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3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	10.00 am – 12.30
Saturday	1:00 pm. - 4:00 pm.

**Meeting Times (Note the meeting changes)**

General Meetings are held on the second Saturday of the **even months** at the Library building in Kendall's Road, commencing at 1.00pm.

**WE'VE GOT IT COVERED.**

You may find errors in this publication. This is in line with our policy of trying to please everyone- especially those who love to find a mistake

Journal published March, June, September & December.

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## Free searchable database details victims of Russian pogroms

By **Vera Miller** on October 19, 2024

A horrible part of Russia's history is the pogroms that killed many Jews. Information on pogrom victims is scattered on many websites.

Am haZikaron in Tel Aviv has created [a searchable database](#) on many thousands of pogrom victims from 1918-1921 in the areas considered Russia at that time. The database is still being updated, but information from more than 1,500 settlements can be found on the database.(A detailed explanation of pogroms can be found [here](#).)

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

A successful Trivia night was held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October Thanks to helpers, donators, people who attended. We had Raffle, Whip around, cent sale, table quiz and trivia quiz. Thanks to Joan and Gail for questions. Members please come around to the one next year even if just to enjoy the night. There were many lovely cent sale prizes, raffle prizes and very enjoyable sandwiches and cake for smoko break.

We again break for Christmas recess on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and reopen 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Clean up day will be 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 8am so bring along your bucket, rags and cleaning ability. Morning tea will be provided

Once again a thank you to members of executive and librarians for a job well done. A thank you to members who find the time to come to meetings. It is appreciated.

How about a Christmas or birthday gift for a family member of friend of a membership to the Association. We do have direct credit to our bank account as well as for our publications

For our February (8<sup>th</sup> Feb) meeting a prize will be given to the people who can bring along the oldest wedding photo of an ancestor.

April (12<sup>th</sup> April) meeting will be the weirdest story you have found about an ancestor. Not gossip a true story.

Date to remember 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025 is the anniversary of the inaugural meeting of the Genealogical Association. Lets have some ideas on celebrating. Maybe a way of raising funds for BGA. There are still some of the original members with us.

Rhonda

## **EXTRACTED FROM THE WAY WE WERE**

### **Series in newspapers C 1989**

Band went the Boiler

Steam revolutionised the world in the 1800s. It supplied the power that turned manufacturing into a worldwide industry and gave consumer goods to masses.

But steam could be a fearful master as well as a useful servant.

In the days where the physical and metallurgical processes of pressure containment in boilers made a riveted iron plates were best only partially understood, overstressed steam boilers exploded frequently often with disastrous consequences.

One of the worst boiler explosions in early Queensland history occurred at Maryborough on August 6, 1872.

Two men were killed immediately and another died soon afterwards. Over the next week, another five were to succumb to their burns.

The accident occurred just before 9 o'clock in the morning as the 14 men employed at the union Sawmill awaited the steam whistle that would signal the beginning of the day's work.

The mill's business manager, James Deacon, was standing about ten feet (3 metres) from the boiler talking to a wood turner, and 10 other men were in and about the machinery.

They were talking, knocking ashes from their pipes ready to start work when the whistle sounded.

Then , according to a report in the Wide Bay News of August 7, 1872, "in a moment, and, we understand, without a second's warning, the boiler exploded.

A scalding blast of steam carrying a hail of fragments of iron, brick and wood overwhelmed the unfortunate men.

The fir chimney, newly erected, fell in one mass of ruin, and a dull roar and crash told the whole town that some terrible event had occurred.

People living near the mill said later that a vast column of steam. Smoke and debris rose high into the air and hung there perceptibly while the mill itself was shrouded in dense fog of steam and dust.

Men who had been waiting to start work took shelter under timber piles until the hail of descending bricks and metal and timber fragments ceased.

They then raced to the mill, where they were met by an appalling sight.

“Their comrades, with whom a few minutes before they had been joking and talking, were there, - some crawling feebly about, blackened and mutilated almost beyond recognition, others lying still and partly covered with debris” the newspaper reported.

Deacon, the manager, had been killed instantly by a piece of boiler plate driven into his forehead.

John Rankin, the man he had been talking to, was breathing and managed to move his head feebly from side to side before dying a few minutes later.

“Abundant and willing assistance was at hand and in a short time a procession of carts and stretchers carried the survivors to the hospital; the sight of these poor blackened and mutilated fellow creatures, some groaning and crying in their agony, was one such as we have never seen in Maryborough and pray to God we may never see again” the News said.

The scene at the mill, with the frenzied lamentations of women and ghastly procession through the streets was one the newspaper said it barely dared to describe, and one which would never be forgotten by them that saw it.

Rescuers dug frantically through piles of burning planks to reach a man they mistakenly believed to be buried in the debris.

Then they formed a bucket brigade to quench fires that had started among the piles of timber by burning brands flung from the boiler in the explosion.

The force of the explosion may be estimated from the fact that the huge boiler was blown high in the air, one piece falling just clear of the building and another weighing several hundredweights (a hundredweight equals 50.8 kg) was carried a distance of over 100 yards (91.5 metres) across a Chinaman’s garden and now lies in a paddock beyond it.” The News said.

“For a long distance around the ground is covered with fragments of bricks and pieces of wood, and a Mr Bailey, who was passing at some distance from the mill, was thrown down and severely injured by pieces of bricks striking him.

The mill building is, of course, a ruin, of the machine shed, a bit of the end is standing, but a large portion of it is simply a heap of blackened timber.

The strong, undressed trunks of trees forming its posts are still standing, but leaning in all directions.

The iron of the roof lies scattered around just as it fell after being blown high up in the air.

The watch in Mr Deacon's pocket was found quite flattened, and with dirt forced right into it: the hands indicating two minutes to 9 o'clock, the moment of the explosion.

An inquiry was opened immediately was opened immediately but, apart from establishing that the boiler had maintenance regularly, was fairly inconclusive.

## **NEWSPAPER ITEMS**

### **Monogorily School Opening**

#### **Approaching Function**

To mark the occasion of the official opening of the Monogorily State School on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, a dance will be held in the building . A large gathering is expected for the function and visitors from as far away as Kingaroy will be present. The committee responsible is straining every effort to make the night a most enjoyable and memorable one. Residents of the district are invited to be in attendance and are assured of a good time. ( 4<sup>th</sup> September 1936 Burnett Advocate & Gayndah Gazette)

### **New Buildings at Byrnestown**

Mr W Tincknell of the Byrnestown Butchering Company, is building a residence near his shop. Mr A Delaney has just completed his house and moved in. Mr Ted Slaughter on his farm adjacent to the town is busy on a large hayshed, 60ft x 40ft. It is indeed pleasing to see those definite marks of progress on the part of these enterprising men. (18<sup>th</sup> September 1936 Burnett Advocate & Gayndah Gazette)

A new house and garage is under construction in the town, being built by Contractor Mr F E Beduhn for Mr Jack McKell, cream contractor, of Abercorn, the carpenter in charge being Mr E J Aston.(Abercorn 23rd October 1936 Burnett Advocate & Gayndah Gazette)

### **Closure of Hotels**

North Star Gayndah William James Wake Licensee, James Richard Fahey owner  
Camp Hotel, Maxwelton Maud Ethel Jacobsen, licensee, Frank Bays Devine owner  
Royal Hotel Yarwun, Lily May Howat Licensee, Alexander Howat owner

Two of the properties, the North Star, Gayndah and Royal Hotel Yarwun had been destroyed by fire while little or no business had been done at Camp Hotel, Maxwelton  
(30<sup>th</sup> October 1936 Burnett Advocate & Gayndah Gazette)

### **Beeron Road School**

Mr W A brand MLA, has been advised by the Director of Education, that Mr Desmond Michael Fitzgerald, a teacher on the staff of the State School at Mackay North, has been appointed to the position of head teacher of the State School at Beeron Road, as from the 25<sup>th</sup> January 1937, in the room of Miss Robinson who has been transferred (29<sup>th</sup> January 1937 Burnett Advocate & Gayndah Gazette)

### **Abercorn**

Mr Palmer who recently purchased “Applegrath” from Mr Roy Shelton has arrived to take delivery of his new property (19<sup>th</sup> February 1937 Burnett Advocate & Gayndah Gazette)

### **Bin Bin**

Mr and Mrs Arthur Kessels, who have been on a visit to relatives in this locality, last week returned to their home in Brisbane (12<sup>th</sup> March 1937 Burnett Advocate & Gayndah Gazette)

### **Obituary**

Sergeant T A Tate

Sergeant Thomas Adam Tate, who died recently from injuries received at Doomben was the oldest son of the late Mr and Mrs A Tate, of Southport, He was born at Miles 52 years ago, and joined the Queensland Police Force in 1906. He was first stationed at South Brisbane and afterwards Blackbutt, but a greater part of his service was rendered in the Gulf Country. He also discharged duties at Gayndah and Roma, from whence, he was transferred about 18 months ago to Brisbane. Later he filled the post of orderly at the Supreme Court. He was a popular and esteemed officer, and his obliging manner and efficient work was much appreciated by the judges, members of the court staff and public. He was a member of the Masonic Order and took a keen interest in the religious and social work of the Church of England and married Miss Ethel Kelly, of Gairloch, Childers, youngest daughter of Mrs Kelly and the late William Kelly. Sergeant Tate leaves a widow and one son (Kingsley). The funeral which took place to the Southport Cemetery was attended by prominent officers of the Police Force and the under sheriff, who represented Acting Chief Justice (Mr Justice Macrossan) and the other judges of the Supreme Court (23<sup>rd</sup> July 1937 Burnett Advocate & Gayndah Gazette)

### **Bundaberg Daily News and Mail 17<sup>th</sup> November 1932**

Murdered by Blacks

It is reported from the Daly River that a dingo scalper named William Tetlow has been murdered by aborigines with his own firearms. No particulars are available, and the police at Daly River are investigating the report.

Bundaberg Daily News and Mail 17<sup>th</sup> November 1932

Morven Man's Sudden Death

George William Logan Gordon (55) died suddenly at Morven on Saturday afternoon. He was about to partake of his tea when he became ill and left the table to go outside, where he collapsed and a few minutes afterwards died. The body was brought to Charleville, and a post mortem examination was held, which disclosed that the cause of death was heart trouble.

Bundaberg Daily News and Mail 17<sup>th</sup> November 1932

Death after Collapse

Henry Orr (16) who was reported missing by his parents to the Fairfield, Melbourne, police last Thursday was brought to the Bush Nursing Home at Pyramid Hill, in a state of coma, by a farmer,. The lad set out to cycle from Melbourne to Swan Hill to seek employment, but collapsed owing to exhaustion. He died last night.

Bundaberg Daily News and Mail 17<sup>th</sup> November 1932



Henry Witherden, settler of Oakley Creek, Armidale, at the week-end lost 12 dairy cows, which were poisoned when they apparently ate arsenic, which had been applied to a bridge on the Armidale-Grafton road, which was infested with white ants.

22<sup>nd</sup> November 1909 Bundaberg Mail and Burnett Advertiser

### **Gin Gin Progress.**

A new sign that our town is progressing is that the Bank of New South Wales authorities have decided to open a sub-branch of their institution, and tomorrow (Tuesday) morning, the bank will be open for business. The Bundaberg branch has had an agency here for some three years, opening up every Wednesday and Saturday, and it has been rumoured for some time past that the business in this district was extending so fast, that a branch would have to be opened. We trust that the banking company will find Gin Gin a sound and good district. Mr. C.T. Faunce, Accountant at the Bundaberg branch, has been appointed manager, and we congratulate him on his promotion. We know he will take an interest in our associations and sports and become a very useful member to our local Rifle Club. Clients to the bank should remember that the bank will only be opened from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. except Saturdays when it closes at 12 o'clock noon. Besides a bank, we are to have a hair dressing saloon, including in same a full sized billiard table, tobacco, etc. to be run by Mr. John Walters, of New Moonta, in the store adjoining the Queen's Hotel.

**Gin Gin Progress** Bundaberg Mail and Burnett Advertiser 4th July, 1911.

A visitor to Gin Gin at the present time would be surprised to see the large number of buildings in course of erection at the present time. Mr. Munckton's Grand Hotel is to be completed by Wednesday next, and certainly will be up-to-date. It is understood that Mr. Shaw of Bundaberg is to be in charge of the business when a licence is granted, and we trust he will find his stay in our town a prosperous one. The Bank of New South Wales is to be completed in about three weeks time and will be another good building to add to our main street. Our Manager, we are sure, will be pleased to leave his present den, which was far from a suitable premises for a bank, and go into the new and convenient building. Mr. G.G. Wilson is also erecting two more new stores, one for Mr. McKenzie, who purposes running a green grocer etc. business and the other for Mr. J. Osborn, who is in butchering. An empty house in Gin Gin is a thing of the past. The Oddfellows of Gin Gin also intend to immediately install a good lighting plant in their hall, and in other ways bring their hall up to date to suit all companies and the police. The Church of England people purpose erecting a Rectory almost immediately and tenders are to be called this month. The building is to cost 400 pound and the stumps capping most likely will be Sunday September 3rd. Archdeacon River will be the officiating clergyman. We also have a cab in our town and persons who want to go for a short outing will find a cab at their call at moderate rates.

### **Telephone Exchange**

The Gin Gin Telephone Exchange was opened up this morning and has a record of 20 phones. All the chief business places have been connected and they will find it a great boon. Those on the exchange include - Stores - Wilson, Forsyth, Phillips, H.D. Walker, Saddler, Reick Sawmill. Hotels - Gin Gin, Queens, and Grand; New South Wales Bank; A. Lund, Kolan Shire Council and all the Government offices; Watawa Plantation and Monduran cattle station are also

included on the Exchange.

#### Drowning at South Kolan Bundaberg Mail and Burnett Advertiser 14th December 1909

A sad drowning case has occurred at South Kolan on Sunday: the victim being a young man named Richard Collyer, who was a friend of Mr Steptoe, painter of Bundaberg, and who only arrived in Queensland from England barely a month ago, and went to work at the Cedars about three weeks ago. It appears that about nine o'clock he went alone to bathe in a large waterhole. As he did not return for dinner his mates made a search for him. They found his clothes, towel and soap on the bank of the waterhole, and on Robert Doig diving into the water he found the body in 14 feet of water. Constable Johnson arrived just as the body was being taken out of the water. The body was removed to the morgue of the Bundaberg Hospital, where a post mortem examination held yesterday revealed a small wound on the back of the head, as if he had been diving and struck his head against a snag or stone. It was found that death was due to asphyxia from drowning. Deceased was a native of Naurburg, Berkshire, England. The remains were interred yesterday afternoon in the General Cemetery. Mr T Garland carrying out the funeral arrangements on behalf of Mr Steptoe.

#### Funeral of Mr Abbott

Bundaberg Mail and Burnett Advertiser 17<sup>th</sup> February 1908

The funeral of Mr Percy Abbott, who was drowned at Bundaberg Creek crossing on Thursday, took place yesterday afternoon, and was largely attended. In the absence of a minister of religion, the burial service was read by Mr J Noon, of Walla road. The funeral started from the Presbyterian Church, where the body was taken yesterday. Mr Abbott, who was about 33 years of age was a brother of Mr J T Abbott, who recently acquired several properties in the Gin Gin and Albionville district, having brought over from New South Wales a number of stock which grazes on these areas.

#### Bundaberg Mail and Burnett Advertiser 17<sup>th</sup> February 1908

A very pleasing ceremony took place last evening at "The Pines", Barolin Street, when the boarders of that well known establishment and a few intimate friends assembled to bid adieu to Mr D Kunkley of the Railway Department, who has been transferred to Toowoomba to a similar position to that he held here. After an interesting programme of songs and recitations had been gone through, and the guests health and future success toasted, a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the company joining in the well known chorus "For he's a jolly good fellow"

#### BROWN, John

The police magistrate held a magisterial enquiry into the death of John BROWN, who died on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst., at the residence of Mrs Elizabeth STEWART, of East Bundaberg. (Bundaberg & Mount Perry Mail 28 Sep 1891)

## Salvation Army Homes

This is a guide to looking for records from children's Homes, institutions and reformatories run by the Salvation Army. These records date back to the 19th century and continue up until around the 1980s, when these institutions were closed.

Please be aware that if you were a state ward and spent time in a Salvation Army Home, there may be more records about your time at a Salvation Army Home on your ward file. These ward records are not held by the Salvation Army, they are held by the state government. For more information about applying for ward records, please see '[Where to Start](#)'.

Please note that more recent records (created since around the 1980s) of out-of-home care services run by the Salvation Army are likely to be held by current Salvation Army services, not by the Territorial Headquarters.

### Applying for records

Until 2019, The Salvation Army was divided into the Eastern and Southern Territories. The Salvation Army is now run as one National territory in Australia. All inquiries about the records of children's Homes and institutions run by the Salvation Army now go through one centralised contact: the Centre for Restoration, located in Blackburn, Victoria.

Please forward your request for assistance to:

Historical Records Department  
The Salvation Army  
Weekdays 8.00am – 4.00pm  
Postal Address: PO Box 479, Blackburn VIC 3130  
Phone: 03 8878 2404  
Email: [historicalrecords@salvationarmy.org.au](mailto:historicalrecords@salvationarmy.org.au)

### State Ward records

If you, or your family member, was a [ward of the state](#), it is likely that there are some government records about their time in 'care'. The [Historical Background about Child Welfare for Australian States and Territories](#) page has more detailed information about the system in each jurisdiction.

In each state or territory, there is a government department whose job it is to respond to requests for access to the records of state wards. To apply for access to [ward files](#), please contact these government departments:

### Australian Capital Territory

For records relating to state wards from the ACT, contact [Communities & Justice](#) in NSW – before 1989, children from the ACT were sometimes placed in institutional and foster care in NSW.

### New South Wales

Contact the Care Leavers Records Access Unit in [Communities & Justice](#) for access to ward records.

### Northern Territory

For access to files relating to children under the care of the NT government, contact the [Department for Children and Families](#). The majority of these records have been extensively indexed.

### Queensland

For access to government records in Queensland, contact the Right to Information Unit in the [Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women](#).

### South Australia

To apply for access to records about state wards in South Australia, contact [Department for Child Protection SA](#).

### Tasmania

The [After Care Support Program](#), run by Children Youth and Families, provides assistance in accessing records of people who were in State care in Tasmania.

### Victoria

In Victoria, contact the [FOI Unit](#) in the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing.

### Western Australia

Contact [Department of Communities, Freedom of Information Unit](#) to access information about former state wards in WA.

## **Have you browsed the Electoral Rolls. You can find farm names as well as occupation**

Electoral Roll for Gin Gin District 1943

Moldenhauer Herman Egrmont Campbells Kolonga Labourer  
McKenzie Leslie Donald “Rose Bank” Withew Farmer  
McKenzie Myrtle Clarrisa “Airedale” Wallaville Home Duties

McDougall Henry Robert John Walla Station Station Hand  
 Lyndon Maude Brice Queens Hotel Gin Gin Manageress  
 Lester Walter Richard "Forest Vale" Monduran Farmer  
 Leicestor Walter Samuel Gin Gin Medical Practitioner  
 Kuhn Bertha Albertina W Rieck's Gin Gin Home Duties  
 Kenzler Rudolph "Hillview" Gin Gin Cane Farmer  
 Kent William Charles "New Farm" Bullyard Farmer  
 Kay Kate "Rollo" Gin Gin Home Duties  
 Jones William Wallaville Butcher  
 Johnson Francis Douglas "Dunmore Farm" Currajong  
 Holmes James Henry "Dalga" Gin Gin Station Manager  
 Hoelsober Phyllis Gin Gin Hospital Nurse  
 Hilder Oliver Caryle Berrembea Teacher  
 Harvey Raymond Grant Mulgrave Street Gin Gin Dentist  
 Guyatt Alexander "Triangle Farm" Gin Gin Farmer  
 Graham Robert Finley "Abbotleigh" Grazier  
 Gossner Dorothy "Parrabrook" Gin Gin Home Duties  
 Donohue John Francis Station House Gin Gin Station Master  
 Buckley Alfred James Bullyard School Teacher  
 Bramley Florence Belle View Hotel Wallaville Manageress

### **BOOMERANG STATION**

This Station was situated on the Burnett River just below where Philpott Railway Station stands today it was a piece of country between the boundaries of the old Coonambula holding and Mount Debatable. Mundubbera Station was situated on the other side of the river from it. It was originally taken up by H Pleydell Bouverie and later owned by James Philpott who sold to Farquaher, Reid & Co. and they sold to John Connolly, who died in Gayndah in 1919 aged 103.

It was later bought by F.W. & W. Humpreys and worked in conjunction with Mount Debatable holding which they held. James Philpott bought Boomerang in 1856 he had come to Australia a short time ago. It is said that he bought twenty thousand pounds to Australia to invest and invested it in freehold land in the township of Maryborough and in several companies and trade to the islands. He was the son of an Anglican Bishop. He married John Connolly's sister. He lived at Boomerang for sometime, his investments did not turn out well and he eventually bought a small property on the Mary River at Tiaro. This man gave his name to Philpott's Creek that runs into the Burnett River near the present day Philpott Railway Station.

The Gayndah Police Court records state that on April 12th 1851 James Philpott applied for a publican's license situated at the Junction of the Boyne and Burnett Rivers. I think that this must have been some other James Philpott as the owner of Boomerang was not in the country in 1851 (H.S.B.).

## **Researching Presbyterian Ancestors in Ireland Would be an interesting book for anyone with relatives in Ireland**

Written by Dr William Roulston, author of the best-selling *Researching Scots Irish Ancestors* and Research Director of Ulster Historical Foundation, *Researching Presbyterian Ancestors in Ireland* is an essential genealogical guide to help you find your Irish and Scots-Irish ancestors.

Millions of people around the world have Presbyterian ancestors from Ireland. The aim of this book is to help those with Irish Presbyterian roots find out more about their forebears. It considers the different strands of Presbyterianism in Ireland and explores the range of records generated by these religious denominations and where this material can be accessed by researchers.

Much attention is focused on the documentation created by individual congregations, though consideration is also given to the records created by the higher courts of Presbyterianism and other bodies, as well as the personal papers of Presbyterian ministers.

Whether your ancestors were Covenanters, Seceders or Non-Subscribers, whether they were devout or merely nominal, whether they lived and died in Ireland or departed from these shores, this publication will assist you in understanding more about Presbyterians and Presbyterianism in Ireland.

From 27 September to 31 October, *Researching Presbyterian Ancestors in Ireland* is available to buy on [ulsterhistoricalfoundation.com](http://ulsterhistoricalfoundation.com) for just £8.99!

## **SEARCHING OUR CATALOGUE**

When you are looking for a book, CD, Microfiche or film do you avail yourself of the catalogue which is on the first computer in excel.

You do not need to know the name of the item, you can search by one word. EG Town, area, if family history name of family. There are many family history books available under L11 on our shelves.

Microfiche are available for cemeteries. Schools, (Local Admissions are available in book form) CD's has school names produced by Qld family history society. There are school history book as well, Items from local newspapers in folders.

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