on Saturday 23 September 1916 a list of enlistments in the Roma area was published. Halfway down the list appears the name William C Teys Wallumbilla. This was followed by a report in the edition of the same paper dated 28 October of a farewell send off to William held in Bishop's Hall Wallumbilla where he received 'many handsome and useful present'.

It is inconceivable that Wilfred and Mary Ann would not have known about this event as they were living at Wallumbilla at the time. So, who was lying? William was for sure about his age. Mary Ann probably was in her correspondence with army officials. But could you blame her for wanting her son home safely? Reports of the Battle of the Somme and other Western Front battles were coming back to Australia and she must have been terrified that her younger son, not yet eighteen years old, would be among those listed dead.

All these years later the truth is out but, in some ways, it is a more poignant story as it is the story of a mother's love for her son.

Jan Ward

Genealogy and Internet Etiquette –

A Genealogy Health Warning

Warning:- The following information is given in order to keep you and other people safe!

When many of us began our foray into Family History it was before the advent of the Internet, when there were scant records to be found, and letter writing and sending off requests in the dark so to speak was the way in which we slowly added bits and pieces and family connections to our slow growing Family Trees.

However, early on we also found that there were ‘unwritten rules’ that governed our actions and ‘what we could’ and ‘couldn’t or ‘shouldn’t do’ with the information that we uncovered along the way. It was slow and tedious going through dusty records, fiche and the first CD’s – but that slowness also made us thorough.

It also taught us the value of Original Records and Certificates that would verify what we had found and to check where possible, the veracity of what they contained. Always we had also to keep in mind that truth is often for more surprising than any fiction and that ‘People Lied’ even on official documents and could get away with such things owing to the lack of especially speedy communications.

Then there was the subject of Indexes – As we found an Index is just that an Indicator that a person or record exists and that there were literally hundreds of thousands of persons sharing the same name and spelling and place of Birth, Marriage, and Death. Not only that but the Spelling of a name could and did vary even within in families or generations and even in a single document for example a Will! So where did this leave us?

All these things were also sifted and filtered with the knowledge that this was ‘privileged’ information about real people, with real lives, and real aspirations and difficulties in a time that was not like the present and that attitudes and values were governed by the Society that they lived in with no safety nets etc., so that outcomes were inevitably varied in the effect on the lives of themselves, and those around them, at any given time.

So, time passes and along comes the Internet and the new way of communicating, ‘email’, and a chance to connect directly with those people and institutions that we had made contact with and gathered information from over the years. *Yippee!*

Well not quite. We were then faced with new decisions –

How much and what do we pass on to our new contacts? How reliable are they? Will they treat the information with the respect as to privacy that we had come to expect?

And that we also needed to take responsibility for the information in our possession.

How do we treat sensitive information especially about past generations and more importantly those who were still living?

‘The dead have no rights.’

Well yes, they DO!

Just because you are privy to personal information that doesn’t give you the right to pass it on willy-nilly!

For instance, a person’s past indiscretions should not be seen as fodder for ‘adding colour’ to a story or the personal details of those involved who are still living, and *NEVER EVER* without first gaining their express permission to do so.

I recently became aware of an instance where person ‘A’ and person ‘B’ on opposite sides of the world, became aware of each other’s existence through having taken a DNA test.

They found they were closely related and shared a common Ancestor ‘C’ – so far so good.

Both ‘A and B’ were busy having a good experience and by mutual consent, swapping details.

Yes, I know that is how many families learn of each other and in many instances this is a positive thing but in many instances it can all come unstuck.

Enter generation 'D' – 'D' belongs to the next generation – the one that lives their lives on Social Media – 'what they ate for breakfast – what they are doing at any given moment, and who is sleeping with whom' all within the context of, - to quote Virginia Trioli, 'the Insta-nobodies and their carefully curated self-delusion' [Virginia Trioli – ABC News Article Saturday 18 Nov 2023]

What Generation 'D' has in spades – is lack of discretion in fact they appear to have no 'discretion', and therefore think it is OK to disseminate privileged information on the social media swill and anywhere else that they fancy!

Well, it isn't OK.

In the long run what they will no doubt find, to their horror, is, that like a Tattoo, an Intimate Selfie or AI generated deep fake, – it CANNOT be removed or deleted or even changed to reflect them in a better light without much pain, embarrassment, and or lawsuit - if ever at all!

So, ***before*** you put something onto the Social Media Swill, a Worldwide Family Tree, an open-source site, or Site encouraging you "Find your Family Story" offering paid information, -***THINK!!***

This is privileged Personal information that I have -

How will it impact the story of the Dead, and more importantly, how will it affect the living?

Is this information that I have mine to do with as I please? – and do I have the right to pass it on to others? The answer then is -

NO!! – *You do NOT have the right to pass on Information just because it's in your possession, and especially any Data about living persons, without the express permission of the person about whom the information/data pertains –*

Why do you think we have Privacy Laws about such information!!!

Keep it to yourself!!

Remember that once out there in the Cloud etc then like that Tattoo or an Intimate Selfie or AI generated deep fake – it CANNOT be removed, ever at all!

THINK also – and ask yourself would I be happy to 'put it out there' if it was my own information, information that could later be used to hurt, embarrass or even incriminate me?!

How else do you think criminal elements take that information and data especially from social media to steal a person's identity etc?!

So,-This diatribe is not meant to preach but to merely inform those fledgling genealogists taking their first steps into the wonderful never-ending story and pastime that is Genealogy and Family History with all its' twists turns, surprises, treasures and secrets, to remember their obligations to that history, and those it involves, that it also include themselves, and to remind us all when making decisions about what to pass on and to whom – to remember the Unwritten Rules and Implicit Courtesy of their quest. 'Do unto others.....'

Happy Hunting!

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THROWN FROM A HORSE

George Thompson, aged 21, had his collarbone and his jaw broken at Rangeview yesterday afternoon through being thrown from a horse. He was riding along and the horse suddenly stumbled and dislodged him from the saddle. He was attended by Ambulance bearers, who brought him in to the General Hospital.

Each Journal I will highlight some of our amazing resources that can be found at the rooms, thanks to the tireless and often thankless work of our many volunteers. Without them, we would not hold the many indexes and resources that we do.

In this Journal - **School Records: Their place in Family History**

Are they of any use to us as family historians? Have you ever checked to see what school records we hold? Have you visited the rooms to research what is available?

I can answer the first question simply. Yes, at least Queensland school records, can be an integral part of following our families as they may have moved from one street to another or to another place entirely. We may find out addresses of where they lived and occupations of at least one parent or guardian. We can easily see when they started at a school and in what grade and when they left a school. If you are not using these important documents then take stock of your families and visit us and do some research.

The listings that are being published each Journal are only the names of the schools that we may hold information for. It would take too long to add all the years for each school we have as years can be missing, but usually very few are unable to be found. Of course, some schools have no information. There are still those who have kept their records and have not sent them to the State Archives for preservation or unfortunately they have been left to decay in ceilings or under buildings or destroyed by floods.

We have indexers who are working diligently to finish as many schools as possible, although we will not refuse help if you would like to volunteer.

The first place to check are our Master Indexes. Under School Admission Register Indexes there are three access files. Note: These are often being updated. Always check every few months for new records.

Master Schools – Toowoomba only. This is self explanatory.

Master Schools Index (to PDF files). This contains a database for Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. The latter two do not have a vast number of entries and the information contained may be all the information that we hold. When you open the Queensland access database it is alphabetical by Surname, Christian names. An entry will tell you what school and year. Take note of everything you find as you will need this to further your research.

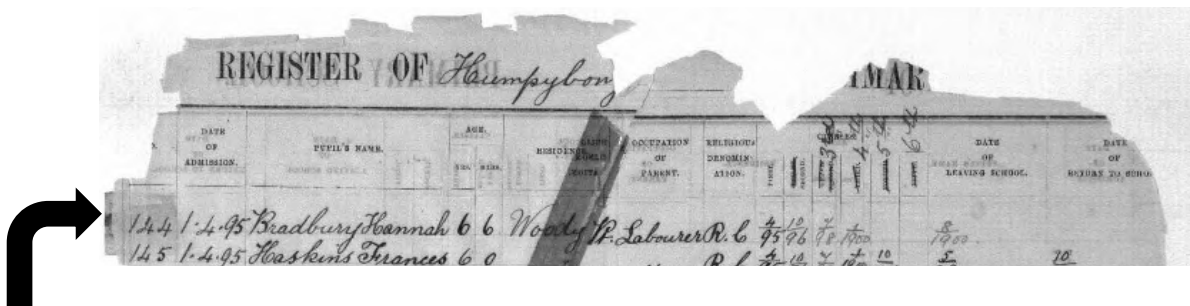
The **Master Schools Index** is a listing of Queensland schools.

Before you try to find your record, another place to search is on the QFHS School pupil indexes and schools past and present. In the folder QUEENSLAND on the desktop, go to SCHOOLS then School Information. In the folder AAA-QFHS click School's Pupil Indexes & Schools Past & Present.

RUN – then click No- At the bottom of the list of databases click on Schools past & present. There are many ways to search, but please KISS. Too much information is not required. Keep the query to a surname and first name or surname and part of the school name. Make sure to use the drop down menus on the right and click on 'anywhere in field'.

There is a handout available in the rooms giving a fuller explanation of how to search schools.

We hold books relating to schools. Some are in hard copy and others on the computers PDF files. Look under places in the Schools file.



An early school record 1895 from Humpybong State School. It is very dilapidated but still readable. It is simple to read each heading as follows -

- 144 is the registration number given to this pupil.
- 1.4.95 is the date of their first day at this school.
- Her name is Bradbury Hannah and she is 6 years and 6 months of age.
- The family live on Woody St and her parent or guardian is a labourer. Note – the early records often do not record the name of the parent or guardian.
- Her religion is R.C. (Roman Catholic)
- The headings of the pages have been printed in large volumes by the Department of Education. In some instances, the headings do not concur with how each school has been set up. Here, she started what we would presume is Grade 1 in April 1895. She then continued on each year until she departed the school in August 1900 during her fourth year at the school (the last date noted).

Were there more brother's and sisters to follow? Did the family leave the area? Did her parents decide the education that she had obtained was sufficient and now she would stay home and help her mother with household duties? This was valid particularly when this was the eldest child. Did something happen to her? This is what research is about when doing family history. We always have a mystery to solve.

Staying with Humpybong State School, but now a register entry for 1934 (below).

| REGISTER OF <u>Humpybong State</u> SCHOOL. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| NO. | DATE OF ADMISSION. | PUPIL'S NAME. | AGE. | | RESIDENCE. | OCCUPATION OF PARENT. | RELIGIOUS DENOMIN- ATION. | CLASSIF. | | | | | DATE OF LEAVING SCHOOL. | DATE OF RETURN TO SCHOOL. | | |
| | | | YRS. | MTHS. | | | | FIRST. | LOWER SECOND. | UPPER SECOND. | THIRD. | FOURTH. | | | FIFTH. | |
| | | 1934 | | | | | | P | 7 | 11 | 111 | IV | V | VI | VII | Left |
| 2079 | 30th Jan. | Atthow San Morris | 9 | 8 | Margate | Grazier | Meth | | | | 1/34 | 1/35 | 1/36 | | | 9/36 |

- Registration number: 2079
- Date of Admission: 30th Jan
- Pupil's Name: Atthow Ian Morris
- Age: 9 years and 8 months (below is written his date of birth 8.5.24)
- Residence: Margate
- Occupation of Parent: Grazier (Many registers show name of parent. The school is using the old register)
- Religion: Meth
- He started in Grade III (3) and left during grade V (5) in September 1936.

This from 1984 allows for more information. I will only show the headings and not any personal information as these pupils are still living. The information I have given is fictitious.

| NUMBER | DATE OF ADMISSION | PUPIL'S NAME | DATE OF BIRTH | PARENT'S NAME (IN FULL), OCCUPATION, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE No. | RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION | GRADES | | | | | | | DATE OF LEAVING SCHOOL | DATE OF RETURN TO SCHOOL |
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- Number: 18140
- Date of Admission: 10.5.84
- Pupil's Name: Reynolds Kathleen Renee
- Date of Birth: 4.1.75
- Parents Name and Full Occupation Address and Telephone No.: Gladys Ann Reynolds, Home Duties, 34 Circus Avenue, Woody Point.
- Religious Denomination: U.C.
- Level of entry: Grade 2
- Left School: 11.12.87

Following on from school admission registers, we have many school yearly magazines and anniversary books in our possession. These can vary with information, often containing images of classes, teachers or individual persons. May contain class lists, sporting information and especially Honour Rolls and stories concerning people who have made a mark after leaving school. From here it is wise to search newspapers for mention of school events which often list pupils.

This will lead us into the next topic: Electoral Rolls, Post Office Directories and Telephone Directories.

Happy Hunting and please take the time to check our school records. Karen

MORE SCHOOL RECORDS WE HOLD

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| Cabawin State School | Cannon Vale State School | Cement Mills State School |
| Caboolture South State School | Cannon Valley (later Cannonvale) State School | (previously Maxhill) |
| Caboolture Special School | Cannonvale (previously Cannon Valley) State School | Centenary Heights High School |
| Caboolture State School | Canungera Lower (later Wonglepong) State School | Central (aka Leichhardt Street Mixed) |
| Caffey State School | Canungera Lower (previously Canungera Creek) Prov School | Ceratodus State School |
| Cairns (previously Edge Hill) State School | Canungra State School | Chadford State School |
| Cairns Infants State School | Capalaba State School | Chambers Flat State School |
| Cairns North State School | Cape Capricorn Provisional School | Charleville State High School |
| Cairns Road State School (Atherton) | Cape Moreton State School | Charleville State School |
| Cairns State High | Cape River State School | Charlton State School |
| Cairns State Opportunity School | Capella State high School | Charlwood State School |
| Calen High State School | Capella State School | Charters Towers Central Boys |
| Calen State School | Captain's Mountain State School | Charters Towers Central Girls |
| Calgoa Provisional School | Carbeen West State School | Charters Towers Girls & Infants |
| Calico Creek State School | Carbonate Creek State School | Charters Towers High School |
| Callide State School | Cardstone State School | Charters Towers Infants |
| Calliope Station State School | Carmila State School | Charters Towers Intermediate |
| Calliungal North State School | Carmilla West State School | Charters Towers State School |
| Calmorin State School | Carmyle State School | Chatsworth State School Cheepie State School |
| Caloundra (Golden Beach) State School | Carney's Creek State School | Chelmsford State School |
| Caloundra High School | Carpendale State School | Childers State High School |
| Caloundra State School | Carrington State School | Childers State School |
| Calvale Provisional School | Carters Ridge State School | Children's Hospital Kindergarten |
| Calvert State School | Cashell's Hill State School (previously Rathdownie) | Chillagoe State School |
| Cambooya State School (out of order, filmed by pages) | Cassowary State School | Chilverton State School |
| Cambroon State School | Castle Creek (later Theodore) | Chinchilla State School |
| Cameron's Pocket State School | Catfish Scrub State School | Chinghee Creek State School |
| Camp Flat State School (previously. Moorina) | Cattle Creek State School | Chirnside State School (previously Boundary) |
| Camp Hill State School | Cattle Creek Valley State School | Christmas Creek |
| Campbell's Plain State School | Cattle Gully & Woodleighon | Churchill State School |
| Canaga State School | Cavendish Road High & Intermediate School | Cinnabar State School |
| Canal Creek State School (later Karara) | Cawdor State School | Cinnabar Upper State School |
| Cannindah State School | Cecil Plains Provisional State School | Clare Provisional School |
| Canning Vale State School (previously Jews Retreat) | Cecil Plains Secondary Dept | Clare State School |
| Cannon Creek State School | Cedar Creek State School | Claredale Prov School |
| Cannon Hill State School | Cedar Grove State School | Clarke's Creek Provisional School |
| | Cedar Pocket State School | Clayton State School |
| | Cedarvale State School | Clear Mountain State School |
| | | Clermont High School |
| | | Clermont State School |
| | | Cleveland State (Secondary) |
| | | Cleveland State School |

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| Clifton Colliery State School | Coopers Plains (later Acacia Ridge) State School | Cunningham's Gap Provisional School |
| Clifton State High School | Coopers Plains S State School | Curra State School |
| Clifton State School | Cooraga Creek State School | Currajong State School |
| Cliftonville State School | Cooran State School | Curramore State School |
| Clinton Vale State School | Cooranga North Punishment Register | Currimundi State School |
| Clohesy River Provisional School | Cooranga State School | Currumbin State School |
| Cloncurry State School | Cooroora (later Boreen Junction) | Currumbin Upper State School |
| Clonmel State School | Cooroy State High School | Cushnie State School |
| Clontarf Beach | Cooroy State School | Cylinder Beach State School |
| Closeburn State School | Cooroy West State School | Cynthia State School |
| Clyde Creek (later Burua) State School | Coorparoo State High | Daandine State School |
| Coal Creek State School | Coorparoo State School | Dagun State School |
| Coalbank State School | Cootharaba Lake State School | Dahmongah State School |
| Coalstoun Lakes State School | Cootharaba Road State School | Daintree State School |
| Cobba-da-Mana (Inglewood) | Coowonga Provisional School | Daiwan (later Haystack) State School |
| Cockatoo Creek Provisional School | Cooyar Creek Upper | Dajarra State School (nr Boulia) |
| Colamba Provisional School | Cooyar East State School | Dalbeg State School |
| Coles Creek State School (previously Skyring's Creek) | Cooyar State School | Dalby Intermediate School |
| Coleyville State School | Copperfield State School | Dalby South State School |
| Colinton State School | Cordalba State School | Dalby Special Education |
| College View State School | Coreen State School | Dalby State High School |
| Collinsville State School | Corella State School | Dalby State School |
| Comet State School | Corinda State High | Dalcouth (previously Ten Mile Rock) State School |
| Condamine Plains State School | Corinda State School | Dallarnil North State School |
| Condamine Road State School | Corndale State School | Dalrymple Heights State School |
| Condamine State School | Correspondence School | Dalveen State School |
| Coningsby State School | Cottonvale State School | Dan Dan State School (later Riverston) |
| Cononvale State School | Coulson State School Cowley State School | Dandaroo State School |
| Coochin Ck (later Beerwah) State School | Craignish State School | Daradgee State School (nr Innisfail) |
| Cooembardie State School | Craigslea State High | Daradgee Upper State School |
| Cooktown Boys State School | Crediton State School | Dareel State School |
| Cooktown State School | Crescent Lagoon State School | Darling Heights State School |
| Cooktown State School Secondary Dept | Cresley State School (previously Cooraga Creek) | Darlington State School |
| Coolabunia State School | Cressbrook Lower State School | Darr Creek State School |
| Cooladdi State School (nr Charleville) | Cribb Island State School | Darra State School |
| Coolangatta State School | Crocodile Ck (later Bouldercombe) State School | Dawes State School |
| Coolgarra State School | Crohamhurst State School | Daymar State School |
| Coolmunda State School | Cross Hill State School | Deborah State School |
| Coolnwynpin State School | Cross Roads Provisional School | Deception Bay State School |
| Cooloolabin State School | Crownthorpe State School | Deebling Creek (later Purga Aboriginal School) |
| Cooloothin Creek State School | Crows Nest Pre School | Deeford State School (previously Dundee) |
| Coombabah State High School | Crows Nest Secondary School | Deep Ck (later Bryden & Mt. Brisbane) State School |
| Coomera State School (nr Southport) | Crows Nest Special Education | Degilbo State School |
| Coomera Upper State School | Crow's Nest State School | Delaney's Creek State School |
| Coominya State School | Croydon State School | Depot Hill State School |
| Coondoo State School | Cryna State School | Derrarabungy Provisional School |
| Coongoola State School | Crystal Brook State School | |
| | Cumonju State School | |
| | Cunnamulla State School | |

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| Derri Derri State School | Dunellan (later Greenslopes) | Eudlo S S |
| Derrymore | Dunmora Central State School | Eukey S S |
| Provisional(previously Puzzling Gully) School | Durham State School | Eumundi S S |
| Deuchar State School | Durong (later Boondooma) State School | Euramo S S |
| Devereux Creek State School | Durong South State School | Evergreen S S |
| Devon Park State School | Dutton Park Opportunity School | Everton Park State High School |
| Diamantina State School | Dutton Park State School | Evlington S S |
| Diamond Field State School | Dutton River State School | Fairdale S S (prev Mondure Central) |
| Diamond Valley State School | Dysart State School | Fairhill (later North Arm) S S |
| Didcot State School | Dysart State School (Secondary Dept) | Fairney View S S |
| Diddillibah State School | | Fairy Meadow Road S S |
| Dinmore State School | | Fairyland West S S |
| Dirranbandi State High School | Eagle Junction S S | Fairymead S S |
| Dirranbandi State School | Eagleby S S | Farm Creek (later Tannymorel) S S |
| Dixalea State School | Earlsfield (prev. Argoon) | Fassifern Valley S S |
| Djuan State School | Earwah Vale School | Federal S S |
| Doctors Creek School | East Brisbane S S | Felton East S S |
| Dogwood State School | East End (formerly Wilmott) | Ferndale (later the Falls) S S |
| Domville State School | East Funnell Creek | Fernlees S S |
| Don Delta State School | East Lynne (later Boodua) S S | Fernvale (prev Harrisborough) S S |
| Don River State School | East Maryborough (later Granville) | Ferny Grove (prev Kedron Upper) S S |
| Doolbi State School | Ebenezer (formerly Seven Mile Creek) | Ferny Grove High School |
| Doomadgee Mission Pre School | Edge Hill (later Cairns) S S | Ferny Hills (prev Ferny Way) S S |
| Doomadgee Mission School & State School | Edgefield S S | Ferry Hills S S |
| Doomadgee Mission Secondary | Ehlma S S | Fig Tree Pocket S S |
| Doonan Lower State School | Eidsvold S S | Finch Hatton S S |
| Doonan State School | Eight Mile Plain S S | Flagstone Creek S S |
| Double Island Point State School | Eimeo Road S S | Flaxton Prov. School |
| Doughboy Creek (previously Bulimba) | Einasleigh S S | Flemington (later Umbiram) S S |
| Douglas State School (previously Gomoron) | Elanora S S | Flinton Prov. School |
| Downfall Creek Provisional School | Elaroo S S | Floriana S S |
| Drayton State School | Elbow S S | Flying Fox S S |
| Drillham State School | Electra S S | Fontainebleau S S |
| Drinin State School | Elgin Vale S S | Fontlea S S |
| Drummer's Creek State School | Ellangowan S S | Forbes Creek S S |
| Duaringa State School | Ellesmere S S | Fordsdale S S (prev Ma Ma Creek Upper) |
| Duchess State School | Ellinjaa Road S S | Forest Hill S S |
| Duckerry Prov School | Elliot S S (later Alloway) | Forest Park Hannaford |
| Duckinwilla Creek State School | Elmo Provisional School | Forest Station S S |
| Ducklo State School | Elphinstone S S | Formartin S S |
| Duckworth Provisional School | Emerald Creek S S | Fortitude Valley Boys |
| Dugandan State School | Emerald State High School | Fortitude Valley Girls School |
| Dulacca North State School | Emerald S S | Fortitude Valley Infants |
| Dulacca South | Emu Creek S S | Fortitude Valley S S |
| Dulacca State School | Emu Creek Upper Prov. School | Fortune's Crossing S S |
| Dulong State School | Emu Park S S | Four Mile Gully (later Inverlaw) S S |
| Dundee (previously Deeford) State School | Emu Vale S S | Foxdale S S |
| Dundowran State School | Enfield Prov. School | Fraser Island Prov. School |
| Dundula State School | Enoggera S S | Frazerview S S |
| | Enterprise S S | Freeman's Waterhole (later Hampstead) School |
| | Erin Hill S S | Freestone S S (prev. Freestone Cr Lower) |
| | Eromanga S S | Freestone Upper S S |
| | Esk S S | Frenchville S S |
| | Etna Creek S S | |
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