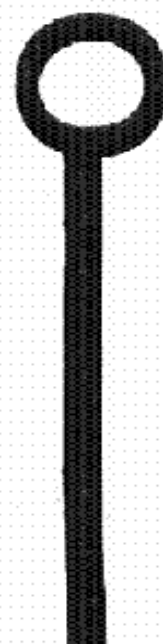


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## Celebrating our 40th Birthday

By Paulette Flint, Life Member

On Saturday, 10 August 2024,

**the Genealogical Society Gladstone District Inc. celebrated its 40th birthday.**



**Life Members**

**Val Buchanan, Jan Koivunen, Paulette Flint & Yvonne Cooper**

An informal gathering of keen history lovers sowed the seeds for the formation of the Genealogical Society Gladstone District Inc. back in the early 1980s.

A group of twelve people interested in forming a family history group gathered at the home of Colleen Sullivan at Barney Point on 1 February 1984. Two meetings were held there.

On 15 February 1984, the first meeting was held at the TAFE College, to see if there were enough people to form a committee. The meeting was a success, and the first committee comprised: President Russell Sellick, Vice-President Wayne Smith, Secretary Jean Bulow, Treasurer Christine Allen, Librarian Colleen Sullivan and Publicity Officer Dell Darrach.

As the number of members grew, members met once a month at the Central Queensland Institute of TAFE, where they held workshops and research sessions. The group became a branch of the Genealogical Society of Queensland, which is based in Brisbane.

The Branch slowly began to build up resources and they then moved to a room at Gladstone Central State School in Auckland Street where they kept their resources in a cupboard.

The next move was to a small room in the Community Recreation Centre (National Fitness Centre) in Auckland Street where the group prospered. The room was not big enough to allow for expanding resources and materials. Meetings were held in an adjacent room, and seminars and workshops were held in other venues, such as the Port Curtis Education Centre at Gladstone Central State School, and the TAFE College.

On 1 July 1998 after meetings with the Gladstone Port Authority manager, Reg Tanna, the club moved to new premises located in a section of a warehouse located in the George Young building.

The official opening of the rooms was held on Sunday 30 August 1998. The group shared the building with the Gladstone Municipal Band and the Gladstone Maritime Museum. (The Maritime Museum has since been relocated to East Shores Parklands). This move gave the group more than ten times the space that they had in Auckland Street, and they were able to spread out their growing supply of resources, including books, CDs, microfiche, maps and magazines.

The branch had to fit out the two-bay space themselves, which they did with the help of the Gladstone City Council, and donations from friends and businesses. Fittings were purchased from the demolition of the old Police Station, and grants were obtained to eventually air-condition the premises. A hanging ceiling and other rebuilding costs was paid for with a Gladstone City Council grant of \$3500.

Paulette Flint took over as President of the Society in 2000, with the knowledge that she would be the last President of the club, Genealogical Society of Queensland Gladstone Branch. The committee, after communication with Head Office in Brisbane, decided to work towards autonomy. This move was initiated by Head Office, as GST had come in, and finances would have become complicated.

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**Val Buchanan, life member and Jean Peters**

Grants from Community Gaming Machine Fund were also utilised to enhance the computer network, enabling patrons to access the many computer indexes available in the Resource Centre. A microfilm/fiche reader printer was obtained through a grant from QGC (Queensland Gas Corporation).

The Resource Centre holds many resources of value to the Family Historian, not only for those researching Local History, but encompasses indexes from worldwide sources. Regular informative workshops, seminars and podcasts are held to enhance members' knowledge of research methods and sources.

In September 2021 Gladstone's local Internet provider Dreamtilt kindly became a sponsor giving us internet connection to our Resource Room. To stay up to date with technology our Society is hoping to apply for a Grant to purchase new computers very soon.

With internet connection we are a Latter Day Saints Family Search Affiliated Library. We have reciprocal visiting rights with five other societies. They are Gympie Family History Society; Bundaberg Genealogical Association Inc. Central Queensland Family History Association; The Redland Genealogical Society and Toowoomba and Darling Downs Family History.

Throughout the years there have been many members who have worked hard to ensure that the Society has been successful, and some of these have been recognised with Life Membership of the Society.

They are (in order of year awarded): Val Buchanan, Don Kerr, Melva Bensted, Jan Koivunen, Paulette Flint and Yvonne Cooper.

The Society has regular Bunnings' Sausage Sizzles to raise much-needed funds to remain operative, though helping to pay for ongoing costs such as insurance, affiliated fees, power bills and rates. It remains our hope that we will be able to move into new premises in the near future with the help from Gladstone Ports Corporation.

Our Society had toyed with the idea of autonomy for a number of years, but once Head Office suggested it, we grasped the idea and ran with it.

A steering committee for the separation of the Society was formed, comprising Paulette Flint, Don Kerr, Jan Koivunen and Len Sutherland, to work towards formulating the new Constitution and rules and to effect a smooth transition.

On 21 October, 2000, a Special Meeting was held, where a number of motions were moved and carried by the majority, to form a new society to be called Genealogical Society Gladstone District.

After a great deal of work by the committee, all the necessary protocol was formulated and the new Society started operations at the George Young building on 1st January 2001. This would not have been possible without a lot of groundwork and paperwork covering many items to be passed, such as a new Constitution, incorporation of the new society, the transfer of our lease with the Gladstone Port Authority, Insurance and so on.



**Author and Life Member –Paulette Flint**



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## Storekeeper and Commission Agent

### Henry Friend

**Friend Street was named after Henry Friend.**

**The Friend family who have been Gladstone residents for many years.**

Henry Friend (snr), his wife and two sons, Henry and James, sailed from Southampton, England and landed in Sydney on November 7, 1854. After experiencing life on the goldfields at Turon, they came to Gladstone with John Score Powe's party to work on the construction of the town's water supply in 1855, where Henry worked as a labourer for 10 shillings a day. When this work was completed, he opened a general store in Toolooa Street.

With trade increasing in the colony, Henry Friend opened larger premises on the shores of Auckland Creek, where ships discharged their cargoes directly into his store via the wharf at the rear of the building. This store was called Victoria Store, and was built to cope with ever-increasing quantities of wool being exported to Europe and America.

Friend was also one of six Gladstone men who were among the first to journey to Canoona to try out the new goldfield in 1857. Gathered by Captain Phillip Hardy, Friend was accompanied by William Ellis, C. Hitchcock, Dan Martin and Jim Arthur. Many thousands of people joined in the ensuing rush to the fields – the Port Curtis rush – leaving Gladstone houses virtually empty of men and servants. The field soon became overmanned, and hundreds of men were stranded in Rockhampton, penniless.

Henry Friend was Mayor of Gladstone in 1866, and from 1869-70. Two of Henry Friend's sons, Harry and James, took over the general store in 1875, and the premises were later moved to Goondoon Street, on the site of the present City Plaza. Henry Friend acquired Diamantina Station and exported cattle and horses to the East. A return prepared by Mr Friend showed that in thirty years there had been exported from Gladstone to Great Britain, India, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Melbourne, Sydney and Batavia, cattle, horses and sheep to an aggregate value exceeding a quarter of a million pounds.

A daughter, Mary Ann, was said to be the first child registered in Gladstone, and another daughter, Ada, cared for her parents until their deaths. A son, Thomas, assisted in the family business. Sons Henry and James married the Prizeman sisters, Rosetta and Ellen, thus uniting two of Gladstone's oldest families. William Benjamin Prizeman stood with Henry Friend as an Alderman in the first council of 1863. Then, in 1909, Alice Muriel, the daughter of Henry (jnr) and Rosetta married James David Stirrat, son of David Stirrat of Mount Alma, an early pastoralist in the district. Descendants of all three families remain in the Gladstone district today. Friend's store over the years grew to become a large department store, stocking everything for the household, including liquor and stock feed. It continued to trade until the 1970s when it was sold to the David Jones' company. The store subsequently closed its doors. It was the end of an era for Gladstone.



Back L-R: Alice Stirrat, Percy Friend, Isabelle McIntyre. Front: Rosetta Friend, Alma Stirrat and Henry (Harry) Friend. (Description supplied with photograph State Library of Queensland )

**From the book WHAT'S IN A NAME-The Stories behind the street names of Gladstone Queensland written by Paulette Flint. See page 15 of this journal for purchasing options.**

## **PERCY ALFRED FRIEND**

### **Abridged from “The Family of HENRY FRIEND, born 18 Nov 1829 Suffolk England”**

#### **This is available in the research section of our library.**

Percy Alfred Friend was the only son of Henry Friend (jnr) and his wife Rosetta (nee Prizeman). He was their third child, and was born in Gladstone on 29th January 1887. He was educated at Gladstone State School and then at Maryborough Boys Grammar in 1900. His name appears on the Honour Board as a medal winner- Sydney Junior Examinations in 1902 and a bursary winner in 1903/4 for Form V. His name is also on the Honour Board- “the boys from this school- who voluntarily served in the Great War 1914-1918”.

Douglas Friend, Percy’s son takes up his father’s story - “After leaving school, he was active in the family business until the war (World War 1) when he enlisted and went overseas as a lieutenant in the 31st. Battalion. After the war, he married Dorothy Webb on 1st September, 1920 at the Holy Trinity Church, Brisbane. The story goes that Dad had seen my mother before the war when she was holidaying in Gladstone and had remarked to his companion “ There is the girl I am going to marry” but it took some years for this to come about. After the war, Dad still maintained an active interest in the firm being the secretary and accountant.

Arthur, who had been manager during the war, continued on in that position and Percy devoted most of his energies to running the properties of “Runnymede” and “Carrara” and to further the interests of the cattle industry in general and was very active in the United Graziers association for many years as secretary and representative for the Central Region. He was also chairman of the Gladstone Fisheries and Cold Stores Ltd. which was set up in 1926 to handle the abundant reef fish and for some years, turtles.

In 1927, Percy became an alderman, and served on the council for several years. For many years he was the president of the local RSSAILA, in which he took great interest and was eventually elected a life member. Every ANZAC Day was a great occasion with his old mates, marching on.

In 1928, Percy was granted the lease of Heron Island, to set up a turtle soup factory manufacturing business, his co-directors being James Stirrat and Martin Tail. However this business did not flourish and in 1932, the lease passed to Chris Poulson to set up a tourist resort on the island.

Percy was also interested in and good at several sports - cricket, tennis and later bowling. He was a parochial councillor of St. Saviours Anglican Church for 20 years and a foundation member of the Gladstone Masonic Lodge. He also had a great love of the sea and such activities as sailing and fishing.

Percy Alfred Friend died in Toowoomba on 29th Sep 1957 aged 70 years. His wife Dorothy, died on 27 October 1978 aged 90. Both are buried in the Gladstone Cemetery.

## **Death of Mr. PERCY FRIEND**

The death occurred on Sunday, September 29, at Toowoomba, of one of Gladstone’s best known citizens, Percy Alfred Friend of Yaroon Street, Gladstone, after an illness of several months. He was 70 years of age.

The funeral obsequies were held at the Church of England, Toowoomba, on Monday, and his remains were taken to Brisbane for cremation on Tuesday.

The deepest sympathy of many friends and well wishers will be extended to his sorrowing wife, two sons, Dr Douglas Friend (Brisbane) and Mr. Maxwell Friend (Carrara, Calliope) and one daughter, Dorothy, Mrs. W. McGuire (Toowoomba).



## 1920 WEDDING PHOTOGRAPH OF DOROTHY FRANCIS WEBB AND PERCY ALFRED FRIEND

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### Back row:

L to R: Mr Hugh Gascoine WEBB (brother of the bride and best man); Dr William Simpson WEBB (father of bride); Mrs Frances WEBB (nee TRIMBLE) (mother of bride); Officiating Minister, Rev Cecil Howard EDWARDS, Mrs Rosetta Ann FRIEND (nee PRIZEMAN) (mother of groom), Mr Henry ("Harry") FRIEND jnr, father of Groom; Herbert James FRIEND, brother of Groom and Groomsman;

### Front row:

Miss Muriel Gertrude "Lulu" Webb, bridesmaid and sister of bride; Dorothy Frances WEBB (Bride); Percy Alfred FRIEND (Groom); Miss C FROST (Bridesmaid).

**Dorothy and Percy were married on 1st September 1920, in the Holy Trinity Church, Woolloongabba, Brisbane, Queensland, by Rev Cecil Howard Edwards and they settled in Gladstone.**

## Dorothy Frances Friend (nee Webb)



SISTER WEBB



SISTER WEBB

The two photos of Sister Webb are from "Queenslanders who fought in the Great War".

I suspect they are both Dorothy at different ages but I cannot confirm this.

Dorothy was the daughter of Dr. William Simpson WEBB and his wife Frances (nee Trimble), of Vulture Street, South Brisbane, Queensland. Dorothy was born 6 Oct 1888 and aged 26 when she enlisted at Brisbane.

Dorothy embarked from Brisbane on 16 August 1915 on *HMAT Kyarra A55* as a staff nurse. She spent most of her service in France and contracted Rubella and was seriously ill with Pleurisy.



Dorothy was recommended for the Royal Red Cross 2nd Class decoration in connection with Military Nursing Services in the field. At the time she was a staff nurse in No. 2 Australian General Hospital.

It was awarded on 4 June 1918. She was also awarded the 1914-1915 Star (for service in France before 1916) and the Victory Medal and the British War Medal.

Dorothy was discharged 14 March 1920.

Dorothy is the only female ex-serviceperson whose name appears on this scroll which records the people who attended the,

### First ANZAC Day Luncheon

held in the Gladstone Town Hall

on 25 April, 1936 as

D. Friend (Sister A.A.N.S. A.C.F.)

As Dorothy was living in Brisbane when she enlisted, her name does not appear on the **Roll of Honour of the Town of Gladstone and the Shire of Calliope**, but it does appear on this scroll, which is also on display in the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum, which was the original Gladstone Town Hall





## Death of Doctor W. S. Webb

### Veteran Physician

Dr. William Simpson Webb, who practiced in Queensland, for nearly 50 years, died early yesterday, 13 December, 1938. He was a life honorary physician to the Brisbane General Hospital.

Dr. Webb was born in Middlesex, England, in 1853. His father and five of his brothers were doctors. He qualified for the medical profession in Edinburgh and London, gaining diplomas of Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, Licentiate of Midwifery, Edinburgh, and Member of Royal College of Surgeons, England.

In 1880 he arrived in Australia in the sailing ship *Gladstone*, acting as the ship's doctor during the voyage. He went to Roma, where one of his brothers practiced as a doctor, and later left for Blackall.

In 1882 he married Miss Francis Trimble, in Rockhampton, and four years later came to Brisbane, practicing in Vulture Street, South Brisbane, until he retired 10 years ago.

Dr. Webb is survived by his widow, six sons – Messers. W.f. and H.g. (both of Mitchell), N.C. (Beaudesert), S.r. and G.y. (both of Brisbane), and M.L. (Kerang, Victoria) – and five daughters – Mesdames R.A. Hay, H.D. S. Forbes, A.A. Ward, and R.E. Douglas (all of Brisbane), and P.J. Friend (Gladstone) . There are 23 grandchildren.

[Courier-Mail \(Brisbane, Qld. : 1933 - 1954\), Wednesday 14 December 1938, page 10](#)

#### Editor's Note:

Dr . Webb was married in St Paul's Church in Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia.

The details of the surviving children is very hard to follow, with all the initials instead of names.

The names of the children and their partners was found in Dawson+Webb+Kennedy tree on Ancestry

W.F= Wiliam Alexander Frederick **Webb**

H.g.= Hugh Gascoigne **Webb**

N.C.= Noel Cholmondeley **Webb**

S.r. = Sidney Reginald **Webb**

G.Y. = George York Webb

Constance Marianne **Webb** was Mrs Robert Alexander William **Hay**

John Edward Webb 1884-1884

Wiliam Alexander Frederick **Webb** married Frances May **Baxter**

Dorothy Frances **Webb** married Percy Alfred **Friend**

Edith Marjory **Webb** was Mrs Harold Duncan Somerset **Forbes**

Katherine Louise **Webb** 1891-1892

Phyllis Margaret **Webb** was Mrs Arthur Charles **Ward**

Hugh Gascoigne **Webb** Dorothy Creighton **Halstead**

Muriel Gertrude **Webb** was Mrs Ralph Edmons **Douglas**

Noel Cholmondeley **Webb** Kathleen Mildred **Dawson**

Sidney Reginald **Webb** Agnes Marjorie **Beaver**

Marmaduke Lynde **Webb** Lila Edith **Dawson**



**DR. W. S. WEBB.**



# Wedding Bells

**Maxwell –Hancock**

**6th January, 1909**

Nimbin School of Art Hall was crowded on Wednesday 6th instant, to witness the celebration of that interesting event — a wedding.

The contracting parties were Mr. Cunningham Evans Maxwell of Teven, and Miss Mabel Hancock, daughter of Mr. Geo. Hancock, of Nimbin, formerly of Pimlico. The officiating minister was the Rev. A. Chapman M. A. of Ballina.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was becomingly attired in white muslin, trimmed with ecru lace, and wore the customary wreath and veil, and a gold bracelet set with emeralds, the gift of the bridegroom. She was attended by Misses Nellie and Grace Dorrington, who wore cream muslin, with hats to match, and gold brooches, the bridegrooms gifts.

The bride walked down the hall, accompanied by the strains of “The Voice that breathed o’er Eden”. Miss I. Gall officiated at the organ. The groomsmen were Messrs .G. Watson and E. Parish.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the guests adjourned to “Fairview”, the residence of Mr. B. Shipway, where an excellent breakfast was prepared. The assembled guests having done justice to the viand, the bride cut the cake, which was an exceedingly handsome one, and the after dinner, toasts, customary on such occasions were proceeded with.

The Chairman {the Rev. A. Chapman} mentioned his pleasure being there in the capacity of officiating Minister. Although Nimbin was not in his charge, still it held residents who were one-time members of his congregation, and re-union with old friends was ever a delightful experience.

In the course of his remarks he told the anecdote of a Scotch lass, who on telling her father of her intention to marry, was warned it was “a verra solemn thing, to marry” to which she replied “It’s a mair solemn thing not to marry”. Having given some advice to the newly-wedded couple, he expressed his pleasure in wishing the bride and bridegroom health, wealth, and prosperity.

Mr. Maxwell, in responding, stated he was highly gratified for the reception of the toast, and trusted that the step he had taken would never be regretted. In concluding, he proposed the health of “Bridesmaids”, to which Mr. G. Watson responded. He was very pleased to be the mouthpiece of the ladies in question and trusted they would soon follow the example set by the bride. He also had much pleasure in proposing the “Brides Parents”. Mr. Hancock suitably responded.

The next toast was “The Teven Boys”, old and young” proposed by Mr. W. Lang. After a few brief remarks on the “old boys” he dealt with the “young boys”, and trusted that their visit would not be altogether unproductive and that the sequel would be a number of gatherings similar to this.

He advised the Nimbin lasses to do their share of the business in bringing about such an end. Mr. Crawford responded for the old boys in a few neat and appropriate words. Mr. J. Watson responded for the young boys, who, he said, had enjoyed themselves thoroughly amongst Nimbin folk.

Mr. Crawford, in leaving Teven, had taken some of the attractions with him. In concluding he again dwelt on the excellent treatment they had received, and would be pleased to visit Nimbin at a future date.

Mr. H. Crawford next proposed “The Pioneers of the District”. He felt in removing his residence to these parts he was amply repaid for the severance of old ties by meeting with the most hospitable treatment from the old hands, and it was with genuine feelings he proposed the toast.

Mr. Langley, in responding, said that he had settled in Nimbin when in a wilder state. His earlier experiences were fraught with hardship, but he trusted that the necessity for those hardships was now done away with.

Mr. Miller had great pleasure in proposing “The Ladies” in consideration of the attractive specimens of that sex.

Mr. Parish in responding, mentioned the fact of it’s being his first visit to Nimbin, and one long to be remembered.

Mr. Hancock proposed “The Chairman” in a suitable manner. The Rev. Mr Chapman replied. He had been pleased to visit this part of the district, which was teeming with scenic charms. The Nimbin Rocks were a sight worthy of attracting folks from far and near.

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The residents were hospitable folks, and he wished them prosperity in all their endeavours. He asked the assemblage to sing "Old Lang Syne", after which preparations were made by the guests He asked the assemblage to sing "Old Lang Syne", after which preparations were made by the guests to leave the scene of the festive hour.

The presents were numerous and handsome. Mr. and Mrs. Ronan, silver glass epergure; Mr. and Mrs. M'Intosh, drawing room clock; Mr. H. Faller, set silver teaspoons; K.A. and N. Ronan, cheese dish; Mr. and Mrs. W. Brown, ruby jug and set of ruby jelly glasses; Miss. E. Brown, cushion; J. and G. Watson, jelly dish.

**This description of my Grandparents wedding was transcribed from an old newspaper cutting from the "Northern Star", January 1909. Contributed by Val. Buchanan.**

Mabel Hancock and Cunningham Evans Maxwell were married at Nimbin on 6th January 1909.

Their sons, William Graham {Bill}, Elvin James {Ted} and Evans Charlton {Charlie} were born at Teven.

After several years farming at Tevin, Grandfather Maxwell purchased a property at Edensville near Kyogle, and was living there when he died in 1923.

My grandmother was left with a young family and the farm to manage, the eldest boy, {my father} was 13 years old, and as so often happened in those days, left school to help on the farm.

"Nana" Maxwell loved the Northern Rivers.

When her "boys" married and moved away, she loved to visit them, but always returned to her favourite spot—Lismore. She died there in 1966.

Mabel and Evans Maxwell's descendants are now scattered far and wide around the world, with grandchildren living in England, France, Canada, America and various parts of Queensland and New South Wales.

## **The McGrees**

In 1985 an article appeared in the January edition of the Bulletin covering the medical links of this old and respected Gladstone family.

Three generations of the McGree family were at that time practicing medicine in Gladstone and Brisbane which was and is rather unusual for a family.

John A McGree, the patriarch, graduated from Sydney University in 1933. Two of his sons are also doctors — Maurice who graduated from Sydney University in 1959 and Mark who graduated from Queensland University in 1976.

Grandson, Colan, a nephew of Maurice and Mark also graduated from Queensland University in 1984.

John McGree arrived in Gladstone in 1938 planning to only stay for five years and then to return to Sydney. However, much to Gladstone's gain he stayed to raise his family of six children.

In the early days patients would wait under the trees outside his house for treatment. Sometimes the wait was long and tedious. Dr. John recalls the largest number of patients he saw in one day was 116.

At this time in 1991, Dr. John is no longer in practice, however, his son Maurice and grandson Colan are still in general practice in Gladstone and son Mark is an ophthalmologist in Brisbane.

Both Maurice and Colan agree that public perception of doctors and the medical profession in general has changed over the years. As Colan commented, "People question doctors now where once they took his word. He is no longer seen to be infallible. The public is also more educated. The GP has to read the Women's Weekly these days because he knows the patient is going to ask about the latest medical story in the magazine".

**The article in the Bulletin was written by Lenore Micklin.**

**Thanks to member Helen Reeves for this addition to our local history file.**

**Editor's note:** The article was previously published in the our journal "Timeline, Volume 2 Number 5, August 1991".

## Boyne Valley Cemetery Index:

**Includes Nagoorin, Builyan/Many Peaks, Norton burials in cemeteries**



**The Boyne Valley Cemetery Index** was put together by Life Member, Paulette Flint, from death records originally held at Gladstone Court House and extracted by Life Member, Melva Bensted.

This index incorporates burial records for the three cemeteries in the Boyne Valley district of Gladstone Regional Council, **Nagoorin** Cemetery, **Norton** Cemetery and **Builyan/Many Peaks** Cemetery.

All these cemeteries are now closed for burial. Nagoorin Cemetery received a facelift in 2018 with new fences and a plaque listing burials placed in the cemetery. The Norton Cemetery is not maintained by Gladstone Regional Council.

The Many Peaks Cemetery is erroneously entitled Builyan Cemetery both on the signage at the cemetery and on the Gladstone Regional Council website. Originally, It was the Many Peaks Cemetery, although some burial records in the index state Builyan Cemetery.

It should be more correctly named, Builyan/Many Peaks Cemetery, or Many Peaks/Builyan Cemetery. It is situated in the Builyan locality.

Some 186 burials are listed in the index which was taken from the original death records of the Gladstone District Court House.

### **The records include:**

**Surname,**

**First Names,**

**Sex,**

**Age,**

**Occupation,**

**Death Date,**

**Death Place,**

**Burial Place and**

**Parents' names.**

Parents' names were taken from the Queensland Birth Death and Marriage Index online, and thus may include their transcription errors. Where no parents were mentioned, the records annotate "Unknown" or "Unnamed".

It also includes: The whole index in PDF format, plus available photographs of the remaining headstones and some other cemetery photographs, stories taken from newspaper articles, a map of grave locations in Many Peaks Cemetery, information about each Cemetery and some death certificates, all on a USB stick.

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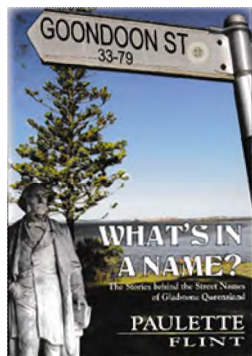
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**WHAT'S IN A NAME?**

*The Stories behind the Street Names of Gladstone Queensland*

by Paulette Flint



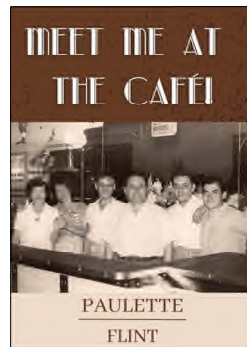
What's in a Name?" affords a fascinating glimpse into the stories behind the street names of the city of Gladstone.

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by Paulette Flint 2022



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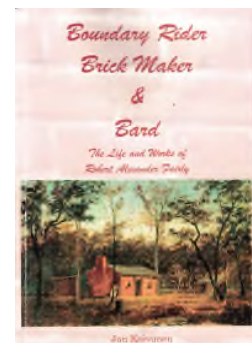
After a night at the local picture theatre, young people would meet at the local café to turn on the juke box and jive to the latest tunes.

**BOUNDARY RIDER,**

**BRICK MAKER & BARD**

*The life and works of Robert Alexander Fairly.*

Compiled by Jan Koivunen



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'Fairly's verse is varied and often humorous but his obvious forte was in the mode of the bush ballad in which he conveys an optimistic spirit.' (Review from *Robyn Sheahan-Bright, Kookaburra Shells 2006.*)

These two books are available from the author, Paulette Flint.

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