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**Benefits of Membership** Members are invited to participate in General Meetings held in the months of Feb, April, June, August, October and December, commencing 10am - 12noon. Apart from normal procedures, meetings usually include an activity such as a guest speaker, presentation on the Association's resources, discussions relating to the past or matters of interest. Members may attend the library during advertised opening hours free of charge.

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# News from the President

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Welcome to our first publication for 2025. I hope you all enjoyed the festive season with family and friends.

Exciting activities and workshops will occur throughout 2025. Our first event was a Beginner's Day focused on DNA research; was held on 15 February. At the March general meeting, our guest speaker will be Mr. George Birkbeck from Glenmore Homestead, who will share his family's journey to Rockhampton in the 1860s. Upcoming presentations for 2025 include Peter Dunn OAM on 17 April who is an expert in military research who will present "Rockhampton at War". Please stay alert for event advertisements.



The Social BBQ in October 2024 was a success, filled with stories from the past and much laughter. We express our gratitude to Chris Wright for her presentation on Remembrance Day 2024 at the Gracemere RSL. The committee is nearing finalization of key items concerning planning and replacement of equipment as per the operational plan and budget. Our historic tree received much-needed care with the trimming of its lower branches. We extend our thanks to the Rockhampton Regional Council for undertaking this task. Our building and gate now feature new signs showcasing the CQFHA logo. Future initiatives include the possibility of re-establishing interest groups and organizing additional education and celebratory events such as St. Patrick's Day, Volunteer's Week, and Senior's Week. Planning will commence this year to celebrate our 40th anniversary.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our annual Christmas hamper raffle. Many members and our Patron Donna Kirkland enjoyed the Christmas breakup and lunch. Congratulations to Sharon Wright, member #5, who received life membership at the December general meeting

A survey was held in relation to the number of general meetings CQFHA held and it has been decided to move to every second month for general meetings.

I look forward to seeing you more in our rooms researching your families and having a cuppa together. If you would like to assist with any activity, project or have ideas please let me know your thoughts. Let's make 2025 the best year yet!

***Roseann Creagh***

*President*

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## Journal Editors Desk

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Thank you to all who have contributed to such a wide variety of stories, newspaper articles and photographs, jokes and memes. It doesn't matter how big or small, without your help our publications would not happen.

We have covered articles across the continents and centuries of our ancestors.

Our next issue which will be published in June and articles for this publication are due by 30 April 2025. Please email your articles to: [journal@cqfamilyhistory.org.au](mailto:journal@cqfamilyhistory.org.au)

Roseann Creagh  
Editor

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## What's been happening at CQFHA.....

- **Fundraising** – December raffle raised \$636.50 which included cash donations as well as sale of tickets.
- **Grants** – Applications are being submitted on a regular basis.
- **Yard Maintenance** – Efforts are being made to control weed growth following the summer rains.
- **Volunteers** – Canvassing for additional volunteers are needed to assist with various tasks. Please contact us if you can help.
- **Containers for Change** – We have received \$55.80 in December for the cash for cans collections.

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## Welcome to New Members

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A warm welcome to all new and rejoining members. Please make yourself at home and don't be afraid to ask for help. If we can't help you with a specific question, we will point you in the right direction. We pride ourselves on being a friendly and welcoming group of people with a common interest in keeping our family heritage alive.



Raymond Parsons  
Debbie Streeter

Charlotte Hutchinson  
Ruth McFarlane

Robert Hutchinson

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# Soldier and Shearer

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By Graham Creagh

John Patrick Creagh, more commonly known as Jack was born in Springsure, Queensland on 6 September 1918, the second eldest child of William Richard Creagh and Jessie Creagh (nee Taylor). Jack had four sisters Mary (Watkins), Frances (deceased), Kathleen (Stephenson), Winifred (Thompson) and two brothers William (deceased) and Kevin. Frances and William passed away at a tender age as a result of meningitis and gastroenteritis respectively.

Jack spent his early years on the family property of *'Primrose Vale'* Springsure and started his education at the Carbeign School that was located near the family property. Jack and his siblings would ride their horses to and from the Carbeign School each day.

Leaving school with a Grade 7 education, Jack commenced his working life on the family and other district properties doing station hand type work. It was whilst working on the family properties that Jack first started to learn to shear sheep from his father. In 1936 at the age of 17 years Jack headed west to Blackall, Queensland where he signed on as a learner shearer at *'Northhampton Downs'* station. Jack was one of twenty shearers contracted to shear 90,000 sheep on *Northhampton Downs* where conditions were primitive by today's standards as you had to collect your sack on arrival at the shearing shed and stuff it with straw for a mattress.

Jack's next shearing shed was *'Terrick Terrick'* station also near Blackall, where he was to be struck down with 'scabby mouth' from shearing infected sheep. After spending over a week in the Blackall Hospital recovering, Jack returned to Springsure to convalesce. After regaining full health Jack was to remain in the Springsure District mainly living and working on the family properties of *'Primrose Vale'*, *'Sarsfield'* and *'Whitefield Park'*.

At the Springsure 1940 New Year's Eve ball Jack was to meet and fall in love with Margaret (Peggy) Hennessey, a local Springsure lass. Peg and Jack went on to marry on the 12 May 1943, although the last 12 months of their engagement and early married life was spent apart with Jack in army fatigues and under training at Goondiwindi, Glen Innes, Canungra and Sellheim before later serving in the New Guinea theatre of World War 2.



Jack joined the Australian Army on the 18 May 1942 and was assigned to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Australian Infantry Battalion. Jack arrived in Lae, Papua New Guinea on the 11 January 1944 and sailed from Rabaul, New Britain on 8 January 1946 having served at Lae, Madang, Finchaven and Jacquinot Bay before being part of the allied forces that sailed into Rabaul Harbour to accept the Japanese surrender at war's end. Jack and Peggy's first child, daughter Auriel was born on 30 May 1944 whilst Jack was serving in New Guinea.



Following his discharge from the army Jack and Peg relocated to Barcaldine in March 1946 so Jack could rekindle a career as a sheep shearer. Jack and Peg welcomed their second daughter Aveline in 1946 followed by the birth of their first son Rodney in 1949. Their last child and second son Graham arrived in 1955.

Jack's sheep shearing career was predominately spent in the Central Western region of Queensland working for Barcaldine based shearing contractors such as Joe Whetton, Cecil Oates, Jimmy Inch and Evan Ballinger enduring this tough physical work to raise and educate his family.

During his time in the shearing sheds Jack forged respect and close lifelong



mateships with other legends and tough characters of the shearing industry such as Powder and Chops Hayes, Fritz Plumb, Reggie Bunt, Tommy Crompton, Percy Mennyweather, Frank Dancy and Billy Balderson of Barcaldine to name

but a few. Jack also worked alongside two brothers-in-law, Barty Stephenson and

Back Row (L – R) Ken Lill (shearers cook), Dougal McInnes, Jack Creagh, Reg Bunt, Russell Whyte, Viv McTaggart & Jim Dyer Front Row (L – R) Angus 'Chicka' Scott, Alan Nicholson, Ken Jones & dog, Des Scott & Joe Whetton (shearing contractor & wool classer). Taken at Maranda Station Aramac May 1959

Dave Watkins of Barcaldine during this time. Dave Watkins who also hailed from the Springsure district was a renowned 'gun' shearer in that era. Jack often recounted the story about shearing at "*Galway Downs*" outside Windorah in 1955 when the heavens opened up. It took Barty and Jack a week to travel through the boggy unsealed roads and flooded creeks (over 400 km) to reach Barcaldine enduring a staple diet of fried scones or pufaloons and syrup. Barty was apparently sworn off fried scones for life after this adventure.

Jack was to keep a detailed record of each shed he worked at from 1946 to 1964 inclusive and today this helps in providing a picture of what the wool industry was like during that period. In those 19 years Jack shored 325,751 sheep and crutched a further 94,899 sheep earning total net wages of £22,383. Although it is unknown how many sheep Jack actually shored during his 31 year career it can be conservatively estimated that this would be well in excess of half a million sheep based on those recorded years.

### Record of Sheep Shorn by Jack Creagh of Barcaldine from 1946 to 1964

#### Shearing Summary:

| Year          | Number of<br>Sheep Shorn | Number of<br>Sheep Crutched | Cheque        |          |          | Tax          |           |          | Expenses     |           |          |
|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|--------------|-----------|----------|--------------|-----------|----------|
|               |                          |                             | £             | s        | d        | £            | s         | d        | £            | s         | d        |
| 1946          | 9,054                    | 1,207                       | 190           | 5        | 0        | 12           | 12        | 10       | 34           | 17        | 6        |
| 1947          | 12,940                   | 3,690                       | 260           | 12       | 11       | 12           | 17        | 0        | 81           | 4         | 11       |
| 1948          | 19,998                   | 4,327                       | 485           | 7        | 1        | 24           | 12        | 4        | 107          | 12        | 6        |
| 1949          | 12,785                   | 9,768                       | 494           | 17       | 5        | 10           | 10        | 2        | 73           | 12        | 6        |
| 1950          | 12,490                   | 8,616                       | 637           | 6        | 4        | 22           | 13        | 11       | 94           | 3         | 10       |
| 1951          | 17,490                   | 3,649                       | 1,199         | 13       | 3        | 60           | 6         | 4        | 128          | 13        | 7        |
| 1952          | 15,354                   | 6,423                       | 1,157         | 10       | 0        | 62           | 0         | 0        | 159          | 8         | 8        |
| 1953          | 18,912                   | 4,887                       | 1,325         | 1        | 3        | 74           | 18        | 10       | 179          | 16        | 5        |
| 1954          | 19,067                   | 114                         | 1,227         | 13       | 11       | 76           | 7         | 6        | 264          | 10        | 7        |
| 1955          | 18,142                   | 1,440                       | 1,247         | 18       | 11       | 79           | 12        | 9        | 222          | 6         | 2        |
| 1956          | 16,176                   | 797                         | 1,264         | 14       | 7        | 52           | 3         | 3        | 189          | 3         | 2        |
| 1957          | 18,083                   | 10,599                      | 1,451         | 17       | 11       | 109          | 19        | 1        | 211          | 1         | 7        |
| 1958          | 16,923                   | 8,833                       | 1,473         | 5        | 7        | 82           | 3         | 3        | 175          | 4         | 7        |
| 1959          | 19,823                   | 1,350                       | 1,471         | 16       | 1        | 105          | 5         | 0        | 179          | 11        | 4        |
| 1960          | 20,866                   | 2,273                       | 1,670         | 13       | 5        | 91           | 0         | 6        | 219          | 15        | 5        |
| 1961          | 18,207                   | 7,343                       | 1,600         | 2        | 4        | 96           | 1         | 0        | 213          | 5         | 8        |
| 1962          | 20,793                   | 11,171                      | 1,891         | 14       | 5        | 107          | 11        | 0        | 255          | 16        | 8        |
| 1963          | 18,612                   | 4,190                       | 1,575         | 9        | 8        | 90           | 12        | 9        | 216          | 14        | 8        |
| 1964          | 20,036                   | 4,222                       | 1,757         | 3        | 4        | 101          | 4         | 3        | 230          | 15        | 9        |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>325,751</b>           | <b>94,899</b>               | <b>22,383</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>1,272</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>3,237</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>6</b> |

In November 1977 Jack finally hung up the shears taking up the position of Janitor / Grounds person at the Barcaldine State School until his retirement in 1983.



Jack was a keen gardener throughout his life growing grapes, citrus and various vegetables and enjoyed fishing for yellowbelly in the nearby Thompson and Barcoo Rivers. Jack also liked a flutter on the horses each Saturday.

Jack remained in Barcaldine, passing away on the 10 June 2013 aged 94 years and 9 months following a battle with cancer. Peggy had pre-deceased him 3 years earlier and they are interred together in the Barcaldine cemetery.

At the time of his death Jack was the last surviving shearer from the immediate post Second World War era and the second last surviving WW2 veteran in Barcaldine.

DATE 6-6-63 Thursday

167  
157  
10

| PENS | NAME       | COUNTS OUT |     |     |     |     |   | DAY'S TOTAL | BROUGHT FORWARD | TOTAL TO DATE | CLASS OF SHEEP SHORN, ETC. |
|------|------------|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|-------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------|
|      |            | 1          | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6 |             |                 |               |                            |
| 1    | A Snow     | 23         | 6   | 15  | 22  | 26  |   | 92          | 549             | 641           | 220 W                      |
| 2    | R Rogers   | 26         | 7   | 18  | 26  | 25  |   | 102         | 25              | 127           | 200                        |
| 3    | J Creagh   | 27         | 8   | 20  | 33  | 28  |   | 116         | 637             | 753           | 420 CW                     |
| 4    | W Bonstead | 27         | 7   | 19  | 26  | 24  |   | 103         | 544             | 647           | 328                        |
| 5    | G Rabnot   | 28         | 7   | 21  | 30  | 27  |   | 113         | 627             | 740           | 641                        |
| 6    | D Payne    | 29         | 9   | 21  | 31  | 31  |   | 121         | 674             | 795           | 1389                       |
| 7    |            |            |     |     |     |     |   |             | 224             | 224           | 229                        |
| 8    |            | 160        | 44  | 114 | 168 | 161 |   | 647         | 3280            | 3927          | 647                        |
| 9    |            | CW         | 1   | W   |     |     |   |             |                 |               | 641                        |
| 10   |            |            |     |     |     |     |   |             |                 |               | 1517                       |
| 11   | A Snow     | 25         | 20  | 21  | 19  |     |   | 85          | 641             | 726           |                            |
| 12   | R Rogers   | 27         | 31  | 29  | 24  |     |   | 111         | 127             | 238           |                            |
| 13   | J Creagh   | 29         | 28  | 27  | 24  |     |   | 108         | 753             | 861           |                            |
| 14   | W Bonstead | 27         | 27  | 24  | 21  |     |   | 99          | 647             | 746           |                            |
| 15   | G Rabnot   | 30         | 29  | 32  | 26  |     |   | 117         | 740             | 857           |                            |
| 16   | D Payne    | 30         | 31  | 32  | 28  |     |   | 121         | 795             | 916           |                            |
| 17   |            |            |     |     |     |     |   |             | 224             | 224           |                            |
| 18   |            | 119        | 116 | 115 | 103 |     |   | 111         | 3037            | 4550          |                            |

7-6-63 Friday

Extract of 1963 Shed Tally Book at 'Shandon Vale' station Barcaldine detailing sheep shorn by Jack Creagh

Sample of Jack Creagh's union tickets



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## Family DNA Conundrum

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DNA matches can sometimes seem a little confusing. How can someone with both a maternal maternal (MM) and a maternal paternal (MP) with 373cM be a match to me? Who is the common ancestor and how?

Recently I was visiting a “cousin” (her maternal aunt is married to my maternal uncle) with no blood relationship to me. We were discussing DNA matches. She opened her Ancestry DNA and made a comment about an unusual match where someone with 490cM matched both her MM and MP sides. Then she said the name! The same name that was a match in my family tree DNA and matched both my MM and MP sides. Confusion reigned for a short while as we looked for other corresponding matches in our trees and found none.

We messaged the “person of interest” (POI) and asked how they fitted into both of our trees with both MM and MP for both of us “cousins” with no blood relationship. We also messaged a 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin of mine who only had an MM match with the POI and she gave a suggestion. Then we heard back from the POI, they were conceived by IVF and they let us know they were about 40ish. With this information we deduced that there was only one common blood-related male 1<sup>st</sup> cousin to both of us, the non-blood-related “cousin” and me. This male 1<sup>st</sup> cousin was at university about the time of POI’s conception. IVF was fairly new in Australia in the 1980s and we knew that POI and an older sibling were conceived in the early 1980s. Uni students, I believe, were told they would be paid if they donated their sperm. Bingo! There’s our answer. My “cousin” then spoke with her brother about what we had discovered and deduced, and he said, “We all knew that he (the common blood-related cousin) was at uni and donating his sperm at that time.”

The early programs relied on men willing to donate their sperm regularly and many of the early donors were medical students. Sperm donors at this time were told that their identity would be kept private forever. Some states overturned their donor anonymity and today with the widespread use of DNA matching, as in our case, the donor was no longer anonymous. Our POI doesn’t wish to pursue anything further at present and we respect that, but POI may at some point wish to know a little about the medical history of the four families they are connected to.

So, if you are trying to work out how an unusual match occurred, remember there is the very real possibility of donor conceived IVF. Looking back, it is so obvious that this is the only way that the four families could be connected.



# Beginners' Day



The Beginners' Day held on 15 Feb 2025 was highly successful with 10 of our members participating. Each member is at a different stage in their family history research journey. It was a pleasure to welcome everyone to the venue and share our knowledge and expertise. The day was very engaging give us the opportunity to now plan for further events

for our members and the wider community.

Many thanks to those behind the scenes who made this event possible. The efforts in planning, set up, and assistance on the day was greatly appreciated. Congratulations to Chris Wright, our presenter, for her friendly and helpful demeanor.

Congratulations to Glynn Garry who won the lucky door prize! It is hoped that Glynn will put it to good use.



# Mothers' Day – My Favourite Find

*By Sharon Parkinson*

My handwriting shows it may have been approximately 1964, grade 5 handwriting. We had learned how to do cursive handwriting but mine wasn't perfect like when we would do the subject "Copy Book". The lines in the copy book would show us the slant our writing needed to be at, the evenness of the size, how to only write between the lines. When it came to free handwriting, it wasn't the same. No perfection of slope or size.

Mum died 26 April 2003, the day after Anzac Day and the day before my husband's, Jeff's, birthday. Three memorable days in a row to celebrate and to celebrate differently - Anzac Day, we remember our troops who fought hard to give us the freedom that we now enjoy; Mum's life to be remembered for all that she did for me and our family, the sacrifices she made when we were struggling financially and as a child I was not aware of and my husband Jeff, so glad he was born as without him I would not be the woman I am today – a most caring and loving husband.

Today, I want to share a find that I only found a couple of days ago. Yes, mum did die in 2003, 21 years ago, I did pack up a lot of paperwork and take it home but only now am starting to go through it. Mum obviously had some keepsakes and one of them was the Mother's Day card I gave her, I think, in 1964. To her it must have been special. Dad was always aware of the days in our lives that would need celebrating and made sure that they were. We didn't have a lot of money but maybe with a little savings from my 1 shilling a week, or was it 6d, pocket money and with a little help from dad, I bought a card for mum. Even now when I look at it, I love it and know in my heart why I bought it.



My childhood memory has mum always being busy as she taught school and definitely gave more time and effort to this than the 40 hours of a normal working week. Mum always had dinner on the table at 6pm as dad would be home from work and, being diabetic, it was important for him to have regular meals and it was also the start of the 6pm news on Channel 9. (Dad had made a

large hole in the wall between the kitchen and the loungeroom, with a folding door inserted, so we could sit at the table and watch/hear the news – it saved time to do two things at once.) As a small child we had a blue chair in the kitchen and this was the “hug chair” and as a child mum and I would sit there, often on a Friday afternoon/evening, having a hug. I don’t remember getting too large to do this, but I guess I did, as mum was not a large-framed woman and I would not like to have squashed her. Mum always had us dressed well, not expensively, in our homemade clothes. She was a good seamstress and now as I reminisce, when were these clothes made? Obviously, mum sat up late at night sewing. Mum always “made do” and I certainly never felt as though I went without.

Thank you, mum, for your care in getting me through to nineteen when I left home. Memories of you will always stay with me.

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## Building a City

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*By Linda Marshall*

According to a newspaper obituary, John and Ellen Smallwood arrived in Rockhampton on the 10th September 1858. The report continues “Deceased (Ellen) could claim to be one of the first residents, as there were no houses in Rockhampton at that time and the habitations were all tents on the bank of the Fitzroy River.” (Cairns Post, 25th August 1909). Both Ellen and John had arrived on the “Beejapore” into Sydney the year before. They presumably met on the ship, as Ellen, travelling with her sister, Jane, was from Bristol, while John was from London. They married in Sydney in November the same year, 1857. They came to Rockhampton as a young married couple, maybe the gold rush enticed them, however John was a carpenter, so there was plenty of work for him in helping to build a new settlement. The couple were to have 13 children, although 4 died in early childhood. Ellen actually travelled back to Sydney to give birth to her first two children, unfortunately her first child Henry J, died at 2 months of age. JTS Bird states that Ellen may have given birth to the first child born in Rockhampton if she had stayed here for the birth of her first child. (Early History of Rockhampton). Giving birth to a first child in such circumstances would have been a daunting prospect for a young woman. She obviously preferred to go back to Sydney to the support of her sister. Her entire family, the Pittards, were to eventually migrate settling in Victoria.

Ellen’s sister, Jane, and her husband John Onley, did move to Rockhampton for a few years, after initially living in Sydney. John was employed as a Clerk. They appeared to be here for most of the 1860’s. Three of their ten children were born



here, unfortunately two of the three died in infancy, possibly the reason they moved to Victoria, closer to Jane's family.

John Smallwood had been apprenticed to a Henry Bull in Paddington, Marylebone (London) in the 1851 Census, a man who was to also come to Central Queensland. The shipping list states that both his parents were deceased by 1857, so at 24 years old John must have been looking for a bright new future. I have read that he may have worked with Daniel Ramm before Daniel settled in Upper Ulam although I can't substantiate this. This is possible though as they both travelled out on the same ship, so would have known each other. Daniel was also a carpenter. In 1865 one of John's projects was to remove and fix up a building given by the President of the Port Curtis and Leichhardt Districts Hospital, for the purpose of turning it into a convalescent ward (newspaper report). John at some point became business partners with Joseph Dean. In October 1879 they put in tenders for both Stanwell School, and Port Curtis Road School.

I don't know the outcomes of these tenders, but they were successful in bidding to the City Council for the work of erecting the shed for the Corporation wharf, at a cost of £62 6s in 1880.

| No. | Port Curtis Road School       |               | Amount |    |   |
|-----|-------------------------------|---------------|--------|----|---|
| 1   | Dean & Smallwood<br>(6 weeks) | Work required | 122    | "  | " |
| 2   | David Wiley<br>(no time)      | --- Ditto --- | 106    | 4  | " |
| 3   | J. Blume<br>(1 month)         | --- Ditto --- | 110    | 10 | " |
| 4   | J. O'Dwyer<br>(4 weeks)       | --- Ditto --- | 87     | "  | " |

Another carpenter to tender for the school works was John O'Dwyer. John's daughter, Mary Joseph O'Dwyer was to marry John and Ellen's eighth child, William, they became my great grandparents. So I had two carpenters in early Rockhampton (John O'Dwyer and family arriving later in 1873).

| Stanwell School. |                               |                    |    |    |   |
|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|----|----|---|
| 1                | David Wiley                   | (Shop & residence) | 13 | 12 | " |
| 2                | J. Blume<br>(2 weeks)         | (work required)    | 13 | "  | " |
| 3                | Dean & Smallwood<br>(2 weeks) | (ditto)            | 20 | "  | " |
| 4                | John O'Dwyer<br>(4 weeks)     | (ditto)            | 33 | "  | " |
| 5                | George Jones<br>(1 month)     | (ditto)            | 10 | "  | " |

I don't know when the Smallwood & Dean partnership ended. A newspaper report in 1883 states that John Smallwood had completed building 8

new cottages along the Central Railway line. Also in 1889 it appears that he built the Police quarters in Alpha (Gazetted at a cost of £620). No mention of Joseph Dean in these reports.

John bought his first property in 1860, according to the Crown Land Sales in Queensland. He appears to have owned quite a few properties over his years in Rockhampton. Whether he built them or just renovated them is unknown. During this time his family was continuing to grow, their last child, Elizabeth being born in 1881. His eldest sons were enrolled in the Central Boys School soon after it opened in 1862, although they would have still been too young to attend school that year. I suspect the family wanted to support the beginnings of education in the township. His son, William (my G Grandfather) was born (1868) in a property on the corner of Bolsover and Stanley Streets. In the same year there is an advertisement for the sale of a half-acre of land, fenced in with a four roomed brick cottage in George Street, near Mr Gregory's, District Surveyor. John Smallwood was selling this property. Earlier in 1865 he was renting out a 'convenient four-roomed cottage' on the corner of Bolsover and Stanley Streets, below the Presbyterian Church (presumably this was the house they were living in by 1868). Another advertisement mentions a five-roomed house in Campbell Street between Denham and Fitzroy Streets.

After John's death in 1891 Ellen moved to Brisbane to be near one of her elder sons. At that time, probably the three youngest children would have still been living at home. She sold the house they were living in at the time - a 5 roomed house fronting Kent Street, it had a bathroom, verandah all round, ceiled, passage, water laid on, and with every convenience. The photo below is possibly this house, it is thought that John built it himself, but this can't be proved.



Most of John's sons gained employment in the railway, moving around Queensland with their jobs, spread from Cairns to Brisbane. My great grandfather was the exception. He eventually became an accountant and worked for the Bibbohra Meat Works in Townsville before heading further north to Mareeba and Yungaburra. He managed sugar mills and timber mills in the area. He also had some time as a Councillor in Mareeba. His eldest daughter Eileen, with her husband Fred Scott, returned to Rockhampton in the 1930's. My parents left again in the mid 1940's, and I returned with my father in the mid 1990's. So, for the last 166 years we have had some association in one form or another with Rockhampton, as other family members (on both sides of my family) remained and contributed to the city.

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## Making Toowoomba Great

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*By Jeanette Finlayson*

### **PART 1 – Johannes and Christiana Schumann.**

In an earlier Journal I wrote an article about my Great Grandparents who were early settlers in Middle Ridge, Toowoomba, after arriving from Germany in the early 1860s. Johannes Schumann started his life in Toowoomba as a small crop farmer, producing mainly potatoes which he sold locally. Records also show that, in 1871,

Johannes applied for a hardwood Timber Licence at the cost of £1 and in December 1877 he applied for a second Licence for 15/-. Undoubtedly, he was helping to clear the land for development.



When we look at the fine city of Toowoomba today, it is difficult to picture just what it would have been like in the early 1860s when Johannes and Christiana had arrived there. In 1857 the population of Toowoomba was given as 200 people. In 1861, tenders were called

for the stumping and clearing of Ruthven St which is now the main street. In December of that year, a start was made to clear Hume Street, so one can get a vague idea of what Hume Street was like by 1865 where Johannes and Christiana had made their home. The first train arrived in Toowoomba in 1867 and by 1868 the official Census of Toowoomba had reached 3000 inhabitants, so it is clear the Schumann family was amongst the first to set the city of Toowoomba on the map. By 1868 Johannes and Christiana had helped to boost the population by 4, as Maria,



John, Catherine and Magdalena were born to them. Later 4 more children were born to them. Unfortunately, John died in 1868, aged 3, but another “John” (my Grandfather) came along in 1879.



## **PART 2 –John and Emma Schumann**

By the time Grandfather John Schumann was born in 1879, his parents had moved to James Street, but they still worked their free-hold land in Hume Street, growing potatoes and other small crops. Later on, Johannes worked as a Boot and Shoe Repairer.

John was educated at South Toowoomba Boys’ School, and when he was 22 years of age, he married Emma Otto in the Lutheran Church.

John became a Maltster and worked for Anderson Malting Company at the Malthouse in Black Gully, Toowoomba. In 1905 John took on the job of Manager of the Malthouse in Warwick, for William Jones and Co. By this time John and Emma had 2 children, Mona and



1 Toowoomba Malthouse 1927

Eileen. While they were in Warwick, 4 more children were born to them – Pearl in 1906, Arnold 1908, Elsie 1910 and my Mum, Ilma born 1912.

The following year the family moved back to Toowoomba and John went back to working in the Malthouse in Black Gully. The Malthouse played a big part in the children’s lives. My Mum recalled the wonderful times they had in their childhood, playing in the Malthouse in the “Off Season”. There was a large concrete area which was filled with water for steeping the barley in the working season, but in the “Off Season” my grandfather, John, still filled it with water, and the children used it as

their swimming pool. Sometimes children from the neighbourhood would join them. They also played Hide and Seek amongst the many bags of barley waiting to be steeped when the time came.

The barley also brought pleasure to a lot of other people. After it was steeped it was turned into malt, and the malt was used in the brewing of beer. It was also used for distilled alcohol for making whiskey.

Yes. My family helped to make Australia great! What would Aussies do without their beer? Unfortunately, the Toowoomba Malthouse no longer exists as a going concern, but the part of the building which remains is now Heritage Listed.

### **PART 3 – Pearl and Mona Schumann**

John and Emma had 9 children, all of whom were educated in Toowoomba and lived productive lives. As the years rolled on, several of the children moved away, but a couple remained in Toowoomba and contributed to its greatness, in my humble opinion.

Pearl, who was born in 1906, married Cecil Swenson in Toowoomba on September 8, 1928. They had 2 sons, Bernard and Barrie. My mum, Ilma, (always called “Billie”), and Auntie Pearl were very close and even though we did not live in Toowoomba we always kept in touch and visited when possible. Eventually Cecil and Pearl bought a block of



land at 4 Herries Street Toowoomba, which ended up being a very much visited address. They built a lovely home there and took pride in gardening and planting beautiful flowers and shrubs.



After Uncle Cecil retired from his office job, he took his gardening very seriously and studied landscaping and gardening. He was very much involved with “The Carnival of Flowers” and he and Auntie Pearl won Champion Garden at least 9 times. He loved giving advice to people who sought it, and even had a show on the radio where people could ring in and ask for his help with gardening problems. Cecil and Pearl were a very devoted couple who spent many, many hours in the garden together. A large amount of money was donated to charities when visitors to the garden at Carnival time left donations in the box at the entrance.

There shouldn't be any argument that this couple contributed to the greatness and beauty of Toowoomba.

Another of John and Emma's children who remained in Toowoomba for most of her life was their eldest child, Mona, born 1902. Mona became a teacher and taught in small country schools for several years and finally in Brisbane. She inherited a great love of the Arts from her parents. They encouraged all of their children to learn a musical instrument and to participate in concerts, singing, playing piano or violin and sometimes acting in small plays. Mona gave up School teaching after 12 years and returned to Toowoomba, however while she was in Brisbane she found the best music teachers available and studied hard and gained the highest degrees in piano playing, possible at that time. Mona also studied speech and Drama.

When she arrived back in Toowoomba, she opened up her own studio for teaching music and “Art of Speech” as it was called at that time. She appeared to be very

successful in this venture and over the years Auntie Mona was responsible for staging many plays and concerts in the City Hall. A great deal of the proceeds from these Concerts went to charities such as the Ambulance, Red Cross and Blind Society. Two memorable Plays were “A Midsummer Night's Dream” and “Bluebird”, with casts of over 120 people.



*2 Mona & Eileen Schumann, Lyons St, Warwick c1907*

The Eisteddfod Committee was another of Mona's greatest interests, with her pupils being encouraged to participate in the Toowoomba Eisteddfods. She was awarded Life Membership in 1990 for her contributions to Speech and Drama. Upon her death in 1993, the Toowoomba Eisteddfod Committee President, Mr John Perry, paid tribute to her significant contribution in the field of Speech to the Citizens of Toowoomba. This was his direct quote. "I think she was viewed in the community, as the grand old lady of elocution, or in her day, the Art of Speech".

I remember very well visiting Auntie Mona in my early 20s, and her comment about me to other family members later, was, "Rough as an uncut diamond!" She was referring to my broad Australian accent which obviously wasn't music to her ears! Despite this, I really must give her credit for her work in the Arts, and think she deserves to be remembered for her promotion of Cultural activities in Toowoomba. Well done Auntie Mona!

As a proud Aussie, I am very grateful to those who have come before us and who have made this great country into what it is today. When the First Fleeters arrived in Sydney Cove in January 1788, there was absolutely nothing here to use except what Mother Nature had provided. Preparations for the settlement had been well thought out in England and the 11 Ships of the First Fleet brought lots of provisions, but it was no Sunday School picnic!

According to information found in the National Library, there were at least 750 convicts plus 550 crew, soldiers and family members to provide for. It was obvious very soon after the arrival, that the food which was supposed to last for 2 years would run out long before then. Crops had been planted but not all survived and there were floods and droughts to contend with. Livestock died or disappeared. Of course there was no housing.

I could go on and on, but I think it is obvious that after starting from such humble beginnings we owe a debt of gratitude to all those who have contributed in any way to making Australia this amazing country which we call "Home". My story happens to be about my Toowoomba family contributions, towards making Australia great. Whether your immigrant ancestors arrived 60,000 years ago or much later, or whether they settled in Rockhampton, Winton, Thursday Island, or Oodnadatta, it doesn't matter. They have helped in some way to make this a place to be proud of.

***"Australians All Let Us All Rejoice"!***

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# How well do I/We remember them?

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*By Sharon Parkinson*

It is a sunny, breezy morning in Rockhampton. It's time for a Family History (FH) day. Some of my ancestors lived in CQ 100+ years ago and I had always thought only at Mount Morgan. But alas, my great great grandfather, George Gunthorpe or maybe George Savage-Gunthorpe, lived in Baree. Prior to moving to CQ, I had never heard of Baree. According to today's Google Maps, it is only 3.8km from Mount Morgan or a 5 minute drive.

I have headed to one of my favourite sites when researching, Trove. Trove can be a fountain of very incidental information about families. What I really noticed about George today, is that it seemed his family remembered him each year on the anniversary of his death.

1905 - GUNTHORPE - At Baree, Mount Morgan, on 11th July, George Gunthorpe, aged 61.

1906 - GUNTHORPE - In loving memory of our dear father, G. Gunthorpe, who died at Baree, on the 11th of July, 1905. (Inserted by T. F. and Lizzie Fox.)

1907 - GUNTHORPE - In loving memory of George Gunthorpe, who died at Baree, 11th July, 1905. Oh, for a touch of a vanished hand. (Inserted by his loving wife and daughter, Mrs. G. Gunthorpe and Mrs. F. Lee, Baree.)

GUNTHORPE - In loving memory of our dear father, George Gunthorpe, who died at Baree, 11th July, 1905. (Inserted by F. and L. Fox, Mount Morgan.)

1909 - GUNTHORPE - In loving memory of George Gunthorpe, who died at Baree on July 11th, 1905. ("Though lost to sight to memory ever dear.")

1911 – GUNTHORPE - In loving memory of our dear father, George Gunthorpe, who died at Baree, the 11th of July, 1905. (Inserted by his daughter and son-in-law, Fred and Lizzie).

GUNTHORPE - In loving memory of our dear husband and father, George Gunthorpe, who died at Baree, 11th July, 1905. Too far away for sight or speech, but not too far for thoughts to reach. (Inserted by his loving wife and family.)

1912 - GUNTHORPE - In loving memory of our dear husband and father, George Gunthorpe, who died at Baree 11th July, 1905. Anchored safe where, storms are o'er. (Inserted by his loving wife and family.)

1914 – GUNTHORPE - In loving memory of our dear Husband and Father, George Gunthorpe, who died at Baree, 11th July, 1905. Still we remember thee. (Inserted by his loving Wife and Family).

1915 – GUNTHORPE - In loving memory of my dear husband and father, George Gunthorpe, who died 11th July, 1905, at Baree. Always remembered. (Inserted by his loving wife and family).

Were there more entries? Maybe, but I didn't look further. By now, 1915, his wife, Louisa Martha nee Newton born in Crowcombe, Somerset, England, was aged 75 and living with her family in Casino, NSW.



Since living in CQ, I have been to “visit” George at the Mount Morgan Cemetery a number of times. I wanted to “meet” this man born in 1843 at Church End, Buckinghamshire, England. He and Louisa migrated to Australia on the ship “Duke of Buccleuch” arriving at Cooktown on 6 November 1883. Two of their children had died prior to leaving England (Louisa Newton and Robert John Newton) and the other nine, Jemima Annie, William George Withers, Emily Jane (my great grandmother), Amelia Mary, Sarah Alice, William George Savage, Robert Ernest, Eliza (Lizzie) Newton and Evelyn Hebe travelled with them.

(Doris Emily Miller nee Pettit standing beside her Grandfather George’s grave in Mount Morgan Cemetery, c. 1978)

Great great grandma Louisa remembered George yearly so, am I doing it all wrong? My grandmother, Doris Emily Pettit (Emily Jane’s daughter) died ... oh yes, it was the year we moved from Melbourne to Sydney and that was ... 1997 no, on checking the year was 1992. My mother, Margaret Dorothy (Doris’s daughter) nee Miller born in Rockhampton, died in 2003. I thought it was when my daughter was about 20 or 21 and my son 18 or 19, 2000 or 2001, but I was two years out.

It's not that I don't care, it's not that I don't check and recheck birth, marriage and death dates when recording that information, and yes, I definitely do care! I think about my family members often and on many different days, just not necessarily on their death dates. I'm more likely to remember their birth dates because without them being born, I would not be here. And I'm so glad I was born into my family and do remember them all with love and affection.



# BREDDIN Family – Prussia to Queensland

by descendant E.M.A. HIBBERD (Gen 5), CQFHA member

## Generation 1. (names have variations in spelling, and their order)

**Johann Christoph BREDDIN** and his wife Anna Elizabeth Mathilda Daniele (*nee*



Generation 1 - Johann C BREDDIN and wife Anna (*nee* WARNS), and child.

WARNS), were already married with one child, when they embarked from Hamburg (21/22 Sep 1863), on the ship “Susanne Godeffroy” bound for Australia. The ship arrived in Moreton Bay on 17/18 Jan 1864, but sadly their baby Albert was one of 11 infant deaths on board. His death on 02 Dec 1863 was registered in Brisbane. Both Johann and Anna could read and write. With “Land Orders”, they settled in the area now known as Oxley, later moving across to the Chapel Hill area. They had a further eight children in Queensland – Anna Elisabeth (1864), Johanna Bertha (1865), Johann Caesar (1867), Georgina Louisa (1869), Christiana Matilda (1871), Heinrich Christopher (b 1873, d 1874), Carl Christoph (1875), Maria Catharina (1876).

Johann Christoph died on 20 Mar 1901, and Anna on 22 Sep 1908. They are buried at Toowong Cemetery, Brisbane.

## Generation 2.

**Carl Christoph BREDDIN** (also known as Carl Christopher, or Charlie) was born 07 July 1875 at Moggill Road.

From the “Chapel Hill History - Kenmore & District Historical Society” webpage ... quote, as published .....

*“The area known today as Chapel Hill was first settled in 1866 by **Johannes Christoph Breddin and his family**. They arrived in the colony from Germany and first settled in Oxley where their son **Caesar** was born. He is believed to be the first white child born in what is now the western suburbs of Brisbane.*

*In 1873 the trustees of the Primitive Methodist Church purchased 5 acres of land and built the wooden church on the hill and this is thought to have given the suburb its name. The church opened in 1875 and **Carl Christopher Breddin** was one of the first children baptised there. They ran a dairy farm on the banks of Cubberla Creek in the Chapel Hill area for many years.*



Generation 2 – Carl Christopher BREDDIN  
(~ 1929)



*After the death of **Johannes Breddin** in 1902 (sic), the property became a resting and fattening paddock for stock and a slaughter yard that provided meat to Brisbane. Breddin Street carries the family name.*

*Mr **William RUSSELL** arrived from England with his family and brothers Edward and John in 1882 and settled in Chapel Hill Road... ..... All the Russells came from Ludlow in Shropshire and Russell Terrace is named after the family and Ludlow Street after their birthplace. They were builders, architects and Methodist preachers and there are more than 14 of the family buried in the Chapel Hill Cemetery.” ..... end quote.*

**Carl Christoph BREDDIN** married **Ellen Maria RUSSELL**, aged 17, on 03 July 1899 at the Registry Office, Toowong. Ellen had been born in Ludlow, England. At her marriage, Ellen’s father William was already deceased and the Bride’s mother (also named Ellen), as legal guardian, gave permission for the marriage of her daughter. CC and Ellen Maria went on to have 15 children. Two died as babies.

Brisbane Courier, Saturday 15 December 1923, page 6 ... quote

#### *A FAMILY OF 15 CHILDREN*

*Colonel D. C. Cameron, M.H.R., and Mr. J. S. Kerr, M.L.A., during a tour of the outlying districts of their electorates on Thursday, performed the ceremony of distributing presents to the children of the Upper Brookfield State School, and Mr. Kerr was struck by the frequency with which one of the names appeared in the books he was distributing, six children having come forward to receive their prizes. On making enquiry it was found that these fine youngsters belonged to a family of 15 children, 13 of whom were alive. The mother, a young looking woman, was present, and obviously was proud of her family. .... End quote*

Carl Christoph BREDDIN died on 14 June 1951, and is buried at the Brookfield Cemetery.

Brisbane Telegraph, Saturday 16 June 1951, page 3 – An obituary for CC BREDDIN reads. ... quote .....

#### **PIONEER HAD 15 CHILDREN**

*The father of 15 children has died in the Upper Brookfield district. He was **Carl Christopher Breddin**, 76, one of the district's pioneers. Mr. Breddin outlived four of his children. He is survived by his widow, five sons and six daughters. Of German parents, Mr. Breddin was born at Kenmore in the days when there were no roads, and supplies were brought by bullock waggon. Mr. Breddin was an early member of the Moggill Shire Council before its amalgamation into the City Council, and was a Justice of the Peace for 17 years. .... End quote*

Two funeral notices were published on 16 Jun 1951 (Courier-Mail) - one for the family and friends; and a second from the Secretary of the Pride of Taringa Lodge, requesting attendance of their Officers and Members.

Ellen Maria BREDDIN (*nee* RUSSELL) died on 18 Aug 1963, and is also buried at the Brookfield Cemetery.



Generation 2 – Ellen Maria BREDDIN, (~ 1909/1910)  
wife of CC Breddin,  
mother of 15 children

### Generation 3.

**Christina Grace BREDDIN**, was born on 08 Jan 1903, the third of 15 children born to CC and Ellen Maria BREDDIN (*nee* RUSSELL). Grace married Adam APPEL at the Brookfield Methodist Church on 04 Dec 1926. They subsequently had 4 daughters.

### Generation 4.

**Rita Adela APPEL**, the third daughter of Adam and Grace APPEL (*nee* BREDDIN), was born in 1930. Rita married Maxwell James HIBBERD in 1949. They had four children, all still living. Max & Rita are deceased.

### Generation 5.

Max & Rita HIBBERD had four children, including this author. All four married (one divorced), and three of the couples produced 9 children.

### Generation 6.

Nine children were born from parents in Gen 5 – sibling 1 had 4 sons; sibling 3 had 2 daughters; sibling 4 had 2 daughters and 1 son.

### Generation 7.

There are now at least 17 children in Generation 7 in the direct BREDDIN – APPEL – HIBBERD line, sons and daughters of the nine in Gen 6.

Johann Christoph and Anna BREDDIN, their son Carl Christopher, and their descendants have helped to build Australia – they were early immigrants, pioneers, dairy farmers, a butcher, a Shire Councillor, a Justice of the Peace, and member of a Lodge, and with a street named after them.

They certainly helped populate Australia.

*Information from Qld BDM, Digger CD BDM; Trove, family records.*

# The FAN Club finds Richard PARKER

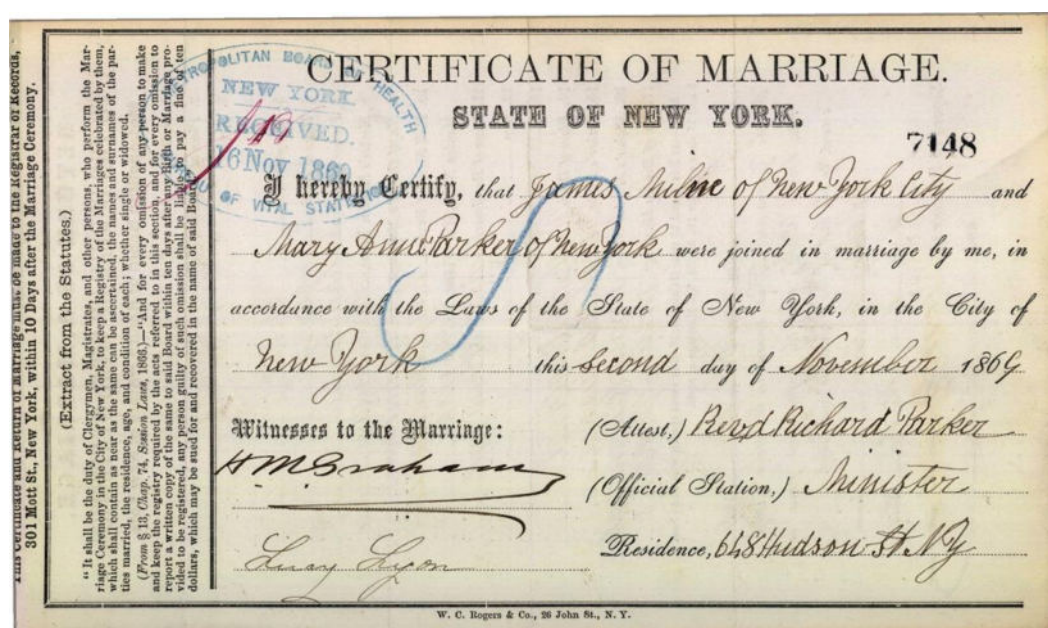
By Chris Wright

I know that we hear that you really need to research all the Friends, Associates and Neighbours (FANs)\* of a person, especially if they are your brick wall.

I have one Richard PARKER, whose death eluded me. He was a tailor, but became a Wesleyan Preacher. I had only recently 'finally' found the death of his second wife (and my ancestor), Bridget (nee RICHARDS), but PARKER is a very common name in Herefordshire, and it really was annoying that I couldn't pin down his death. When I found Bridget's death in 1887, it said she was a widow.

So, using "Family Historian" (my software) hints, and the fact that FindMyPast had free access for the Remembrance Day weekend, I started working through the family. I started with Richard and Bridget. All their hints were those which I had found the details before, so I ticked 'confirmed'. I then moved on to their children, Elizabeth (my ancestor), George and Jane. Once again, nothing new of note. Next I moved back in time to the 2 daughters of Richard's first marriage, to Susan WORMINGTON. The first daughter, Mary Ann, had married James MILNE in New York. The MyHeritage hint for them gave me a copy of their Marriage Certificate (1), which I had not had before.

Hold on a minute...they were married by 'her' father, Richard! He was in New York in 1869! Wow! I was pretty sure he had died before 1871 as I couldn't find him in



the 1871 census. What if he had died in the United States? So, I did a search in MyHeritage, and BINGO I found his obituary (2) in OldNews.com. He died 29 March in 1877 in New York. He had performed a marriage ceremony only the day before, but was intending shortly to return to England to his family.

### Port Chester Journal

Mar 29 1877 • Port Chester, Westchester, New York, United States Rye.

### CHRIST CHURCH

The sudden death of Rev Richard Parker cast a gloom over this community where he was so well known. At the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, and at Union Chapel, it was feelingly alluded to. At the close of the chapel service, Mr Mathews gave an impressive account of his last illness and a tribute to his faithfulness and zeal in the Master's work. Mr Parker conducted the opening services in Union Chapel under its present management and his (l)abors were very successful.

Harrison.

### DEATH OF REV. RICHARD PARKER.

This gentleman, who was pretty well known to the towns of Harrison and Rye, died at his residence in New York on Thursday morning last in his 71st year. Mr Parker was a native of England, and expected to return to the home of his youth to spend the remainder of his days in a couple of weeks, but "man proposes and God disposes."

The deceased was emphatically a man of work, and thousands of sick and dying beds have been brightened by his presence often in the depth of winter and at the midnight hour. These were simply labors of love and mercy for which the reward was alone in his own breast. His ministerial life in New York was chiefly with the City Missions, though he has occupied some of the best pulpits in that city, preaching three times on the Sabbath when the stated pastors were off enjoying the balmy breezes of the country or the cool, refreshing air of the seaside. It was Mr. Parker's wish and delight to be ever in the Master's service, and he emphatically knew no

**RETURN OF A MARRIAGE.**  
**TO THE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS,**  
**Metropolitan Board of Health,--State of New York.**

1. Full Name of Groom, *James Milne*  
2. Place of Residence, *New York City*  
3. Age, *26*  
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Occupation, *Artist*  
6. Place of Birth, *Edinburgh*  
7. Father's Name, *William Milne*  
8. Mother's Maiden Name, *Mary Susanna Milne*  
9. No. of Groom's Marriage, *Bachelor*  
10. Full Name of Bride, *Mary Ann Parker*  
Maiden Name, if a Widow, *Christie*  
11. Place of Residence, *Hudson St New York*  
12. Age, *33*  
13. \_\_\_\_\_  
14. Place of Birth, *Pembroke England*  
15. Father's Name, *Richard Parker*  
16. Mother's Maiden Name, *Susannah Worthington*  
17. No. of Bride's Marriage, *None before this*  
N. B.—At Nos. 4 and 13 state if Colored; if other races specify what. At Nos. 9 and 17 state whether 1st, 2d, 3d, &c. Marriage of each.

New York, *Nov 2* 18*67*  
We, the Groom and Bride named in the above Certificate, hereby Certify that the information given is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
*James Milne* (Groom.)  
*Mary Ann Parker* (Bride.)  
Signed in Presence of *H M Graham*  
and *Lucy Jones*



rest till he heard the voice - "It Is enough come up higher." He died with harness on. His first sermons in Harrison were preached in the Memorial Chapel. He also preached In White Plains, Mamaroneck and Rye, his more recent labors being in the "Union Chapel" of Rye. He was, indeed, announced to preach there on Sunday evening last, but he came not - the winding sheet of death held him fast! On the morning of Sunday, 18th, Mr. Parker started from his city home for church, but returned feeling unwell. On Wednesday he united a couple in matrimony as he lay upon his sick bed, and on Thursday he died, calm and peaceful, without uttering a single word. But he was not unprepared!

The funeral services were held from the Seventh Avenue M. E. Church on Monday afternoon, several ministers taking part in the same. The body is to remain unburied, awaiting the arrival of his son, who left England on Saturday for New York. Mr. Parker leaves a widow, a most estimable lady of perhaps 70; also two daughters and the son alluded to above. In the language of the bereaved widow, Mr. Parker was worn out. There was nothing for disease to feed upon, his labors were o'er and he has gone to his reward.

### **MEMORIAL CHAPEL**

Another brother alluded appropriately to the unexpected death of Rev Dr Parker and his life-long service in the cause of Christ.

Here are the details from Bridget PARKER's Death Registration(3):

8 May 1887 at 2 Sackville Cottages, Hay

Bridget Parker, female, 83 years, widow of Richard Parker Wesleyan Minister

Cause of death - Cerebral Haemorrhage, coma, certified by Robt J Shepperd LRCS

Informant - George Parker, son, 10 Clifton Street, Wolverhampton

*(1) New York City Marriages, 1866-1949, <https://www.myheritage.com/research/record-20807-1673655/james-milne-and-mary-anne-parker-born-rorker-in-new-york-city-marriages>, James Milne to Mary Anne Parker, Nov 2 1869, Manhattan, New York, United States, <https://www.myheritage.com/research/record-20807-1673655/james-milne-and-mary-anne-parker-born-rorker-in-new-york-city-marriages>, viewed 8 Nov 2024*

*(2) MyHeritage, United States Obituary Index from OldNews.com™, Port Chester Journal, Port Chester Journal, <https://www.myheritage.com/research/record-12003-50208506/richard-parker-in-united-states-obituary-index-from-oldnewscom>, viewed 8 Nov 2024*

*(3) England & Wales General Register Office, GRO Online Index - Death (<https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content> : accessed 8 November 2024) database entry for Parker, Bridget. Age: 83, GRO Reference: Q2 1887 in Hay, Volume 11B, Page 99.*

*\* Credit to Elizabeth Shown Mills for this methodology, as explained very nicely by Lisa Louise Cooke The Genealogy FAN Club Principle Overcomes Genealogy Brick Walls | Genealogy Gems*



# Guild of One-Name Studies (GOONS) – UNTHANK

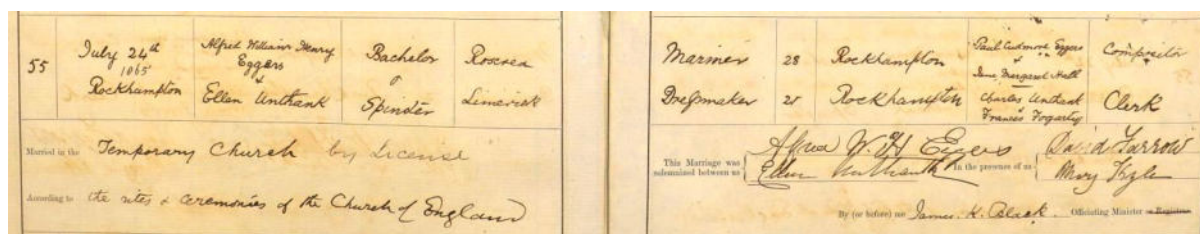
by Kay Page

Recently, I joined the GOONS and have chosen the surname UNTHANK for my one-name study.

*The objective of a one-name study is not just the collection of data; collection is a means to an end. A one-name study aims to research the genealogy and family history of all persons with a given surname (and its variants).*

My long-term plan is to start with my UNTHANK (sometimes ONTHANK) family in Queensland, research other families in Queensland and other Australian states, followed then by researching overseas people who have the same surname. This is the most unusual surname in my tree and hopefully this will make the study achievable in my lifetime. The name comes from the Old English word *unthances*, which means "without leave" and refers to the dwelling of a squatter. Presently, I appear to have eight family groups in Queensland. My branch goes back to Ireland and most of the other groups, I believe, will go back to the Durham and Yorkshire areas.

My x2 great grandmother was Ellen UNTHANK who was born in Limerick, Ireland on 26 February 1843. She arrived in Brisbane, Australia in January 1862 as an 18 year old, on board the "Jessie Munn". It appears her sister, Susan/Susannah travelled from Melbourne, where there were many relatives, to Queensland to visit Ellen. Susan journeyed on the ill-fated "City of Sydney". Somehow the sisters must have met Alfred William Henry EGGERS and formed a good impression of the sailor whose heroic efforts on the sinking steamship were known to the girls. The reason for Ellen and Alfred marrying in Rockhampton is unclear, but marry they did on 24 July 1865. As a mariner Alfred would have been away for long stretches of time. The witnesses to the marriage, David FARRON and Mary KYLE don't appear to have been relatives.



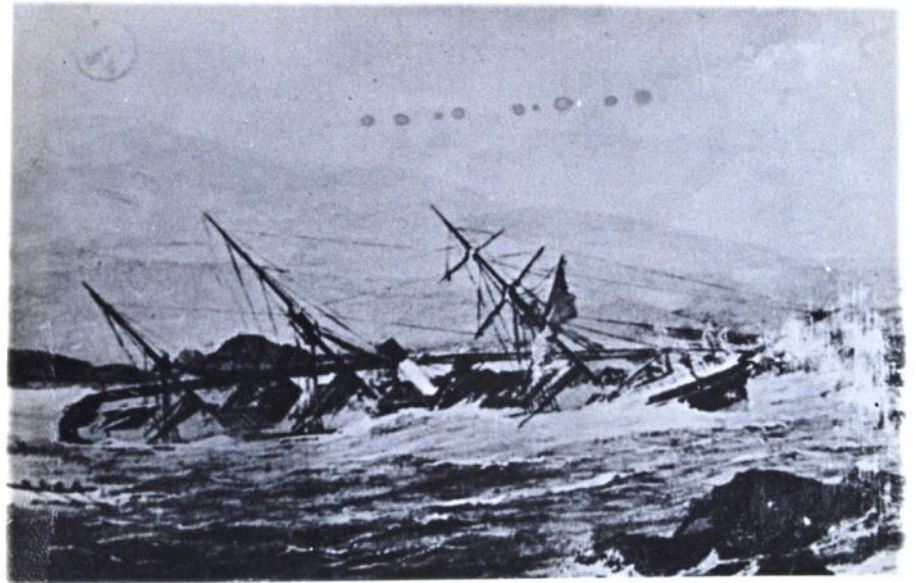
By 1866 the couple were living in Brisbane. This is borne out by the newspaper article in which it was reported that Alfred's bravery medal from his rescue efforts on the "City of Sydney" had been stolen. In that article it mentioned that; 'the items that were stolen may have been disposed of in Sydney'. The first of their four

children was born in Brisbane. Ellen died in Brisbane at age 80 and is buried in the South Brisbane Cemetery.

*North Australian and Queensland General Advertiser (Ipswich, Qld.: 1862 - 1863), Saturday 15 November 1862, page 4*

## TOTAL LOSS OF THE CITY OF SYDNEY STEAMER.

We regret to have to record the total loss of another of the A. S. N. Company's fine steamers — City of Sydney — while on her passage from Melbourne to this city. The City of Sydney, R. T. Moodie, commander, left the pier at Sandridge at



6 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday last, she having been detained till that hour to accommodate the Sydney Volunteers, who were returning by her to Sydney. We passed through the Heads shortly before 9 o'clock, the weather outside being fine, the wind light, but with a heavy swell from the southward. During the night the wind rose from the southward, and by eight o'clock on Wednesday morning we were off the Promontory. This breeze continued throughout the day, and the passengers were congratulating themselves on the successful commencement of their passage -there being every probability that we should arrive at our destination earlier than we had anticipated. In the evening the wind dropped, and the moon being nearly at its full the weather was most pleasant. A great number of the passengers remained on deck till ten o'clock, when they retired to their cabins, with the greatest confidence of having an undisturbed night's rest. At twelve o'clock we rounded the light on Gabo Island the wind being at this time light, and the night clear. At a quarter past twelve o'clock the captain left the deck, giving the first officer, who had charge of the watch, the course he should steer. At a little before two o'clock the first officer called the captain, telling him that the weather had become foggy. He jumped up at once, and on going upon deck asked the mate the position of the vessel. In reply he was told that she was three miles off Green Cape. The Captain then ordered her course to be altered one point more off shore, to make assurance doubly sure, as the weather was then very thick. He then went aft for his watch to see what time he had given the order to alter her course. when the mate gave the alarm of 'breakers ahead'. The Captain shouted out, 'Stop her. Back her'. And just as the engines were stopped - before they could be reversed the vessel ran on the

rocks. Some of the passengers were thrown out of their berths by the concussion and the lamps in the saloon were smashed to pieces. Every one jumped up and ran upon deck with such clothing as first came to hand. Some of the ladies had only their night-dresses on, but subsequently they were induced to put on more. The engines were of course reversed, but the vessel remained fast. Subsequently, by the captain's orders, all the passengers went aft, to lighten her bow, but the vessel (fortunately, as it afterwards appeared) still struck 'on the rock. She was now making water very fast, and lurching heavily with every sea. As it appeared she was going broadside on, one of the port boats was lowered and an anchor was carried out over the starboard quarter. The anchor came home, however, as soon as any strain was put upon it. and therefore was useless. During the whole of this time the passengers— and there were nearly one hundred— behaved in the most cool and collected manner. Even the women were calm and composed; but one scream was heard from them, and then only when the vessel gave a fearful lurch, and there appeared every probability that she was going over. The only indication of danger in this respect was from the poor little children, and the cries of these were heartrending. The boats were now cleared away as quickly as possible, but with the greatest possible order, and the women and children were passed into one of them. Great credit is due to Captain Garrard, who took charge of this boat, got the women and children into it with as much quietness and speed as they would into a Balmain ferry boat; took the boat a little way along the coast; found an indent of the land, and landed them without a scratch. The other boats followed. In an incredibly short space of time - even to those who were anxiously waiting on board the ill-starred vessel - Captain Garrard returned with the first boat, and took another boat load. In a short time the whole of the passengers were safely landed.

The captain, engineer, carpenter, steward, mate, and two quartermasters, were the last to leave the vessel - and so loth was the captain to leave her that he had to be dragged into the boat. As they were in the act of getting into the boat the ship fell over on her starboard side —to seaward - filled and went down, a small portion of her port bow and topmasts being only visible; and so quick was this, that two of the quarter-masters were thrown into the water, and had to swim to the boat. The mizen topmast struck the boat as the vessel fell over, but fortunately she got clear without much damage. As soon as the captain landed, the passengers gathered round him, and gave him three cheers for the coolness and thorough self-possession he had displayed throughout the trying scene. It should be mentioned that Captain Ashmore and other saloon passengers rendered great service in the landing of the women and children. Also that a seaman named **Alfred Eggar** volunteered to swim through the surf and make a rope fast to the rocks - a feat which he accomplished very speedily.



As soon as the passengers were landed, large fires were made, and round these the women and children congregated, and dried their wet clothing. As the morning dawned, it was discovered that we were about two-and-a-half miles to the westward of Green Cape. Four boats, one just before daylight, and the last at six o'clock, left for Twofold Bay, with passengers, and for assistance to those remaining behind. Fortunately, the weather remained fine, and after a weary pull of six or seven hours, the boats (separately) arrived, and the shipwrecked people were hospitably received at Mr. T. Matthews', Crown and Anchor Hotel, Eden. When the first boat containing Captains Garrard and Ashmore, the first officer, several cabin passengers, and several of the crew arrived, a messenger was despatched Merimbula to report the wreck and ask Captain Sullivan, of the Hunter steamer, who was then lying there, to come round at once. In the mean-time all the bread, meat, eggs &c., in the township of Twofold Bay were collected, with a quantity of water, were taken in four boats down the coast to the destitute people.

The steamer was alongside the wharf again at about seven o'clock, and after getting all the passengers and crew of the ill-fated City of Sydney on board we steamed out of the bay and arrived last night at eight o'clock without further accident at the Phoenix Wharf. It is estimated that the lost vessel and cargo were worth £25,000. The passengers have, of course, lost everything, save the clothing they wore when they left the ship.

Sat 8 Nov 1862 / Page 4 / To Captain R. T. Moodie, of the late steamship City of Sydney.

The following is a list of her passengers: - Saloon: Messrs. Jackson, Russell, Rowland, Byrnes, Brush, Ashmore, Mitchell, Walker, E. Walker, Windeyer, Sharp, Shannon, Rayner, Lynch, Webb, Malcolm, Strong, Hellyer, Wyndham, Eickson, Fosberry, Curr, Rowelston, Heath, Phelps, Lees, Captain Garrard, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Okell and children, Mrs. Keegan, Mrs. Rowland, Mrs.

To Captain R. T. Moodie, of the late steamship City of Sydney.

Dear Sir,—We, the passengers by the ill-fated steamer City of Sydney, whilst deeply impressed with a sense of gratitude to the Almighty for His merciful preservation of us under the circumstances of the late catastrophe, feel bound to express our high appreciation of the calmness, presence of mind, and judgment displayed by you,—to which, under Providence, we attribute the saving of the lives of all on board, passengers and crew.

Sympathising with you in this great misfortune, and begging to express our unabated confidence in you as a commander.

We are, dear Sir, faithfully yours,

|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Christopher Rolleston | G. L. Phelps           |
| J. A. Jackson         | Henry Heath            |
| W. C. Windeyer        | John C. Malcolm        |
| Chr. A. Shannon       | John B. Garrard        |
| Marianne L. Shannon   | J. Thorneloe Smith     |
| W. H. Fosberg         | Henry W. Strong        |
| Margaret S. Edwards   | Marmaduke Carr         |
| Charles Byrnes        | H. W. Russell          |
| Edw. J. Webb          | William Walker         |
| W. Rayner             | Edward Walker          |
| James Lees            | Samuel Bruah           |
| J. Dickson            | <b>Susan Unthank</b>   |
| Stephen Lynch         | William Butler Rowland |
| George Sharp          | Edward Sacre           |
| William Hellyer       | G. Wyndham, jun.       |

7th November, 1862.

Shannon, Miss McLehose. Intermediate: Messrs. Woods, Sacre, Ku-sick, Keightly, Mrs. Tree and children, Mrs Lock, **Miss Unthank**. Steerage: Messrs. Lawrence, Shaw, Reed, Endans, Laver, Russel, Carr, Thomas, Fearnley, McGillivray, Greenaway, Wright, Hawkins, Robinson, Gibbs, Manning, Garner, Bain, Parks, Allshird, James, Ottley, Miss Shaw, Miss E. Shaw, Mrs. Shaw, and 3 children, Mrs. Thomas and child, Miss McLean, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. McClennan, Catherine Cameron, Mrs. Lauchlan and son, Mrs. McLean, Miss McLean, Mrs. Thomas.



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## Life Membership

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During our December Meeting in 2024 one of our members, Sharon Wright was awarded Life Membership. Having been a member myself for 28 years, I have been asked to write my memories of Sharon's time in our group. Sharon has always been a quiet backroom worker, regardless of what Committee was elected at the time.



Our Association was established in 1986, with Sharon being one of our founding members, holding membership number 5. Since then, Sharon has been a tireless volunteer over the last thirty-eight years. The work behind the scenes isn't often acknowledged but is vitally important for the smooth running of any organisation. Sharon has done many of those 'jobs' over the years.

I have memories of her overseeing a team to put the journal together. All the pages would be laid out on the tables, and we would walk around and around, selecting a page from each pile as we went, then using a humungous stapler each journal would be stapled in the middle, then folded and a handy rod of wood pressed over the seam to flatten it. Nothing like these days when the photocopier prints, staples and folds each journal - progress.

In later years Sharon has kept our kitchen well supplied, with food, drink and cleaning supplies - they say an army marches on its stomach, genealogists like their coffee and biscuits. More importantly, Sharon has also enjoyed imparting her family history knowledge as a Tuesday Library Assistant for more years than I can count, and she has reluctantly finally retired from this position, taking a well-earned rest.

I can remember winning a wooden biro that Sharon had donated for a prize, courtesy of her late husband Ernie, and I am sure there have been other items over the years (for instance the cork board in our 2024 Christmas Raffle). On our big event days, Sharon has always been around to help with the little things - like washing up, regularly taking home tea towels and hand towels to wash, and more importantly regularly cleaned the toilet each week. Over the years Sharon has helped to celebrate CQFHA's 25th and 30th birthdays, with other remaining founding members, and we hope she will be joining us for our 40th in 2026.

We, as an Association, are deeply grateful for Sharon's contribution to our organisation over the years. Awarding a life membership is a fitting tribute for all those years of service.

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## Fundraising - Containers for Change

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Anyone from our community can donate their containers by quoting

**C11046513**

as the member number directly to a container refund point. The refund will be deposited directly to our bank account.

Our crate is still available here at the rooms to deposit your empties.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

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## Communications

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If you are a member and we don't have an email address for you, then you may not be getting all the goodies. If you aren't receiving the following emails:

**"CQFHA: Alerts & Updates" every Friday at 5:30pm**

and

**"CQFHA: It's Backup Day" on the 1st of every month**

Then you aren't getting the most from your association.

Email: [web@cqfamilyhistory.org.au](mailto:web@cqfamilyhistory.org.au) with your name and membership number and you will be added to the register.

Also, a reminder that there are many free resources in the 'Members' Only' section of our website. For website access you will require a Google account, then email as above, and you will be given access.

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## General Meeting changes

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We recently surveyed the frequency of our general meetings. Starting in April 2025, General Meetings for CQFHA will be held on the first Saturday of every even month. **The March meeting will proceed as planned.**

The committee will meet every odd month. In January, the committee will meet toward the end of the month before the February general meeting. The AGM will be on 2 August 2025, immediately after the general meeting.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey. The results showed a clear need for more frequent meetings.

## DNA Sessions



Are you keen to breaking down that brick wall or just interested in genetic genealogy? Many of our members have had their DNA done and are interested in understanding this side of their research. We offer the following to cater for this area of interest.

*Breaking Through  
The Brickwalls*



### DNA One on One Sessions

- These will be held as required.
- Priority will be given to those whose DNA results have just come in.
- Assistance is also available by email.

For bookings or queries please contact: [secretary@cqfamilyhistory.org.au](mailto:secretary@cqfamilyhistory.org.au)



## Research Rooms

A new microfiche corner has been set up in the rooms. If you need any assistance don't hesitate to ask the library assistant on duty for help.

## Social BBQ – Let's Celebrate our Irish Ancestors



**When:** 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Where:** 16 Highway Street, Park Avenue

**Time:** 6pm

**Theme:** St Patrick's Day

BYO and don't forget to wear your best green outfit!

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# Through the Journals

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by Narelle Fraser

Journal hard copies are available for loan at our clubroom. Electronic copies are available on our website in the 'Member's Only' section and also at our Clubroom on the computers in the program Calibre. All electronic journals received are listed weekly in the e-newsletter.

We have had **no hard copy journals** received since our last journal in October 2024 issue.

## Electronic Journals

Below is a selection of highlighted articles from the **electronic journals** received since the June 2024 journal.

- **Timeline (Genealogical Society Gladstone District Inc), August 2024, Vol 27, No. 1, Issue 145: *Wedding Bells – Maxwell – Hancock*.** This is a lovely short story about a wedding that took place on 6<sup>th</sup> January 1909, and how weddings were organised in those days compared to now.
- **ANESFHS (Aberdeen & North East Scotland FHS), August 2024, No. 171: *Charles Reid, Renowned Photographer*:** The story of Charles Reid, from humble beginnings and how he rose to be a renowned domestic and wild animal photographer. A very interesting read.
- **Bridges & Branches (Echuca – Moama FH Group), September 2024, No. 135: *Cr. John Simmie J.P*:** The life story of John, who was well known in Echuca as the Town Clerk. He was an active member in the community and helped develop Echuca's growth.
- **West Middlesex FHS Journal, September 2024, Vol 42, No. 3: *The Langford River*:** The writer tells the story of how The Langford River in Middlesex came about. The history, also people that shared a history with it.
- **Nottinghamshire FHS, Oct 2024, Vol. 17, No. 12: *The Tootells of Retford*:** The writer tells the story in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, about sons following in their fathers' footsteps choosing the same occupations. The Retford Tootells were involved in letter carrying and post services.
- **Lithgow Pioneer Press (Lithgow & District FHS), Oct 2024, Vol. 39, No. 2: *Yvonne Jenkins Memorial Award, 2024 Winning Essay – School Days*:** the author tells a story of his school days and growing up in Wallendbeen. This essay reminds you of how different school days were years ago!
- **The Gazette (Toowoomba & Darling Downs FHS), Nov 2024, Vol. 37, No. 3: *Johanna and her son, Frank*:** The writer came across two local soldiers and



decided to pick Frank and his family, as they were very close to where she lives. Frank went to Gallipoli to serve. This is his story and Johanna, his mother's struggle, in those early days.

- **Pyrenees Pioneers (Avoca & District Historical Society Inc), Nov 2024, No. 303: *Natte Yallock Primary School – Celebrating 150 Years*:** The author tells the story about the history of the school and the celebrations.
- **ANESFHS (Aberdeen & North East Scotland FHS), Nov 2024, No. 172: *William Forsyth, a North - East Lunatic with Delusions of Grandeur?*** The author tells the story of their grandmother who used some family history tales, to inspire her romantic and crime fiction novels. This is the history of William and family.
- **Timeline (Genealogical Society of Gladstone District Inc), Nov 2024, No 146, Vol. 27, No. 2: *The Night of The Bomber's Moon*:** A story of a married young couple in 1942, and their memories in Townsville during World War Two. A night when Japanese Bombers tried to hit the wharf and facilities. An interesting little read.
- **MDFHS Forebear (Maryborough District Family History Society Inc), Nov 2024, Vol. 45, No. 2: *The Richers Family*:** The writer tells the story of The Richers Family and the formation of Richers Transport PTY LTD in 1935 in Maryborough.
- **The South Australian Genealogist, Nov 2024, Vol 51, No. 4: *The No. 6 Service Flying Training School*** The author tells the story of WW11, graves and commemorates Royal Australian Air Force personal who were part of the No. 6 Flying Training squad. Most of men died in Air Force training accidents and what was the No 6 Service Training Squad and how did it end up in the northern Adelaide Plains.
- **NFHS (Newcastle FHS), Dec 2024, No. 248: *The Morrow Sisters*:** A tale of Agnes and Elizabeth and their life in the 1800's working at the Sydney Infirmary.
- **Time Traveller (Shoalhaven FHS), Dec 2024, No.136: *Impact of the death of 16-Year-Old Nowra Girl*:** A short article on the Death of Matilda Olive Patterson who died suddenly in 1904 and a town that rallied around for this popular local.
- **The Fig Tree Journal (Manning Wallamba FHS, Inc Taree) Dec 2024, Issue 172: *Subsidised School At Little Dingo Creek*:** The author explains what these schools were in 1903, when a subsidy was introduced.

- **Bridges and Branches (Echuca – Moama Family History Group), Dec 2024, No. 136: *The Saga of our Bridge*:** The writer gives a short account of how the bridge was built connecting the two towns.
- **The Manchester & Lancashire FHS, Dec 2024, Vol 60, No. 4: *John Ashworth (1800 – 1834): The Brief and Woeful Life of an Excise Officer*:** The story of a great-great-great grandfather's work, life and death despite decades of genealogical research.
- **Progenitor (Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory Inc) Dec 2024, Vol 43, No. 4: *Cyclone Tracy*:** A collection of a few brief stories about Cyclone Tracy Christmas Day 1974.
- **West Middlesex FHS Journal, Dec 2024, Vol 42, No 4: *Liquor, Liaisons and Lunacy: The Rowlls family of Kingston*:** The author on researching a lady named Catherine Henrietta Rowlls, who owned three coaching inns in Hounslow in 1815 found this simple enquiry, quite the opposite!

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## End of Year Celebrations

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A successful end-of-year celebration took place at the rooms on December 7, 2024. We express our gratitude to everyone who contributed to its success, with special appreciation to our Patron, Donna Kirkland, for her attendance. The raffle winners are noted below. The event resulted in a profit of \$636.00.



1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Val Edwards



2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Graham Fenlon



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Chris Wright

***“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart”***

# Rockhampton Repositories

## **Other Rockhampton Repositories**

In Central Queensland, we are very fortunate to have a number of other fine repositories for local history and genealogical research. For your convenience, we have included their opening hours below.

**Please phone them as details may change.**

### **Southside Library | 230 Bolsover Street, South Rockhampton**

Monday – Friday 9am - 5.30pm

Saturday 9am - 3pm

Phone: 4936 8265



### **History Centre | 230 Bolsover Street, South Rockhampton**

Monday – Friday 9am - 5.30pm

Phone: 4936 8040

#### **The LDS Family History Centre**

Talbot Street, North Rockhampton

Tuesday: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

closed all school and public holidays

Please contact Richard  
on 0459 836 105 to book.

Please notify by 8am on the day if you  
then can't make it.

#### **Capricorn Coast Historical Society**

The Bunker  
(behind the Town Hall)  
Yeppoon

opening hours:

Tuesday: 9.30 am - 12 pm

Saturday: 9.30 am - 12 pm

or by appointment contact:

Mary O'Brien 4933 0246

#### **Capricornia CQ Collection**

CQUniversity Library

University Campus,

Yaamba Road,

North Rockhampton

by appointment only:

tasac@cqu.edu.au

#### **Rockhampton and District Historical Society**

Borough Chambers, Stapleton Park,

North Rockhampton

opening hours: Tuesday: 10 am - 2 pm

phone: 4927 8431 (opening hours only)

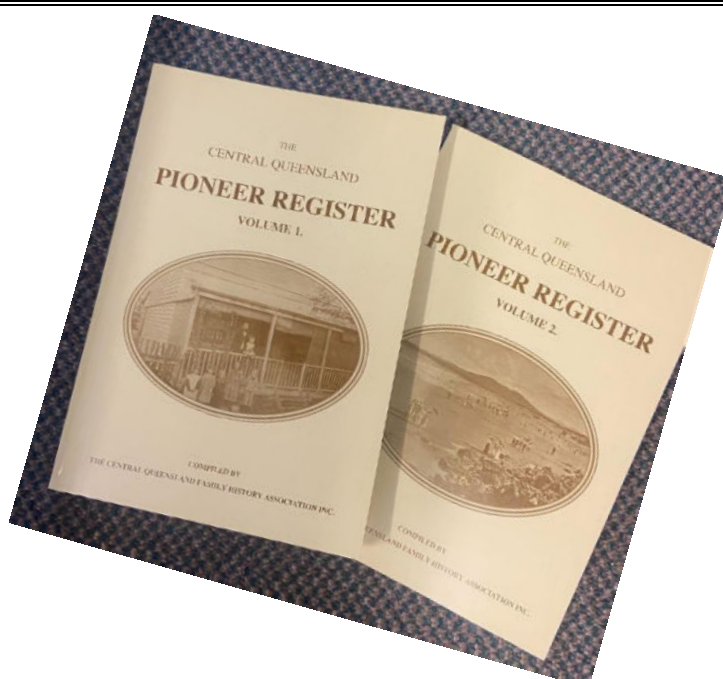
# Coming Events

Please stay tuned to our various means of contact:

- Fridays enewsletter
- Webpage: <https://www.cqfamilyhistory.org.au>
- Facebook: <https://facebook.com/cqfamilyhistory/>



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| <b>Weekly</b>   | Wed 9am   | Project Group all members welcome   |
| <b>February</b> | Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> 9.00am   | Beginner's Day  |
| <b>March</b>    | Sat, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 10am<br>Sat, 8 <sup>th</sup> , 6pm<br>TBC                                      | General Meeting<br>Social BBQ – Irish Theme<br>Committee Meeting  |
| <b>April</b>    | Sat, 5 <sup>th</sup> , 10am<br>Fri 18 <sup>th</sup><br>Sat, 19 <sup>th</sup><br>Wed, 30 <sup>th</sup> | General Meeting<br>Library Closed – Good Friday<br>Library Closed – Easter Saturday<br>Journal Submission deadline for June publication |
| <b>May</b>      | Sat, 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10am<br>Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>                            | Committee Meeting<br>Volunteers Week  |
| <b>June</b>     | Sat, 7 <sup>th</sup> , 10am<br>Sat, 14 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00am   | General Meeting<br>Beginners Day  |





# Publications for Sale

To purchase our publications, you can visit us during opening hours at the clubrooms. Our opening hours and address are listed on the inside front cover of this journal. We accept Cash or Cheque or you can download an order form online: Go to our website at <https://www.cqfamilyhistory.org.au> and follow the directions. Payment is made via Direct Bank Transfer. Please email [treasurer@cqfamilyhistory.org.au](mailto:treasurer@cqfamilyhistory.org.au) and an invoice will be issued.

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| USBs – CDs – DVDs<br>Plus postage – CD/DVD/USB Mailer   |       |       |
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| <b>North &amp; South Rockhampton Cemetery</b><br><i>Headstone photographs – over 11,000 photographs</i>   | USB   | \$100 |
| <b>Dunwich Benevolent Asylum Weekly Returns</b><br><i>May 1885-January 1907</i>   | CD    | \$50  |
| <b>Gogango Divisional Board – precursor to Livingstone Shire Council</b><br><i>Rates &amp; Valuation Books 1880-1903 (index only) plus postage</i>  | CD    | \$45  |
| <b>Burials Rockhampton Cemetery (Southside)</b><br><i>By N Woodhouse</i>  | CD    | \$25  |
| <b>Headstone Photographs – 18 Cemeteries of North Qld</b>   | DVD   | \$35  |
| <b>Miriam Vale &amp; Bororen Cemetery</b>   | CD    | \$10  |
| <b>South Burnett Cemetery Headstones</b>  | DVD   | \$50  |
| <b>Bits &amp; Pieces – Collection of mixed articles – Early CQ Newspapers</b><br><i>Set of 5 Volumes (1 to 5)</i>   | DVD   | \$100 |
| <b>Index to Historical Records of Rockhampton, Yeppoon &amp; Mount Morgan Fire Brigades</b>   | CD    | \$45  |
| <b>Mixed Indexes</b><br>1. <i>Rockhampton Fire Brigade Scrapbook</i><br>2. <i>CQ Newspaper Scrapbook</i><br>3. <i>Morning Bulletin – Births, Marriages, Deaths, Funeral Notices &amp; In Memoriam</i> | CD    | \$15  |
| BOOKS<br>Plus Postage   |       |       |
| <b>Rockhampton Crematorium Index 1948-1992</b><br><i>Volume 1 A-K; Volume 2 L-Z</i>   | 550g  | \$25  |
| <b>Headstone Inscriptions North Rockhampton Cemetery</b><br>2 Volumes   | 1.5kg | \$50  |
| <b>Collinsville Cemetery Burial Register Index</b>  | 90g   | \$15  |
| <b>Yeppoon and Emu Park Cemetery Index</b><br><i>Part A Yeppoon 1882-2010; Part B Emu Park 1885-2012</i>  | 195g  | \$20  |
| <b>Bowen Cemetery Burial Index 1861-2005</b>  | 400g  | \$20  |
| <b>Proserpine Burials and Cremations</b>  | 200g  | \$20  |

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| <b>Battler's Tales of Early Rockhampton</b><br><i>By J Grant Pattison</i>   | 250g  | \$15 |
| <b>On The Track</b><br><i>By J Grant Pattison</i>   | 700g  | \$25 |
| <b>Rockhampton in the Early Days</b><br><i>By Fitzroy</i>   | 650g  | \$30 |
| <b>Reminiscences of Queensland 1862-1899</b><br><i>By W.H. Corfield</i>   | 300g  | \$25 |
| <b>The Rainbow Trail</b><br><i>By Charles Grover</i>  | 1kg   | \$30 |
| <b>The Development of Rockhampton &amp; District</b><br><i>By A E Hermann ** temporarily unavailable</i>  | 1.5kg | \$40 |
| <b>The Rockhampton Fire Brigade – Their Fiery Past</b>  | 600g  | \$25 |
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| <b>Index to Non Europeans in Queensland</b>   | 500 g | \$10 |
| <b>History of Rockhampton Orphanage (Birralelee)</b><br><i>1866-1895</i>  | 30g   | \$10 |
| <b>The Great War – Stories from Home and Abroad</b>   | 1kg   | \$15 |
| <b>Mt Morgan &amp; District School Admissions</b>   | 390g  | \$25 |
| <b>OTHER BOOKS</b><br>Published by members, covering the Rockhampton District – available through our Association, all are plus Postage   |       |      |
| <b>By Any Criterion</b><br><i>By Robert I J McFarlane</i>   | 2kg   | \$55 |
| <b>The McLaughlins</b><br><i>By Tom McLaughlin</i><br><i>Hard cover, A4, 353 pages</i>  | 2.7kg | \$65 |
| <b>The 1862 Voyage of the Ship, Utopia to Queensland</b><br><i>By Sylvia A Conaghan &amp; Nola Tom</i>  | 650g  | \$30 |

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## Interest Groups & Fee Structure

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**Interest Groups**                      Project Group – Wednesday 09:00am CQFHA rooms  
Technology Session – as required

**Financial Year**                      **1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Membership Fees**

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Single       | \$50.00 +\$10 if journal posted                          |
| Family       | \$60.00 +\$20 if journal is posted 2 members of a family |
| Membership   | living at the same address (one Journal)                 |
| Journal Only | \$30.00  |

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## Management Committee 2024-2025

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| <b>Technology Co-ordinator</b> | Chris Wright<br>Email: <a href="mailto:web@cqfamilyhistory.org.au">web@cqfamilyhistory.org.au</a>                       |
| <b>Events Co-ordinator</b>     | Vacant<br>Email: <a href="mailto:president@cqfamilyhistory.org.au">president@cqfamilyhistory.org.au</a>                 |

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# Volunteers 2024-2025

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## Library Assistants

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| Tuesday  | Sharon Parkinson & Jamie Hibberd   |
| Thursday | Carmel Hayman and Enid Bunt  |
| Friday   | Nola Harvey, Denise Haynes<br>Trisha Brannigan (Resources)                                     |
| Saturday | Linda Marshall and Jeanette Finlayson<br>(alternate weeks)<br>John Humphries and Jamie Hibberd |
| On Call  | Chris Wright   |

## Research Officer

Carmel Hayman

## Assistant Research Officer

Denise Haynes

## Projects Officer

Roseann Creagh

## Education Officer

Vacant

## Grants Officer

Graham Creagh

## Publicity Officer

Sharon Parkinson

## Technology Assistant

Roseann Creagh

## Facilities Team

Enid Bunt & Trisha Brannigan

## Journal Team

Roseann Creagh, Linda Marshall, Jeanette  
Finlayson, Narelle Fraser, Jamie Hibberd

## Technology

Chris Wright, Roseann Creagh

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## Life Members

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Toni Philipoom  
Karl Makela

Margaret Larner  
Margaret Mason  
Sharon Wright

Michael Warry  
John Humphries

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***Volunteering is at the very core of being a human. No one has made it through life without someone else's help. Heather French Henry***