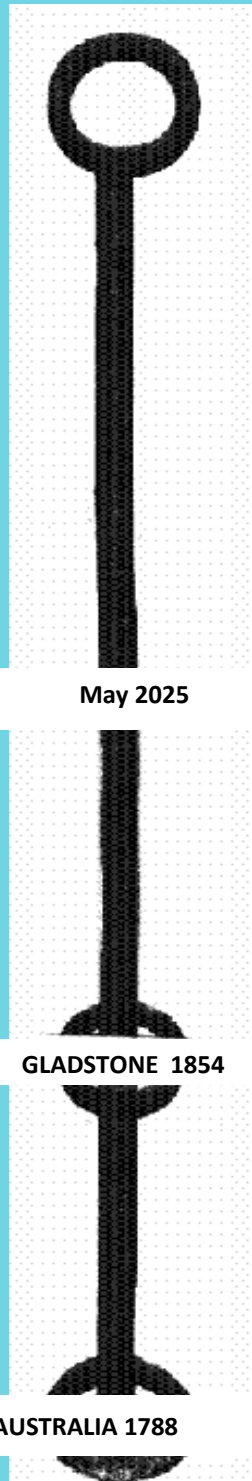


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We are now at the Calliope Library Meeting room!

The Genealogical Society Gladstone District Inc has had to recently relocate our collection.



For 25 years, we had a lease from the Gladstone Ports Corporation for part of the George Young Building which is a large shed in Gladstone. When the Society first took up the lease, they had to completely line their section of the shed, then add flooring, lighting and a kitchenette. Toilets were shared with the neighbouring Gladstone Maritime Museum. Grants were received to install air-conditioning and, in later years, solar panels.

In 2022, that lease expired but we were able to remain there on a month-by-month basis. Unfortunately, in December 2024, we received the bad news that we definitely had to vacate the building by 31 March 2025. The search was on for new premises!

Gladstone Regional Council offered us the shared use of a meeting room beside Calliope Library for nominal rent. Calliope is located about 20 kms from Gladstone. With no other viable offers on the table from anyone else in the community, we accepted their offer. One of our members owns a large workshop so can store some of our less essential items.

As the meeting room is much smaller than our previous location, we had to cull some of our library and furniture. We held a garage sale and used Facebook Classifieds. The Salvos came and collected all remaining furniture, books, and bits and pieces. We hired a local removalist company to move. Finally, on 18 March, we moved to Calliope and to our member's storage space. We had to purchase extra lockable cupboards to secure our books and electronic gear safely at Calliope.

We're lucky to have this new space which is air-conditioned, has disability access and a kitchenette and toilets, even though we no longer have sole rights to the room. Local ISP Dreamtilt was able to connect us with our Static IP Internet again and we can still connect to all that FamilySearch and GSQ offers. We are hoping this is a temporary location, and that we can secure a suitable space for ourselves in Gladstone in the future.



Gladstone OBSERVER SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1930.

DISASTER OFF BUSTARD HEAD

MOTOR LAUNCH "LAUREL" DASHED ON ROCKS AN ALL-NIGHT TERROR

TWO MEN DROWNED' A Thrilling Story: "Thank God You Are Here."

No more tragic disaster has occurred in the history of the fishing industry at Gladstone than that which happened off Bustard Head, 32 miles from Gladstone, between the hours of 5 p.m. on Wednesday 21st and 9 a.m. on Thursday 22nd last, when the motor launch "Laurel," the property of the Williams Bros, Gladstone, was dashed on the Inner Rock, about 200 yards from the mainland and totally wrecked. The occupants of the boat were Messrs. Thomas Bartlett Williams (rescued in an exhausted condition), Allan Arnold Williams, and Sidney Newman Bickle (drowned).

Information from the Bustard Head lighthouse keeper on Thursday afternoon conveyed the sad intelligence that two members of the crew, Messrs Allan Arnold Williams and Sidney Bickle, had been drowned. The meagre details soon spread and created a wave of sadness throughout Gladstone, and many hours elapsed before the full details of the story reached Town.

WORST FEARS REALISED

Not till the full story was known could the 'horror and poignancy of the disaster be realised. There was only one eye-witness, Mr. Thomas Bartlett Williams, of the actual catastrophe, and he was conveyed to Gladstone by the rescuing motor launch "Roamer," which reached here on Thursday-night. The worst fears of those who had been waiting the arrival of the "Roamer" were unfortunately set at rest, and all doubt as to what had happened was now removed; a great wave of emotion passed over the waiting crowd at Auckland Creek Jetty as they realised that the two men had lost their lives and that the "Laurel" had been totally wrecked.

BATTLING FOR LIFE

The story is a thrilling one, battling against the elements in a heavy sea during the watches of the night, and long after the sun had passed over the horizon, the men clinging to the wreckage with all their strength with the hope that they would be picked up before the cold waters engulfed them.

ON THE INNER ROCK

The launch "Laurel" was engaged in mackerel fishing and at 6 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, while in close proximity to the Inner Rock the engine stalled and the current which was running strongly, carried the boat on to the rock with considerable force, with big waves dashing over it.

ALL NIGHT TERROR

Although a heavy sea was running, the position most perilous, the crew set to work and were successful in removing the engine which they dumped on to the rock with considerable courage and pluck. With the launch lightened, it had the desired effect, and drifted off the rock into deep water at 2 a.m. on Thursday. Sometimes afterwards, however, the boat broke into two pieces with the pounding it had received, and the William brothers found themselves on one portion of the wreckage, with Sidney Bickle on the other. It was still a night of terror, and the grief of the men was intensified as each flash from the light of Bustard Head passed over them; they were helpless— nothing at their command to attract the attention of that Signal Station.

BOAT BROKE UP

When the boat broke up the Williams Bros, clung to the mast portion of the boat, but the weight caused it to turn over, and while doing so the anchor dropped and held them. During the trying ordeal, Allan Arnold Williams became delirious, but his brother made a superhuman effort to save him, and only gave up when he felt he could no longer hold his brother, who fell from his grasp and disappeared only 10 minutes before the rescuing launch arrived on the scene at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning.

DISASTER OFF BUSTARD HEAD

ALMOST EXHAUSTED

At this time the wreckage was laboring very heavily and of course, unmanageable, but the Bundaberg launch effected the rescue of Thomas Bartlett Williams, who by this time was suffering from exposure and almost exhausted. The launch then proceeded with all haste to rescue Sidney Bickle, who was still clinging to the wreckage, which had drifted further out to sea. When the launch moved up towards him he let go his hold of the wreckage and attempted to swim to the rescuing boat, but almost immediately he sank and was not seen again. The "Roamer" continued to search for the missing men but without success.

THE "ROAMER"

Mr. James Kenneth Brunke, a fisherman residing at Bundaberg and part owner of the launch "Roamer" stated on his arrival at Gladstone that the "Roamer" left Bundaberg on Monday night, and on Wednesday anchored at Pancake Creek, at Bustard Head. They trailed for Mackerel about 8 a.m. in the vicinity of the Outer Rock, which is situated three miles off Bustard Head. After fishing for some time they moved into Middle Rock and then later to the Inner Rock.

THANK GOD

While in this position they saw an object in the water to the East of the Middle Rock, which they took to be a small rock. They then noticed the people at the Lighthouse signalling, and came to the conclusion that something was amiss, and on making a closer investigation they noticed an object to the north, about 1 mile distant, which turned out to be a man clinging to some wreckage. They then moved up to the wreckage where they found Thomas Bartlett Williams, and he said, "Thank God you are here another 10 minutes and I would have been gone. My poor brother has just gone".

GIVEN SOME BRANDY

Under skillful seamanship the "Roamer" succeeded in taking Thomas Bartlett Williams aboard, where he was given some brandy which revived him, as he was in a very exhausted condition. Williams told the crew of the "Roamer" that the boat he was on had been wrecked and had broken in two parts and that another man was drifting on a portion of the wreckage. The "Roamer" then made a search in the vicinity of the Middle Rock and picked up an object, which turned out to be Sidney Bickle, and he feebly waved to them. They, got to within 6 or 7 yards and threw him a rope, at the same time calling out to him to fasten it to the wreckage

CLASPED HIS HANDS

At this time the engine of the "Roamer" was shut off and the big seas carried the launch away from Bickle. Eventually Bickle caught the rope but lost possession of it, and he immediately left the wreckage to try and swim towards the "Roamer, but after three strokes he clasped his hands over his head and sank out of sight.

WAS IT A SHARK

The "Roamer" then cruised around for some considerable time but saw no further sign of Bickle, and the crew of the "Roamer" are quite satisfied that he either drowned or taken by a shark, these monsters being very plentiful in that locality. The "Roamer" then returned to Pancake Creek and Andrew Brunke and Neville Downing (members of the crew) went up to the lighthouse to try to communicate with the Police, but owing to the telephone being out of order they could not raise Gladstone.

FISH DUMPED

There- were seven persons aboard the "Roamer" and Thomas Bartlett Williams told them they had been trailing for mackerel and that besides removing the engine they also dumped overboard all the fish they had caught. After the "Laurel" drifted off the rock and broke up they got a rope and fastened the two pieces of wreckage together and they all remained on it for some time; While endeavouring to paddle the wreckage with pieces of timber towards the beach, a big sea struck them, and the anchor fell off and held them. Eventually the rope holding the two pieces together parted, and Sidney Bickle was separated from the Williams brothers, drifting away to 'the past and was soon out of sight.

OUT OF HIS GRASP

During the night Allan Arnold Williams (drowned) suffered intensely from exposure and his brother Thomas Bartlett Williams had great difficulty in keeping him on the wreckage, and as the minutes dragged on he thought at times he had passed away. He managed to lift his brother across his knees and kept blowing down his nostrils with a view to reviving him, and in this position he held him until nearly nine o'clock on Thursday morning, when he had found his own strength giving away, his brother slipped out of his grasp into deep water and was drowned.

PANCAKE CREEK

Mr. Alfred Haack, of Messrs. Haack Bros., fishermen, Gladstone, said he saw the "Laurel" on Wednesday afternoon and gave them bait in Pancake Creek. They all fished the same afternoon at the Outer Rock, and the Haack Bros, left this rock about 4 o'clock and proceeded in shore to the Inner Rock, past the Middle Rock. Shortly before 6 o'clock the crew of the "Laurel" were still fishing in the passage way off the Inner Rock and that was the last the Haack Bros. saw of them. Haacks' boat, the "Anemone" then entered Pancake Creek and anchored for the night. When they entered the Creek they noticed the dinghy off the "Laurel" which was anchored. "But," added Mr. Haack, "when I got up about midnight (Wednesday) the dinghy was gone and I came to the conclusion that the "Laurel" entered the creek while we were asleep, picked it up, and had made off for Gladstone."

SAW NO WRECKAGE

At daylight (Thursday) they moved to the Outer Rock but saw no sign of anyone. They trailed for about half an hour past the Middle Rock, then moved towards the Inner Rock, and they saw no sign of any tragedy, nor the vestage of any wreckage floating about.

NO MESSAGE

Their boat sighted the "Roamer" at 8.15 a.m. on Thursday, which was heading for the Outer Rock; They were about 2 miles apart, and no message passed between them. At this hour, it was quite evident that the crew of the "Roamer" had no news of the tragedy, and the first we heard of it was when we returned to Gladstone on Thursday afternoon.

MYSTERY

The disappearance of the dingy remains a mystery, but it is thought that one of the motor launches ran it down and it sank.

"THE LAUREL"

The "Laurel" was a motor boat of 27 feet and fitted with a heavy duty 6 h.p. C.C.M. engine and was only recently built by the Williams Bros. at Barney Point.

DECEASED

Allen Arnold Williams(30) was a highly respected citizen of Gladstone and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Williams of Quoin Island, Gladstone Harbour. He was a married man and leaves a widow and two young children to mourn their loss. Sidney Bickle (33) was a native of Gympie, single and a returned soldier. He had been working in Gladstone during the last twelve months.

A SEARCH

A police party has been dispatched to make a search for the bodies. Such, in brief, is the story of the disaster— a disaster which, for the dramatic circumstances in which it occurred and the tragic consequences it involved, has no parallel in the annals of the fishing industry of this port.

BUSTARD HEAD TRAGEDY

Mayor Takes Action

The Mayor (Ald. W. Ferris) referred yesterday to the very sad drowning accident on Thursday, May 22, when two men— Allan Williams and Sidney Bickle lost their lives under most tragic and distressing conditions. The late Mr. Bickle was a single man with no family in the town. Not so Mr. Williams (deceased) who leaves a widow (nee Miss Daisy Howard) and two young children who are in somewhat straitened Circumstances.

“Money is needed to assist the widow and children” said the Mayor, “and I am opening a fund for that purpose and any donations will thankfully be received and may be paid to Mr. J. Bensted

The editor of the “Gladstone Observer” has kindly consented to publish donations.

The local branch of the C.W.A. has also generously agreed to raise funds and all moneys collected will be handled to the best advantage by me (the Mayor) on behalf of the bereaved widow and children.

By the 25th June 1930 at least £40 had been donated and the list looks like everyone in town donated something.



In Loving
MY DEAR WIFE & OUR MOTHER
FRANCES WILLIAMS
DIED AUG. 2. 1933
AGED 71 YEARS
PERFECT PEACE
ALSO HER BELOVED SON
ALLAN ARNOLD
DIED MAY 22.1930
AGED 28 YEARS

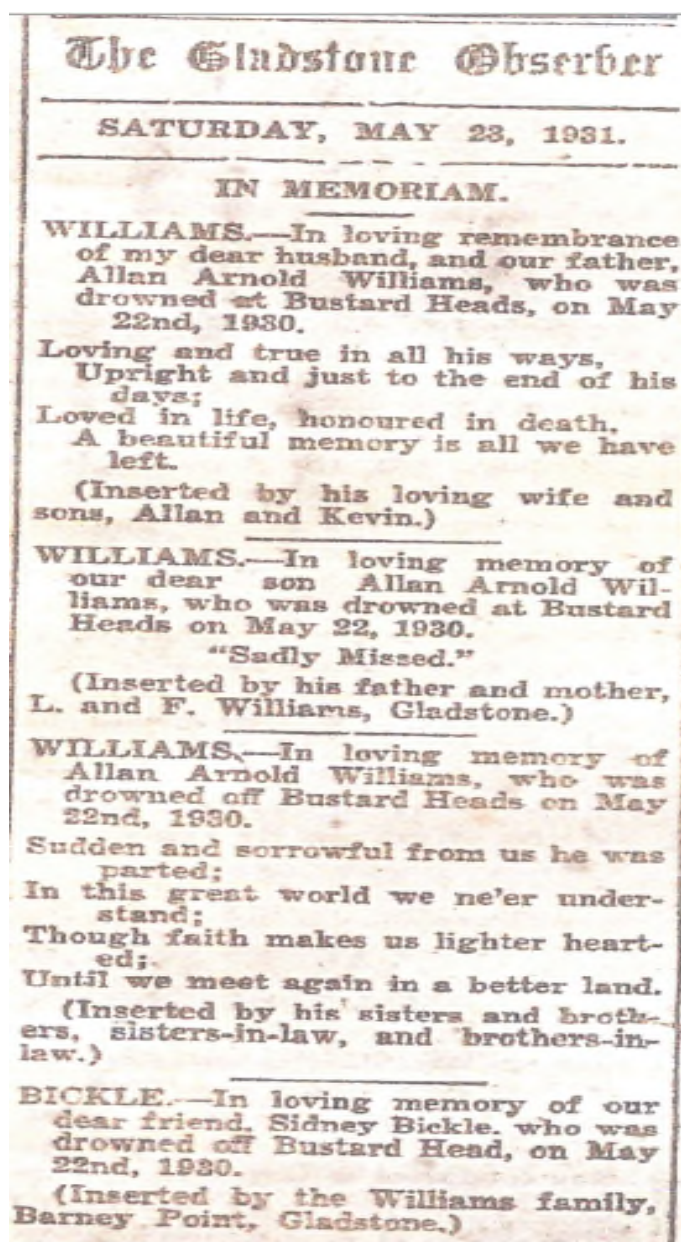
Memory of
OUR FATHER
LEVI WILLIAMS
DIED FEB.13. 1940
AGED 78 YEARS
AT REST

Sydney Newman BICKLE was the son of Robert Bickle and his wife Elizabeth Bickle (nee Hobbs) and was born 25 Jan 1896 in Gympie, Queensland.

He served in WW1, service number 2810, and returned to Australia in 1919. His brother, Robert Henry Bickle, also served in WW1, service number 6953, and he was killed on 6 Nov 1917 in Belgium .

Just two weeks prior to this tragedy, on 9 May 1930, their father, Robert Bickle, had passed away so it would have been a very sad time for the Bickle family also. He was survived by his mother and 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

His death is registered as Sidney Norman Bickle in the Queensland BDM Registry records but appears as Sydney Newman Bickle on his birth registration and military records.

The Gladstone Observer, Saturday, May 23, 1931

Many thanks to our member Valerie Kearney, for this amazing story.

Allen Arnold Williams was her great uncle.

Her grandmother, Florence, was his sister.

It is 95 years last week since this tragedy occurred and we have remembered Allen Williams and Sidney Bickle and the wonderful response from the people of the Gladstone area who were all so distressed by this tragedy.

Olive Violet Ruby Duck - a centurial tragedy

Seventeen year old Lilly Moores gave birth to a baby girl in Longreach on 27 March 1912, whom she named after the baby's father. This was despite his name initially not being listed on the birth certificate at all. His name does now appear on her birth and death certificates.

Oliver Johnson Duck was the father of Olive Violet Ruby Duck, and he was also her killer.

The relationship between Lilly Moores and twenty seven year old Oliver Duck is open to conjecture.

Regardless, Oliver Duck did not stay around long once Olive was born, returning to his family's farm outside of Marmor, near Rockhampton, Queensland.

It seems that Lilly was also not prepared to be a mother. She signed control of her child over to her own mother, Mrs Margaret Moores, before leaving for Sydney to marry.

It no doubt came as a surprise to Mrs Moores, that after almost thirteen years of no contact, Oliver Duck wanted Olive to visit his family's farm at Marmor.

Together with the woman she called "Mum" as well as her estranged father, twelve year old Olive caught the train from Rockhampton to Marmor.

Oliver Duck had taken a sudden interest in his daughter and he felt that her grandmother was not raising her correctly.

He had decided that Olive should complete her schooling at the Convent High School where she could be refined and study deportment. Mrs Moores refused.



On the 19th March, 1925 Oliver Duck took his daughter horseback riding with the intention of convincing her to stay at Marmor with his family. He had also intended keeping her beyond the time that she was due back at the station for the return trip to Rockhampton.

Once they were in bushland, Oliver Duck told his daughter of his plans, for her to stay with him and attend the convent school.

He said "Olive, I want you to stay here with my people, and not go to Rockhampton with Grandmother. I am more to you than Grandmother. You think more of her than you do of me, and you call her Mum."

Olive refused his suggestion and consequently her father grabbed the reigns of her horse and pulled on them. At this point, he produced a revolver from his pocket and waved it at her saying "Look at this!". Olive shouted "Oh, don't Dad" before jumping from her horse and running into the scrub.

She travelled 250 yards on uneven terrain before her father caught up with her. She struggled with him, screaming and "making an awful sound". Oliver Duck claimed he couldn't get her to be quiet and so he shot her.

It would later transpire that she was shot twice, once in each side of her chest, although there is no word on why this occurred, with Oliver Duck only claiming to have shot her once. Then he sat on a log and stared at her body.

As nightfall approached, he devised a plan. He tied the girl's body over the saddle of his horse and through the darkness, set off for Gladstone.

Later, police would ask him why he rode all night with the body. He said "I first thought of throwing the body in a water hole. I wanted to get rid of it myself so as no one would have the satisfaction of knowing what became of it. While I was riding along the road I changed my mind, and thought I would like to take my daughter to Gladstone and give her a decent burial".

Daybreak made the decision for him. As the sun came up, he buried her on the bank of the Calliope River and reported to Constable Quinn of the Calliope Police.

He stepped on to the veranda of the station and said to the country cop "Sergeant, I want to give myself up. I done something terrible. I shot my daughter. I should have given myself a bullet, too."

He showed the police party where he had buried her body, then escorted them to Marmor to show them the scene of the crime. While he was in the bush at Marmor pointing out where he had caught her and where he had killed her, he added "If I had waited another minute, I don't think I would have shot my daughter, but she made me wild, and I lost my temper."

Oliver Johnson Duck was found guilty of murder and sentenced to life with hard labour. He died in Goodna Mental Hospital in Brisbane on the 30th of July 1972.

Olive's body was exhumed from the Calliope River grave and buried in the South Rockhampton Cemetery near her grandparents and other members of the Duck family.

Thanks to member Peter Lynch for finding this story.

Some background about this family.

Oliver Johnson Duck was born in 1885 in Marjorca, Central goldfields shire, Victoria, Australia to **Henry William Duck** and his wife **Hannah Duck (nee Johnson)** registration number 23431. They are both buried in the South Rockhampton Cemetery. **William Henry Duck**, died 16 July 1925 aged 80, and was buried on Friday 17th July 1925 in Church of England Section 22X, burial number 6218. **Hannah Duck** died 24 June 1929 aged 82, and was buried, on Tuesday, 25 June, 1929 in Church of England Section 22X, burial number 6759.

His granddaughter, **Olive Violet Ruby Duck** died 19 May 1925 aged 13 and was buried Friday 22 May 1925 in Church of England Section 31X, burial number 6197.

The ashes of her uncle, **Herbert Samuel Duck** were placed in the Church of England Section 22X, on Monday 15 November, 1965. The ashes of Herbert's wife, **Mary Ann Duck (nee Hynes)** were placed in the Church of England Section 22X, on Tuesday, 4 September 1962.

Note: for **Oliver Johnson Duck** his birth record shows his father as **Henry William Duck** and his death record shows **William Henry Duck**.

Lilly Moores, the mother of Olive died 31 Jan 1967 in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia



The South Rockhampton Cemetery (also referred to as the Rockhampton General Cemetery) began operation around 1864 when the original burial ground near the present day Col Brown Park along the Fitzroy River was deemed unsuitable and closed. During the next century the cemetery became the final resting place for thousands of the men, women and children from all walks of life, who helped create the region we all enjoy today. The cemetery was officially closed and heritage listed in 1993. Many historically important and interesting memorials can be found here with the earliest headstone recorded as 1862.

Names of People who arrived in Gladstone in 1853, 1854 or 1855

Mr. James BOLES, who arrived in Gladstone on April 1st., 1854, and has lived here for the last 74 years, has supplied a list of names of people who arrived in Gladstone in 1853, 1854 or 1855, and says that he is probably the only one of the number alive—*Previously published in the Gladstone Observer 1929 issue.*

Name	1929 Observer	Electoral Roll 1866	Place	Name	1929 Observer	Electoral Roll 1866	Place
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James	BOLES	James BOLES	Auckland Creek	William	PLUNKETT		
William	CAIN			J.S.	POWE	John Score POWE	Gladstone
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Mr. Boles was born in Madras, India in 1847. The members of the family alive include:

Mrs. W.C. **Frisch** (Rockhampton), Miss Josephine Mattabele **Boles** (Rockhampton),
Arthur **Boles** (Townsville), Jason **Boles** (Gladstone), Mrs. W.H. **Flori** (Brisbane),
Mrs. G. **Madden** (Brisbane), Mr. J. **Mohoney** (Western Australia).

Editor's Note: This article shows the names as they were spelt when previously published.

It is possible that there are errors.

We believe that Charles WILMOT is Joseph WILMOTT (or WILLMOTT) and that George ALDERS is George ALDOUS and John MADDOCKS is John MADDOCK.

We don't know of any "John McCABE" but the surveyor was "Francis Peter MACCABE".

Remembering Kate Ester Keitley

This story is based upon a story from one of our library books.

"Who killed Kate Keitley?"

It was compiled by Pamela Ward in 2001 and presented to us.

*Her disclaimer: *The printing of these words is to record the heritage of our area and in no way are they meant to hurt or embarrass any descendant, living or past, of families mentioned. By recording these events we are able to obtain an idea of what was here in 1888 and hopefully appreciate the future,* Pamela Ward 2001.*

Pamela's amazing 2001 book, was abridged by editor, Yvonne Cooper, to write this short story below.



**SACRED
TO
THE MEMORY OF
CATHERINE
DAUGHTER OF
DANIEL & CHARLOTTE
KEITLEY
WHO DIED MAY 5TH 1888
AGED 8 YEARS**

**"SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME UNTO ME"
THIS TABLET WAS ERECTED BY HER FRIENDS IN THE DISTRICT
Many thanks to member, Peter Lynch, for this photograph.**

The murder of this young girl resulted in the town of Calliope finally receiving its own Police Station.

People in the Gladstone Regional Council Area still remember this unfortunate young girl.

Ten days after the murder of Kate Keitley, the town's people held a public meeting to send a petition to the Commissioner of Police, David Thomas Seymour, for a police station to be built in Calliope.

The request was granted on 20th July 1888 and tenders were called for on 17th October.

The building was completed about 20th May 1890 and is still the original building with a porch added in 1934 (quote 2001).

Acting Sergeant W. Clement, No. 139, was the first Police Officer to be stationed at Calliope.

The Petition

The Commissioner of Police

24th July 1888

Brisbane,

Sir,

We, the undersigned residents of Calliope & District humbly petition you to grant us a Police Station here submitting to your most earnest consideration the following viz.

That the main Ten Chain Stock route of the colony passes by the township.

That the rapid development of the mining industry here necessitates protection, both of life and property as it attracts a large population.

We beg further of you to consider that Gladstone with a Sergeant and Constable is the only police station within a radius of over 80 miles.

We beg to add that we represented the matter to Inspector Stuart who was here in connection with the late Calliope outrage and we feel sure that he will give you satisfactory infrastructure regarding our problem.

Trusting that you will be able to grant our request.

We Remain,

Your honourable servants,

NAMES ON THE PETITION

George	Aldous	Henry	Fry	John	McCray
John	Baker	W.R.	Golding	M.	McCray
T.	Bayne	Carl	Harpur	P.	McCray
James	Bell	A.	Harrington	William	McLeod
Joseph	Benedick	Henry Alfred	Hawthorne	T.T.	Menzies
James	Black		Hawthorne	Albert James	Milchristen
Joseph	Boles	Joseph	Hickson	John	Pender
James	Bootle	W.	Hodgon	Harry	Phillips
William	Cain	Laurens	Janson	W.B.	Prizeman
Ah	Cha	Wm.	Johnston	Harry	Pujolas
Charles William	Clark	Benjamin	Joyner	John	Pujolas
William	Cole	George H.	Kelly	John	Robinson
Joseph	Condon	John	Kelly		Schultz
James	Cowan	Daniel	Keitley	James	Sidey
John	Cox	Henry	Keitley	W.A.	Small
George	Crosisca	Henry	Kirkman	Douglas	Spiro
G.G.	Crosisca	James	Kirkman	F.	Spiro
	Crosisca	B.	Kirkpatrick	Edwin	Stoneley
Duncan	Cunning	Wm.	Kirkpatrick	Samuel	Templeton
Robert	Cunning	Frederick	Leur	William	Thompson
John	Dickinson	J.P.	Leur	Carl	Ullman
Gettrard	Drangle	R.	Lloyd		Uni
John Edward	Dunne	Angus	Mackay	Fred	Ward
John	Evans	Peter	Mackay	Tan	Watt
John	Finch	Wm.	Mackay	W.	Watt
George	Ferguson	James	Mc Batney	Robert	Welby
James	Ferguson	Richard	McBratney	George	Williams
Henry	Friend Jnr.	James	McCartney	George	Wright
Henry	Friend Snr.				

ABOUT KATE

Kate Ester Keitley was born on 20th September 1879 at Kelly's Gully Calliope to Daniel and Charlotte Keitley. Daniel Keitley, farmer and gold miner, lived here with his wife, Charlotte and their young family.

Kate was the eighth child of sixteen children born to Charlotte & Daniel.

Kelly's Gully is on the northeastern side of Calliope on the road to Gladstone, and in the vicinity of the now 'Alchera Aged Home'. In 2025 this is now a type of motel.

Mrs. Keitley's fourth child, Eliza, was aged 8 months when she died on 10th January 1874 and is buried at Kelly's Gully. The other Keitley children to be buried here are the two sets of twin boys, Joseph and Thomas born on 18th July 1888 and died on 1st August 1888 and Frederick and Henry born on 14th Dec. 1889 but died on 20th Dec. 1889. A large boulder marked the site but due to extensions to the Alchera Nursing Home the boulder was unknowingly removed.

Kate was aged 8 and had attended the Calliope School in 1888 and her schoolteachers were Miss Old and Mr. Clark. Kate was a girl with a friendly manner. Her parents were strict and Kate was not in the habit of going with strangers.

On Saturday 5th May 1888 Kate was sent on an errand to purchase some butter from Mrs. Black's dairy in Calliope or from Mrs. Gardner. Mrs. Black was not home and Kate retraced her journey.

Mr. Joseph Benedick found her body on the Sunday at 12.30pm in a paddock, belonging to Mr. Bedford. This was on the Gladstone/Calliope road.

It was reported on 7th June 1889 the local people had collected 50 pounds as a donation to the headstone for little Kate on gravesite number 8 that bears the name of 'Catherine' but the certificates prove she was christened 'Kate'.

Kate's mother's, maiden name was Charlotte Fell. In 1999 Fred and Jean Fell from Warwickshire England visited the final resting-place of Kate and organised for the headstone to be restored. Wally & Dot Walters commissioned Stone Masons in Bundaberg who carried this out in 2000.

No-one was ever convicted of the assault and murder of poor Kate.

Kisber Kus, a man of German origin arrived in Calliope looking for work on 5th May 1888 and being a stranger and in the vicinity of where the body was found, was detained for the murder of Kate Keitley.

On Monday 28th May 1888 he was set free. The people of the area apologised to Kisber Kus and gave him free food and clothing.

A young local man, who was about 16 years old, was committed for trial in the Supreme Court at Rockhampton on 18th September 1888. The jury consisted of the following men:

W.H. Stenlake ;	WG.J. Edgar ;	M. Bolton ;	Alexander Pattison ;
Charles Hill ;	R.H. Cozier ;	H.T. Godfrey ;	P. Curran ;
Edgar Gostelow ;	Thomas Eager ;	Fred. A.G Kelly ;	and F. Comley .

The Judge, Charles Stewart Mein, was a Justice of Supreme Court of Queensland (1863-1895).

He summed up the case in his address to the jury, which lasted 4 hours and 20 minutes. He was critical of the quality of the investigation. The jury at once retired to consider their verdict and only took 2 hour and 25 minutes to find the defendant **"Not guilty"**.

This case was widely reported in many newspapers.

Some names and occupations mentioned in the book "Who Killed Kate Keitley"

SURNAME	NAME	OCCUPATION	RESIDENCE
BANNIGAN	Henry Crook	medical practioner, resident surgeon	Port Curtis & Leichardt Hospital
BEDFORD Mrs	Margaret	Wife of Edward Bedford-storekeeper, Widow of John Sutherland	Calliope
BENEDICK	Joseph	miner signed with X his mark	Calliope
BENEDICK	Mary Jane	daughter of Joseph Benedick-miner	Calliope
BENEDICK	Sarah	daughter of Joseph Benedick-miner	Calliope
BLACK	Mary	Widow there is a photo	
CLARK	Arthur	detective	Rockhampton
CLARK	Charles William	State school master	Calliope
CLARK	Eliza	wife of Charles William Clark	
DUNNE	John Edwin	miner	Calliope
FITZPATRICK	Maria	Lives with her mother & father	Clyde Creek
HAWTHORN	Henry Alfred	Saddler	Gladstone
KAN	Tan	lives near Kirkman ex goldminer	Calliope
KEARN	Mathew	9 year old boy	
KEITLEY	Charlotte	Maiden surname FELL, mother of Kate Keitley, wife of Daniel Keitley	Mt. Pleasant, near Calliope
KEITLEY	Charlotte	Born 01 Oct 1871, there is a photo, sister of Kate-married William Adam SMALL	
KEITLEY	Daniel	Farmer	Mt. Pleasant
KEITLEY	Daniel	miner-works at Kelley's Gully	
KIRKMAN	James	miner- brother of John Kirkman	Calliope
KIRKMAN	John	son of Henry Kirkman	Calliope
KIRKMAN	Rosanna	wife of Henry Kirkman, mother of Harry, Willie, James, John, Samuel	Calliope
KIRKMAN	Samuel	son of Henry Kirkman, brother of John Kirkman, pupil teacher at Calliope	Calliope
LITTLE	Robert	Police Sergeant	Gladstone
MAR	Robert	government analyst	Brisbane
McARTHUR	Alexander	Justice of peace & Gold Warden	Gladstone
McCOY	Peter	Statement from Daniel Keitley that Peter McCoy is only man working at Kelly's Gully that lives at Calliope	Calliope
MORAN	Cornelius	Police Constable	Gladstone
OLD	Alice	Assistant school teacher	Calliope
OLD	James Ernest	constable	Rockhampton
ORANGE	Clifford	miner	Calliope
PUJOLAS	Harry	Publican	Calliope
PUJOLAS	John	Butcher	Calliope
REAL	Mr Real	? Solicitor	
RICHARDSON	Mr A.J.	Government Surveyor	Rockhampton
RUTLEDGE	Hon. A	solicitor	
SPRIO	Douglas Gray	miner	Calliope
SUTHERLAND	Calliope	daughter of Mr Edward Bedford & Mrs Margaret Bedford, Father John Sutherland died 28 Feb 1867	Calliope
TIMBURY	Alfred Jefferies	Chemist	Calliope
WOOD	Arthur Francis	licensed surveyor	
WRIGHT	Thomas	Stockman	Stowe

Boyne Valley Cemetery Index:

Includes Nagoorin, Builyan/Many Peaks, Norton burials in cemeteries



The Boyne Valley Cemetery Index was put together by Life Member, Paulette Flint, from death records originally held at Gladstone Court House and extracted by Life Member, Melva Bensted.

This index incorporates burial records for the three cemeteries in the Boyne Valley district of Gladstone Regional Council, **Nagoorin** Cemetery, **Norton** Cemetery and **Builyan/Many Peaks** Cemetery.

All these cemeteries are now closed for burial. Nagoorin Cemetery received a facelift in 2018 with new fences and a plaque listing burials placed in the cemetery. The Norton Cemetery is not maintained by Gladstone Regional Council.

The Many Peaks Cemetery is erroneously entitled Builyan Cemetery both on the signage at the cemetery and on the Gladstone Regional Council website. Originally, It was the Many Peaks Cemetery, although some burial records in the index state Builyan Cemetery.

It should be more correctly named, Builyan/Many Peaks Cemetery, or Many Peaks/Builyan Cemetery. It is situated in the Builyan locality.

Some 186 burials are listed in the index which was taken from the original death records of the Gladstone District Court House.

The records include:

Surname,

First Names,

Sex,

Age,

Occupation,

Death Date,

Death Place,

Burial Place and

Parents' names.

Parents' names were taken from the Queensland Birth Death and Marriage Index online, and thus may include their transcription errors. Where no parents were mentioned, the records annotate "Unknown" or "Unnamed".

It also includes: The whole index in PDF format, plus available photographs of the remaining headstones and some other cemetery photographs, stories taken from newspaper articles, a map of grave locations in Many Peaks Cemetery, information about each Cemetery and some death certificates, all on a USB stick.

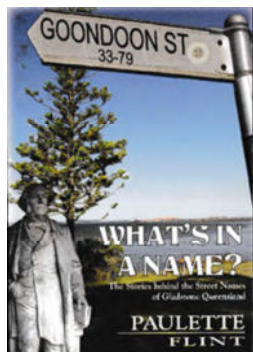
Postage of a USB stick is much cheaper than the cost of a printed copy. It is \$20, plus postage and packing.

Enquiries: Email gladgen@hotmail.com

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

*The Stories behind the Street
Names of Gladstone Queensland*

by Paulette Flint



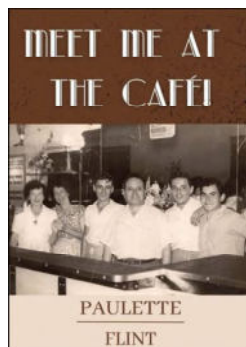
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MEET ME AT THE CAFÉ!

*The stories behind the cafés of
Gladstone 1900-1970*

by Paulette Flint 2022



"Meet me at the Café!" combines photographs and stories of the cafés, tea rooms and milk bars in the town of Gladstone from a time before television, computers and online dating.

Nothing compared to a hearty burger from Mick Corones at the Niagara Café, or a cold milk shake with shards of ice from Percy at the California Grill Bar.

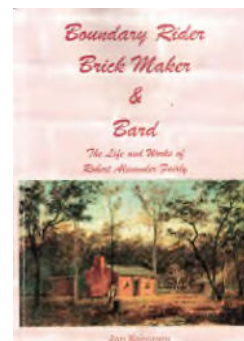
After a night at the local picture theatre, young people would meet at the local café to turn on the juke box and jive to the latest tunes.

BOUNDARY RIDER,

BRICK MAKER & BARD

*The life and works of
Robert Alexander Fairly.*

Compiled by Jan Koivunen



Australian Bush Poetry from the late 1800s by poet, Robert Alexander Fairly who lived for a time on the Milton gold field at Norton, via Gladstone Qld, then at Burua near Gladstone, where he is buried.

'Fairly's verse is varied and often humorous but his obvious forte was in the mode of the bush ballad in which he conveys an optimistic spirit.' (Review from *Robyn Sheahan-Bright, Kookaburra Shells 2006.*)

These two books are available from the author, Paulette Flint.

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