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JUNE 14<sup>th</sup> 2025

General Meeting 1pm  
Annual Meeting follows

Nomination for committee to be in Secretary's hand 5  
days prior to meeting

A plate of goodies for afternoon tea would be  
appreciated.

Competition is  
Why did you start researching your family.

## Presidents Report

A very enjoyable afternoon was held on 5<sup>th</sup> April for our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Past and present member attended as well as Bundaberg Council representative Thank you. The cake was cut by 2 of our early members Gail Downie and Wendy White. We gained 3 new members that day and hope they enjoy their research.

Membership raffle won by Alison Kindt.

A number of 2<sup>nd</sup> hand books were sold on the day. Thanks to the people who purchased them

A good write up about Bundaberg Genealogical Association Inc was in Bundaberg today in April. We thank them for giving us a page in their production.

Rhonda

BOOKS FOR SALE  
2<sup>nd</sup> hand but good condition

Winds of Change  
100 years of Widgee Shire

\$40 plus postage

Dictionary of Queenslanders Vol 1 past & Present

\$32 plus postage

Can be picked up at our library rooms

## **Newspaper Items**

### **School Closing 9<sup>th</sup> December 1988**

Today will be the last day the Perry River State School will open its doors

Due to falling enrollments the Department of Education is closing the school. All past and present students and teachers are invited to attend a special picnic and family day starting at 9.30am.

A spokesman for the school yesterday said some of the old teachers and one of the first students would return for the activities.

The school at present has eight students and those attending the picnic are asked to bring a plate.

### **Sadness as school finally closes down 9<sup>th</sup> December 1987**

School principal Mr Trevor Waldron will have twice as many students under his care next year.

Government funding cuts are not to blame.

Mr Waldron is the only teacher at the eight student Isis Central Mill State School which is closing at the end of the school year, on Friday.

Next year he will be the only teacher at the 16 student Kolan North State School.

The Isis school was opened in 1899 with an enrollment of 33 and Mr E Jackson was the first principal.

Enrollments have fluctuated widely in the school's history from a peak of 56 students in 1934 to the low of eight, this year and in 1966.

A reunion of principals was held on Saturday, and about 100 people attended.

Mr Waldron said one past student, who is now about 90, could remember when the school building was moved to its present site from the other side of the road.

The school's closure has been mooted for about 20 years. Mr Waldron said, but it is still sad for the many residents and former students when the final blow came.

Mr Waldron's two sons will transfer to K9olan North next year. One student will go to Cordalba State School, above five kilometres away, and the rest will travel to the Childers State School.

### **GOODWOOD SCHOOL**

18.05.1917

Our Goodwood correspondent writes as follows - A picnic and social was held at the above place on Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> by the School Committee, for the children of the district. The President, Mr. Whitla, and committee and secretary, F. M. Schleger, spared no pains to make it a great success. The children had races and games to fill in the day. The married women's race was won by Mrs. R. Crane, and the married men's race by F. Schleger; old buffers race by J. Heidke; high jump by T. Leeson; young girls' race by L. Barrow, and the young boys' race by C. Leeson. The walking match was won by Eileen Schleger, a little tot, in fine style. The catering was done by the ladies of the district, whom the school committee wish to thank for working so hard to make the outing the success it undoubtedly was. The hall at night was crowded, visitors gathering from far and near. We had the pleasure of a professional violin player from Sydney, Prof. Mickelsen, and about 20 couples graced the floor. The duties of M.C. were in the hands of F. M. Schleger. The thanks of Goodwood are due to Mr. Whitla, for his kindness in supplying the hall and picnic grounds.

### **GOODWOOD SCHOOL**

26.06.1919

The Influenza Epidemic.

Our school is closed at present on account of the flu, but I think an open-air class should meet the requirements as we have only 30 scholars. The flu, has found us out in two or three cases, but only in a light form.

### **DUINGAL SCHOOL**

30.11.1908

A Duingal correspondent writes us as follows:- Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. was a gala day here, the occasion being the annual picnic given by the parents to the scholars attending the provisional school. The arrangements for the day were in the hands of Miss Lonergan (teacher), Messrs. F. G. Drinan, (chairman and secretary) Mr. Bailey (treasurer) and Mr. Veitch Murray. Altogether the gathering numbered seventy, children and adults, and Miss Lonergan welcomed them all as the picnicking grounds were reached and thereafter with the assistance of Miss Bailey, Mrs. R. Barlow, Misses L. and H. Drinan, and Miss Murray, the day was occupied most pleasantly in the round of games peculiar to such outings, the most important feature being the sports programme, very liberal prizes being offered for the different events, the highest award being 25/- and the lowest 7/6, and every child present was gladdened by being awarded a prize. In the

evening a social dance was held in the schoolroom, when there was an attendance of twenty-five couples, who merrily danced away till midnight to the excellent music supplied by Messrs. J. Morrison and J. Bales the duties of M.C. being ably carried out by Mr. Cawte, visitors being present from Gin Gin and Cordalba.

### **Closing of Duingal School**

We understand that it is the intention of the Department of Public Instruction to close the provisional school at Duingal, the reason for this decision being the number of children on the roll is below the number required by the regulations of the Department to justify the continuance of the school. This news has occasioned considerable concern among parents of the locality having children of school age, for in all cases it will be inconvenient and in some cases impossible to send the children to another school. For this reason it is to be hoped that they will be able to prevail on the Department to thus enable the education of the children to go on uninterruptedly.

### **HORTON SCHOOL 28.05.1894**

The annual school feast of the Horton Provisional School children was held on the Queen's Birthday in the Horton Hall. I need scarcely say that in giving a pleasurable treat to the little ones once a year credit is due both to the school committee and to the ladies, who always work so hard in a labor of love in scattering seeds of kindness around them at these school gatherings. In the evening a school concert was held, about eighty people being present. It was a marked success, for all seemed to be in good fettle to sing, and make the occasion an enjoyable one for all. I must particularly refer to one of the vocalists and reciters as remarkably brilliant – a young lady. I trust she will not feel offended if I mention her name, as I feel quite in love with her. You will see by the programme that she is the “star”, and a star of great promise. She gave three splendid recitations and sang a song in grand style, which brought down the house. The name of this fascinating fairy that has bewitched both me and all who had the pleasure of hearing her sweet voice, is Miss Ruth Hayward, aged four years – a perfect little wonder, space will not permit me to give a critique in regard to the concert; suffice it to say it was highly creditable to all concerned. I merely give you the programme: Song, “Innocent Pleasure”, school children; song, “Always Take Mother's Advice”, Miss Rose Horton; recitation, “Sewing for Dolly”, Miss Ruth Hayward; song, “Wandering Child”, school children; song, “Bring Me Back”, Miss A. Kuhnel; song, “Little Nell”, Miss F. Horton; recitation, “The Old Woman”, Master W. Bolton; song, “Tired”, Mrs. Stringer; song, school children; song, “I'm Mothers Little Maiden”, Miss Ruth Hayward; song, school children; duet, Mr C. and Miss Rose Horton; song, “Clementine”, Mr. C.E. Horton; recitation, Miss Jessie Collins; song, “Under the Willow She's Weeping”, school children; recitation, “The Parrot and the Parson”, Master A. Long; song, “Mons”, Miss Rose Horton; recitation, Miss Ruth Hayward; glee, “To all you Ladies now on Land”, Messrs. C.

Horton, Long, H. Eggleston; song, "The Pleasure Ship", school children; song, "Let Me Say", Miss A. Kuhnel; recitation, "The Quails", Miss Ruth Hayward; song, "Why do Summer Roses Fade?", school children; glee, "Here's a Wealth to all Good Lassies"; song, "D'ye ken John Peel", school children. The singing of the National Anthem brought the evening to a close.

### **POLYNESIAN SCHOOL CHILDERS**

26.08.1896

Mr. F. Brady moved that the secretary of the Isis Progress Association write to the Childers State School Committee, asking them to co-operate with this Association in obtaining a separate school for the Polynesian children the cost of which to proceed from the Polynesian fund; the secretary pointed out that this was a very opportune time to make this proposition to the Department, as the school needed additional buildings, which would perhaps be unnecessary if the Polynesian children were placed in a school by themselves. Seconded by N.L. Roselund and carried.

### **CHILDERS SCHOOL**

21.11.1924

#### **School Picture Benefit**

A very fine programme of education pictures will be screened at Gee's Hall on Monday next when a benefit is being given in aid of the Childers school fund. The pictures include how to make camphor, a special Tom Mix subject featuring his wonderful horse Tony, also some very fine scenics. The programme has been specially selected and some of the films will be shown for the first time in Queensland on Monday evening. All parents are asked to come along and bring their children with them.

Rubyanna Provisional School situated on Rubyanna Plantation Bundaberg

Application for a provisional school was dated 20<sup>th</sup> August 1898.

The building was loaned by the Queensland Investment and Mortgage Company to be used for a school.

Three desks, two forms and a blackboard where from the Central Boys school were Mr Keys was the Head Teacher.

Proposed Children were

CARTER	Betsy 5y	John Carter
LYONS	Mary 10y	William Lyons
LYONS	William 6y	William Lyons
LAWTRY	William 9y	William Jackson
KEYWORTH	Hannah 12y	Thomas Keyworth
KEYWORTH	Walter 10y	Thomas Keyworth



KEYWORTH	George 8y	Thomas Keyworth
KEYWORTH	Edward 6y	Thomas Keyworth
SORENSEN	William 10y	Niels Sorenson
WARD	Patrick 13y	Mrs Jane Ward
McDONAUGH	Frank 12y	John McDonaugh
McDONAUGH	Joseph 11y	John McDonaugh
McDONAUGH	Lizzie	John McDonaugh
McDONAUGH	Nellie	John McDonaugh
McGILL	Nellie 10y	David McGill
McGILL	Lillie 8y	David McGill
McGILL	Willie 5y	David McGill

There was also the mention of McGRATH children as possibles.

Closed 31<sup>st</sup> October 1905. Books, Furniture and maps were to go to the Bundaberg Central Boys School.

Teachers were Mr H E Ashby - Florence I Wright - Edith Isabella Moss - Alice Lily Bayliss ( who married J McGill) - Eliza Marie Agnew - Ethel Marie Griffiths who was the last teacher.

## ISIS CENTRAL MILL

The Isis Recorder 13 Nov 1925

When the Isis Central Sugar Mill Company decided to purchase the Doolbi Mill there were any amount of pessimists who predicted a calamity and that the Isis Central Mill would be unable to cope with the supply of cane which would be forthcoming from the areas taken over with the Mill. Even now there are still some pessimists but it is pleasing to say that they are such a minor quantity that they are not worth considering and their opinion does not cause the management any loss of sleep. With the purchase of the Doolbi Mill the management acquired a good deal of plant which has been useful in the reconstruction scheme at the Central. The structure which comprised the machinery shed has been re-erected and now houses the sugar dryer, bagger and store and on account of the sugar hold up due to the shipping strike the Central Mill Coy. has been very fortunate in having storage capacity of such huge dimensions.

One of the first things which strikes a visitor to the mill is the very fine, airy suite of offices situated on the main road with a view of the whole of the mill; quite a contrast to the dingy little office which did duty for upwards of a quarter of a century. Here is to be found the genial manager, Mr. J. Alison, the secretary, Mr. J. Walker and staff, while in the commodious Board room upstairs on meeting days Mr. A. Adie the chairman of directors, holds sway but his task so far as his directors are concerned is not a very formidable one as they are all men of broad minds and whose whole concern like their chairman is to carry on and make the Isis Central Mill one of the most efficient in the state and they are progressing very satisfactorily in that direction now.

Across the road and practically on the site of the old tower cooler is a very fine installation of spray coolers which deal with the water that has passed through the mill and which after being sprayed into the air passes back into a huge concrete reservoir from which it is pumped back into the mill. On a hot day the water spraying into the air presents a very cooling appearance and one is tempted to have a dip.

Entering the main gates one is struck with the huge stacks of firewood which shows prudence and forethought. The mill will not be caught napping for want of fuel. In this connection experiments are being tried at the mill with megass and fine coal. The megass passes along a carrier to the automatic feeders situated above the furnaces and enroute coal dust is being mixed with it to obtain more heat. It is anticipated that the experiment will prove successful and if so an automatic feeder will be put in to distribute the coal. At the present time it is being done by manual power.

At the time of the visit of a representative of the "Isis Recorder," the mill was busily crushing local cane and a very fine sample from the mill paddock of 1900 Seedling was passing through. The cane is taken off the trucks by means of rakes and passes along the carrier where two sets of knives macerate it ready to go through the shredder. This latter machine formerly did duty at Doolbi and is one of the best pieces of machinery obtained from that mill. With the old shredder, in past seasons, the engineering staff was subjected to continual worry on account of stoppages through jamming, etc., but with the Doolbi shredder stoppages have been eliminated and in this direction alone the shredder has already this season earned its cost. In addition to being dependable it is doing most efficient work. During the latter end of the slack season a new six foot crushing mill was installed and it was due to the late arrival of this special piece of machinery that the mill was unable to start as early as was desired. The crushing mill was supplied by the Bundaberg Foundry, and is a credit to them. It is doing most efficient work and has not yet shown any signs of wear. The engine is fitted with a patent fool-proof device - an automatic stop. If the governor goes wrong, the belt breaks if anything goes amiss the whole machine is thrown out of gear, thus saving a general breakdown. The new set of rollers with mill complete cost somewhere in the vicinity of £25,000 so it will be seen that equipping a sugar mill cannot be done for nothing. It is doubtful whether £40,000 would cover the amount expended in the last twelve months in bringing the Central Mill up to its present state of efficiency and a goodly sum will still have to be spent before it can be claimed that the mill is really up-to-date. However, with an enterprising Board of Directors like that controlling the destinies of the company one can feel sure that money will be judiciously expended with that end in view. The mill has plenty of boiler power, new Babcocks having been installed last year and the expenditure in connection therewith has already proved to be a very wise move. There is a very useful water purification plant which ensures that the water supplied to the boilers is entirely free from oil and other deleterious matter. With this purificator there is no necessity for the attendants to cut down the supply of oil as any that might get into the water is extracted before the water again passes into the boiler.

The plant in connection with the manufacture of the juices into sugar is up-to-date and excellent results are being obtained. Unofficially it was learned that the quality of the sugar turned

out by the mill was equal to anything in Queensland and it was from Brisbane analyses that the writer obtained the information.

The sugar room is a very lofty building affording plenty of light and air. In fact the policy throughout in connection with the planning of the buildings has been to make for comfort for those who have to work therein. The railway line runs right into the sugar room thus saving a good deal of labour in loading raw sugar for despatch to Brisbane or elsewhere.

The mill generally is well equipped with the necessary plant for effecting repairs and during the slack a travelling crane or traverser was put in which facilitates very much the repairing and attending to the crushing mills. The chief engineer, Mr. Blomfield, who very courteously showed our representative over the mill is naturally very proud of his plant and staff and he has the satisfaction of knowing that his efforts are appreciated by the company and that so soon as finances will permit the extra improvements which included another six foot mill will be installed thus bringing the Isis Central Mill up to a very high state of efficiency.

## **ON OUR SHELVES**

Have you look at 4 white A3 Folders under H20 / QLD. You will find there are stories, BDM and other interesting items extracted from local papers. Many interesting stories of local families that are not in our paper clippings. These are available for loan. The above two school stories were in these books.

There are black A3 folders also with many items of Bundaberg and district again available for loan.

The Bundaberg News Mail pages that Linda Kirby has indexed are available for loan they are 1998 until they stopped producing the News Mail. There is an index on computer 1 for these.

There are many a4 folders with BDM's in for various years and may be borrowed.

If you are keen there are films that can be browsed from 1940 to 1960 as well as earlier years. They make very interesting reading. These years are not on Trove. Some of the early ones are Bundaberg Mail and Advertiser 1904 to 1918 and Bundaberg Mail 1918 and 1919 Bundaberg Daily News 1907 to 1919

Look on film shelves and you may find many interesting items.

Have you looked at the Sugar Cane price boards gazettes that were given to cane growers. They are under H18 / GGQ. They have some very interesting information. Name, acreage and where they are located.

## **Weird and Wonderful stories of our ancestors**

My great grandmothers brother John SIMPSON Service # 910, joined on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 1902 and went to the Boer war. When he returned, he had ammunition with him, and he gave some of this to his younger brother Tom who inserted a bullet into the bottom of a walking stick that he made for his sister Eliza (my Great Grandmother). Andrew Simpson died in 1920 in Childers. My Mother has this walking stick. Eliza would often hit the base of the stick firmly on the ground resulting in a clicking noise, to get your attention. Eliza used this stick throughout her life, and she passed away in 1985 in Childers, aged 103 years. (Supplied by Leila Muller)

Margaret Baxter on her great grandparents Vilhelm and Christine CHRISTENSEN when they were residing in New Zealand. It was very well documented in Manawatu Times a New Zealand paper. In a book called Mosquitoes and Sawdust by Val A Burr as well.

Christine had 2 suitors Vilhelm Christensen and Mr Snow, she gave Snow and ultimatum to turn up to the church on October 13 or she would marry her Danish friend Vilhelm. Snow did not appear so she married Vilhelm. It was a very rocky road and Christine left and seeing her in town Vilhelm rode his horse over her. His friend stated the horse was uncontrollable so the case was discharged. In 1881 Vilehelm was declared bankrupt. They must have made up because they hadeight children including Maureen grandfather Charles. They came out to Australia and lived in Degilbo and Vilhelm is buried in Maryborough and Christine in Gympie.

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## **Find Lost Russian & Ukrainian Family**

### **Vast searchable database reveals the records sitting in boxes at former USSR archives**



By **Vera Miller** on April 26, 2025

For almost two years, a large group of volunteers has been working hard to get the most revealing look at what is available at archives in Ukraine, Russia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus and other areas of the former USSR.

After more than 28,000 hours of work that still continues, more than **2.2 million** fonds (record sets) can be found listed on the [Great Inventory](#). Not only does this database have a massive collection of record sets listed, users also can find some of the records indexed on the website.

Yes, the database is in Russian, but works very well with the Google Translate web browser app. No, the [Great Inventory](#) is not on a .ru site, but an .org site. And yes, there is an advanced search engine for everything posted to the database. (*[Here](#) is the database in English but searching must be done in English. Keep reading for actions.*)

Here is a breakdown of the 67 archives being documented on this database: 40 archives are in Russia, 16 archives are in Ukraine, 6 archives are in republics within Russia, 2 archives are in Belarus and one each in Lithuania, Latvia and Moldova.

Back in May 2023 when I first learned about this database, the project only was focusing on 17 archives and had listings of 300,000 archive record sets. The website is growing by about 2,000 listings per day so I highly recommend bookmarking [this website](#) and searching the database weekly or a regular basis.

The best way to use this database is through [the search engine](#). It would be too exhausting to go through the listings of each region where your relatives and ancestors lived in the former USSR.

Some of the indexed records that I noticed were: the Jewish Registry Book of 1879 from Nizhny Novgorod; lists of evacuees from Tambov Region for 1941; revision tales (similar to census records) from 1816 for Ostashkov, Tver Region; list of Old Believers in Smolensk Province from 1826 and land owners of Poltava Province in 1905.

One of the bigger indexing projects for the [Great Inventory](#) is the Peasant Land Bank records from 1884 to 1917 for many regions of the former Russian Empire. Under the reign of Czar Alexander III, peasants were able to get a loan to buy land. Some of these records can be downloaded for free on [this site](#).

*(Don't forget to download [this free guide](#) for step-by-step directions on searching the Great Inventory and [the free guide](#) on finding scanned Ukrainian records on Inspector Duck Archives from records listed on the Great Inventory.)*

### **Here's how to search the [Great Inventory](#) without knowing Russian:**

1. The Google Translate web browser app is highly recommended to be used with this database. Use [this link](#) to find the correct version of the Google Translate app for your web browser.
2. Have [Google Translate](#) open in the next window while searching in the database to translate keywords (villages, towns, cities, names of people and businesses, events, etc.).
3. Type keywords into [Google Translate](#) and have them translated into Russian.
4. Search from [this page](#) and copy and paste keywords into the search box.
5. It is highly recommended to search peoples' names. Those with full names on the database are listed in this order: surname, first name, patronymic name (middle name derived from the father's first name) and those with unknown full first and patronymic names are listed in this order: initial of first name, initial of patronymic name and then surname.
6. Remember to keep a list of keywords searched and the dates that they were searched in a document.
7. Copy all of the details for your results such as the archive where the information came from, fond number, fond title, the years detailed in the fond, inventory number and item number. (*Google Translate translates fond incorrectly as fund.*)
8. Take the next step by copying the title of the fonds in Russian into [Google](#) or [Yandex](#) (Russia's most popular search engine) to see whether more information on the same subject can be found online.
9. If nothing is found by searching the full title on Google or Yandex, just search using the main keywords in Russian from the fond title.

10. Use [this free guide](#) to see if the Ukrainian records of interest can be found online through [Inspector Duck Archives](#).

Users who didn't find anything on the [Great Inventory](#) should keep checking for new listings and indexed records. The database is growing by the day, leaving the door open for discoveries to users who are willing to make the effort to solve that family mystery.

**Don't miss the latest posts on free resources for Russian and Ukrainian genealogy. Follow this blog with the right button at the top of the page.**

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## NEW ACCESSIONS

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