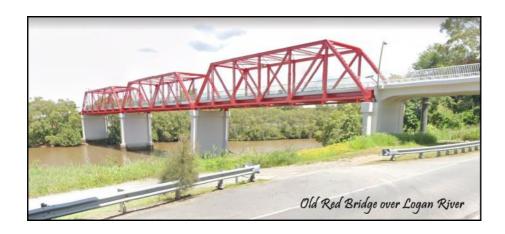
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Appreciation

The Committee and Members of Logan River Family History Society Inc would like to thank Shannon Fentiman M.P. for Waterford and her Staff for their support by the printing of our Journal.

President's Message



Hello Members

I'd like to welcome you to the second edition of Dugullumba Times for the year and add a special thank you to our journal editor, Val, who does a sterling job in preparing our journal for publishing every quarter. I'm told that she is often up late at night polishing up the current edition and waiting for the society's president to submit his letter so the journal can go to the printers!

We have now been in our current rooms for twelve months and a lot of work has gone into preparing our workspace and our resources to facilitate the research that we love to do. Much still needs to be done and volunteers are always welcome. I like to imagine that we are in a swiftly flowing stream with many things rushing on as we work together to establish a strong, cooperative group of people who work together and encourage each other as we collaborate to advance the society.

We were sorry to hear that Lyn Gampe's husband Adrian passed away early in February, after a long battle with his health problems. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Lyn.

As the weather cools, we will be looking for volunteers to help work on our section of the grounds, tidying and planting the area to make the walk down the path to our rooms as pleasant as possible. As of now we have submissions in for three grants which, if successful, will greatly enhance our facility and streamline the work that we do. They are:

- ▶ Community Gambling Benefit Fund :- desktop computers, chairs, data projector stand, library book cart and library shelving.
- ► Council Community Benefit Fund: signage for the building which includes a directional sign pointing down the path to our rooms
- ► Club Southside :- society shirts and logo patches

Dianna has put a lot of work into preparing and submitting these grant requests and I thank her for her time and effort.

Thanks to those who give up their time on one Wednesday a month to help sell sausages and soft drinks outside Coles at Yarrabilba. Some people who are unable to do this have started making donations to help defray the cost of supplies, which, of course, helps to improve our bottom line. Soft drinks are now for sale in the room and the income from these is added to the Sausage Sizzle income for the month.

We can never stop learning and improving our aptitude as researchers so I would like to encourage you to take advantage of seminars and webinars that are often available. The society receives emails promoting many of these and Dianna adds them our Dropbox file so make sure you check there regularly. Of course, we also have our monthly guest speakers and Hilda's talks can be booked through the council library site. Do your best to make it to our monthly meetings. Our guest speakers support us by freely giving their time and expertise, I like to think that we can all support them.

All the best

Rob Thomson President

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From the Editor:



It's time again to present the journal to our members and friends.

It is my pleasure to prepare it for you, and I would like to thank everyone who has contributed

We have some interesting reading including the stories from the display in our rooms, with the theme being the weather and how it affected our families.

I thought I would like to share with you a very moving Anzac experience I had this year. While our daughter Kerry and her hubby Grahame were holidaying in France, they made a special visit to the grave of my grand uncle, Private Thomas Arthur JAMES, who is in the Peronne War Cemetery. While they were there, they video-called me on their phone so that I could 'walk' to his grave with them. It was just like being there in person. I felt very emotional and thankful. Any of you who have visited the graves of our precious soldiers would know how I felt, I'm sure. Thomas was in the 24th Battalion, and was killed during the Battle for Mont St Quentin on 1st September, 1918.

Well it's time now for you to relax and enjoy reading your journal.

Val Watson, Editor



The Aboriginal name for the Logan River meaning Home of the Hornet

Logan River Family History respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands across the City of Logan. We extend that respect to Elders, past and present. They hold the memories, traditions, cultures and hopes of Australia's First Peoples

Guest Speakers

Hilda Maclean talked to us about the Pioneering Mayes and Kingston families.



Kingston Pioneer Cemetery





Ann Swain
with help from her
husband Tony
presented

Pre Settlement



<u>Queensland</u> Photo courtesy National Museum of Australia



Beenleigh Post Office

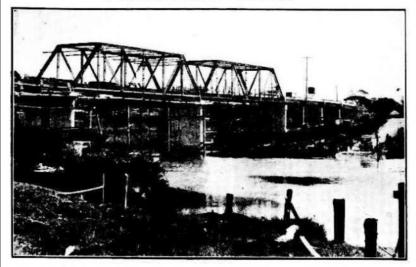


Uncle Barry Watson's presentation The History of Post Offices in Logan when he talked about various post offices, some that have closed, some still operating today, with illustrations of both old and new.

The Old Red Bridge

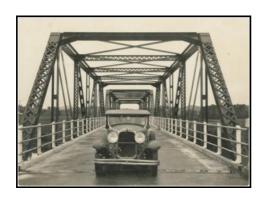
Logan River

LOGAN RIVER BRIDGE.



The last link in the Brisbane-Southport road, the bridge over the Logan River, is now nearing completion, and motorists welcome the end of the ferry system, with its annoying delays.

Brisbane Courier, 7 May, 1931



The Loganholme Bridge opened on 1 July 1931. It was a toll bridge, with the toll collector occupying the old ferryman's cottage. The toll booths operated until November 1945, even though the bridge had more than paid for itself by then.

Photo courtesy of State Library of Queensland

<u>Prizewinners of the 100 Board Lucky Numbers</u> <u>Drawn at the April General Meeting</u>

1st Prize: \$70 Lynne Reynolds 2nd Prize: \$20 Janice Downs 3rd Prize: \$10 Rob Thompson

There is a new 100 Board in our rooms to be drawn in September (in time for Fathers' Day

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Hilda Maclean's next presentation

Sweet success: a history of honey production in Logan

Many of Logan's pioneering families produced honey to supplement their income. Housing development almost wiped out the local industry in the 1970s. The City of Logan is now home to a new generation of producers.

Wednesday 17 May 2023 10.30am Logan Central Library (online and in person) Saturday 20 May 2023 11am Mayes Cottage (in person) https://loganlibraries.org/whats-on/event/sweet-success-a-history-of-honey-production-in-logan

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I went to the National Archives for a short seminar . They were telling us about the WWII records.

All the Navy personal files have been digitised and are available online – Series A6769 Navy Officers from 1911 to 1970; and series A6770 NCO's Petty Officers and Men, Personal files 1911 to 1970. **Ship Ahoy!**

The RAAF series, A9300 Officers, and A9301 NCO's etc - these are being digitised.

Thanks Dianna (Ottaway) for sending in this information.

House Fire and Building a New House

Written by Heather Cuthbert Member 83

When I was in year 10, about 15 years old, our house burned down. Elva was 17 years old, Phillip 13, Wendy 8 and Wayne 5. It happened at night on Sunday 27th June, 1965 before 11.30 pm, when we were all asleep. Our house was an old house built of pressed metal. It was situated in the Adelaide Hills, on Ironbank Road (now Pole Road) at Ironbank, SA.

The fire started in the back of the house, probably from the old wood stove, and the complete back section of house was totally destroyed. The two front bedrooms survived but had to be demolished because of safety. I'm not sure how dad and mum were alerted but they were able to get Wendy, Wayne and Phillip out the back bedroom even though the fire was starting to come through the wall. I have been talking to Wendy and she said she remembers waking up and the flames were coming through the ceiling and debris was falling on her bed. Phillip called out to dad and mum about the fire and then went back to sleep. Apparently, dad and mum took Phillip, Wendy and Wayne and put them in the car and drove it up above the house on the flat area and told them to stay there. Wendy said she remembers the glow of the fire at the back of the house. Dad also saved the fridge by pulling it outside the back door and his set of SDA Bible Commentaries. He dropped volume one so it got a little water damage but otherwise they were fine. They also saved one armchair from the lounge room. The front bedrooms got a lot of heat, smoke and water damage. When I was woken up I think I must have been a zombie as I thought that I would need my school uniform so I got that out of the wardrobe and my school case of books, before I went outside. I remember that I had a book for year 10 sewing which had notes, samples of sewn stitches, etc. This had to be handed in to the Public Examinations Board for marking. Anyway it was singed on the edge so I had to do it all again. A neighbour Mrs Leak was going past our house at the time and saw the flames so she rang the volunteer fire brigade at Upper Sturt. Our neighbours the Leak's let us sleep on the floor at their house for the rest of that night. The next day I remember we found skirts that had been folded in half on a shelf in our bedroom and they were all burned down the fold so fell into two pieces when we picked them up. I remember Mrs Loma May being there helping us. Also mum had the clean washing on the lounge in the house and she put it all in a sheet and carried it out so we had all those clothes. Wendy remembers the styles of the suits and dresses we had so I want to encourage her to draw them. People were very generous to us all and gave clothes, money, etc.

After the fire we found an interesting thing in the ashes. The aluminium saucepans had melted and dripped down into an interesting shape. Mum kept that shape as an interesting memory.

During all this, Dad bumped his knee and eventually he got a huge carbuncle on it. It was very painful and he used to put hot compresses on it every night. Eventually the core came out with all the pus, etc. I'm not sure how big the core was but I think it was at least ½ inch but it may have been bigger. It then healed up well.

For two nights we slept in two borrowed caravans. One belonged to Brian and Loma May from church and the other to the shop owners at Upper Sturt, Mr & Mrs Heard. While it was being built a neighbour Mr W Lance Bryne lent us a holiday shack that he had on his land. It was cramped but we had shelter. We lived there over one year.

After WWII dad was eligible for a War Service Loan to build a house. But when Dad and Mum wanted the loan there was such a long waiting list that Dad and Mum just got an ordinary loan from the bank instead. So now when we needed a new house to live in Dad and Mum were able to access a War Service Loan and we were able to build a house. It was cheap interest so manageable for them to pay off. They built a house of brick just further down the hill from the old house. Dad purchased all the bricks and brought them home on our truck. It was a big job and hard on the hands. It was great when we moved in.

Dad used to work sometimes for Mr Eric Wilcox who was a news reader of ABC radio and later one of the first news readers on ABC TV in Adelaide. He owned an apple orchard in Hawthorndene and dad used to do some work for him. After the fire Eric and his wife came to see dad and mum and apparently Wayne was playing with a doll that someone had given Wendy so when the Wilcox' went home Mrs Wilcox bought a teddy and put it in a shoe box and left it at the Upper Sturt shop, where dad picked it up and brought it home for Wayne. Wayne still has that teddy.



Elva, Heather and Phillip Lomman near the old house that later burned down at Ironbank. SA

Logan River Family History Writers Group



Towards the end of 2022 a writers' group was formed. The idea was to help members refine their writing skills and provide articles for the quarterly journal, the Dugullumba Times and Society advertising material for the local papers.

Each month a theme is chosen and we write a few paragraphs relating to our ancestors. So far we have explored, Christmas, schooldays and dialogue between ancestors. The current theme is an article about an ancestor that needs to be researched first. The idea is to use the vital records, census information, newspaper reports and other archival records to plot a timeline and account for the whole of the ancestors life. Since this is rather more involved than our usual short exercises it is in two parts. Firstly do the research then write the article using the resources that have been discovered. In other words, putting leaves on your family tree.

As our leader, Rob is a retired school teacher we may also have a short lesson in grammar before we review our writings. The idea of the group is to help each other with sentence and paragraph structure, spelling, grammar and editing through group discussion. It is not to openly criticize others' work.

Our group meets on the 1st Monday of the month, unless it is a public holiday. All members are welcome.

Pam Hayes Member 151

IS THERE A PATRON SAINT OF GENEALOGISTS?

Google nominates St Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury as a candidate because he was consecrated by the Pope in 667 and travelled to Britain where he reorganised the Anglo-Saxon church. His administrative reforms were the base for the Parish Records and also the record keeping for wills which saved them for future researchers. He held the post for 22 years until his death at almost ninety.

This knowledge has not helped me much because asking for help from a saint does not change what records are available - only possible guidance to uncover available records.

My experience has been that records either precede or are after the time frame I am searching for. One comment on the subject in the thread seems apt. The writer suggested that - particularly for brick walls - the Patron Saint should be St. Jude (Thaddeus) who is the Patron Saint of Hopeless Cases and Desperate Causes!

Anne Mitchell Member 178



Gundagai Floods

Gundagai a town situated 390 kilometres south west of Sydney, New South Wales was engulfed in flooded waters on the night of 24th June 1852. The Murrumbidgee River broke its banks after heavy rain had fallen for many weeks. People were clinging for their lives and safety in trees, while the flood waters rose quickly. Forty-eight of Gundagai's seventy-eight buildings were swept away and the remainder were not able to be repaired.

At the time of the flood, Wiradjuri people lived in the area. The men were renowned for their skill in using bark canoes.

Four local Wiradjuri men, only two are known by their names Yarri and Jackey (Jacky or Jacky Jacky) saved many people over three days in the canoe and rowboat. Survivors were pulled from the trees, the only things to cling onto.

The canoe was very small, and could only hold one person. Many trips had to be made. Yarri rescued forty-nine people and Jacky rescued twenty using the rowboat.

Many were swept away and others just died of exhaustion.

At the time of the flood the population of Gundagai was about two hundred and fifty people. It is estimated that at least one third of the population lost their lives. There were travellers in the town at the time, so the final death numbers will never be known.

Gundagai Floods

Allotments at risk of flooding were exchanged for land on higher ground in October 1852, and by the end of 1859 Gundagai was settled on the slopes of Mt. Parnassus.

In 1875 Yarri and Jackey were each given an engraved breastplate for their heroism, and a lifelong pension.



Sculpture of Yarri and Jackey unveiled on the main Street of Gundagai 2017 on the 165th anniversary of the flood.

Presented by Diane Schulz.

Member 168

Source and photo: nma.gov.au

Floods Droughts and Fires

Written by Elizabeth Lamb Member No 7

I grew up on a dairy farm on the Logan River at Loganlea. Droughts floods & fires were a constant occurrence & had a huge impact on our lives. For the Logan River to flood, the headwaters of the Logan River in the McPherson Ranges, must have a deluge and about three days later the flood waters would arrive in the lower reaches. We could see the swollen river waters moving along the top of the banks from our home on "Riverdale". This would only be the start. As more water came down, the river would break over the high banks and creep its way across the farmlands until all our cultivation would be covered. By this time the "river" would be up to a kilometre and a half wide. After each flood the crops and fences would need to be assessed for damage. The 1947 flood was remembered by our family as quite devastating. My mother kept the newspaper cuttings of the flood and placed them in a photo album. One photo I can remember was of the debris at the base of the Railway Bridge crossing the Logan River between Loganlea and Bethania, with the family standing near the pillars. Our land bordered the Railway line. In recent years, since we have moved from the area, we have gone back to see the floods at Riverdale Park and along the Logan River near Waterford and Logan Village.



Of course, floods are usually followed by droughts, and big floods are followed by big droughts. It would get so dry that there wouldn't be sufficient water flowing down the river to stop the tide pushing salt water from the ocean up the river. This meant there was no water to irrigate the pastures "the food for the cows." Sometimes the cows would venture down the riverbank and onto the edge of the river to eat the reeds. The next thing the cows would be bogged.

The Armstrong family inspecting the Railway bridge after the 1947 flood

We would have to take the tractor and attach chains and ropes to them and drag them out the river. Some of the cows were very weak and we had a hoist that would lift them up to stand so they could be fed. During droughts we would buy truck loads of bailed hay from farmers near Beaudesert. My brother would buy a block of sugarcane from the Woongoolba area. He would drive to the farm and cut the cane and load it on the truck. This was another source of feed for the animals. Barry went with Trevor to help. It would take quite a few trips to cut all the cane. We then put it through the chaff cutter and fed the cattle while they were being milked. We had a bore sunk in the late 50's - 60's and this was another source of water. If you go to "Riverdale Park" you will see the dam which we had bulldozed as another source of water for the cattle. We had to help the animals otherwise we would lose them.

Of course, with droughts comes fire. We had the steam trains passing by and the trains would blow out burning embers of coal and in dry times this would cause many fires. We had to fight the fires ourselves. "No fire brigade then". We would have sugar bags and potato bags which were wet, ready in waiting. We would grab one and run along the edge of the fire and beat the fire out with a swipe of the bag. The men used water tanks on their back to spray the fires. The neighbouring farmers would always be there to help each other in times of need.

Floods, droughts, and fire were a constant and regular occurrence. We would live with these adversities and hopefully plan ahead in a way to help with the problems when they arose. Life wasn't meant to be easy.



Floods March 2017 on The Armstrong Farm now Riverdale Park was flooded in 1947.

POEM - FAMILY TREE

A limb has fallen from the family tree

I hear a voice that whispers, 'Grieve not for Me.'

Remember the best times, the laughter, the songs

The good I lived while I was strong.

Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you

Keep on smiling, the sun will shine through

My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest

Remembering all how I was truly blessed.

Continue traditions, no matter how small

Go on with your lives, don't stare at the wall

I miss you all dearly so keep up your chin

Until that fine day we're together again.

Anon



Thanks to Lynne Reynolds, Member 259 for sending in this poem



I spoke to you in whispers As shells made the ground beneath us quake We both trembled in that crater A toxic muddy bloody lake I spoke to you and pulled your ears To try and quell your fearful eye As bullets whizzed through the raindrops And we watched the men around us die

I spoke to you in stable tones A quiet tranquil voice At least I volunteered to fight You didn't get to make the choice I spoke to you of old times Perhaps you went before the plough

And pulled the haycart from the meadow

Far from where we're dying now

I spoke to you of grooming Of when the ploughman made you shine Not the shrapnel wounds and bleeding flanks Mane filled with mud and wire and grime I spoke to you of courage As gas filled the Flanders air Watched you struggle in the mud

Harness acting like a snare I spoke to you of peaceful fields Grazing beneath a setting sun Time to rest your torn and tired body Your working day is done I spoke to you of promises If from this maelstrom I survive By pen and prose and poetry I'll keep your sacrifice alive

I spoke to you of legacy For when this hellish time is through All those who hauled or charged or carried Will be regarded heroes too I spoke to you in dulcet tones Your eye told me you understood As I squeezed my trigger to bring you peace The only way I could

And I spoke to you in whispers.....



And I spoke to you in whispers

> A beautiful poem by Neil Andrew

Painting 'Goodbye Old Man' Fortunio Matania

Henry (Harry) Norman's Family 1896-1949

Written by Trevor Reynolds Member No 258

Recently I had a DNA match at 373cm on Ancestry. Com with a Rhonda Daly as a second cousin

Not knowing the name I contacted her and asked if she was interested in finding out how we were connected. I already had an earlier DNA match at 210cm for a Michael Daly as a second cousin once removed. He turned out to be Rhonda's son. She was very interested to explore how we were connected.

The story follows.

A second cousin goes back to your grandparents generation so the hunt began. My first thought was of Olena Norman's (my Grand Mother) side. There were 3 males; one died young, one died in WW1 and one never married and had no children. On Henry Reynold's (my Grand Father) side; he had 5 brothers. After thinking about where to start, I checked our ethnic relationship on Ancestry.Com, On Rhonda's side her Ancestors came from Ireland, Scotland and Norway. The first question had been answered as my grandfather's side was English and my grandmother's side was Scottish and Norwegian. As Rhonda had no English on her side the question of which side of the tree she was on was answered. Rhonda's father was Robert George Page, born 21 August 1924 to Naomi Salina Page nee Williams. He had an older brother Walter John Page, born February 1922. At this stage Naomi was married in 1920 to Leslie John Page who turned out to be not a very nice man. He spent his wages on gambling and booze and not paying rent or feeding his family.

When Robert was conceived in November 1923 it is not known if Henry Norman and Naomi were in a loving relationship or a casual affair but one can hope it was a loving one.

At this time Naomi was living with her brother and sister in law at 24 Little Cruickshank Street, Port Melbourne and my Great Grand Mother Isabella (Henry's mother) was living just down the street at 9 Little Cruickshank Street, Port Melbourne. On the 1925 electoral roll Isabella, Henry's mother was living at 18 Little Cruickshank Street, just 3 houses away from her grandson at 24 Little Cruickshank Street. It would not surprise me if she at the very least knew of the baby if not had picked him up. Little Cruickshank Street was just a lane between two major streets and being about 100 metres long so it's believable that everyone knew all their neighbours.





Little Cruickshank Street (left) as it is today, and as it would have looked in the 1920's

Naomi went on to remarry Leonard Belston Newman in 1940 who adopted both of Naomi's sons, Walter John aged 17 and Robert George aged 15. Rhonda said she never believed Walter and Robert were full brothers as they had completely different personalities.

Robert George Newman/Page married Verna Elsie McMahon and had 3 daughters; Pamela Joy Newman m Noel Francis Daly; Rhonda Lee Newman m Philip Wayne Daly and Kerrie Newman m Mavratsou. Between the three girls they have 8 children and 13 grandchildren so Henry's line will continue.

Up till now all my correspondence had been with Rhonda Daly and when she introduced me to her sister as Pam Daly (same surname) she had to explain to me that they had married brothers. When we were in Melbourne over Christmas we had lunch and a long talk with Rhonda and Pam; as you might guess it was all about their new family they never knew about.

While researching John Hatch I came across this notice in The Argus (Melbourne) on Wednesday 28 February, 1894. I wonder how many of his friends visited him that day for a glass of wine.

(not just any wine, but the famous Great Western wine.)

I N V I T A T I O N. I AM 60 TO-DAY, And will be Happy to Have a Glass Of GREAT WESTERN WINE With Any Friend who calls. JOHN HATCH, Great Western Vineyards Depôt, 285 COLLINS-STREET.

John Hatch was born in 1834 at East Peckham, Kent in England. He was a draper's assistant on the 1851 census, still at home with his family, his father being a draper and grocer, who employed 2 men, and also had 3 servants.

He married Elizabeth Edwards in 1859 in Victoria, They had one child, a daughter in 1861, at Great Western. Elizabeth died of polio the following year. John married again, to Sarah Frances Birch, in 1863. They had 11 children. They lived at Great Western for a few years before moving to Melbourne where most of their children were born.

John Hatch had earlier been at Great Western (a small but famous wine village in country Victoria.) He was the postmaster/grocer there, as well as the Registrar for Births, Marriages and Deaths, also on the Cemetery trust, and many other community committees. Even though he lived in Melbourne for many years, he never forgot his time at Great Western. It was the years of the gold rushes there, those wild pioneering days.

During his time in Melbourne, he lived in the suburb of South Yarra, and was a wine merchant having depots in the city, A very interesting man, He died in 1918 as is buried in the Melbourne General Cemetery.

Val Watson

Some Golden Rules of Genealogy

ALWAYS DOCUMENT YOUR SOURCES, NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY CONTRADICT ONE ANOTHER

Over time you will compile more data, and those once seemingly contradictive pieces of evidence may prove to be just the pieces of the puzzle you need to prove or disprove your theory. Be consistent as you cite your sources. There are standard citation formats but even if you make up your own format for listing your sources, be consistent with it. You want your descendants to be able to trace your steps so always cite your sources

MOST DATES ARE APPROXIMATE

It's okay to state that someone was born 'abt 1845' or died "May 1915" if you don't have an exact date or where various documents have different dates. Which date is correct? They all are.

IF UNSURE, SAY SO

Future researchers will thank you for being honest if you simply say that you cannot prove a specific fact, yet you 'suspect' such and such is true.

Don't fudge the facts.

Ever

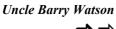






Ann & Tonty Swain











We always enjoy our guest speakers each month, they are passionate about history and we always learn something from them.



Many thanks to Elizabeth Lamb for organizing these speakers, as she has done for many years.



Looks like some good specials here!!

Beenleigh War Memorial

WILHELM BAHR

Wilhelm Bahr was born in Beenleigh in 1889. His grandparents, Wilhelm and Caroline Bahr were born in Brandenburg Germany. They immigrated to Queensland in 1863 on the Beausite with their children August and Wilhelm Christian Ferdinand (Wilhelm's father).



Wilhelm enlisted in the AIF on 22nd December 1916, he was 27 years old, a farmer and unmarried. He was posted to the 7th Reinforcement of the 41st Battalion, Reg No 3025 with the rank of Private.

Private Bahr embarked on the HMAT A18 Wiltshire in February 1917 and disembarked in Devonport in April. Following training at the 11th Training Battalion, Wilhelm proceeded to France and was taken on strength with the 41st Battalion on the 21st August 1917.

Wilhelm was wounded in action in October 1917, suffering a severe gunshot wound to the left thigh. He was evacuated to England on the HS Warilda and admitted to the 1_{st} Southern General Hospital in Stourbridge. After recovery and enjoying a furlo, he proceeded overseas to France once again and rejoined the battalion in February 1918.

In August that year, Wilhelm contracted bronchitis, he was treated at the 12th General Hospital and then in the convalescent depots in Rouen. On the 14th October he rejoined the battalion. On the 23rd December 1918, Wilhelm was attached to the Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal for duty.

Wilhelm returned to Australia on the HMAT A32 Themistocles, embarking on the 17th June and disembarking in Sydney on August 12th. On the 11th September 1919 he was discharged from the AIF.

Right: A32 Themistocles in Port Melbourne, 4th August 1917. Photo courtesy of Josiah Barnes and the Australian War Memorial.



Wilhelm married Harriet Annie Johnston in 1920, they lived for many years in the Capricornia Region, at Carmila, his occupation was labourer.

Photo courtesy of Find A Grave website



Wilhelm died in 1962 and was buried on 5th November 1962 at the Mt Bassett Cemetery, Church of England Section 1, Line 16, Plot No. 13.

His name is honoured on the Beenleigh War Memorial.



From the Journals

We receive several quarterly Journals from other family history societies on a reciprocal basis from both Australia and overseas. These books are available to Members and can be borrowed from our library for a period of 2 weeks at a time and must be signed out by a room attendant. Because of postage some Journals are emailed to us and can be read via Dropbox or from one of the computers in our rooms.

I enjoy reading these journals and magazines and you just never know what you may find that might help you with your family history journey.

IRISH ROOTS MAGAZINE - First Qtr, 2023

The 1926 Census will be published on line & free to search from April 2026. Steven Smyrl brings us the back story on the long running battle to gain access to those precious records.

Local Resources for Family History Research - County Derry.

This article deals with researching DERRY ancestors, but with an emphasis on the resources specific to the County.

Popular surnames are O'KANE, MacCLOSKEY, MacEVINNERY, DOHERTY, BRADLEY, BROLLY, MULLAN, MacLOUGHLIN, FRIEL, DUDDY, HARKIN, COYLE and HAMILTON.

Visiting the National Library of Ireland.

In 1877 the Dublin Science & Museum Act provided for the establishment of an Irish national library & museum. It is a non-lending library so all its holdings are only available for viewing on the premises. Three areas of interest for family historians are Catholic parish registers, landed estate manuscript collections and city directories.





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Castlereagh Personally - Percy LANDERS (1869 - 1937)

Percy LANDERS was a descendant of Castlereagh pioneers Antoine L'ANDRE (LANDRIN) & Charles HADLEY marrying a descendant of Pastor Henry FULTON, this is his story.

Pioneers of Bathurst part 3.

Rev.Matthew PARKINSON, Thomas MACHATTIE (MB, MC & JP), Great Western Aerated Water Factory, Benjamin CUTLER JP, Harrison & Johnson (Butchers), James Hine F.I.A.

For a complete surname list check the Journal.



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Fitzroy's Hand of Glory

In 1875 Melbourne's newspapers were abuzz with a grisly discovery in the slums of Fitzroy North, a 'Hand of Glory' in a small cottage belonging to Margaret CONNOR who had passed away. A servant girl was sent to clean out the home and the hand was found concealed behind bricks in the fireplace & then the story unfolds. Jobs of the Streets

The streets of early Melbourne offered something for every taste, e.g. Cool drinks & ice cream in summer, saveloys in winter, popcorn and biscuits outside the city's gardens. A curious public however, was offered plenty of more unusual ways in which to part with their coins.

Convict Orphans Hiding in Family Trees

Hidden within thousands of Australian family trees are the stories of convict orphans. Between 1828 and 1879 6000 children were confined within the Queen's Orphan Schools on the edge of Hobart town. Today their descendants are spread throughout Australia & New Zealand.

Enjoy the Read!

Esma King

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He was in the 24th Battalion, and was killed during the Battle for Mont St Quentin on 1st September, 1918.

He was only 19.

Val Watson