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The Toowoomba store of Pigott's thought to be taken in the 1920s.
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From the Editor: I apologize for not adding the President's and Financial Reports to the November 2024 "Bremer Echoes" it was an oversight. see page 4 and 19. I appreciate the articles by members for inclusion in Bremer Echoes – they are a great help and make our magazine interesting. Thank you.

Welcome to the New Year and the February "Bremer Echoes". Hopefully 2025 will bring stability to the world, we can only hope.

Irma



We welcome our new members, and wish them success with their research.

Garry Madigan, Dee West, Clarence Jones (returning member), Fiona Pope, Peter & Jean Newman

*Ipswich Rosewood Miner's
Memorial 2016*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – I.G.S. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

In July 2023, our telco changed from Telstra to Aussie Broad Band, saving us almost \$30 a month, which certainly keeps our costs down. We are very fortunate to be supported by the Ipswich City Council with our home Brigg House, and we appreciate their on-going assistance, as without that we could not function.

This past year we have had a number of research enquiries, one being the Moore and Ryan families of Purga and Warrill View, very early settlers with large families who intermarried. Even if there is no connection to your family, it is interesting to learn about their way of life and TROVE is a great help especially with wedding notices and obituaries as the old papers give lots of details of the people and the district.

The first display in our "Photo Gallery" photographic display for 2024 was "Memories", featuring photographs from 1872 to present day, showing how much has changed in the photographic world. Also on show, the 'wallet's' or "envelopes" which held the photographs, printed from the negatives from the rolls of film sent by the chemist to be printed; then later at a designated shop. These bring back memories for members and visitors, so different today with instant photos taken on mobile phones.

At the beginning of 2024 two of our early members, Bettina Kracht and Audrey Dillon (Maher) moved into care. Both these ladies had been very involved with the day to day running of the Society some years ago and we miss their presence at events. Both kindly gave to the Society a copy of their family research which has been added to our resources, and perhaps one day may be just the information someone is searching for.

The Society received a donation of school and church history books as well as a card index of family history information from a member of the public who is downsizing. All donations help our resources grow and we thank these generous people for thinking of us.

The Ipswich Show was held in May and the Genies, the Historical Society and the Mini Crafters set up a display which was very well received. The Society was invited to participate with the 150th Anniversary of the Fernvale State School in May 2024. As part of our display two of the early settlers of the district the Conroy and Hines families were researched, and on the day many people spent time reading the information, and they commented on the photographs displayed by the Society. Attending these events is a good way to attract new members and visitors to Brigg House, and thank you to Kathy and Barry for their attendance.

A new sign for the Ipswich Genealogical Society has been positioned at the front gate of the Heritage Centre and we thank "Kipart" for their support. The computer for our microfilm viewer has been upgraded and we thank Michael O'Reilly and Kim Mensforth for their expertise in setting it up for us.

The Ipswich Galvanized Festival for 2024 was a great success, and the Cooneana After Dark, event for which “Brigg House” was open proved very popular. It is a different atmosphere at night, and well worth attending.

Our membership has remained static, and the indexing of books and newspaper cuttings continues, and thank you to all the volunteers who put in the time for the Society. This year we are asking if more members would please give some thought to volunteering a few hours a month to help out in the rooms during opening hours, as it is left to the willing few. You are never alone, as another member is always with you.

Thank you to our secretary Kathy Boggan as I would not manage without her help - it is appreciated.

Hopefully we will enjoy a peaceful year and all stay safe.

Irma Deas, President 10th September 2024

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EARLY COMMUNICATIONS – BLACKSTONE

Eric C. Jones

From gravel road to bitumen, and then cement footpaths, it took a long time, but together with electricity came street lights and so we progressed from kerosene lamps.

A castle on the hill made Blackstone famous. A Post Office and Police Station became a part of Blackstone's progress, the Post Office at the Aberdare Store in Thomas Street and the first telephone conversation was at the Williams family home in Mary Street with the number 69. The family was kept busy relaying messages throughout the village. In later days the Police Station closed and the Post Office moved to a house in Mary Street.

In those early days, the postman would walk around Blackstone carrying a leather bag and he would do this twice a day. His presence was identified by a whistle being blown to announce a mail delivery. There were no cement footpaths, and he had no bicycle or motorbike, but sometimes rode a horse.

Many letters arrived from Wales, and were simply addressed to a name in a street - no house numbers or postcodes at that time. Local delivery cost 2½d [two and one half pence] and today it costs more than \$1.00.

Telegrams were also common communication, especially for weddings and the bereavements in Blackstone.

Blackstone Busways first to operate locally and on one occasion when addressing a group of visitors at the church, a lady identified herself as being the daughter of Mr JONES who ran the early buses. One of them was aptly named “Royal Oak” after one of the ships that sailed from England to Australia.

TWO IRISH IMMIGRANT BUSINESSMEN

"Truth" Sunday March 27 1949 page 35

"Telegraph" January 2 1971 page 5

Thomas Charles **Beirne** was born the third child in a family eight in Ballymacurley, Roscommon Ireland to John **Beirne** and Catherine (Kitty) **Callaghan** on 9th July 1860. Thomas was educated at a Franciscan monastery, and when he left school at 14, began a four year apprenticeship with Dominick **Owens** a draper in Strokestown Ireland, and stayed a year after he finished his apprenticeship. Thomas moved to Tuam in Co Galway where his employer was Michael Daniel **Pigott**, who many years later played a big role in his life.

In December 1883 Thomas left for Australia on the Orient steamer "Lusitania" and arrived in Melbourne in February 1884. His first position was with Eyre & Shepherd at Carlton, and later at Collingwood with Foy & Gibson.

His former employer Michael Daniel **Pigott** came to Australia with his wife and young family in 1885 and opened a business in Clarence Corner, South Brisbane. He contacted Thomas **Beirne** who he had known in Ireland and they formed a partnership in 1886 and opened a store **Pigott & Beirne** in Stanley Street South Brisbane.

The partnership was dissolved in 1891 and Michael started his own store in the Valley, and opened a branch in Toowoomba in 1896.

In 1898, he closed his Brisbane store and moved permanently to Toowoomba. Thomas bought land in Fortitude Valley and built what became "**T.C. Beirnes**" Department Store and later branches opened in Ipswich and Mackay.

On the 11th April 1887 Thomas married Anne **Kavanagh** at St. Stephens Cathedral in Brisbane, and in 1898 they moved into "Glengariff" at Hendra which was to become the family home for many years.

Thomas was elected to the Legislative Council of the 15th Queensland Parliament in 1905, and was still a member when it was abolished in 1922. In 1925 he gave money to the Queensland University to establish the School of Law.



BEIRNE Pty Ltd, Ipswich. Picture Ipswich Whitehead Collection; WHD-014-Neg-1005p.jpg

Thomas died on 21st April 1949 and is buried in the Nudgee Cemetery.

T.C. BEIRNE'S
"THE HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE"

WITH PRIDE AND PLEASURE WE COMMEMORATE....
FORTITUDE VALLEY'S
100th Anniversary



SAILING SHIP "FORTITUDE"
The S.S. Fortitude, 608 tons, with 256 immigrants, left England on 14/9/1848, and landed on January 20th, 1849, on Moreton Island near what was then known as Ship's Patch.



T. C. BEIRNE'S FIRST STORE IN 1894.

As evidence of the growth of the Valley and the surrounding district, and of T. C. Beirne's place in the community, is the 1949 reality that more people enter the Beirne Emporium during a single day's business than were living in the entire city 100 years ago.



T. C. BEIRNE'S EMPORIUM, 1949.

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Don't fail to see the delightful collection of historical antiques, etc., in our Brunswick Street Show Windows.

T. C. BEIRNE PTY., LTD.
THE VALLEY, BRISBANE.

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"Truth" Sunday March 27th 1949

The Ipswich store was first established in Nicholas Street, moved to Brisbane Street then into a purpose built store on the corner of Union and Nicholas Streets in 1902. This store was bought by Michael brother of Thomas, who had been the manager of the Mackay branch, and he moved his wife and family to Ipswich. In later years his sons Thomas, Leo, Bernard and Mick became involved in the family business.

In 1974 Waltons bought Beirnes and it was in 1987 that the building was demolished when Kern developed the Ipswich Mall.

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WELCOME TO QUEENSLAND

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Source Unknown

"Toowoomba Chronicle" 1979

Michael Daniel **Pigott** opened his Toowoomba Store on 6th July 1896 in Russell Street Toowoomba, and sold his Brisbane business in 1898 and became a permanent resident of Toowoomba. He retained his clothing manufacturing business in Brisbane where over 100 people were employed.

By 1899 he expanded the store and on October 9 1902 he began business in Ruthven Street then opened a branch in Warwick in 1907. The Ruthven Street Store was remodelled in 1908, but unfortunately fire destroyed the building on July 8 1909. Three days later he moved into temporary premises while his Ruthven store was being rebuilt. The new building had much more floor space and opened for business in April 1910. With the return of his son after war service, it became a Limited Company.

Michael passed away May 11 1929 in Forbes New South Wales while on a visit to one of his married daughters. His body was returned to Toowoomba and he is buried in the Drayton Cemetery.

In 1935 the adjoining building – the Queen's Hotel was purchased again increasing the floor space for the store. In 1950 the ground and first floors were remodelled, and in 1962 with expansion, an entrance from Margaret Street gave access from three streets. Escalators were installed in 1969 and a well-planned Food Hall was opened in 1973.

McDonnell & East purchased the business in 1983, and it closed in 1990.

The building in Ruthven Street is Heritage Listed.

Toowoomba Chronicle 7 October 1919, page 4

PIGOTT'S COMPREHENSIVE FASHION BOOK

Messrs. Pigott and Co. Ltd Toowoomba best value stores, has just published their new season's Fashion Book. This book is beautifully printed and profusely illustrated, and is quite the best little book that we have seen for a very long time. A big section of it is given over to women's apparel. Lovely frocks, costumes, skirts, blouses, millinery are largely represented, and are all the very latest styles from the fashion centres of the world. There are also a big number of children's clothes for both boys and girls of all ages. Household goods, boots and shoes also take up a fair number of pages; nor are the men forgotten. There is no doubt that anybody living at a distance could easily do their shopping by post if they are wise enough to get a copy of this, beautiful book. From cover to cover it is well printed, interestingly laid out and profusely illustrated, and shows in no unmistakable manner the progressive, go aheadness of Messrs Pigott and Co. Thousands of these books are being posted to Pigott's mail order customers, but anyone who does not happen to be on their mailing list can have a copy by simply writing for it. It should be in every home, and is a distinct work of art.

ANN FORBES - FIRST FLEET CONVICT*Kathy Boggan*

My ancestor Ann Forbes arrived on board The Prince of Wales as part of the "First Fleet" at Botany Bay, January 1788. She had been tried along with her partner in crime Lydia Munro on Thursday 5th April 1787 at the Surrey Lent Assizes, with stealing 10 yards of printed cotton valued at 20 shillings, being the property of James Rollinson from his shop in the parish of St. Olave, within the Borough of Southwark, in the County of Surrey.

Both Ann and Lydia were found guilty and sentenced to hang. However on the 17th April 1787 Ann along with Lydia on 16th April 1787 death sentences were reprieved. Ann was sentenced to seven years transportation and Lydia was sentenced to 14 years transportation. They were sent to Newgate Prison where they joined a group of women being sent to Portsmouth for embarkation on the Prince of Wales.

The Prince of Wales was one of eleven ships of The First Fleet which set sail on 13th May 1787 to establish a new Penal Settlement at Botany Bay. They arrived in Port Jackson on 28th January 1788.

In 1789 Ann formed an association with George Bannister also a convict from the First Fleet. As the colony was suffering desperate food shortages it was decided to send a number of convicts to Norfolk Island. Ann and George were among the group to be sent on board the "Sirius" on Thursday 4th March 1790.

It was decided to use the convict labour to grow food that could be used back in Botany Bay. Unfortunately this did not prove to be very successful. Ann then formed a relationship with William Dring. They had several children and when they returned to Sydney from Norfolk Island on 6th November 1794. Their relationship did not seem to last after arriving back from Norfolk Island.

Ann's last relationship was with Thomas Huxley also a convict who arrived on the "Third Fleet". He was convicted of stealing a silk handkerchief and sentenced to seven years transportation. He arrived in the colony on board the "Salamander" in 1791. Ann & Thomas were living together by 1798 and they eventually had nine children.

My ancestor was their sixth child Samuel Huxley who married Mary Mitchell Thomas and Ann settled on Thomas's 1804 Land Grant known as "Paradise Point" near the junction of the Colo and Hawkesbury Rivers. Thomas died 4th July 1854 and is buried at St Peters Richmond and Ann died 29th December 1851 and is buried Saint Thomas Church of England graveyard Sackville Reach on the Hawkesbury.

Many years after I had started my research into Ann Forbes I had sent a copy of what I had done to my sister for her records. We later found her husband's cousin was interested and wanted to have a chat to me. We shared our information about Lydia Munro, and found to our surprise she was descended from Lydia as was my brother-in law. I was so knocked over by this and very excited to hear about what had happened to Lydia after she was sent to Tasmania. That is for another day.

ONE MAN– THREE WIVES

Robert BOUGHEN - born 10.05.1829; died 07.08.1916

Having arrived in Moreton Bay in 30th May 1857 on the “Hastings”, Robert **Boughen** 25, accompanied by his wife Susan (Doe) 23, and infant son George, he selected land at Rosewood Gate in 1869, and the final payment was made on 10th July 1875. The description of the Selection – 86 acres [at 6 pence an acre, and £4.12.00 Survey Fee] in the County of Churchill, Parish of Walloon, portion 339. On the Improvements Certificate dated 19th Day of April 1875 – “Selection surrounded with two and three rail split fence; Three room dwelling house of slabs and shingles; 20 acres of land cultivated; Five years continuous residence”. Two neighbours signed to state Robert had been in continuous residence from 10th November 1869 to the first of April 1875 – James Mulholland and John William Nicol.

Sadly Susan had died on 27th January 1871 and is buried in the Ipswich Cemetery. Robert was left with sons George 14, William 10, Edward 8, Albert 4, Arthur 2 and baby Charles born 8th December 1870 and died 6th February 1871.

He married Eliza/Elizabeth **Ward** 28th April 1872 but unfortunately she died 13th March 1873 two days after the birth of her daughter Eliza, and the child died 23rd July that year. Both are buried in Ipswich Cemetery.

Needing a mother for his sons, Robert married Mary Joan **Nicol** on the 8th September 1873 Mary Joan had been born in Tenterfield New South Wales in 1851. Her brother had settled in the Rosewood Gate area close to the Boughen family.

From this marriage there were the following children:

Robert	16.11.1874
John & Harriett	01.02.1877 (Harriett died 10.04.1878)
Mary Ann	13.06.1879
James	18.08.1881 (died 01.06.1882)
James	02.09.1883
Frances (Fanny)	21.06.1886
Harold / Henry	19.12.1888

To celebrate the 50 year Jubilee of Queensland as a State in 1909, settlers who were in Queensland in 1859, were invited by the Queensland Government to a dinner and Robert's photograph was one of the hundreds of photographs in the “Queenslander” 7th August 1909, “Queenslanders of Bygone Days”. On page 61 Robert is photograph number 217.

It appears Robert was employed at Goodna Station for some time before the family moved to the selection at Rosewood Gate. When the Rosewood school opened in February 1878, Albert and Arthur were two of the first students enrolled.

A large family gathering at his home in Rosewood in May 1910 celebrated Robert senior's 81st birthday. Present were his thirteen surviving children and his 34 grandchildren.



Robert Boughen and Family May 1910 his 81st Birthday



*Grave of Robert and Mary Boughen
Tallegalla Cemetery*

Rosewood Qld.



*Portion of Tallegalla
Cemetery Rosewood Qld*

*(Photographs - Editor's
Collection)*

Queensland Times Monday 6 Sept. 1926, page 6

JOHNSTON'S STORE: EARLY IPSWICH LAND MARKS:

PROPOSED PETROL DEPOT

A somewhat remarkable demonstration of the manner in which the prevailing mode of road transit forces recognition of its existence on the section of the business community which caters to its wants is brought into prominence by the demolition of an old store built in the 1850's, to supply the requirements of the bullock teams, to make room for an up-to-date petrol station to meet the demands of the present motor traffic. The building in question is the old store that, for 68 years was situated at the Junction of 'Brisbane and Keogh Streets, West Ipswich.

It is a strange coincidence that whereas bullock teams were probably used to transport the material of which the store was built in 1858, a Ford truck pulled down the walls. The corners were first loosened and then the truck pulled the walls down. Some of the walls which were built of brick weighed as much as four tons, and this manner of removal was decided on in order to save as many as possible of the bricks which were in an excellent state of preservation for further use.

On Saturday morning workmen were engaged in digging up the foundations, whilst carts and motor trucks conveyed the bricks away. According to Mr. John **McKenzie**, Waghorn street who, despite his 87 years still has vivid recollections of the old building. It was erected for Mr. John **Johnston** in 1858 by Mr. Reuben **Treadwell**, of Stanley. Mr. John **Klein**, of One Mile, who has spent nearly 70 years in and around Ipswich, recollects the old store having been in existence ever since he could remember. It was said to have been used first as a residence, and later as a store attached to the residence where Mr. **Johnston** and his family lived. Being the last store of any size on that side of the town a great business was done.

John **Johnston** was popular with the bullock teamsters and the squatters who dealt with him. A glance in the one storeyed shops of the 50's would reveal bullock bells, chains, pannikins, camp ovens cabbage tree hats, flannel shirts, moleskins, spades, tin dishes; and a variety of stores and merchandise which the travelling teamsters needed for their work, and which largely comprised the loads of stores they carried to the settlers in the interior. These articles were spread "all over the shop." and even the ceilings were used to suspend goods on hooks. On the at the other side of the One Mile Bridge of to-day the bullock teamsters used to camp frequently resting their teams and making up their loads.

Many were the trips made to the old' stores, maybe for a double purpose, for on the opposite corner - on the site now occupied by Mr **Spann's** sawmills - was the old Sportsman's Hotel, kept by Paddy

Dowling a brother-in-law to John **Johnston**. Other hotels in that locality about that time were the Bulls' Head, the Sovereign, and the Carriers Arms. To realise the importance of the old store when it was first started one must remember the great carrying businesses of the time done by the bullock teams.

Mr. **McKenzie** can recollect having seen as many as 40 teams in Ipswich at the one time. and many of the westward bound teams camped at One Mile before starting on their adventurous trips. The teams never left singly; mostly two or three kept together to help each other over 'the Little Liverpool, which was very difficult to negotiate. The old store was one of the first buildings to be erected at One Mile. When it was erected there were only about two or three houses in the vicinity. It has lived through great changes, has seen the neighbourhood become dotted with dwellings and fulfilled a useful purpose for many years after the old bullock superseded by the rail way which runs close to the site.

Mr. Dick **Watson** father of Mr. Sam **Watson** used to live on the corner opposite the store, now occupied by Mr. **Sverdloff** and between him and the One Mile Hotel resided Mr. Paddy **Sloane**, a well-known identity of that period. Further up the street, near the Burnett Street Bridge, a man named **Ransome** had brick works on the property now occupied by Mr. George **Manders**, and it was of bricks made there that the old store was built.

Mr. John **Johnston** prospered, and when the first municipal council was formed in 1860, he was a member later being elected Mayor in 1862. When he died, his family carried on a store in Nicholas-street, where Messers. **Dalton** Brothers are now. A son of Mr. **Johnston's**, Mr. John **Johnston**, is the licensee of a big hotel in Adelaide St, Brisbane.

In May of this year the City Council approved of the plan of a bulk store to be erected by the Vacuum Oil Company, which has secured an acre of land where Mr. **Johnston's** store stood until recently. The store is to be a 2300?? cases (of petrol) store, a steel frame and concrete construction, sheeted with corrugated galvanised iron. There will be a garage to house two trucks and it is also proposed to erect a tank waggon filling stand on a steel frame with a concrete base.

In April, negotiations were opened with the City Council with the object of having a siding put into the works from the Fassifern branch railway line. Thus passes into the realms of memory another interesting old landmark of early Ipswich. Having served its day and the requirements of the period, it has had to make way before the advance of progress. Its passing serves as a reminder of the great strides made in the development of the city and State during the last 68 years.

Queensland BDM:**John JOHNSTON m. 08.05.1856 Mary Pinder**

Ann Jane 25.03.1857; Charlotte 21.06.1858; John James 04.01.1863;
 Honora Matilda 29.07.1864; Henry Michael 29.09.1867; Theresa Agnes
 b. 02.11.1869 d. 14.04.1870; Gertrude May b. 14.05.1871 d. 19.05.1875;
 Elizabeth Frances 04.06.1873;

Ipswich Cemetery Records: (*extracts*)

000641 JOHNSTON John 49 Storekeeper
 d. 09/10/1872 buried 10/10/1872 Native of Dublin son of Robert
JOHNSTON & Mary DOYLE

000239 JOHNSTON Theresa Agnes 5mths d. 14/04/1870
 buried 14/04/1870 d/o John who selected adj. grave 240 d/o John
JOHNSTON & Mary Elizabeth PENDER

001154 JOHNSTON Gertrude Mary 4 yrs d. 19/05/1875 buried
 20/05/1875 *BDMs:* daughter of John **JOHNSTON & Mary Elizabeth**
PENDOR

008321 Mary (Pindar) **JOHNSTON** 73 yrs d. 24.12.1907
 buried 25.12.1907 nee **PINDER**
 (Names as in Register)

Mayor John Johnson 1862

*Courtesy Picture Ipswich
 Whitehead Collection
 whd-017-neg-2144p.jpg*



Queensland Times Tuesday 17 June 1947

FUNERAL OF DR. E. SIROIS The funeral of the late Dr. E. **Sirois** which took place on Sunday was a striking indication of the affection that the people of Marburg and district had for a man whose life had been so



closely entwined with theirs for nearly half a century. Leaving his late residence on the peak of Hospital Hill, Dr. **Sirois's** body was taken to St. Joseph's Church in Marburg township where he had been a devoted worshipper during his years of residence.

A solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father D. **Driscoll**, S.V.D. Students from St. Vincent's Seminary assisted, and intoned the responses. The church was crowded, and hundreds stood in the church grounds. Father **Driscoll**, in a touching panegyric, made feeling reference to the passing of Dr. **Sirois**. He said that not only by his professional skill and ability had he won the regard of the people around him, but his remarkable personality had endeared him to all. He had lived his life, mindful always of the fundamental truths--that one day he would yield his soul to God, and would stand before Him, his Maker, Redeemer, and Judge, to give an account of his stewardship on earth.

Those who knew him realised that when he stood before the Judgment Seat, he was giving back a life filled to overflowing with kindly, charitable deeds. His aim had been not only to use his professional skill to alleviate pain and suffering, and to give healing, but to make life happy and pleasant, and comfortable for all around him. In the civic and public life of the district he had been a foremost figure, and there were many progressive works in evidence which would remain monuments to his memory, and a record of achievements in the history of the State.

Father **Driscoll** tendered sincere sympathy to his bereaved and beloved widow, to his relatives and to his many cherished friends. At the conclusion of Mass, the funeral left for St. Vincent's Seminary, where by special privilege, the interment took place in the Seminary grounds. The cortege was over a mile long.

People were present from Gympie, Cooroy, Brisbane, Ipswich, Toowoomba, and all parts of the district. The last prayers at the graveside were recited by Father **Driscoll**, again assisted by students from the Seminary. Father **Driscoll** who had attended him spiritually during his last illness, had become a very intimate and dear friend since his (Father **Driscoll's**), coming to Marburg, 2½ years ago when the Seminary was established. The pall bearers were his esteemed medical confreres Drs. T. L. **Cooney**, D. A **Trumpy** (Ipswich), and **Paterson** (Brisbane) and three life-long friends Messrs **Craig**, **Lewis**, and **Christopherson**.

EARLY IPSWICH CEMETERY RECORDS -FINDING A GRAVE

John Rossier 2017

Instructions were given in March 1844 to surveyor, J. C. **Burnett**, to survey land for burials at Ipswich, to cater for the various religions. Approval of the plan was given on 31st August that year and the first burial in that ground would have been after 1st September. Each religion was responsible for the keeping of their own records. Not all of these church registers would have survived but those which did were, microfilmed into a record known as the "Early Church Records".

If there was no minister of religion or a representative of the church present to carry out the burial, no record was created and therefore nothing was recorded. Such information may have been recorded in family letters or in a newspaper.

The Civil Registration Act came into being on 1st March 1856, when it was necessary to register all births, death and marriages, at the Police Office for that district. These resulting certificates were required to show the place of burial and the religion, but there was no indication as to an actual burial plot within the allocated area for that religion. If a headstone marking a burial site has not survived, there is no way of knowing just where a particular body was buried.

Within the last few years, a number of possible early burials has been added to the Ipswich Cemetery Records. However, it is certain that not all of these were actually buried in the Ipswich Cemetery. As the area of the Ipswich policing district in those early days was so vast, it was not possible for some to be brought to Ipswich for burial. Deaths within the designated area had to be registered at Ipswich however, they did not have to be buried there. In several cases it would have taken a couple of days to get to Ipswich. From the introduction of Civil Registration the place of burial (but not the plot) should be known, but this is not the case with burials prior to that.

The Cemetery Act came into being in Queensland in September 1865. "The Ipswich General Cemetery Trust" was formed in June 1868 and Cemetery Regulations were drawn up in line with the Government Act, setting out fees and charges, together with the 'dos and don'ts'. These rules were published in the Queensland Times on 30th June of that year. The Trust consisted of a representative from each of the seven major religions :- G. H. **Wilson** (Church of England), John **Johnston** (Roman Catholic), Stuart **Hawthorn** (Presbyterian), Francis **Curnow** (Wesleyan), Henry **Challinor** (Independent), Gustavis **Weise** (Lutheran), Coleman **Davis** (Jewish). The first burial recorded by The Trust was on 21st July 1868. The only burial records for the Ipswich Cemetery prior to the Trust were those kept by the various churches. If the death occurred after the commencement of Civil Registration, that death certificate should be carefully studied to confirm the cemetery where the burial took place.

While a “clover leaf” burial number for each grave was issued by The Trust, over time, many of these were removed and thrown on other graves. It was not until much later that a “row number in that section and a grave number within that row”, was recorded for each burial.

A major clean-up of the early burial ground was carried out in June 1977. With the ever-increasing burden of caring for the cemetery, The Trust had not been able to do all the work required and the early ground had become a serious hazard. With earth movement, grave collapse, fallen headstones, long grass and the prevalence of snakes, the area was unsafe. Surviving headstones were moved to the north-eastern corner of the cemetery and re-erected. The ground was filled and levelled and returned to an orderly manner.

Due to the burdens associated with caring for the ever-increasing cemetery, The Trust resigned in 1979. The Queensland Government Gazette announced on 29th September that year that the *Council for the City of Ipswich* had been appointed as Trustees for the cemetery reserves previously under the control of The Trust.

With the case of William Lambie **Nelson** (jun) it is most likely that he was buried in the Presbyterian ground in the Ipswich Cemetery. With Dr Nelson being here at that time and conducting the burial ceremony, this strengthens the chances, but just where within that ground it is not possible to know.

He died in May 1855, which was prior to Civil Registration and The Trust records. The only record would be the church register entry of the event, in which his father was the minister and has shown William's age as 18. (*) The entry in the Moreton Bay Courier recorded the death. (**) The shipping information for the “Elizabeth” on which they came to Australia, shows his age at landing as 11. (***)

In 1996 the Ipswich Genealogical Society listed and transcribed all headstones in the Ipswich Cemetery at that time. Nothing was found for Nelson or **Lambie-Nelson**. With no headstone, it is not possible to know a burial site.

It may be possible to have a small marker remembering William Lambie **Nelson** (jun), to be placed with the re-erected headstones at the north-eastern corner of the cemetery. An enquiry to the Council would confirm this.

Burial number P01493, is the number allocated by the Council for William Lambie **Nelson** and is one of the possible burials mentioned above for which the Council has no records. This was taken from a book published from information gathered from various sources prior to The Trust records. These sources included deaths recorded at the Ipswich Police Office, the Early Church Records and paper reports, etc.

Qld.: 1866 - 1939), 27 October 1900, page 856

POSITION OF FEMALE TEACHERS

Twice within the past few weeks the Minister of Education has been interviewed in regard to the emoluments of female assistant teachers, first by members of Parliament, and next by the teachers themselves. Both deputations were received sympathetically, and yet Mr. **Drake** has contrived to leave it doubtful whether the request will be complied with.

The request was really simple, and it was admittedly, just. The female teachers asked that the pecuniary loss they suffered by the abolition of staff rank some years ago—a loss they bore uncomplainingly during retrenchment times might be redressed, as it had been in the case of the male teachers. It is, we think, a pity that the department should have tried to make it appear that there was no such loss, saying that in 1893 no change was made in the classification salaries of female assistant teachers, and that those without staff rank were not affected at all by the retrenchment.

Mr. **Drake**, with commendable candour, cut through this formal statement by the admission that the abolition of staff rank placed the whole body of female teachers in a worse position, in that they could not look forward to the promotion given by staff rank. In effect, the figures given by Mr. **M'Donnell** in deputation in the end of last month stand unchallenged. Instead of there being a difference of £30 only between, male and female assistant teachers, as under the old scale, the difference now ranged from £30 in the lowest division to £82 the highest.

Generally Miss **James** said on Saturday,—and without contradiction from the Minister,—retrenchment had dissipated the prospects of the female as of the male teachers, and the female teachers were still waiting that "satisfactory consideration" of their claims which had already compensated the male teachers. "The reasons which induced your immediate predecessors in office to effect these laudable changes apply with heightened force to our case." It needs to be reiterated that what the female teachers were asking was to have the same justice as had been done to the male teachers in practical restoration of emoluments.

Unhappily this plain object has been continuously obscured. Members of the deputation of three weeks ago brought up other and further claims which enabled and almost compelled Mr. **Drake** to assume an attitude of inability. The same mistake, perhaps, was to some extent made, on Saturday, but it scarcely warranted the Minister in wandering so far from the main grievance he was asked to redress. It is impossible to read the Minister's remarks without feeling that he has much sympathy with the female teachers, and would like to see them in a better position in several ways.

The misfortune is that his extended review of their position and necessities heaped up the sum necessary for reform, and made it the more

difficult to procure the amount from Parliament. Beyond a doubt he would have better gratified his interviewers if he had confined himself to the matter of their request (which would not have involved half the outlay), and promised to press that on his colleagues and on the House. It will be a serious pity if this most obvious injustice to the female teachers should remain un-redressed because the Minister entangles it with other proposals which, however reasonable, do not so directly touch the sense of wrong.

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(Said to be an email written by an American teacher in 2013)

TEACHER'S QUERY

After being interviewed by the school administration the prospective teacher said:-“Let me get this right”,

You want me to go into that room with all those kids, correct their disruptive behaviour, observe them for signs of abuse, monitor their dress habits, censor their T-shirt messages and instil in them the love of learning.

You want me to check their backpacks for weapons, wage war on drugs, sexually transmitted diseases, and raise their sense of self - esteem and personal pride.

You want me to teach them patriotism and good citizenship, sportsmanship and fair play, and how to register to vote, balance a cheque book, and apply for a job.

You want me to check their heads for lice, recognise signs of antisocial behaviour and ensure they pass their final exams.

You also want me to provide them with an equal education regardless of their handicap, and communicate with their parents in English, Spanish, or any other language, by letter, phone, newsletter and report card.

You want me to do all this with a piece of chalk, a blackboard, a bulletin board, a few books, a big smile, and a starting salary that qualifies me for food stamps.

You want me to do all this, and then YOU tell me

I CAN'T PRAY OR WEAR A LITTLE CROSS OR SAY “MERRY CHRISTMAS” because someone might take offence?

IPSWICH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Inc
FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2023/24
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

To 30 June 2024		
Balance 1 July 2023		\$15,253.08
INCOME		
Membership Fees	\$2,630.00	
Research Fees	\$100.00	
Door Money	\$158.20	
Gifts and donations	\$390.50	
Library Equipment & Supplies		
Printouts & Photocopying	\$51.55	
Other Income	\$396.10	
Functions & Displays		
Raffles	\$169.10	
TOTAL INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023/24		\$3895.45
EXPENDITURE		
Annual Costs		
Telstra Account	\$336.60	
Ausie Broadband	\$887.57	
IPS TECH	\$4,769.82	
Hist. QLD membership	\$38.50	
Gallager Contents Insurance	\$192.98	
History Qld. Insurance	\$345.00	
Air conditioner installation	\$330.00	
Printer cartridge purchase	\$152.00	
Committee petty cash	\$200.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		\$7252.47
STATEMENT BY TREASURER		
The Ipswich Genealogical Society's books are kept in an appropriate manner to record the income and expenditure above.		\$11.96.06
LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	-	\$3357.02
BALANCE SHEET		
Retained earnings- Balance 1 July 2023		\$15,353.08
Loss for the financial year	-	\$3,357.02
Balance 30 June 2024		\$11,996.06
Assets		
Bendigo Bank		\$11,996.06
Float		\$70.00
Net assets		\$12,066.06

ODDS & ENDS

Queensland Times, Ipswich Herald and General Advertiser (Qld. : 1861 - 1908), Thursday 26 May 1898, page 3

ROYAL AVOIDUPOIS. Her Majesty the Queen, (Victoria), though only 4ft. 10in. in height, is close upon 12st in weight. The heaviest Queen in Europe is her ex-Majesty Isabella of Spain, who turns the scale at 14st. The Empress of Austria, from her constant exercise and early rising, weighs only 6 ½st The Empress of Germany turns the scale at 13st, and the Czarina of Russia can only put to her credit 8st. and some odd pounds.

Queensland Times (Ipswich, Qld. : 1909 - 1954), Saturday 21 June 1924, page 8

IPSWICH SHIPPING. The S.S. Essex berthed at the Ipswich wharves yesterday morning with a large consignment of goods for Ipswich. The cargo included 82 bags of onions, 77 cases of paints, 24 cases of drugs, 40 bags of potatoes, 82 bags of oats, 53 cases of tinned fish, 25 cases of tinned fruits, 28 cases of kerosene, 25 bales of paper, 46 half-hogsheads of beer, 40 crates of ale, 96 bags of sugar, 100 rails, 96 cases of groceries, 40 packages of hardware, eight cases of drapery, 17 cases of wines and spirits, 25 cases of tea, 12 bundles of steel, 11 cases of motor spirits. The Essex returned to Brisbane this afternoon with 24 packages of woollen goods for Sydney, five passengers for Melbourne, and 93 castings for Brisbane.

CHOICES;

My job is to choose what kind of a day I will have -

Today I can complain because the weather is rainy, or I can be thankful that the grass is getting watered.

Today I can feel sad that I do not have more money, or I can be glad that my finances encourage me to plan my purchases wisely and guide me away from waste.

Today I can grumble about my health, or rejoice that I am alive. Today I can cry because roses have thorns, or celebrate that roses are beautiful.

Today I can mourn my lack of friends, or I can excitedly embark upon a quest to discover new relationships.

Today I can complain that I have to go to work, or I can shout for joy that I have a job.

Today I can moan because I have to go to school, or eagerly open my mind and fill it with rich titbits of knowledge.

Today I can murmur dejectedly because I have to do housework, or I can appreciate that I have a place to call home.

What today will be like is up to me. I can choose what kind of a day I will have.

GATTON and DISTRICT

In 1841 "Cocky" ROGERS was the first to cross to the eastern side of the range to where Grantham is to-day, with sheep from Bathurst belonging to George **Mocatta**.

New South Wales records show that on 11 April 1855, a site had been chosen for Gatton on Lockyer Creek, County of Churchill, and on 22 January 1856, the first recorded sale of land was to Richard **Gill**.

The name Gatton is said to come from Gatton Park in Surrey, England. The first Post Office opened in Gatton in 1865, the first school 1876, three years after one at Lower Tent Hill.

The first rail line in Queensland was opened from Ipswich to Bigges Camp, now Grandchester, on 31 July 1865, then to Gatton, 1 June 1866, to Helidon, 30 July 1866 and on 1 May 1867 the line to Toowoomba was completed.

IMMIGRANTS TO THE AREA

Because of the Industrial Revolution, there was little opportunity for people in Europe and Britain for employment, and next to no hope of owning land. One thing that Queensland did have was land, and if the new settlers could afford the fare, they were entitled to a Land Order, which they could either sell, or make use of.

Many came and took advantage of the offer, and as years went by, more of their relations came to join them. Sometimes on board ship, would be many families who were related, or from the one village or town.

The "Immigration Act of 1864", which entitled each holder to a non-transferable Land Order to the value of 30 pound for each adult, and 15 pound for each child under 12 years, gave the families a start, although the deeds were not available for 2 years. This Act helped prevent the "purchase" of the land from the needy immigrants, by some people who took advantage of the situation.

The people tended to settle in the one area, close to either relations, or friends, and mainly carried on the culture of their homeland. As an example, the Germans cooked the food as they always had, wurst made from pork and beef, which is a sausage that was then smoked, sauerkraut, from cabbage and they grew corn and potatoes and pumpkin.

Most were deeply religious, and until churches were built, gatherings were in private homes.

Ever Wondered?

... Why the sun lightens your hair, but darkens your skin?
... Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?
... Who tastes dog food when it has 'new improved' taste?

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

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FROM RAIL TO WAR – QR Employees who enlisted in the Anglo Boer War 1899 – 1902 and the Great War 1914 – 1918 plus other information.
USB \$25.00 plus \$5.00 P&P [Australia]

PLACES OF WORSHIP – Ipswich & District Churches
Short history of churches in the area \$5.00 + \$2.50 P&P in Australia

INDEX TO IPSWICH CEMETERY BURIAL REGISTER 1847 – 2014
Over 36,000 records giving full name, age, death and burial dates where available 1 CD - \$20.00 + \$5.00 P&P

INDEX TO IPSWICH GENERAL CEMETERY 1851 - 1992 & Columbarium Wall 1949 - 1992. One microfiche \$6 includes postage in Australia. Over 15,000 entries with details of name, age and date of death.

BIRTH, DEATH & MARRIAGE EXTRACTS 1858 – 1865 from The North Australian & Ipswich General Advertiser. \$10 + \$10.00 P&P in Australia

CITIZENS OF IPSWICH - 1904 Names of Ipswich citizens in 1904 taken from Available Church Records - Baptisms, Deaths and Marriages, Electoral Rolls, Post Office Directory, Available School Rolls, Queensland Times Reports. \$10 + \$10.00 P&P in Australia

IPSWICH & DISTRICT PIONEER REGISTER - pre 1914; Pioneer Families of the Ipswich, Gatton, Laidley, Boonah and Esk areas of Queensland.
Please note prices: Set Volumes 1 & 2 - \$10 + \$18 P&P in Australia

JUBILEE HISTORY OF IPSWICH 1910 Commemorates the Jubilee of Municipal Government. Reproduced on CD from the original 157 page book \$19.50 (\$6.00 P&P)

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