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PRESIDENTS REPORT NOVEMBER 2024

Well Christmas is near and 2025 will be on us before we know it. All is running smoothly here although last week Helen had the flu and Leslee caught COVID. They are back this week full of vigour. Research is still coming in and keeping us busy. On a sadder note, I have to report the passing of one of our long standing stalwarts in Jan Downman. She has been battling ill health for quite a while, so it was probably a pleasant relief for her. She will be very much missed around here as we could always fall back on her knowledge and wonderful memory, even when not well she enjoyed helping us out. Vale Jan Downman sadly missed. May you rest in peace.

This year we decided to take an extra week over the break so will be closing on the 12th December 2024 and returning on the 21st January 2025. We have had a request from Rotary for a Cemetery Tour as part of their Christmas with about 50 attending, so that will be a good tour for our presenters. Otherwise, the tours have been down on previous years. Our funds are holding at the moment but only just. We have had good income from our research which has helped. Hopefully we can get through next year without dipping into our investments.

Well folks that just about covers all the information I can pass on so to one and all
MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR.
Until 2025 have a great Christmas and if travelling please **DRIVE SAFELY.**

John Ruhle
President



Remembering Past Members

Des Hansen
Jan Downman



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Annette Seymour (774)
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PRESENTATION TO MESSRS. J. AND H. RUBLE.
WELCOME TO NEW PROPRIETORS.

After closing hours yesterday afternoon, the employees of Messrs. J. D. Ruble and Sons assembled at the Sydney Hotel to show their appreciation of Messrs. Jack and Hugh Ruble, and at the same time to extend a welcome to Messrs. Woodhead and Moore who had recently purchased the extensive business of Messrs. Ruble and Sons.

Mr. G. N. Smoothiey presided, and on behalf of the employees made pleasing reference to the very happy relations which had existed between the employers and employees. After paying a glowing tribute to their excellent localities, he presented their departing employers with cases of pipes and silver match boxes.

After Messrs. J. Chrowski and F. Pratten had endorsed the chairman's remarks, the health of the guests was duly honoured.

Mr. Jack Ruble, in his reply, thanked the employees for their present and for the kindly spirit which had prompted the gift. He also tendered his thanks for the loyal and splendid assistance he had always received from them and bespoke a continuance for their successors. He traced the growth of the business for a considerable period and stated that his work had been a pleasure to him.

Mr. Hugh Ruble spoke in a similar strain.

The toast of Messrs. Woodhead and Moore was then enthusiastically drunk, Messrs. Cordie and Pratten expressing the hope that the same good fellowship would exist between the new principals and their employees.

Messrs. Woodhead and Moore suitably acknowledged the compliment, thanking the company for its hearty reception.

J D Ruhle and Sons placed a public notice in the Chronicle in October 1919 advising that as from 1 October the business of general carriers and forwarding agents carried on by them had been taken over by Messrs Woodhead and Moore who had secured the services of John Craigie and Hugh David Ruhle for an indefinite period. A small advertisement appeared later in the month: Woodhead and Moore Successors to J D Ruhle & Sons General Carriers, Customs and Forwarding Agents Ellena Street, Maryborough Furniture, Machinery and Samples removed.

Chronicle 24 April 1923: Second electric light unit to be installed at the city council's powerhouse – Yesterday the large Babcock & Wilcock boiler manufactured by the large Sydney firm was hauled through the city on one of Messrs Woodhead and Moore's lorries. The boiler 25 feet long and weighing 6 tons required a team of 9 horses to convey it to the powerhouse. Some time ago Woodhead and Moore transported the machinery of the first unit from the wharf to the site of erection.

Chronicle 28 September 1923: Woodhead and Moore's motor lorry transported around town "boys" from the Barambah settlement. A corroboree took place at the show grounds.

Early in 1926 Woodhead and Moore had a new proprietor, Vince Mycock, who had worked in the local Customs for the past five years. Prior to that he had

worked in Brisbane and Bundaberg.

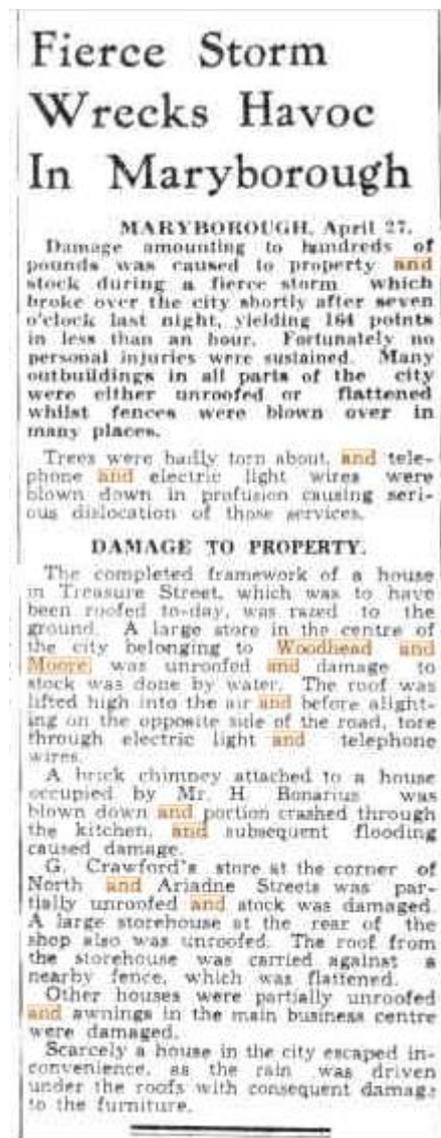
Chronicle 12 July 1926: Farewelled by Employees: The employees of Messrs Woodhead and Moore assembled after hours on Thursday evening to bid farewell to their late employers prior to their departure to Brisbane and to make them each a presentation of a solid gold Ever-sharp pencil. Mr Woodhead asked the staff to extend to Mr Mycock their successor the same loyal support accorded them.

On Thursday afternoon the combined staffs of Messrs Howard Smith Ltd, A.U.S.N. Co and Maryborough Wharves Ltd met to bid farewell to Mr H E Woodhead and Mr Eric Moore on the eve of their departure from Maryborough. Mr Woodhead was presented with a gold mounted fountain pen and Mr Moore with a case of pipes.

Chronicle 23 December 1930: Vincent Basil Mycock died suddenly at his residence Queen Street last Saturday at the age of 34 years. He had been an officer in the Customs Department in Brisbane, Bundaberg, and Maryborough. About 5 years ago he resigned and purchased Woodhead and Moore.

Advertisement: The carrying business Woodhead and Moore conducted by the late Mr E B Mycock will be continued by his executors. No changes will be made in the personnel, carrying ,forwarding and Customs Housework.

Chronicle 22 August 1931: Woodhead and Moore: Ice delivery will commence on 1 September 1931.The ice from Reeds Ltd will be supplied, manufactured from tank water doubly filtered. [In September 1932 the ice was made from rainwater]



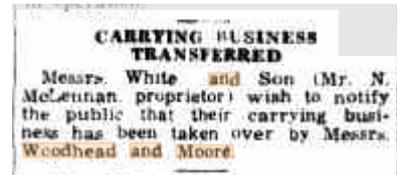
Telegraph 27 April 1938: A fierce storm wreaked havoc in Maryborough last night. A large store belonging to Woodhead and Moore in the centre of the city was unroofed. The roof lifted high and landed across the other side of Richmond Street tearing through electric light and telephone lines.

Chronicle 30 October 1940: The Jacaranda Patriotic Carnival will have a procession on Saturday 2 November. There will be 29 floats including that of Woodhead and Moore – a replica of one of the famous Cobb and Co coaches drawn by a unicorn [three in hand] team.

Chronicle 4 November 1940: Takings for the carnival exceeded 800 pounds. The Cobb and Co coach was drawn by a four horse team. Its passengers included a trooper wearing a sword and gentlemen of the day sporting mutton chop whiskers and side levers.

Chronicle 21 June 1941: Featured the history of Woodhead and Moore. Mr Mycock's widow now Mrs Pearson is the present proprietress. The manager since 1925 has been Mr J Scheikowski.

Chronicle 6 February 1942: Messrs White and Son [Mr N McLennon proprietor] wish to notify that their carrying business has been taken over by Messrs Woodhead and Moore.



Chronicle 20 August 1946: Woodhead and Moore born 1875 now stronger than ever: For experienced packing, storage and removal of household furniture and effects contact Woodhead and Moore Transport Specialists Ellena and Richmond Streets.

Chronicle 8 October 1954: Mr Jim L McDonald a carrier for 30 years has retired. Mr McDonald has sold out to Woodhead and Moore the oldest carrying firm in Maryborough effective from 1 October.



John Craigie RUHLE died aged 71 in Maryborough on 28 August 1949 late of 344 Ann Street.



Harry Edgar WOODHEAD died on 29 October 1948 and was buried at Mt Thompson.



George Henry Eric MOORE died on 5 July 1961 in Brisbane.



James Lazarus McDonald died at the Maryborough hospital on 25 December 1960 aged 72 years.

STILL MORE DISPLAYS FOR PROCESSION

Saturday's Big Parade

One of the biggest events of the Sacraments Patriotic Carnival, which is now well under way, will be the procession on Saturday. Maryborough should see the largest and most spectacular parade through the city streets for years. The 40th Battalion on the march, with all units, including transport, will be worth seeing. There will be 24 Bands, which should strike the interval of the thousands who are expected in the city on that afternoon. Latest entry for the procession is a replica of one of the famous Cobb and Co. coaches drawn by a unicorn (three in hand) team. Woodhead and Moore are responsible for this interesting exhibit.

Veterans of any profession have been invited by the Combined Patriots' Committee to take part in the parade. Already a couple have come forward. Any others who desire to take part should notify either Mr. E. W. Lupton or Mr. V. J. Strain.

So that there will be no waiting and no delay the procession will commence punctually at 2.30 p.m., and all those who intend to take part must be in their places before that time.

As the time draws nearer, interest in the woodharrow derby on Saturday afternoon is growing. To date 40 entries have been received. The derby promises to be novel and exciting. The same may be said of the high-war contest for which 13 teams have entered.

In addition to all other attractions, Misses K. O'Sullivan and N. Walton have promised to take along a few quart punts on which ladies may have rides for threepence. This is the kind of sport which should appeal to the children. The committee emphasized yesterday that the punts would definitely be driven animals, and would be in charge of capable people.

Carnival functions held so far this week, the ball and country singing societies, have proved successful. Tonight's show will provide the entertainment in the Town Hall tomorrow night will be the great card and waltz evening and Friday's feature will be a juke box concert. Saturday of course, will be the big day when high-roads will be the procession, the woodharrow derby, two-o'-war, and dancing in the Town Hall and in the streets.

Tents, tea sets and solo sets are urgently needed for use at the fête. Only two have been received so far and the committee wants at least a dozen by Friday. Any person with a tent of any kind should communicate immediately with the secretary, Mr. Lupton. Unless the canvas coverings are forthcoming, ladies serving at various stalls might have to work in the sun.

LOCAL & GENERAL

THE WOODHARROW DERBY.

A CARRIER FOR 30 YEARS

WOODHEAD & MOORE

After almost 30 years in business in Maryborough as a general carrier, Mr. J. D. Ruhle has retired. He and his late wife were well known to thousands of residents. It is believed that only one carrier who still has a horse and cart is still operating in Maryborough, namely, Mr. W. C. Anderson.

Mr. Ruhle was born in 1877 in the town of Maryborough. He was educated at the Maryborough School and worked for several years in the town. He then went to the United States and worked for several years in the lumber industry. He returned to Maryborough in 1907 and started his own business as a general carrier. He was successful in his business and was well known to the community. He was a member of the Maryborough Club and the Maryborough Golf Club. He was also a member of the Maryborough Fire Brigade and the Maryborough Fire Engine. He was a very kind and generous man and was well liked by all who knew him. He died on the 15th of the month.

Woodhead & Moore
Carriers and Forwarding Agents

THE carrying and haulage business now known as **Woodhead and Moore**, on the corner of Richmond and Ellen-streets, Maryborough, was founded in 1873 by Mr. J. D. Ruhle. It was carried on by him and his son until 1920 when Messrs. Woodhead and Moore took it over and it was conducted by Mr. V. Mycock till 1925. His widow, now Mrs. E. K. Pearson, is the present proprietress. The manager since 1925 has been Mr. J. Scheikowski.

Woodhead and Moore are principally forwarding agents and the only licensed customs agents here—they clear goods ex Customs and export through Customs. They forward country storekeepers' goods ex wharf per rail. They are contractors for the P.M.G. Department, the Commissioner of Railways local delivery service and for most of the large industries and businesses.

Woodhead and Moore have outlaid considerable money in obtaining complete equipment for their work—special trucks which have a high loading capacity and at the same time are safe and speedy. They employ only tried and proven drivers and can display a record which shows not a single mishap during the whole of their business career.

Moving to a new home is always a worrying business for the householder or station owner, but it need not be if he leaves the job in the hands of **Woodhead and Moore**. This is just another section of their business in which they are recognised specialists. It is a revelation to see furniture and household effects being packed and loaded by this organisation. The most particular care is taken to see that nothing is damaged and that everything will arrive at its destination in perfect condition.

Safe and careful storage of household effects, furniture, etc. can be easily arranged by **Woodhead and Moore**, whether it be for a few weeks or an indefinite period. Their charges for this service are surprisingly moderate. Their telephone number is 92.

Mr. Scheikowski is treasurer of the P. and A. Society.

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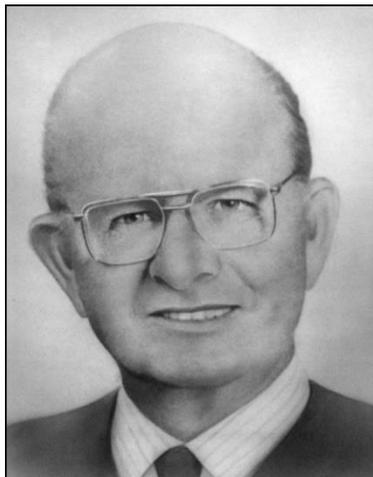
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The Richers Family



THE RICHERS FAMILY William George [Wilhelm Georg] RICHERS was born in Hamburg, Germany on 5 March 1882. He arrived in Victoria on the STUTTGART in April 1903. He lived in Melbourne for about two years and then in Sydney NSW for a further two years. He was in Brisbane QLD by 1908. He first worked at Southport and then as barman at the Railway Hotel in Stanley Street, South Brisbane. Following that he was a packer at the Brisbane Bottle Exchange. He was granted a Certificate of Naturalisation in 1914. At that time, he was the licensee of the Bayview Hotel in Scarborough. He married Margretta WATERS in Brisbane on 15 September 1914.

William was a shopkeeper in Wynnum in 1919, a grocer in Lutwyche in 1921, a storeman in Kedron in 1925 and a shopkeeper in Wynnum in 1928. In 1931 he was licensee of the Lamington Hotel in Lamington south of Beaudesert.

William and Margretta arrived in Maryborough by 1933, bringing with them their son Walter Frederick born 16 August 1916 and their daughter Merl Margretta born 19 October 1924.

In 1933 William was granted a renewal of his publican's licence for the Union Hotel in Maryborough. In 1936 and 1943 William a hotel manager and Margretta were living at 107 Kent Street, Maryborough. They moved to 66 Cypress Street, Torquay by 1949. William died on 23 March 1955 and was buried in Grave M718 in Maryborough. Margretta died in St Stephens Hospital on 20 February 1977 and was buried with William.

RICHERS TRANSPORT PTY LTD began in Maryborough in 1935 when Walter was working for the local ice vendor. When the ice vendor got into financial difficulty Walter was given a T Model Ford truck in lieu of wages. He delivered ice early in the morning leaving the truck free for the rest of the day. He was an ice vendor and carrier in 1936.



In 1941 Walter was a general carrier and forwarding agent of 127 Richmond Street. In 1942 he was the agent for Caltex motor oil, Marfak and Thuban. That year he took over the whole of the carrying business of the Maryborough Cooperative Dairy Association. He placed many large ads in the Chronicle in 1945 and 1946. In 1947 Messrs Guse Bros of Maryborough - Pialba Transport established their depot with Walter Richers.



Richers became agents for the Airstream refrigerator in 1947 and for Green Superpower Kerosene in 1950.

A small ad appeared in the 1950s stating luggage, furniture and bulky parcels would be delivered.

RICHERS TRANSPORT have depots in Bundaberg, Maryborough, Hervey Bay , Gympie and Brisbane. They operate in NSW and Victoria.

Walter married on 6 October 1945 Gwendoline Helen EADIE. They had daughters Claire and Lesley. They lived at 165 Fort Street. Walter died on 23 December 1987 and Gwendoline in September 2013.

Walter's sister Merl married Andrew Keith THORNE, a schoolteacher. He taught in Camooweal, Aramara and Gympie. They were in Henry Street , Gympie in 1977. Andrew died in 1993 and was cremated. He has a plaque on Bribie Island. Merl died in Brisbane in April 2015.They had a daughter Helen Annette.



Grave M718



Grave M364



Founder of RICHERS TRANSPORT

It is still ran by the family of Walter's

Richers Transport Pty Ltd had its humble origins in Maryborough back in 1935 when Mr Walter Richers was working for a local ice vendor delivering to homes in the district. Maryborough was a small town then and times were tough in the era just before the Second World War. When the ice vendor ran into financial difficulties Mr Richers was given the truck, a T Model Ford, in lieu of wages and the rest, as they say, is history. Walter Richers delivered ice in the early hours of the morning which left the truck free for the rest of the day. Keen to make a success of the opportunity before him he set about finding other work for the truck that could be carried out during the rest of the day.

RICHERS, Gwendoline Helen "Gwen" Passed away in the presence of her Family on September 15th, 2013. Aged 91 Years Beloved Wife of the late Walter Richers. Dearly loved Mother and Mother-in-law of Claire and Hanspeter Baumann, Lesley (dec'd) and Ian Wheeler, Graham and Rhonda Richers. Much loved Grandmother of Tim and Peter, James and Andrea, Sally, Matthew and Thomas. Loved Great-grandmother of Jack, Emily and Edward. Predeceased by her Brother John Eadie. ~ Forever Loved & Cherished ~Family and Friends of Gwen are invited to attend her Funeral Service, to be held at St Stephen's Uniting Church, Sussex Street, Maryborough, on Wednesday, September 18th at 11 a. m. , followed by private Cremation. No flowers by request, in lieu donations preferred to Kidney Health Australia. J KIRK & SONS Maryborough

Family Members

Parents



William George Richers

1881-1955



Margretta Waters Richers

1899-1977

Spouse



Gwendoline Helen "Gwen" Eadie Richers

1922-2013

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William WHITLEY **Pioneer of Burrum Coal**



William WHITLEY was possibly a lodger aged 22 years working in a cotton factory in Oldham, Lancashire in 1851. In December 1859 at St Mary's Church in Oldham he married Martha SMITH. The pair arrived in Queensland on the MONTMORENCY in July 1863 - William aged 34 and Martha 30.

In Maryborough he formed a partnership with WOODROW and the pair were selling First Class bricks in August 1864. This partnership was dissolved on 23 August 1864. In July 1866 William Whitley was a fire brick and tile manufacturer offering bricks for sale at his kiln.

In April 1868 he wrote to the Mayor and the Aldermen offering to lease the toll bar for five years – had been a lessee of the toll bar for about a year and would make improvements on the property. There was also in that paper a letter from Mr C. Hawthorne now at Nashville withdrawing his surety for W. Whitley lessee of the toll bar as he had changed residence. Mr Whitley would have to furnish fresh sureties.

In July 1868 William Whitley was erecting a building to be used as a hotel in Kent Street and he was granted a publican's licence for the Commercial Hotel in September that year. In September 1869 his licence was transferred to George Ross.



His tender in December 1868 for the erection of a brick culvert in Lennox Street between the lockup reserve and the hospital was accepted but later in December he declined to carry out this work.

In October 1869 William Whitley applied to select 60 acres agricultural and 60 acres second class pastoral land on the Burrum River.

The floods at Burrum in March 1870 covered all the cleared lands of Mr F. Smith and his adjoining neighbour Mr W. Whitley. The water rose to two or three feet in their homes.

In October 1872 a seam of fire clay was discovered on Whitley's farm at the Burrum River. The quality was excellent, and the clay would be used to make fire bricks.

**LAND COMMISSIONER'S COURT,
MARYBOROUGH.**
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7.
The following applications were accepted :—
Under Conditional Purchase Clause.
William Whitley, 125 acres, second-class
pastoral, County Cook, Burrum River.

Whitley applied for 125 acres of second class pastoral land on the Burrum River in February 1873. In October 1874 his application for 320 acres of second class pastoral land in the County of Cook was accepted.

In January 1875 this selection No 814 was cancelled.

In May 1874 Whitley's brick yard in Maryborough was for sale – 45 acres, secure fences, good grass, plenty of water and with a 4 roomed house.

An article in the Chronicle in December 1874 about industrial establishments listed Whitley as having 125 acres on the right bank of the Burrum, facing deep water. His bricks were stamped with "Whitley, Burrum."

Whitley's application for 500 acres of second class pastoral land in the parish of Burrum in November 1875 was accepted.

William Whitley, 500 acres second class
pastoral, county Cook, parish Burrum.
Accepted.

He applied in February 1876 for a certificate of fulfilment for his homestead in the parish of Walsh 125 acres No 657.

Mr Whitley found a very good coal seam 5 or 6 feet thick in February 1876 and was putting down a shaft. The Chronicle in September 1876 reported that within the last 14 months over 3000 feet of boring and shafts had been put down by William Howard and William Whitley.

For sale by public auction on 4 September 1876: 8 roomed house, kitchen and servant's room, stables, outhouses, 5 acre paddock - built especially for a country hotel, quite new, known as " Whitley's" at the Burrum Crossing close to the coal pits. [Chronicle 2 September]

Whitley's selection reached a total thickness of nearly 7 feet and a depth of 160 feet in early March 1877. Later that month he placed a wanted ad for vessels to carry coal from Whitley's Main colliery to Maryborough. In October his offer to purchase No 1100, 320 acres at Burrum was accepted. In August 1878 his application for No 950, 525 acres of second class pastoral land at Burrum was granted. He also applied that month for No 827, 320 acres at Burrum.

As the Burrum miners were not able to develop their mines to their full potential in August 1878 some were offered to an MLA in NSW [Mr Hurley] who hoped to raise capital to form a company – on offer to him were the properties of George Howard, William Whitley, and two-thirds of the Beaufort. Mr Hurley submitted an offer to the government for the construction of a railway from Maryborough to Burrum. He became the owner of a Burrum coal mine that month.

In November 1878 the Government Geologist [Mr A.C. Gregory] reported on 10 distinct coal seams at Burrum including the Beaufort seam, the Burrum seam being worked by Whitley and Watson's seam.

By January 1880 Whitley's mine had been closed down – the only mine open was the Beaufort. Mr Whitley spent months that year in Brisbane doing all in his power to facilitate the formation of Hurley's company.

BURRUM RAILWAY COMPANY.

This company was registered yesterday at the office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court. The memorandum of association, is signed by Messrs. John Wilson, merchant, 50 shares; Alexander Wilson, merchant, 50 shares; William Clarke, merchant, 50 shares; Joseph Markley, warehouseman, 10 shares; Samuel Pockham, civil engineer, 50 shares; Adrian Mountain, civil engineer, 10 shares—all of Sydney; and John Hurley, commission agent, of Maryborough, who appears for three hundred shares. The name of the company is the "Queensland Coal and Burrum Railway Company Limited," and the registered office is in Maryborough; and the objects for which the company is established are:—The purchase of the Whitley mine of 1,140 acres; the Emu estate of 523 acres; the Woodrowe mine, of 96 acres; the Howard mine, of 80 acres; the Beaufort mine, of 484 acres, and such other lands as may be found necessary; the investment in coal mining enterprise on these lands and in the Burrum River district, and such other places as may be determined on; the construction and working of a line of railway from the properties mentioned to a point on the Maryborough and Gympie Railway, and the working and construction of a branch railway connecting the aforesaid line with Dundathu or Walker's Bend, and the purchase of steam colliers and other vessels. The capital of the company is £200,000 in 20,000 shares of £10 each. 2,000 shares, fully paid up, are to be allotted as follows:—To William Clarke, John Wilson, 350 shares each; to Alexander Wilson, 250 shares; and to John Hurley, 1,050 shares, as compensation of their claims as promoters of the company. The full amount of £10 is to be paid on the remaining 18,000 shares at the time of making application. The present and first directors of the company are Messrs. William Clarke, John Wilson, Edward Thomas Aldridge, Walter H. Snelling, Adrian Mountain, John Hurley, and Joseph Markley.

Tue 26 Oct 1880

On 1 November 1880 the Burrum Railway Company was registered with John Hurley one of the directors.

The company was in possession of the mining properties of Whitley 1140 acres, Beaufort 484 acres, Howard 80 acres and two others.

With the necessary capital having been raised in Sydney, John Hurley left for England in January 1881 to procure the necessary machinery, vessels, and plants for working the mines. While there he successfully floated the Queensland Burrum Coal Mining Company in August.

In August the Hurley Company announced it intended to purchase the Howard and Whitley mines and others as well. In March 1882 the original owners of the coal lands known as Howard's, Whitley's, Woodrow's, and others formally transferred their titles to the new company. The Beaufort Colliery discovered and opened by the late Mr Steley was sold to Mr Hurley the managing director for the Queensland Land and Coal Company in July that year. In December the machinery for the Queensland Land and Coal Company arrived from England.

January 1883 Whitley put up for auction an allotment in Howard – subdivision 3 of Section 6 Portion 26 adjoining the Post and Telegraph offices and fronting Edith Street. Soon after he left for England to protect his interests in the Burrum Colliery. In December 1883 in the Chronicle appeared this advertisement: For Private Sale the Cream of the Burrum Township of Howard 100 splendidly situated business sites immediately opposite the Queensland Land and Coal property and close to the Post Office – Apply W. Whitley Esq. Whitley remained in England for over two years, returning by October 1885.

William Whitley forfeited 2560 acres for non-fulfilment of conditions early in 1886.

His wife Martha died on 30 July 1888 aged 56 years and was buried in the Howard Cemetery (Section B Church of England Plot 2).

Martha <i>Smith</i> Whitley	
BIRTH	1831 Lancaster, City of Lancaster, Lancashire, England
DEATH	30 Jul 1888 (aged 56–57)
BURIAL	Howard Remembrance Park Howard, Fraser Coast Region, Queensland, Australia
PLOT	Monumental Section B - Church of England Plot 2
MEMORIAL ID	237507871 - View Source

In August 1892 Whitley's first class fire bricks made from material found in Howard were tested in two foundries and found to be of good quality.

William Whitley

BIRTH	unknown Ireland
DEATH	22 Jun 1893
BURIAL	Howard Remembrance Park Howard, Fraser Coast Region, Queensland, Australia
PLOT	Monumental Section B - Church of England Plot 14
MEMORIAL ID	237507832 - View Source

William died in Howard on 22 June 1893 aged 65 years (Section B Church of England Plot 14). A notice in the Telegraph stated he was a prominent brick and tile maker in Maryborough and was instrumental in developing coal mining in Howard.

Death of a Colliery Pioneer.

Mr. William Whitley, of Howard, died at that town on June 23. The deceased was one of the pioneers of the brick and tile making industry in Maryborough. He was also largely instrumental in developing coal mining at Howard. At the time of his death Mr. Whitley was 65 years of age.

Sat 1 Jul 1893

THE INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS OF THE WIDE BAY DISTRICT.

No XI.

FIRE BRICK MANUFACTURE.

A FEW days ago we took a very pleasant drive of 17 miles from Maryborough to the **Burrum** River, and there inspected what promises to be a most successful industry, viz. the manufacture of **fire-bricks**, the like of which we are assured, have never yet been turned out in Australia. Mr. **Whitley**, with much pride, showed us over his establishment. It is on the right bank of the **Burrum** River, facing deep water, and consists of 125 acres. The **fire-clay**, which is of two kinds is in large and separate seams, and is mixed in a puddling machine that not only mixes but grinds the clay at the same time, the work being done by horse power. The kiln for burning is for most part cut out of solid rock. The clay is raised from a shaft 35 feet deep, and the seams are driven on in a similar manner to coal mining. The **bricks** are dried under sheds, and the proprietor intends that every brick shall be pressed in the same manner as the "Stourbridge" English brick, with the brand "**Whitley, Burrum**," on each. We are informed that **Whitley's bricks** have stood the severest test in several of the local furnaces,—chiefly at those of the Mount Coora Copper Mining Co., and have proved themselves fully equal to the best imported from England. In many parts of Australia **fire-bricks** are turned out, yet none have been able to compete for quality with the English. But the lucky discovery of clay by Mr. **Whitley**, and the judicious manipulation of it, has at once shut out all imported **bricks** from this market. It is his intention to form agencies for the **Burrum** **fire-bricks** in

Brisbane and Rockhampton, and we think if, after a fair trial of, say, 12 months, Mr. **Whitley** proves that his **bricks** are supplied and successfully used by our various copper companies and others who will not use an inferior article, that he has a fair claim on the country to be recognised as one who has started a "native industry," and one of the greatest importance. His establishment is in the very heart of the **Burrum** coal beds, to prove which Mr. **Whitley** kindly showed us seven distinct seams of coal on various parts of the river, ranging from one foot to four feet inches, and seams of the best iron ore, where thousands of tons could be obtained. The coal, no doubt, will not sleep much longer; the iron may rest for many years, but those years will pass away, and the **Burrum** will become a vastly important coal and iron district, and possibly be a "head centre" smelting place for our numerous copper and other mines.

The name Mr. **Whitley** has given to his establishment is very a *propos*, viz., "Infusible." He is prepared to give any manager of furnaces a few **bricks** gratis, and to us, says he defies any of them by fair means to melt them.

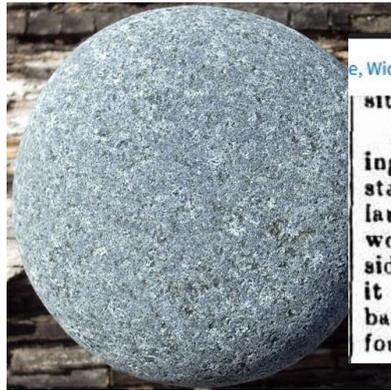
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Story researched & written by member Marlene Wilson, Pictures courtesy of Trove & Find-a-Grave

Sue's Corner

icle, Wide Bay and Burnett Advertiser (Qld. : 1860 - 1947) / Wed 10 Oct 1883 / Page 3 / TIARO.

A COLT belonging to Mr. Ferrett of Booval has been foaled with six legs. The extra couple are for kicking purposes, as a matter of course. Not a bad name for this six-shooter colt would be "Revolver."



e, Wide Bay and Burnett Advertiser (Qld. : 1860 - 1947) / Sat 9 Nov 1895

sitting on a jury, do we:

AUSTRALIA has a post-office named "Talking Rock." The origin of the name is thus stated. Someone discovered in the vicinity a large stone upon which had been painted the words: "Turn me over." It required considerable strength to accomplish this, and when it was done the command: "Now turn me back, and let me fool someone else," was found painted on the underside of the stone.

borough Chronicle, Wide Bay and Burnett Advertiser (Qld. : 1860 - 1947) / Tue 12 Mar 1901

ing the fire with an impenetrable barrier.
In the Scotch Highlands twins were born at the meeting of the two centuries, with the odd result that one opened its eyes in the 19th and the other in the 20th century.



THE Government have prepared a handbill entitled "Emigration to Queensland," for distribution in Great Britain, giving information as to the best way of acquiring lands in Queensland. This is clearly explained in terse paragraphs, headed "How to Settle on the Land in Queensland;" "How to get a Farm;" "How to get a Freehold of 1280 Acres;" "How to get a Freehold of 160 acres (Homesteads)" and "Land Orders." The handbill also gives information to female domestic servants. These circulars will be forwarded to the Agent-General, who will arrange for their judicious distribution.

Margaret HOOD



Margaret HOOD born c 1862 in Scotland arrived in Maryborough aged 10 years on the POLMAISE on 12 September 1872 with her parents John 60 years and Isabella 43 years and siblings Hugh 8 years, Christiana 6 years, Peter 4 years, Danina 3 years and John an infant.

Margaret became a teacher in 1875 and taught at three Maryborough schools - the Old Primary in Alice Street [became the Central], the Granville School and the Tinana School. At the age of 28 she was appointed Head Mistress of the One Mile Girls' State School in Gympie where she remained until she retired in June 1928.

She was a persistent campaigner for the rights of women teachers trying to regain lost promotional avenues.

Hood said that the Creator had imbued women with the higher ideals necessary for the training of girls. Unfortunately, according to her, the existing trends made it appear that soon there would be no room at the top for bright female assistant teachers, ambitious to become head teachers of girls and infants' schools. This policy of men, to lower the status of women, was an attempt to put the clock back, she said. If mixed schools

were indeed better, then head teaching positions in them should be accessible to females since there were many female assistant teachers who were better than many of the male head teachers. She stated that women were blindly looking to men for initiative, but men were resolved to eliminate all the natural leaders among the women. It was important, she said, for women to live true to the highest in themselves and not copy the men since no one could say the men were a success. Women had to solve their own problems. It was written, she said, in the 'Book of Fate' that one day women would rise and when that day came, men would rejoice and not mourn. This extract taken from an educational document "Female Teachers in Queensland State Schools 1902-1940."

Miss HOOD believed," Put a girl on her honour and you will see the good it will bring forth." Her ideas and ideals were in advance of her time. [One Mile State School Centenary Book]

From 1903 to 1928 Margaret HOOD lived at Laurie Lane - off Red Hill Road Gympie.

Margaret HOOD died shortly after her retirement at the age of 66 on 7 August 1928 at the Mater Hospital Rockhampton and was buried on the 8th in the Maryborough Cemetery in

Grave D377 beside her parents - her father John died in 1886 and her mother in 1914. Long funeral report in the Chronicle on 9 August 1928

THE LATE MISS HOOD.

HER FUNERAL YESTERDAY.

Many friends of the late Miss Margaret Hood had gathered at the Presbyterian Church yesterday afternoon to pay their last respects. Prior to the funeral, an impressive service was held by the Rev. W. H. Waters, assisted by the Rev. T. R. Lowndes, of Gympie. Many floral and immortelle wreaths were placed on the casket, and numerous cards of condolence, letters, and telegrams of sympathy were received by the bereaved relatives. The pallbearers from the church were Messrs. H. G. P., and J. Hood (brothers of the deceased), W. S. Kilpatrick (relative), E. Shambler (of Gympie, representing Shamblers Ltd., Gympie) and G. Weir (Gympie, representing Committee of Management of the Presbyterian Church), and from the hearse to the graveside Messrs. Jas. Fairlie, T. Miller, W. McWatters, J. Jackson and Murdoch (Elders of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church), and Mr. Geo. James (representing the Queensland Teachers' Association).

The Rev. Waters, in the course of a brief address, said:—

The following is a list of wreaths received by the bereaved relatives:— From Mrs. and Alex. Geddes, Mrs. C. Kilpatrick and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. McKenzie and family (Rockhampton), Mrs. A. Bawden and girls (Rockhampton), Mr. Hugh Hood and family, Mr. Peter G. Hood and J. W. Hood (Cooroy), Mr. and Mrs. J. Hood and Isobel, Mr. and Mrs. Toll and family, Mrs. D. Poacher and family, the Teachers' Association and Mr. G. James, the Gympie and District Teachers' Association, the Gympie Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Gympie Presbyterian Church Guild, the parents and children of the One-Mile State School, Lizzie, Tom and Glynn Kilpatrick, McWatters family "Montmorency."

Telegrams: Glasgow. (Gympie), Baker family (One Mile, Gympie).

Cards of Sympathy: Mr. and Mrs. D. Hunter and family (Granville), Mr. and Mrs. D. Poacher and family, C. E. Gelsler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Maitland and family, Mrs. Kilpatrick and family, Mrs. Tom King (Maryborough), Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Dawson and family.

"We stand to-day at the end of the mortal life of one who faithfully served both God and the State in her office as teacher of little children and particularly as mistress of the One-Mile State School at Gympie, from which she retired only three weeks ago. Although not known to me intimately, I know from several telephone messages received to-day from Gympie, the high esteem in which she was held and the deep and widespread sorrow caused by her sudden passing. Had this last service been held at Gympie those feelings would have found expression from the lips of her own minister, and I feel that they should not remain entirely unsaid. Miss Hood was brought up in a home where God was honoured, and His laws obeyed in the old Scottish fashion. Her father was an elder of this church. She carried her parents' spirit into her life work, and that work, especially in the One-Mile School with which she was so long connected, was, and is, monumental of her consecrated energy. When she retired three weeks ago, the public farewells, by their warmth and sincerity, testified to the unique place she held in the estimation of the community. The influence of her work is to be seen in the young lives, she so conscientiously and skilfully prepared for life's journey, and in the many of her former pupils, who hold high positions in the community. And now, we gratefully remember these things and thank God for such a life. For her the call has come to higher service, and her Master, whom she served faithfully, even unto death, has rewarded her with the crown of life.

Funeral Article – Chronicle 9th August 1928

Some of the hundreds of articles in the Gympie Times for Miss HOOD:

1 July 1893 Miss HOOD and her assistants and pupils past and present of One Mile Girls' School entertained with a cantata "The Enchanted Swans" 11 July 1893 Concert to be repeated for the benefit of the Hospital on 14 July.

29 June 1895 One Mile Girls' School Concert- opera "Sylvia" performed [Her concerts were in two parts - the first part performed by the pupils and the second half by the staff and past pupils usually]

2 July 1895 One Mile Girls' School Concert - For the senior girls Miss Lucy ROBINSON sang the solo [Find Lucy Robinson below]

7 Sep 1897 Another by Girls' School where Cowen's opera "The Sleeping Beauty" was performed

5 Nov 1898 Second part of operetta "Cinderella" performed - One Mile Girls' School 28 Oct 1899 "The Flower Queen" Concert - a cantata [Lucy was in red as a poppy]

22 Oct 1901 Concert -cantata in 2 parts "The Children 's Queen"- by One Mile Girls' School

22 Oct 1904 The opera "Sylvia" by HT Miss HOOD and staff - Misses Daniell, Snell, Redpath, Price and Koppe & pupil teachers Misses Johnstone, Brown, and Angove

I was born and grew up in Gympie and still have siblings living there. When I was twelve, I saw the sea for the first time [at Tin Can Bay]. I was so thrilled that I wrote about it to the children's pages of the Australian Mirror. A short time later I received a letter from an elderly lady living in Croydon VIC. She had read my story and noted that I lived at the One Mile Gympie where she grew up. She attended the One Mile School from 1883-1893 and again in June 1896. Her father, William Johnston Robinson, was the Postmaster at the Mt Pleasant Post Office in Graham Street. Her name was Lucy Robinson, and she became my pen pal for 21 years till her death in 1971. Lucy wrote of the wonderful concerts her Head Mistress Miss HOOD organized with the help of Miss SNELL and others on the staff. Lucy kept in touch with her teachers at the One Mile and they visited her in Victoria.

OBITUARY.

Chronicle 4 February 1914

Our older readers will learn with regret of the death of a former very old and respected resident of Maryborough, in the person of Mrs. **Isabella Hood**, relict of the late Mr. John Hood, aged 84. The deceased lady came out from the old country in 1872, and resided with her husband and family in Maryborough until about twenty years ago, when she went to Gympie, where she had resided ever since. She leaves a family of three sons and three daughters—namely, Messrs. Hugh, Peter and John **Hood**, and Misses Margaret, Christina and Danina **Hood**, none of whom is now residing in Maryborough. The body will be brought down from Gympie this morning and interred in the Maryborough cemetery alongside of that of her late husband, who died about twenty-five years ago. The funeral takes place at 2.30 p.m.

OBITUARY

MR. HUGH GRAHAM HOOD

Sterling Sportsman of Early-Day Maryborough

(Contributed)

Rockhampton, August 22.—The death, after a long illness, of Hugh **Graham Hood**, an old Maryboroughite, took place at his residence, Rockhampton on August 16, at the age of 76 years. Born in Tain, Scotland, he came with his parents (the late John and Bella **Graham Hood**) in the barque, "Polmaise," to Queensland, arriving in Maryborough in the year 1872. A year later the "Polmaise" was wrecked, when homeward bound, on an uncharted reef east of Rockhampton. That reef is now known as the Polmaise reef. No lives were lost.

SCHOOL DAYS

Hugh was educated at the old Primary School in Alice-street, under the late Mr. Hercules Smith, headmaster. Maryborough, in the early seventies, may have been some sort of a Sleepy Hollow, yet it too had its days of sensation and excitement. One day some scholars arrived at school late, having tarried on the way to witness the execution by hanging of two kanakas, near the old Court House. Then there was the Jarvis murder, unsolved to this day. Mr. Jarvis had got out of his cart to open the slippails of his home paddock when he was struck down—his wife was murdered while still in the cart. Their bodies were discovered by a school boy and what a scare he got. No arrests were made although the black trackers in the Maryborough district were the best in Queensland. So high was their reputation that when the Victorian Government asked the Queensland Government for trackers to hunt down the Kelly gang, it was from Maryborough and district they were selected.

Hugh's first job was as pupil teacher at Central State School. He later joined the Railway Department under the late C. S. McGhie. He then was transferred to Cooktown and later to Rockhampton where he resided for the past 42 years. He retired from the

A KEEN SPORTSMAN

He was always very keen on sport—football, cricket and rowing. He played the Australian rules game of football—so popular in Victoria today—with the old "Emu" football team. Rugby and Rugby League came later. At cricket he did well with bat and ball. Old timers may remember his 114 not out in 1886, the first century to be compiled in Maryborough by a Maryborough cricketer on the first concrete wicket laid down in Maryborough. This performance was a seven days' wonder at the time.

He represented Wide Bay against the Hon. Ivo Bligh's English team in 1883 and Maryborough against Shrewsbury's team in 1887. A Maryborough paper of those days described him thus:—"Always ungainly, bowling round arm with lightning speed, frightening the wickets down." He did not, however, succeed in frightening the Englishmen's wickets down, though in the 1887 match he got Docker in both innings and clean bowled Pougher for a duck in the second.

It is over half a century since he won the Senior Sculls of the Mary River, defeating "Clinker" Humphrey by several lengths. The late Newton Barton, however, proved to be his master at this form of sport. At sport gatherings he excelled in throwing the cricket ball—he could do 105 yards. The last time he competed in this event he was beaten by Charlie McGhie. At foot-running he was a failure, yet still would try; though the handicapper was most lenient, sometimes giving him the limit, he never succeeded in collecting first, second or third prize. At a walking match—distance one mile—in the Show grounds, he and most of the competitors broke at times into a sort of jog-trot in order to maintain their position. All these were disqualified for running. The late George Linklater, who passed the winning post nearer last than first, was awarded the prize for his fair-dinkum heel and toe exhibition of walking.

RELIGIOUS DISPOSITION

Hugh was of a most religious disposition and was an elder of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Maryborough, acting also for many years as honorary secretary to the Church Committee of Management. He was a great believer in the Second Advent of the Saviour.

He married, in 1893, Elizabeth King, daughter of the late Sergeant Walter Stewart King, of Urangan, and sister of the late Sergeants Tom and Nat King of the Queensland Police Force.

Hughie's last race is run—the labourer's task is O'er. Peace, Peace to his soul.

He is survived by his widow and three sons, Hugh Graham and Walter Stewart King, of Railways, Rockhampton, and John William of Kodaks, Brisbane, also one sister (Mrs. C. E. Lanfear, England) and two brothers—Peter Graham (Northgate) and John (Nundah). His only daughter, Agnes, predeceased him in April, 1937.

His uncle, after whom Graham's Creek is named, was Hughie Graham, of Mariana and Goochie stations. These stations in the early days carried sheep and cattle.

The funeral took place on August 17, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. R. H. Noack, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Rockhampton.

Chronicle 24th August 1940

Research & Story Compiled by member Marlene Wilson
Article & photo curtesy of Trove & Find-a-Grave

From the Grave.....



Late one night Jack takes a shortcut through the cemetery. Hearing a tapping sound he becomes scared and quickens his pace. The tapping gets louder and Jack is now scared out of his wits.

Then he notices a man chiselling a tombstone.

"Thank goodness!" Jack says to the man. "You gave me a fright of my life. Why are you working so late?"

"They spelt my name wrong."*

I applied for a job as a historian, then realized there was no future in it.

I grew up with Steve Jobs, Johnny Cash, and Bob Hope. Now there's no jobs, no cash, and no hope. Please don't let anything happen to Kevin Bacon.



Morton and Morton Solicitors



Thomas Morton was born on 28 February 1846 in Tavoy, Burma, the son of Surgeon-Major David Thomas Morton who was attached to the British army. He was educated in England from the age of five. In August 1863 he arrived on the Fiery Star with his younger brother Hugh.

He first worked as a jackeroo on stations in the Maranoa District, then in the Roma Post Office. He arrived in Maryborough in 1868 and worked as a clerk for Mr Steadman, an English solicitor. The following year he was articled to William Barnes, a solicitor.

Notice.

THE Undersigned have This Day entered into CO-PARTNERSHIP as Attorneys and Solicitors, under the style of "**MORGAN & MORTON,**" and the practice thereof will in future be carried on at the Post Office Chambers, Maryborough; Mary-street, Gympie; and Heusman-street, Mount Perry.

2nd April, 1874.
W. PRITCHARD MORGAN.
T. MORTON.

In 1872 he completed his articles at Mt Perry with William Pritchard Morgan. He was admitted as a solicitor on 20 March 1874. On 2 April 1874 he formed a co-partnership as attorney and solicitor with William Pritchard Morgan as Morgan and Morton. Their offices were at the Post Office Chambers, Maryborough, in Mary Street, Gympie and in Heusman Street, Mt Perry. A Chronicle notice **14 April 1874** stated Morgan and Morton were

in the Bazaar Street offices lately occupied by Mr Macaish. This partnership was dissolved on 1 December 1874 and the business was carried on by Thomas Morton.

Henry Corser and Thomas Morton entered into a co-partnership as solicitors in Adelaide Street on 1 January 1875. By February 1876 Corser and Morton had moved to premises lately occupied by the Chronicle opposite the Royal Hotel in Kent Street. Early in 1883 they moved again to premises in Wharf Street opposite the courthouse, lately occupied by Mr Powers solicitor. Henry Corser and Thomas Morton dissolved the partnership on 31 December 1884. Mr Corser carried on as solicitor in the offices in Wharf Street while Thomas Morton on 1 January 1885 formed a co-partnership at Maryborough and Bundaberg with Charles Powers as Morton and Powers. Their offices were those lately occupied by Powers in Stupart's Building, Bazaar Street and in Young's Building, Bourbong Street, Bundaberg. They moved in May 1885 to new offices in Wharf Street opposite the courthouse. The firm had an office in Brisbane by November 1888. In December 1889 this office was at the corner of Queen and George Streets. This partnership was dissolved on 28 February 1894. Thomas Morton continued the business in his own name.

In August 1900 he took Mr C G Gordon, solicitor of Maryborough, into partnership. Their office was in Wharf Street. The pair admitted Thomas's son Hugh Gilbert Stuart Morton into the partnership in 1908. The business was conducted as Morton, Gordon and Morton.

In August 1918 the partnership was dissolved. Thomas and his son continued the Maryborough business as Morton and Morton. Clement G Gordon continued the Nanango and Kingaroy branches. In February 1920 Gordon joined Maryborough solicitors Corser and Sheldon as a partner.

A very long article in the **Chronicle 20 March 1924** stated that it was 50th anniversary of Thomas Morton's entry to the ranks of the legal profession. On 22 March a presentation was made to Thomas in the offices of Morton and Morton by the practising solicitors of Maryborough – Messrs C F Sheldon, E J McCaffrey, C G Gordon, Geo McGhie and L P Power, accompanied by Mr H Corser. His son was also present. Thomas was presented with a handsome office clock.

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Thomas died at his home in Alice Street on 21 July 1929. His son Hugh died in Brisbane on 23 January 1936. In February 1936 Qld Trustees Ltd announced that Mr M J Boge, B A, solicitor of the Supreme Court, had been appointed to continue the business of Morton and Morton. A notice later in February by Qld Trustees Ltd announced the sale of the legal practice to Messrs Robert Stuart Stephenson and Marcus Jack Boge B A. The firm would continue as Morton and Morton.

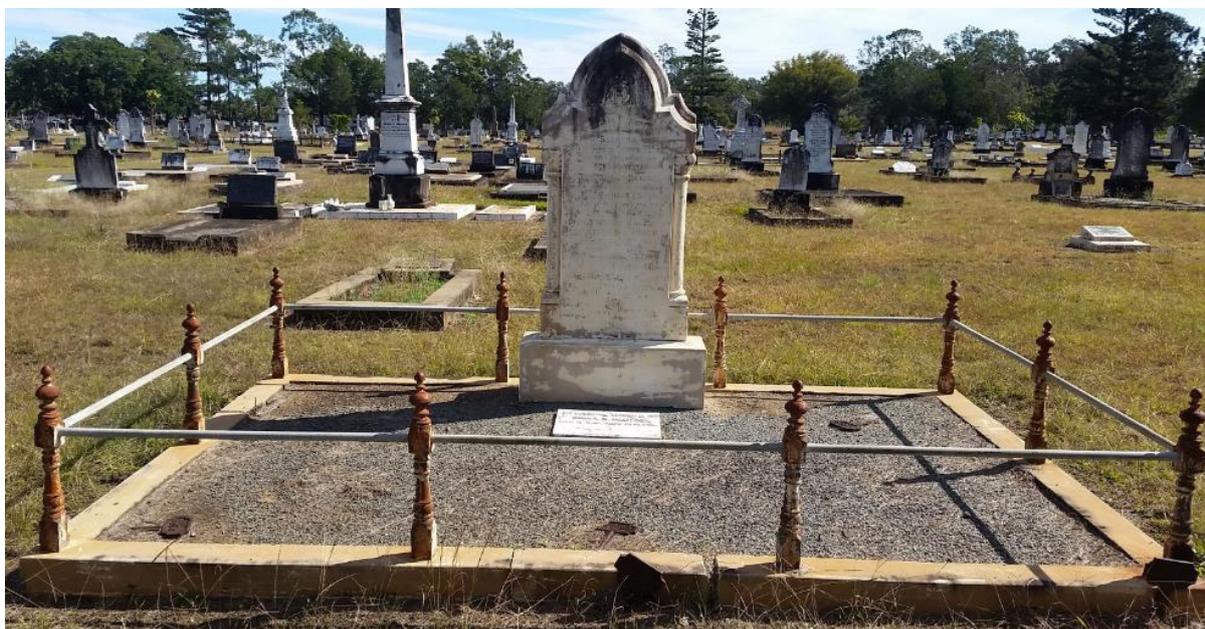
Morton and Morton today have offices at 130 Wharf Street, Maryborough and in the Central Avenue Plaza, Hervey Bay.

Thomas Morton

BIRTH	28 Feb 1846 Myanmar
DEATH	21 Jul 1929 (aged 83) Maryborough, Fraser Coast Region, Queensland, Australia
BURIAL	Maryborough Cemetery Maryborough, Fraser Coast Region, Queensland, Australia Show Map
PLOT	Monumental L 204 (Church of England section)
MEMORIAL ID	194982777 · View Source

Maryborough Monumental Cemetery
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Extracted from Find-A-Grave



VETERAN SOLICITOR.
MR. THOMAS MORTON.
DEATH YESTERDAY.
NOTABLE LEGAL CAREER.

The death of Mr. Thomas Morton occurred at his home, Alice-street, yesterday morning at 2 o'clock. The deceased from the early days of Maryborough had practised here as a solicitor, and was 83 years of age. He was born on February 28, 1846 at Tavoy, British Burma, and he was the son of Surgeon Major D. T. Morton, attached to the British army in the Tenasserim Provinces. At the age of five years he went to England, where he received his education, and in August of 1863 he left England in the ship, Fiery Star, arriving in Australia after a three months' voyage. To obtain colonial experience, he engaged in jackerooing on stations in the Maranoa district, but his bent was in the direction of commercial pursuits, and he secured a position in the Roma post office. In 1868 Mr. Morton came to Maryborough and was engaged as a clerk to the late Mr. Steadman, an English solicitor, practising here, at that time. In the following year Mr. Morton became articled to Mr. William Barnes, solicitor, and in 1872 he completed his articles at Mount Perry (then a rising locality) with the late Mr. William Pritchard Morgan, who in later years became a member of the House of Commons. The late Mr. Morton was admitted as a solicitor on March 20, 1874, and, coming to Maryborough, he entered into partnership with Mr. Pritchard Morgan. Later he took into partnership the late Mr. Henry Corser. Upon the dissolution of that partnership, Mr. Morton accepted as a partner Mr. Chas. Powers, who later became Crown Solicitor for Queensland, and who is now a Federal High Court Judge. At that time the firm had branches at Bundaberg and Brisbane. Mr. C. G. Gordon was Mr. Morton's next partner, and his son, Mr. H. G. S. Morton, later joined the firm. Mr. Gordon then took over on his own account a branch at Nanango.

The late Mr. Morton celebrated his jubilee as a practising solicitor on March 20, 1924, and on that occasion he was the recipient of the hearty congratulations of members of the profession in Maryborough, and from widely-scattered parts of the Commonwealth, who appreciated his ability, worth and integrity. He was, at the time of his death, the senior solicitor practicing in Queensland, remaining at his office practically up till the time of his death. Last September the late Mr. Morton suffered a severe illness, which rendered him unable to pursue his usual activities for three months or so, but undeterred, after his recovery, he returned to duty and was an active partner in the firm until seven weeks ago, when he was stricken down by a fatal illness. Despite his great age even up till the last days in his office, he retained a mental alertness and a capacity for intricate legal details, which marked him as a man of outstanding merit. The late Mr. Morton was responsible for guiding the early footsteps of many men who have gone far along the legal road, gaining distinction for themselves and honour for their tutor. In later years his son, Mr. H. G.S. Morton, ably seconded these efforts, and it is interesting to recall the names of those who were articled to the late Mr. Morton. They are: Messrs. T. P. Barrymore (now of Western Australia), J. Nichol Robinson (Brisbane), H.N. Thorburn (Bundaberg), L. E. Challands (Ingham), E. B. Sykes (Gympie), H. E. Harrington (Sydney), H. B. Bushnell (Gayndah), E. W. Cleary (Toowoomba), and G. B. Roberts (Murgon). Mr. Harold Blackman, who recently was admitted as a solicitor in Queensland, and who is now practising at Mundubbera, was also articled to the firm of Morton and Morton.

Probably at the time of his death the late Mr. Morton was the oldest member of the Masonic Order in Maryborough, having joined the Star of the East Lodge in 1874. He filled the position of Worshipful Master in that Lodge fifty years ago— from 1878 to 1879. He also held the position of Grand Registrar in the Distract Grand Lodge of England, and was in the Royal Arch Chapter of Masonry, becoming a member of the Duke of Albany Chapter on its foundation in 1884. He remained continuously a member of that body till last year, when he drew his demit.

Although the late Mr. Morton did not enter into public life to any great extent, he at all times took a keen interest in movements affecting the welfare of the city, and, as City Solicitor for the Maryborough City Council for many years — up till the time of his death - he safeguarded its interests. Practically since the founding of the institution he was a member of the board of Grammar School trustees, a trust for which he was eminently suited, in view of his close interest in secondary education. He was a member of the School of Arts committee, and filled the position of president for a term.

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At the time of his death he was a trustee of the institution. He was a life-long adherent of St. Paul's Church of England, and regularly attended services. During the long term of Canon Eva's office at St. Paul's, the late Mr. Morton acted as Rector's Warden, and in former years he was a well-known figure at Synod, as Maryborough's representative. The deceased as a young man took a keen interest in sport and was one of the members of a Maryborough cricket team which in 1869 played the first inter-city match against Gympie. He was also an old member of the Doon Villa Bowling Club and last year the club honoured him by making him a life member. The late Mr. Morton and his wife, who pre-deceased him ten years ago, were a couple of kindly disposition and benevolent nature, and they were beloved by a large circle of friends, who will revere their name for their many years of labour for their fellows — quietly and unostentatiously performed.

The late Mr. Morton is survived by a brother, Hugh, of Southern New South Wales, who came to Australia with him, also a family of three sons and three daughters, Messrs. Hugh Gilbert Stuart (solicitor, Maryborough), Norman (accountant, Union Bank, Narrandera), and Reg. Morton (Accountant, Union Bank, Mackay), and Misses Gertrude (teaching staff Maryborough Girls Grammar School,) Minna (at home), and Gladys Morton (Sister, nursing staff of the Ipswich Hospital).

Family Members

Spouse



Susanna *Breen* Morton
1856-1919 (d. 1919)

Children



Hugh Gilbert Stuart Morton
1881-1936



[Redacted] Morton
1891-1973



Minna Beatrice Morton
1885-1961



Gladys Aylward Morton
1887-1955



Thomas Esmond Morton
1889-1894



Norman Edward Morton
1891-1967



Reginald Victor Morton
1895-1967

Figure 1 Married 16th December 1880 in Maryborough Queensland

Additional information – another daughter Gertrude Jane Morton (Born 21st September 1883 – Died 6th July 1970) believed to be buried Mt Thompson Crematorium.

THE FUNERAL.

Despite the fact that the news of the late Mr. Morton's death yesterday could only be circulated personally amongst his friends, there was a large gathering of mourners at his funeral in the afternoon to pay their last respects. The service at St. Paul's at 3.15 o'clock was impressive, and it was conducted by the Rev. Munro and Lay Reader, Mr. Victor Jones. The casket and hearse were covered in floral wreaths. The pallbearers from the Church were members of the Parochial Council of the Church. Messrs. J. A. Murrell, M. L. Gataker, F. Lowe, Edwin Neale, W.G. Searle and W. Miles and from the hearse to the grave-side Messrs. Albert Wiles, S. Alex- Hander, E.J. Johnston, C.G. Gordon, E. H. C. Clayton (State Member for Wide Bay) and G. R. Noakes.

Practically every section of civic and public life was represented, and representatives present included: Messrs. W.Eadie (president), E. D. Harris, and A. McWatters (secretary Chamber of Commerce), E.J. Johnston, J. G. Dawson, A.P. Wynne, J. Jorgensen. J Jorgensen, senr., A. Payne, G. Connolly, A. Rahmann, H. Rawlinson and W. Stiler -(Masonic Order), E. H.C. Clayton and D. Wieir, m.M.L.A., C.G. Gordon, G. McGhie and P.A. Macfie, (legal profession), J.S. Bartholomew, (chairman) and W.B. Liddle(secretary of the Maryborough Gas Coy), J. Hart and H. Hart (Messrs. Wilson Hart) A. Pearson (Hyne and Son Ltd.), Andrew, Mel. William and Arthur Horsburgh (Horsburgh and Coy.), E.H. Warry (Warry Ltd), Mel. and James Gataker (Gataker and Sons), F. H. Brown (J.E. Brown and Sons Ltd.), Walter Bryan (Stupart's Ltd.), G. H. Treloar (Commonwealth Bank), J. H. Lossberg (Bank of Australasia), E.K. Carter, A. S. Alexander and F. Walker (auctioneer) G.L. Wilson, H. Dunn and B.E. Netterfield (Maryborough Chronicle), W. H. De- maine, J. Storer, (secretary Marybor- ough Hospitals Board), J. McRobert (Chairman), G.R. Noakes (director), and W. A. Schultz (secretary Mary- borough Co-operative Dairy Assoc- iation Ltd.), D. Woodrow (Town Clerk), Alderman H. Bashford, J. O' Dwyer, H. L. Jones and J. Daniels (Loyal Per- severance Lodge M.U.I.O.O.F.), Jas. and E.K. Fairlie(Messrs Fairlie and Sons), W. Finemore, T. Miller, H.F. Palmer, H.C. Finselbach, W.A.R. Fullarton, R.H. Hughes, J. Hutchinson, G. Willey, W. Boge, Marcus Boge, Jack Boge, Jas, Bartholomew (Maryborough Sailing Club), A. Crane Doon Villa Bowling Club), and N. Palmer. Mr. J. Kirk conducted the funeral arrangements.

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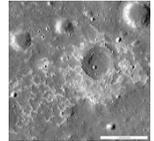
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Did You Know

- No number before 1,000 contains the letter A.

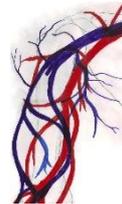


- There were active volcanoes on the moon when dinosaurs were alive.



- Sudan has more pyramids than any country in the world.

- The circulatory system is more than 60,000 miles long.



- The Pope can't be an organ donor.



- The world's longest concert lasted 453 hours.



- It's impossible to hum while holding your nose.



- Africa is the only continent in all four hemispheres.



- All mammals get goosebumps.



- Japan has one vending machine for every 40 people.



Gravestone Symbols & their meaning



Doves are a symbol of purity and innocence. They are often carved on infant's gravestones.

It was a dove that brought an olive branch to Noah on the ark after the rains stopped. So doves also represent hope.

The dove in flight is a cemetery symbol of the Holy Spirit. This comes from the New Testament references to Jesus Christ's baptism by John the Baptist, "And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him." (Mark 1:10)



An elk on a gravestone!? Yes, there are lots of them. Since 1868, millions of Americans have joined the *Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks*, more commonly called *The Elks Club*. There are currently more than 2,100 Elks lodges across the nation.

The Elks Club sprung up from some very unlikely beginnings. The organization was founded in 1868 in New York City by 15 actors and theater crew under the name the *Jolly Corks*. It was a drinking club, formed to circumvent a state law that closed saloons on Sundays.

As the fraternity expanded, members decided to change their name from the *Jolly Corks* to The *Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks* to avoid attracting the attention of police.

Why "Elks"? Well, that depends on who you ask. Some say the elk was chosen as a mascot because it lives in herds, is a distinctively American animal, and is strong in defense of its own.

Others say it was because some members of the *Jolly Corks* admired a mounted elk's head they saw at P. T. Barnum's museum. Never mind that it was really a moose head - they had been drinking, right?

But from those unlikely beginnings, sprang a very influential organization. The Order of the Elks spends more than 80 million dollars per year to promote educational, benevolent, and patriotic community programs. Learn more [HERE](#).

James HOOD

JIM HOOD. EXPERT TAILOR
Over 18 years' trading in Maryborough, and over 50 years, in all, covering the period of which the name of Jim Hood has been associated with the tailoring business in the Wide Bay and Burnett District, gives him the right to claim that "Hood Suits are Good Suits." In this issue, Mr. Jim Hood draws attention to his advertisement wherein he states that he has certainly been "fired" from his old premises, but has not "retired" from the tailoring trade. His new temporary shop is in part of the premises occupied by Mr. Jack Hull, stationer and newsagent, at the corner of Adelaide and Ellena-streets, where he will be pleased to meet old and new customers. He advises intending purchasers to take his tip and buy early as stocks are getting very low throughout the woollen trade. He also advises that he can be interviewed at his home in Adelaide-street, next to Wesley Church, after business hours or by ringing 737.

James [Jimmy] HOOD was born on 9 April 1890 in Gympie to parents James HOOD and Catherine COLLINS. On 21 February 1910 he married Florence Louisa CHATTIN. James was a shop assistant [no doubt in his father's tailoring shop] and he and Florence lived in Horseshoe Bend, Gympie. They were still there in 1922. In 1925 and 1926 their address was the Royal Exchange Hotel in Mary Street.



A notice appeared in the Maryborough Chronicle 4 October 1923 stating that Jim HOOD & Sons, tailors & men's wear specialists of Gympie were opening a branch in Bazaar Street, Maryborough. One of the sons would be in charge. On 27 October 1924 the firm moved to new premises in Kent Street that were recently vacated by Messrs A.J. BRYANT & CO. The Chronicle dated 7 October 1926 announced Jim HOOD junior had entered into partnership with the firm.

James a tailor and Florence were living at 93 Adelaide Street in Maryborough from 1934 to 1963. His advertising slogans in the Chronicle in the 1930s were: *All Suits are not Good Suits, but all HOOD Suits are Good Suits, and A Hood Suit is a Good Suit.* In June 1941 an article titled Jim HOOD & SONS Tailors of Quality appeared in the Chronicle. It made mention of his association with the Naval and City Bands and the fact he was secretary of the Wide Bay Bowling Association. In September 1941 a fire in Kent Street destroyed three shops including that of Jim HOOD & SONS. A long report of the enquiry appeared in the Chronicle on 3 October. James opened a temporary shop in part of Dick HALL'S newsagency premises on the corner of Adelaide and Ellena Streets. He was still there in December. His advertisements in the Chronicle were still appearing in 1954. James died on 30 March 1967 in the Maryborough Hospital. Florence was still in Adelaide Street in 1968 but moved to 321 Ann Street. In 1980 she was in a Retirement Village in Torquay. She died on 24 November that year. They had three children.

Thelma Louise HOOD born 12 October 1910 married John William [Jack] DUNLOP on 14 January 1939. In 1943 and 1954 they were at the corner of Ann Street and Ferry Lane. Jack was an engineer. They later moved to 321 Ann Street. Thelma died on 27 January 1995 and Jack on 22 November 2006

Beryl Florence HOOD born 19 July 1912 married Hilton Clive David [Scotty] ANDREWS on 19 September 1936. The pair lived at 77 Fort Street. He was an advertising rep in 1980. They were then at 19 Moonbi Street, Scarness. Hilton died on 25 March 1995 and Beryl in February 2003.

Joyce Margaret HOOD born 1 February 1914 married Reginald Neil BOWER-MILES on 14 December 1940. Reginald was a tailor and in 1977 they were both at 12 Gabbee Street, Kingaroy.

He died on 4 November 1978 in Brisbane. Joyce was still in Kingaroy in 1980.

MR. J. HOOD'S NEW TAILORING PREMISES

Mr. J. Hood, whose tailoring shop was gutted by fire in the disastrous Kent-street blaze last Saturday afternoon, is re-opening to-day in temporary quarters in the Adelaide-street frontage of Mr. Dick Hall's well-known stationer's shop. Mr. Hood has taken over the compartment formerly occupied by Mr. Les Oxman, hair-dresser, who is now in one of the new shops next door. Mr. Hood has built up a splendid reputation in business circles, and his many friends and clients are glad to know that he is losing no time in getting back into harness. Mr. Hood, who has a wide range of suitings, will be at his post every day to give personal attention to his clients.

THERE IS JUST ONE DAY
ON WHICH EVERY MAN ON EARTH SHOULD LOOK HIS VERY BEST.
THAT IS TO-DAY.
"EVERY TO-DAY."
Never Miss One. You never know what else you may miss.
DON'T BE UNCERTAIN ABOUT THIS.
Make sure of it. You may think you look alright, but—well, just make sure with a new suit.
THE BON MARCHE SUIT TO YOUR MEASURE FOR £3/12/6 CASH.
OTHER PRICES UP TO £12/12/.
Shirts, Hats, Boots, Ready-to-Wear Suits, Trousers, and Everything a Man Requires We Stock.
WE ARE MEN'S SPECIALISTS.
THE BON MARCHE.
MENS' TAILORS, MERCERS, AND OUTFITTERS.
KENT STREET, MARYBOROUGH.



FIRE DAMAGE INTENSIFIED BY LOW WATER PRESSURE

THE danger of shopkeepers allowing an accumulation of inflammable packing material to remain about the rear of their premises, to which the public may have access and the need of means to provide without delay, in the event of a fire, an increased water pressure for fire-fighting purposes, are two lessons which have been learnt from the fire," said the Coroner (Mr. J. A. Murray) yesterday, closing an inquest into the cause of the fire which destroyed three shops in Kent-street on September 13.

At the same time Mr. Murray commended the City Council for the steps it had taken and the further steps to be taken to remedy the water pressure.

Altogether 15 witnesses gave evidence at the inquiry, 11 of them yesterday. The Chief of the Fire Brigade (Mr. H. J. Wiltshire) expressed the opinion that had sufficient pressure been available at the start he could have confined the blaze to the bulk store at the back of Ellwoods' shop. Those witnesses who saw the fire in the early stages all agreed that it had started underneath the bulk store where there was an accumulation of rubbish such as packing cases, cartons and straw.

Constable V. Waters conducted the inquest on behalf of the Crown, and Mr. J. Boge, of Messrs. Morton & Morton, appeared to watch the interests of the trustees of the James Fairlie Estate (Mr. F. W. Faulie and Mrs. I. G. Dunn).

POOR WATER PRESSURE

Harry James Wiltshire, Chief Officer of the Maryborough Fire Brigade, stated that at 1.40 p.m. on September 13 he received a telephone message to the effect that there was a fire in Ellwoods' shop in Kent-street. He went into Bazaar-street with one engine and crew and found Ellwoods' bulk store on fire. The fire was burning very fiercely both underneath and inside the store. He took a line of hose in from Bazaar-street and then sent the engine around to Adelaide-street to come in to action from there. A few minutes later he brought 150 more lines of hose from Kent-street through the shops to cut off the fire at the bulk store.

Before leaving the Fire Station he had given instructions to summon the auxiliary firemen and to notify the turncock. When he commenced to use the water the pressure was very poor and he could not make any headway on the fire. He got on to the landing at the rear of the shop twice, but had to get out again because of the poor pressure of water. Between 20 and 30 minutes elapsed before the water pressure increased.

"Had I had increased pressure at first I would have been able to control the fire easily," said witness. "We would have been able to confine it to the bulk store."

Witness said there was "a terrible lot of black smoke."

Constable Waters: What do you think caused that?

Witness: It came from drums of phenyle in the bulk store. Dust accumulated on the ceilings would also tend to cause it. I am satisfied the fire originated underneath the bulk store.

Constable Waters: Other persons interviewed in connection with the fire stated that the fire spread with amazing rapidity.

Witness: I understand there was a lot of rubbish in the store and underneath. I did not see it myself as it was all burning when I got there. I did not notice any smell of petrol or oil.

Mr. Boge: You say there were drums of phenyle in the bulk store?

Witness: There was phenyle in some of them. Phenyle is not spontaneously combustible.

the Lamington Bridge on raw water he could get a pressure of 60lb. After the water pressure was boosted on the afternoon of the fire he saw the gauge at the fire station recording between 35 and 40lb. It would take a little time to get the full benefit of this pressure.

Vincent Albert Victor Hills, in partnership with his brother, C. H. Hills, as hairdressers and tobacconists, stated that he finished cutting a customer's hair about 1.35 p.m. As he was packing his tools of trade into a handbag to take home Mr. Mendez came to the front door and told him there was a fire in Ellwoods' back store. Witness rushed to the back door and saw the flames making towards the back of his shop. His brother and himself carried what they could out of the shop before it became filled with smoke. They had insurance policies on the stock and contents for £125, £175, £40 and £10.

The value of stock at the last stocktaking was £540. The furniture and fittings on the date of the fire he valued at £400 on a low estimate. His loss was not less than £500.

Witness added that he was satisfied the fire originated under Ellwoods' back store and remarked "There was a terrible lot of rubbish, paper, boxes, cardboard. It was the easiest thing in the world to get fire to a place such as that. I have no idea how the fire originated. I previously saw children playing at the rear of Ellwoods' store but not on the morning of the fire."

Answering Mr. Boge, witness said that by saying it would be the easiest thing in the world to get fire to the place he meant if somebody was careless and threw a cigarette butt into the rubbish. Where straw was stacked under the building it would be likely to get damp and spontaneous combustion might have occurred.

CHILDREN IN YARD

Rupert James Ellwood, partner in the firm trading as Ellwood Bros, said the trustees held an auction sale on September 3 and that was the final business prior to closing down. On September 4 the shop was re-opened to allow shoppers who had purchased articles at the sale to collect them. He was present for half an hour. That was the last time he was on the premises. In the store were a few fittings and a little bit of cardboard and rubbish. Under the bulk store were cases and straw. He had often seen children playing at the back of the premises and people used the yard in conjunction with a laneway as a thoroughfare between Adelaide and Bazaar-streets.

Mr. Boge: After the sale was any cleaning up done on the premises?

Witness: No, not to my knowledge.

Mr. Boge: Do you know whether any combustible material was left on the premises?

Witness: No. None at all.

Witness said that the back of the bulk store was battened in. Two gates there were not always locked and any prowlers or young children could have got in if they wanted to. For the sale a lot of cases were opened up and the amount of straw and cartons under the bulk store was an unusual amount. There was always a certain number of cases there.

Mrs. Grace Enid Mendez, proprietress of a fruit business in Kent-street, said she saw a fire underneath Ellwoods' bulk store. The fire was creeping up the panels on to the walls. Her husband telephoned the Fire Brigade. Her husband and other men on the advice of firemen removed everything from the shop. A brick wall separated her premises from the other, which were burned. The brick wall was cracked. Damage done to fruit and vegetables and fittings by handling witness estimated at £5. She had seen children under the bulk store since

NO KNOWLEDGE OF RUBBISH

James Joseph Casey, chartered accountant and trustee of the creditors of the estate of Ellwoods, said that after the sale there remained in the shop, belonging to the estate, scales, three small tables, half a dozen empty petrol drums and a letter press considered to be of no value. Witness said that he had no knowledge of the rubbish—cardboard and the like underneath the bulk store.

Mr. Boge: Did the landlord, Mr. Fairlie, ever suggest to you that rubbish at the bulk store should be cleaned out?

Witness: No. After the sale Mr. Fairlie mentioned that the place was in an untidy condition indicating that the shop, as naturally would be the case after an auction sale, was untidy. He then suggested that I should view the shop with him. He was to arrange an interview which was not done.

William Henry Charles Wittkopp, foreman of the Maryborough water supply, said that his duties included the diversion of raw water into the filtered mains in the event of a serious fire occurring. About 1.45 p.m. he received the call from the Fire Station that Ellwood Bros.' premises were on fire. He did not have the council truck at home and in consequence had to use his own car. He had to go to the council yard to get the keys from the truck. First he put raw water into the filtered main at the corner of John and Alice-street. The next job was to turn off the reservoir at the corner of Albert-street and Adelaide-lane. From there he went to the Lamington Bridge and opened up the by-pass between the mains. Then he had to go to Ferry and North-streets to turn off the 12-inch direct main to keep the flow in the town area.

To complete the hoisting took 15 to 20 minutes. If he had had the truck and valve keys at home he could have saved five to eight minutes. The arrangement about keeping the keys in the council truck at the yard came into force about a fortnight previous to the fire. From his home to the council yard was about three-quarters of a mile.

Mr. Boge: In order to boost the pressure it was essential to complete all those operations?—Yes, because if I did not turn off the head valve, the pressure would go to Newtown.

ELECTRIC VALVES PROPOSED

Answering Mr. Murray witness said that in case of emergency in future he had authority from the council to allow raw water to be used and the council had sanctioned his taking the truck home every night.

Witness said that the council had considered the installation of electrically controlled valves to be operated from the Fire Station.

Plans were being formed and inquiries had been made, but it would be some time before the valves could be obtained. As soon as they could be obtained they would be installed so that in future the changeover to raw water could be made immediately by merely pressing a button.

Witness said this was a low pressure locality as it was practically flat. At

Ellwoods closed down, but she had not seen children or anybody smoking there. A few days previously she saw a fire in the grass at the rear of the bulk store but it was some distance away. Rubbish under the bulk store seemed to accumulate very quickly in the last few weeks when Ellwoods were selling out.

Vivienne Isabel Nichol, manageress of C. E. Adams Pty. Ltd.'s cake shop, said about 1.30 p.m. she saw naval men using a hose at the rear of her shop and noticed flames and smoke coming from the rear of Ellwoods' bulk store. Neither the panels nor the walls had caught alight at that time.

INSURANCE ON BUILDING

Eric Wilfred Fairlie, one of the trustees of the James Fairlie Estate, which owned the three shops, said that the rent received was £127/6 per week. The building had an iron wall at the rear and a brick party wall on either side. The roof was iron and the rest of the building, including the walls, partitions and floors, was all wood. The basement floor was concrete.

The building was insured with the National Insurance Co. of New Zealand Ltd. for £1815. He estimated the total value of the buildings and fixtures at the date of the fire at £3070. The loss to the estate was £1255.

Witness was at Ellwoods' shop on September 6 in company with his trustee, Mrs. Dunn, his wife and Mr. Mendez, a prospective tenant. Rubbish and discarded material had been left in heaps in the back portion of the shop the bulk store and the cellar where there were a number of bags of chaff. Under the bulk store was a mess of broken cases, straws, paper, cartons about two feet deep and amounting to several trolley loads.

On September 8 Mr. Casey, to whom he returned the keys, was not available, but witness made a verbal complaint about the condition of the premises. Mr. Casey telephoned later that morning and asked witness to go with him to inspect the premises after witness had made it clear that he considered the rubbish a potential menace. He told Mr. Casey that all he had to do was to walk across and see for himself. Witness explained that he was too busy that afternoon and on the following day otherwise he would have made an effort to go with Mr. Casey.

On the Tuesday morning he had another application by a prospective attendant and got the keys from Mr. Casey's office. As far as witness knew, the premises were not cleaned in any way. He knew of no suspicious circumstances surrounding the outbreak.

Jules Peter Jorgensen, trading as W. Adam and Sons, said he left his shop at 12.50 p.m. and after a message by telephone arrived back at 1.50 p.m. His shop was full of thick black smoke. Upstairs the skylight caught on fire three times, but was put out. He remained in the shop until 12.45 a.m. on September 14—His stock was damaged to the extent of £59/14— and the insurance company allowed him 50 per cent. or £29/17 on the damage.

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James Hood, tailor, stated that he left his premises about 12.35 p.m. At the bowling green later in the afternoon he was informed that his shop was on fire. A suit and seven suit lengths were removed from his shop window after the fire, but they were scorched and soaked with water. The rest of his stock was totally destroyed.

The stock and fittings were insured for £450 with the Queensland Insurance Co. Witness was a heavy loser.

In answer to Mr. Boge witness said that the heap of rubbish under Ellwoods' bulk store certainly looked dangerous, but he had not mentioned it to his landlord or to Ellwood Bros.

Plainclothes Constable Michael Thomas Hourigan said that he had made full inquiries. An examination of the debris revealed nothing suspicious.

He was of the opinion that had there been a greater pressure of water available the Fire Brigade would have been able to curtail the spread of the fire from the bulk store.

It would appear that the fire was caused possibly through some person inadvertently dropping a cigarette butt or throwing a match away after lighting a cigarette as he had found that people were in the habit of walking through the yard at the rear of the

shops destroyed, and laneways, either into Adelaide or Bazaar-streets. It was also possible that the rubbish, which undoubtedly was under the bulk store, may have ignited through spontaneous combustion.

CORONER'S FINDINGS

At the conclusion of the inquest Mr. Murray made his findings as follows:

The fire was accidentally caused, but the actual cause was not ascertained; there were no suspicious circumstances, it originated in rubbish, such as straw, paper, packing cases etc. under the bulk store of what was until recently Ellwood's grocery store; the fire possibly was the result of some person carelessly dropping a lighted match or cigarette butt in or in the near vicinity of this rubbish; the fire was discovered

about 1.40 p.m. The Fire Brigade was immediately notified and they arrived promptly and did all that was possible to minimize the spread of the fire.

If the water pressure available had been higher during the first 20 minutes after the arrival of the brigade, they could have confined the fire to the bulk store.

J. Hood, Gympie



James Hood's Fathers Button

James Hood arrived in Gympie in 1884 and started his tailoring business. He would live in the town until his death in 1938.

In Mr. J. Hood the people of Gympie and its district have one amongst them who may be called the pioneer of first-class tailoring here. Before coming to Australia he worked in the establishments of leading firms of Great Britain and Ireland, and it matters not to him what the garment is, it can be turned out equal to anything in the State. His stock of tweeds, worsted coatings, trouserings, etc., is large and admirably selected, and everything which a well-dressed man requires in hats, hosiery, shirts, ties, scarfs, etc., can be had in his establishment. The premises are admirably adapted for their purpose, and the shop windows and showroom exhibit a valuable assortment of good materials.

*Gympie Times and Mary River Mining Gazette (Qld), 23rd December 1902
page 5.*

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(A continued story on the Hood Family)
Newspaper articles & Information from Trove & Google Search

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Future Local Events coming up.

MDFHS Cemetery Tours (held on the 3rd Friday each month)



~~Friday 19th January 2024~~
~~Friday 16th February 2024~~
~~Friday 15th March 2024~~
~~Friday 19th April 2024~~
~~Friday 17th May 2024~~
~~Friday 21st June 2024~~

~~Friday 19th July 2024~~
~~Friday 16th August 2024~~
~~Friday 20th September 2024~~
~~Friday 18th October 2024~~
~~Friday 15th November 2024~~
~~Friday 20th December 2024~~

Mary Ann Steam Train



The original Mary Ann was the first steam train locomotive built in Queensland by John Walker & Co. Ltd. in 1873. The loco was built for timber pioneers William Pettigrew and William Sim who used the Mary Ann to haul logs in the Tin Can Bay area.

The replica Mary Ann was built in Maryborough by Wm Olds & Sons Pty. Ltd. Many businesses and individuals have contributed to make the Mary Ann dream become a reality.

On each Thursday (market day in Maryborough) and the last Sunday of each month between 9am and 12.30pm, and on special occasions, the Mary Ann operates from Macalister Station, behind the Bond Store, in the Wharf Street Precinct.



Maryborough Military and Colonial Museum



The Maryborough Mural Trail



GALLIPOLI TO ARMISTICE MEMORIAL WALK WITH THE ANZACS

Location: Queens Park, Maryborough

The Gallipoli to Armistice Memorial traces the birth of the Anzac legend, drawn from the personal perspectives in letters written home to loved ones by Wide Bay district men who fought on the front line, including Lieutenant Duncan Chapman, the first Anzac ashore at Gallipoli. Soaring eight meters into the sky is a steel representation of the cliffs of Gallipoli leading to panets telling the story of the battles. From there, visitors follow inscribed pavers to the Western Front battlegrounds, past sculptures and whispering voices to an arbour dedicated to the pitiless Battle of Pozieres.



The Story Bank



Hervey Bay Historical Village and Museum



Bond Store

Check out the latest Publications from Scott when you visit Childers.



Childers District Historical Publications

March 9 · 🌐

Great news!!! Some of my publications are back from the Printers!!! "Pioneers and People who have Shaped the Isis" and "From the Pages of Yesteryear". Updated and Reviewed versions of "Where did they Live? Booyal and Doolbi/Horton are now available for purchase at the Old Pharmacy Museum, Childers. Postage can be arranged for out-of-towners!!! Why not pick up a packet of Old-Fashioned sweets while you are browsing?



The Maryborough District Family History Society are extremely proud to be the recipient of this beautifully frame embroidery artwork of the Maryborough Post Office.

Thank you to Gary Brown & his family for donating this piece which was created by his late mother Norma Brown.

Awesome

Did you sing this as a kid...it explains below, where this song came from..

This old man he played one
He played nick nack on my drum
With a nick nack paddy whack
Give a dog a bone
This old man came rolling home
This old man he played two
He played nick nack on my shoe
With a nick nack paddy whack
Give a dog a bone
This old man came rolling home
This old man he played three
He played nick nack on my tree
With a nick nack paddy whack
Give a dog a bone
This old man came rolling home
This old man he played four
He played nick nack on my door
With a nick nack paddy whack
Give a dog a bone
This old man came rolling home
This old man he played five
He played nick nack on my hive
With a nick nack paddy whack
Give a dog a bone
This old man came rolling home
This old man he played six
He played nick nack on my stick
With a nick nack paddy whack
Give a dog a bone
This old man came rolling home
This old man he played seven
He played nick nack on my deven
With a nick nack paddy whack
Give a dog a bone
This old man came rolling home
This old man he played eight
He played nick nack on my gate
With a nick nack paddy whack
Give a dog a bone
This old man came rolling home
This old man he played nine
He played nick nack on my vine
With a nick nack paddy whack
Give a dog a bone
This old man came rolling home
This old man he played ten
He played nick nack on my hen
With a nick nack paddy whack
Give a dog a bone
This old man came rolling home



This rhyme is thought to relate to Irish beggars who arrived in England during the potato famine which lasted between 1845 to 1852 and resulted in one million deaths. Paddies' as they were known would sell 'knick knacks' door to door, also playing a rhythm of 'nick nack' using spoons, in the hope of receiving some pennies. According to the tale, they'd be given a 'whack' and sent on their way, while their dog would be given a bone.

Quote of the Month

Books

On Sale from our rooms

Maryborough Heritage Register Series

Books

<u>Whose House is That?</u> (House names of Maryborough & District and their Owners)	\$12 (+P&H)
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