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Appreciation

The Committee and Members of Logan River Family History Inc would like to thank Shannon Fentiman MP for Waterford and her Staff for their support in printing our Journal

President's Message

Hello Members

Christmas is almost upon us, and if you are like me, you will be saying, "What? It can't be! I only stored away the

Christmas decorations from last year a couple of weeks ago!" But it is true, and along with the scurry of last-minute preparations for the festive season, it is time to take stock of the last year. How far have we come? What has changed? Who are the new members we have welcomed? What are our plans for next year?

When the last Dugullumba Times was printed, we were still waiting to hear of the result of our grant submission to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. Since then, we received the welcome news that we have been successful and we were granted funds that are allowing us to replace our old chairs (already done), purchase a library trolley to make our librarian's work easier (ordered at the time of writing), and a new stand for the data projector (purchased), and buy new computers for our research; the last of which is still being sourced.

It is great to see a gradual increase in the number of members who are visiting the rooms on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to engage in research. I am hopeful that we can start opening our rooms on an extra day each week at some time during 2024.

I want to encourage more of our members to join the Writer's Group. This group started just over a year ago, and we have some very enthusiastic scribblers who look forward each month to our time together as we support each other in our writing. We are not professional writers at all but enjoy collaborating as we improve our written word communication together.

Looking forward to next year, we will be trialling a change to our General Meeting days. At present, we have nine General Meetings, one Annual General Meeting and ten guest speakers. In 2024, management has decided to trial four General Meetings and the AGM, but there will still be ten guest speakers during the year and, of course, our Christmas Lunch in December. There will be more details about this at the November General Meeting. The meetings will still follow the present pattern of alternating first Saturdays and Thursdays of the month.

There is also a slight change to the number of Management Meetings; there will not be a December meeting this year. Management needs a holiday, too!

It is great to see the new direction sign pointing visitors down the path to where they can find us. Thanks to Dianna and Ian for the installation. We can also thank them for some of the plantings that are appearing in our section of the grounds. Marina has also had a hand in some of that gardening work.

Many of our members volunteer their time and talents to ensure the continued operation and growth of our society, and we must thank all those who work to safeguard our society's effectiveness.

I welcome new and returning members and wish you well in the pursuit of your family's ancestors. May every brick wall you encounter as you follow the paths to your family's past give way to the demolition ball of your research.

Lastly, I wish you all a happy, blessed, and renewing time with family and friends during Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Rob Thomson President LRFH

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From the Editor

It's time again to present you with the journal, this being the last one for the year.

Our recent display board has been a very popular one, 'Heirlooms' being the theme. We all have an heirloom of some sort passed down to us, and there's usually a story that comes with them. There are other stories and items of interest included as well. I hope you enjoy the read.

I would like to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year, feeling enthusiastic for some research! Maybe some brick walls will come tumbling down.

Val Watson



Just a reminder to put this date in your calendar

Monday 4th December for our Christmas Luncheon at the Rec Club, Kingston



New Members

A big <u>WELCOME</u> to our new members, and those who have rejoined. We look forward to seeing you in our research rooms soon, and wish you all the best with your research

DUGULLUMBA

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 7 October, 2023, with 23 members present. Items on the Agenda included:

Acceptance of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
Presentation and Acceptance of the Annual Report
Presentation and Acceptance of Financial Statements
Discussion of the reports for Membership, Research Group, Library, Guest
Speakers, Writer's Group,

Resolutions were passed on two proposals:

'On the recommendation of the Management Committee, Dr Hilda Maclean's standing as an Honorary Member of our society be extended for a further twelve months'

'On the recommendation of the Management Committee, Graham Popple, Member 22, a longtime member, supporter, and volunteer of our Society be made an Honorary Lifetime Member of Logan River Family History'

At this point, all positions were declared vacant, and Anne Mitchell took the chair for the election of the Management Committee.

Nominations were proposed and carried for the following positions:

<u>President</u> Rob Thomson <u>Treasurer</u> Dianna Ottaway

Secretary Lyn Gampe

Committee Members:

Esma King, Pam Hayes, Marina Bruno and Trevor Reynolds.

Congratulations to these members, and thank you for your service to our Society.



Wangal pong to Mount Tambor ine (Vol 1) The Moreton Bay Story

In August our Society hosted a book presentation at Queensland State Archives to introduce Karen Rosser and her book,

<u>Wangalpong to Mount Tamborine (Volume 1) -</u> <u>The Moreton Bay Story,</u>

a unique insight into the history of Queensland, particularly the South East.



The presentation, which included an introduction by Nola Fulwood, Former Archivist and Manager, Public Access, QSA; an interview with Karen and her editor, Jacki Ferro, as well as a talk—Map Trails— by Kaye Nardella, Senior Curator at Qld Department of Resources.

Members of our Society provided a delicious morning tea, enjoyed by all who attended. A big thank you to members who helped on the day.

<u>Guest Speakers</u>



August: Robin Kleinschmidt
The German Presence – Why the Immigrants Came –
Why they settled where they did and their
importance in the Community.



September: <u>Beryl Roberts</u> A Pictorial History of South Brisbane







Logan River Family History

Writers Group

In August and September the writing groups' activities were hands on lessons in Word. Learning how to format documents, insert pictures and add text to diagrams and photos. These sessions were enthusiastically participated in by all attendees.

The October meeting was in two parts. The first being an exercise with homophones and grammar. We were given a document to read and select the correct word to use from the ones in brackets.

e.g.:- A great cheer was (herd / heard) from all members of the team who (was / were) (their / there / they're).

Thank you to Rob Thomson for using his teaching skills to educate us.

The second part of the meeting involved writing a short story. The twist was that we had to include three things in the story that we were allotted. A person, an object and a location. These were randomly dealt to us. A couple of the combinations were: - astronaut, scissors and a sailing ship. Donald Duck, Mount Everest and a pencil. We had twenty minutes to compose our story. It was most enjoyable hearing the tales that had been created.

Our next project is one that really has no end. From the society's local family history files we each selected a family file to work on. Our task is to produce a poster, one per family, suitable for our off site displays and expos that summarizes the families' early settlement in the Logan area. We may have to do some extra research also. We hope by the use of document snips, family photos, maps and some short stories to achieve this.

All members are welcome to participate in this project.

Pam Hayes Member 151



Some of our recent activities

Our Society has held displays at several community events recently.

Photo on right taken at the Family History Fair, held at the Butter Factory in August, hosted by Hilda Maclean.

Another was the Forde Seniors Expo at Canterbury College, hosted by Bert Van Manen, MP;

Photos below taken at the Logan Seniors Expo, hosted by Linus Power MP, held at the Logan Village Community Hall,









Once a month we hold a sausage sizzle at Coles Supermarket Yarrabilba.

Here we see Janis, Pam and Anne, regular helpers.



News from our Treasurer

I am pleased to report that our grant applications have been successful. We have been granted funds by the Logan City Council Community Benefit Fund. These funds have offset the purchase of our large sign which adorns the front of the building. Also the funds offset the cost of the directional sign which points the way to our entrance, and our website upgrade. We are grateful to Logan City Council for assisting us.



Some of our members were a bit excited when our Patrons Jon Raven and Lisa Bradley came bearing a cheque to cover the cost of our new sign on the front of the building.

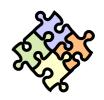
The other grant we have received came from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. These funds will go towards new equipment, notably we have finally got new sturdy office chairs for our members. These replace the mismatched and unsafe chairs that we have had for many years. We are happy to acknowledge the assistance that we have received from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund.



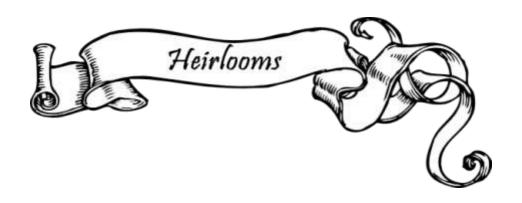
Dianna Ottaway, Treasurer

Jigsaw Jumble

Why not borrow one of our jigsaw puzzles (and help our fundraising at the same time.) Just \$5 and you can take one home and return it when you are finished with it.



Jigsaws are FUN!!



Among the next few pages are items from our recent Heirloom display

We hope you enjoy them



<u>Definition of an Heirloom</u>
A valuable object that has belonged to a
Family for several generations

The Scarf Clip

by Pam Hayes



Among the items I inherited was a silver and mother of pearl scarf clip. At least I think this is the makeup of it. It was passed to me by my Aunty Muriel, my Dads' sister. The clip belonged to my great grandmother Lydia Ann Allsopp nee Walter (1873-1967).

It has three flying geese mounted on the front and a decorative surround. It's not something I wear often but if I must wear a scarf, I do use it. The spring ring is still very strong even after all these years. I know it has been at least in existence since 1891 when my great aunt Rose was born as I have a photo of her on her mother Lydia's' knee as a baby and Lydia is wearing the clip. I have had the photo and clip for many years and only recently noticed the clip on Lydia's' scarf! I often visited my great grandmother as a child but have no recollection of what she wore, except it was dark colours.



A BIBLE in a BOX

The Bible, now very fragile with age, supported with tie bands to hold it together was a wedding gift from a friend to Great Grandparents Richard (1874 – 1945) and Elizabeth Ann TOWNSEND (nee SHARP 1880 - 1960).



Richard and Elizabeth were married on the 7th June 1899 in St. George's Church of England, Hillgrove, New South Wales.

Richard worked in the mines for many years during the mining boom, and later the family moved to Macksville and Tamworth.



The inscription on the book plate reads:

Presented to Mr. and Mrs. Townsend with prayers and best wishes for their future happiness from their true friend W. H. Hutton

The Bible has been handed down over the years to Grandmother, Porice (Porrie) O'Rourke, Mother Clizabeth (Betty) Baumann and myself. The box was crafted by Uncle Neville O'Rourke, grandson of Richard and Elizabeth Townsend from recycled timber collected from the local sawmill.

The box measures 30 x 23 x 8 cms. The woodwork craft was a hobby of Uncle Neville's especially after retirement when he had more time to spare. He often used camphor laurel and silky oak timber in his work. Aunty Porothy O'Rourke with her nimble fingers lined the box with purple velvet.

A real treasure to have in my possession

Diane Schulz Member 168

Ivory Fan

This is an Ivory fan that belonged to my great-grandmother, Emma Jane Hames (nee Lowler) 7th December, 1859 to 21st July, 1948





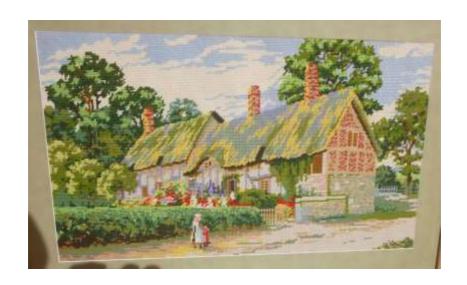
Heather Cuthbert, Member 83

MY HEIRLOOM



This Tapestry of Anne Hathaway's Cottage was done by my maternal Great Grandmother Sarah Weeks nee Spray 1843-1926. It is about 350mm x 600mm in size. I believe it was given to my Grandmother Dora Greaves nee Weeks when she left The Isle of Wight to migrate to Australia in 1912 when her husband transferred from the R.N. to R A N

Sarah Weeks



ANN HATHAWAY'S COTTAGE

Trevor Reynolds, Member 258

Auntie Jean's Baby Bonnet



I have in my possession a knitted baby bonnet that belonged to my father's oldest sister, Jean Hertha HAYNES (nee LOM-MAN). Jean was born on 26th September, 1911 in Adelaide, South Australia. She is the baby sitting in the pram and wearing the bonnet. The bonnet was knitted with quite fine wool and has a crochet edge and embroidered roses as well.

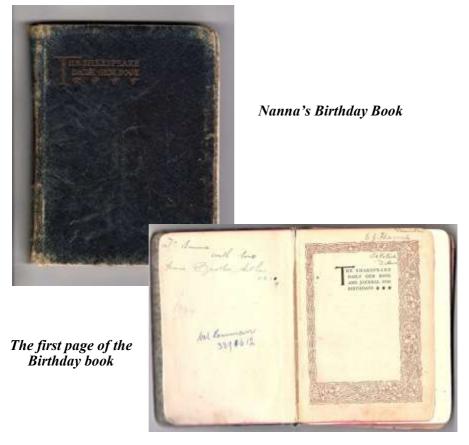


Heather Cuthbert, Member 83

Nanna's Birthday Book

This birthday book belonging to my maternal grandmother Emma Jane FAULKNER (nee HAMES) has a wealth of family history information. There are birth dates, death and other important family details.

A family treasure. Each day has a quote from Shakespeare.



Heather Cuthbert, Member 83.

FAMILY TREASURES

A small box in which my mother used to keep small items of jewellery, became mine after her death. It is small -4"x3"x 1.25" (10 x 7.5 x 3.5cm) with a hinged lid. On the lid there is the embossed head of Young Victoria, and in the 4 corners the Thistle, Shamrock and two corners with Roses. Encircling the central Young Victoria is the wording – Victoria D,G. Britanniarum Regina F.D.



Inside the lid (in relief) is a figure holding a crown over a seated figure. Above is written Erimus Tibi Nobile Regina and below is Inaugurata Die Jinie xxviii, MDCCCxxxviii which is June 28th, 1838.

Victoria's Coronation Day.



On the bottom of the box is HUNT & ROSKELL Late STORR & MORTIMER who were silversmiths to Queen Victoria.

I have googled the Silversmiths and the item number but the closest I have got is a Coronation commemorative coin with the identical images that are on the box – but no boxes that match.

The provenance of the piece is very vague as the family story was that it was given out, containing chocolate, to a returning soldier in the family. This may well have been awarded to an officer back from war but given that it is silver, made by a silversmith to Queen Victoria for her Coronation (or her Diamond Jubilee), it is unlikely that it was a general handout. The most likely candidate was my grandfather, Alexander Dingwall Kennedy, who was given a very fine certificate on 21st February, 1901 making him a Burgess and Guild Brother of the City and Royal Burgh of Glasgow with the rights and privileges of a Freeman Citizen of Glasgow. It was for service to his country in the War in South Africa and he was a member of the Scottish National Red Cross Hospital. Although he only completed his medical degree in 1903, he would have been very useful as a medic in the field. I once saw a letter he had written about his experiences in South Africa which unfortunately went missing with other documents during one of our many moves!

Anne Mitchell Member No 178

Photo Album

Submitted by Heather Cuthbert

This photo album belonged to my maternal grandmother Emma Jane FAULKNER (nee HAMES). It is handmade, with the cover made from suede and with a design on the front. The pages are of thick paper. The photos are small black and white snapshots and show the family doing various activities.



Photo Album Cover



A page of family snapshots from the Album

<u>Autograph or Writing Album</u>

Submitted by Heather Cuthbert

My maternal grandmother Emma Jane FAULKNER (nee HAMES, 4th March, 1891 – 14th September, 1973) had a Writing Album that was started in 1910. It has many pages completed with verses and sayings. Many of them are family members. It not only shows their handwriting and signatures but gives us an idea of their humour and personality. Quite a few people illustrated their writings with drawings.



My Spinning Humming Top

My mother and father gave me this lovely spinning humming top for my 9th birthday. I treasured this present for the rest of my life. I feel this was very, very special as it was the last gift that my father gave me. He was suddenly taken from us a few months later. Our children loved playing with it and only with my supervision. It was always placed back in the cabinet with our not for children ornaments and China, etc.

When our grandchildren came along, Grandma would bring her spinning humming top down from the shelf and show them how it would spin and hum. They were fascinated with it and would always respect Grandma placing her treasured toy away in the cabinet.



My Magical Humming Spinning Top
- 1953

I have never seen another top of 1950's with the lovely nursery rhyme. Hey diddle diddle, The cat and the fiddle. The cow jumped over the moon. The little dogs laughed to see such fun. And the dish ran away with the spoon. Can you remember this Nursery Rhyme?

There is a Royal Stamp on it. The Royal Emblem, then written underneath. By Appointment. Toy Makers. To H.M. The Queen. The Chad Valley Co. Ltd. Harborne. England. A little way around the top I found another stamp. Made in England. No.10034. I thought I was on The Antiques Road Show in England!!!! I was given this present in October 1953, just after Queen Elizabeth's Coronation.

"Spinning tops developed independently in cultures all over the world. They are among the oldest recognizable toys found by archaeologists and have been found on every continent except Antarctica. Tops found in China date from around 1250 BCE. A carved wooden top dated to about 2000 BCE was found in King Tut's tomb. A clay top discovered at an archaeological site in Iraq dates to 3500 BCE. That's almost six thousand years ago!"

"The materials used to make tops depended on the place and time. Very primitive tops made from seeds, nuts, or fruit with a stick through them have been found among indigenous peoples throughout the world. Other materials used to make tops are wood, bone, fired clay, ivory, shells, and metals like iron, brass, silver, or gold. Most tops are solid, but some were hollow with a hole in the side that produced a whistling sound."

"Originally tops were used to amuse children; however, people soon found other uses for this ancient toy. They were used as gifts to honour the gods and were placed in burials for the dead to take into the afterlife. In some cultures, tops were spiritual objects used for divination and prophecy. Organized sports and games developed using tops. They were also used for gambling."

"There are different types of spinning tops. Depending on how tops are spun they are called finger twirlers, strings and whips, augers, or magnetic fields, but they all defy gravity. Tops are designed to spin, balancing on the tip. They stay in motion and upright until they lose energy and tip over."

Information: - Timothy S.Y. Lam Museum of Anthropology. Email – lammuseum@wfu.edu A Private Liberal Arts University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. U.S.A. Founded 1834.

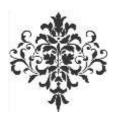
Over the centuries the spinning humming tops have evolved into the tops that we have now become accustomed too. I have enjoyed my magical humming spinning top and sharing it

I have enjoyed my magical humming spinning top and sharing it with my family.

Elizabeth Lamb, Member 7

Pearl Necklace

by Pam Hayes



My paternal Aunt Muriel was married in Bristol, England in 1952. Her wedding present from her parents was a two strand pearl necklace. My grandad at the time had a pawn broking shop in Fishponds Road called the 'Bargain Shop'. Many of his customers' unredeemed treasures were sold or found their way into my grandparents' home. So I am not sure if this necklace was brand new.

I spent many school holidays with my Granny and Grandad and also with my Aunty Muriel. I always felt 'at home' with them. I am their eldest grandchild and Muriel's goddaughter too. When I embarked on my ancestor hunting in the early eighties Muriel was the fountain of knowledge for the paternal side of my family. Luckily for me she was just as enthusiastic. Over the years we have become very close. My mother often told me 'You get more like your Aunty Muriel every day." I am still not sure if it's meant in a good or bad way. To me it's good.

About twenty five years ago I received a package from England. Inside was a video cassette case that contained the pearl necklace and a note from Muriel. Since she had no daughter to give the necklace to she gifted it to me her niece and goddaughter.

I did attend her wedding as a toddler and have a lovely photo of me giving her a lucky horseshoe. On her birthday each year I try and make a point of wearing her necklace. It is still one of my favourite treasures. I now must pick to whom I gift it.



School Leaving Certificate

By Pam Hayes

It always seemed quite miraculous to me that this small piece of paper issued in 1894 survived. It was given to me when my father-in-law, Selwyn Hayes died in 1986 as I was 'The Family History Person". It is the school leaving certificate of his mother Agnes Mary Carrucan, issued by the Victorian Education Department, declaring that she had reached the required standard of education and was exempted from compulsory attendance.



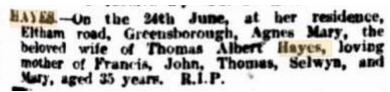
Selwyn had it in his wallet along with his drivers' licence and blood group slip. Why I find its survival so amazing is the fact that Agnes Mary died in 1917 when Selwyn was just 4 years old. Selwyn and his younger sister Mary Agnes, known as Molly did not have a family home after their Mum died and were passed around the relatives. I can only think that Selwyn got this from his father at some stage. I wish he had shown me in his lifetime.

Agnes Mary Carrucan was born 1 May 1881 at Eltham, Victoria, the youngest of ten children of Peter Carrucan and Hannah Woods, Irish immigrants. Agnes started school at the age of 3 years, in November 1884 according to the school admissions register.

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She is listed as pupil #410. The school opened as Eltham Common School in 1856 in a bark hut. It became Eltham State School #209 in later years. All of Agnes' siblings attended this school, also her cousins.

Agnes was nearly 13 years old when her formal education was ended. Did she go to work or stay home to help in her parent's house? That I don't know. Her father died the following year. In 1900 Agnes married Thomas Albert Hayes. She was only thirty-six years old when she died in 1917, predeceasing her mother by 3 years. The little scrap of paper has outlived her.





(There are a couple of errors on the headstone, Agnes's age and the death date of Thomas.)

LOGAN AND ALBERT RIVERS

(By Our Travelling Correspondent.)

The small farmer, is the chief factor in the industrial life of Beenleigh, and, in fact, in the whole of the valleys of the Logan and Albert rivers. The individual area is small, but the aggregate acreage under cultivation is large. The cultivation is intense. A living area is as low as twenty acres, and no land capable of cultivation is allowed to remain unutilised. Probably more is taken off the land here than, from any similar area in the State. The principal crops grown are sugarcane, arrowroot, potatoes, and maize. The German element is dominant among the farmers, and the prosperity that is seen everywhere is largely the result of the energy of the men of that nationality. The Logan and Albert is one of the oldest farming centres in the southern portion of the State, and is probably one of the most prosperous. Land in the district during the last three or four years has been steadily rising in value. This is consequent upon the good seasons now being experienced and the facilities for the transport of produce. Good grazing land away from the rivers has changed hands at from £2 to £3 per acre, while from £20 to £25 per acre is being asked for land on the river banks. Mr. G. F. Dauth recently purchased 100 acres for £700, and has since refused £1000. During the last few weeks two other farms have changed hands, one of 368 acres for £600, and the other of 330 acres for £850. These farms are from four to five miles from Beenleigh, and the sales were effected by Mr. Dauth.

The construction of the butter factory at Kingston is being pushed on with vigour, and it is said that the opening will take place early in May. In some respects it will be one of the most up-to-date factories in the State, as it will contain not only the latest machinery, but every modern contrivance in the art of butter making. The cost of the factory, it is said, will be £3000.

The cream supply is steadily increasing, and its volume month by month is greater this season than in any former year. The industry is not on the scale of some dairying centres in the State, but almost every farmer has a few cows, and dairying is being conducted in conjunction with cane growing and general farming. On the average about ten tons of cream are despatched from Beenleigh to Brisbane every week.

There are eight sugar mills in the Beenleigh district and that of Mr Albert Kleinschmidt, about a mile from the town, is spoken of as the largest. This mill operates on cane grown on nearly 500 acres and has a capacity of from 80 to 85 tons of cane for an eight hours shift. It has been in existence for twenty-five years, and the owner, Mr Kleinschmidt has been identified with the industry all his life. The season just closed has been the best in the history of the mill and lasted three and a half months, the cane averaging from 15 to 20 tons to the acre. In the Logan petty session district there are 2392 acres under cane and of this amount only ten acres are being grown by black labour.

Though a distinct company, the only distillery in the district is in connection with Kleinschmidt's mill and it provides permanent work for three men. The capacity of the plant is equal to 3000 fluid gallons of spirit per month and the output at present is 2000 gallons. The officer in charge, Mr. Samuel O. Knight has occupied that position for ten years and won the first prize for rum at the London Exhibition of 1897. The works are run the year through, the molasses being obtained from all the sugar mills of the district.

Eagleby, about four miles from Beenleigh is another cane-growing centre. There are about thirty famers here, and though there is a little dairying the growing of cane is the dominant industry. There are two mills at Eagleby, the larger being a private mill owned by Mr. H. B Oppermann and his partners. This mill was erected over twenty years ago and has been run continuously ever since. During the season it employs twenty men, and the season just finished lasted twenty weeks. During that period 4446 tons of cane passed under the rollers and 443 tons of sugar were obtained. The season is spoken of as the best since the mill was built, the average of the cane being over twenty tons to the acre. It is stated that during the coming season the area under cane will be largely increased.

Moving about among the farmers of the district one cannot fail to observe the general hopefulness. The good seasons have changed the industrial outlook and there is reason to believe that both in dairying and cane growing there will be considerable expansion in the early future. A better type of dairy animal is being gradually introduced and while development in that industry may be looked for, and probably on large lines, the sugar industry will not suffer. The district has entered upon an era of prosperity, and apparently cane growing and dairying will, to, a large extent, be run in conjunction. The growing of maize, except for consumption on the farm, is looked upon as unprofitable.

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.

TRACES MAGAZINE, Edition 24

Finding Skeletons in the Closet

Family history research can have a big impact on those who embark on it. Mysteries, secrets, hidden talents etc may all be traceable through your ancestors, but what happens when you don't like the information you find.

Minnie BERRINGTON'S Opal Dreams

Why would a good looking upper class English lady choose to spend her life working as an opal miner at Coober Pedy in one of the most barren and unforgiving places in the world? That's exactly what London typist Alice Minnie Florence DAVIS-BERRINGTON did in 1926 when she packed her bags and took her younger brother Victor on a voyage to Australia.

Researching Chinese-Australian Family History

Many Chinese settlers ran successful businesses in Australia. Here the writer shares her best advice for others hunting down Chinese-Australian ancestors.

TIMESPAN JOURNAL

Nepean Family History Society, June 2023



Beyond the Horizon

The inspiring tale of Catherine JOYCE'S courageous crossing of the Blue Mountains.

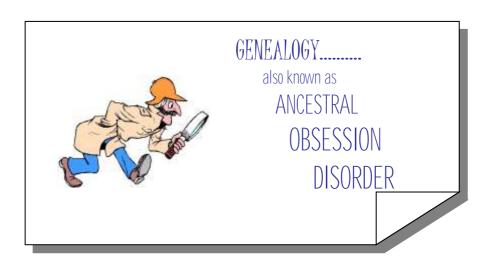
Visit to McCarthy's Lane Cemetery

In 1806 Catholic convicts James and Mary McCARTHY buried their daughter Elizabeth on their land, as there were no Catholic consecrated burial grounds in NSW at that time.

How to Get Kids Hooked on Family History

The writer found a protégé in her young granddaughter when she kept asking her grandmother to tell a story. She decided to talk about her ancestors in a factual way making it sound exciting by adding background information of the era.

Happy Reading from Esma King



John Hinchcliffe Bradbury

John Bradbury was born in Beenleigh in 1895. His father, Thomas Bradbury, came to Queensland in 1875 and had been the Head Teacher at Beenleigh School.

John's maternal grandfather was John Hobson Hinchcliffe, who came to Australia in 1863 and was a Commissioner of the Peace, owned the Logan Witness newspaper, was foundation secretary of the Beenleigh Agricultural Show Society and was an active member of the community.



Photo courtesy of Robert Cook and Jocelyn Teh (nee Bradbury)

John joined the AIF on the 18th February 1916, he was 22 years old and gave his occupation as bacteriologist. He was assigned to the 8th Reinforcement 47th Battalion, Reg No 3116 with the rank of Private.

On the 22nd December 1916, he embarked on the HMAT A64 Demosthenes in Sydney, disembarking in Plymouth in March 1917. On arrival, the reinforcements were marched in to the 12th Training Battalion in Codford. John proceeded overseas to France on the 14th June 1917 and was taken on strength with the 47th Battalion on the 4th July. On the 2nd December 1917, John was taken on strength with the 1st Australian General Hospital in Rouen, possibly working as a bacteriologist.

On the 16th May 1918, John was admitted to hospital with nephritis, he was invalided to the UK and admitted to the 1st Southern General Hospital in Birmingham. After recovering, he was on furlo for 2 weeks until the 20th June. In August 1918, he was marched out to No. 2 Command Depot for Special Duty.

John married Miriam Grace Bailey, a commercial bookkeeper, in October 1918, in Chelmsford, Essex.

On the 12th December 1918, John returned to Australia on the Nestor, disembarking in Melbourne on the 1st February. On arrival in Melbourne, he was taken to Broadmeadows for medical attention. John was discharged from the AIF on the 18th March 1919.

Following his service in the AIF, John took up an appointment as second assistant with the Laboratory of Microbiology. He then got a post as a clerk in the government stores. The family lived in Coorparoo for a time, then moved to Kurilpa near Highgate Hill, John worked as an accountant.

John Hinchcliffe Bradbury died in 1979, aged 83. He was cremated at Mt Thompson Crematorium on the 13th March, his ashes were scattered to the four winds, there was no plaque.

(Taken from the Beenleigh War Memorial Project) LRFH Inc



Some Golden Rules of Genealogy

DON'T DIE WITH YOUR STORIES STILL IN YOU

Giving credit to Dr Wayne Dyer for his "Don't die with your music still in you." we want to remind you to tell the stories as completely and as accurately as possible. Genealogy isn't just doing research. Genealogy is about telling the stories and ensuring that your ancestor's legacies live on for generations to come. Without the stories, the research won't do anyone much good. The legacy of your ancestors rests in your capable hands. Doing the research is fine but always remember that you have been chosen to tell their stories.

DNA IS NOT A TRUMP CARD

DNA is just one of many possible sources of information you can use to verify or deny a relationship. Human error occurs when the results are transcribed, thereby producing false information. DNA results should be used in concert with other sources.

ANYTHING YOU POST ONLINE

WILL BE "BORROWED"

You need to accept the fact that any family information you post online will be 'borrowed' or outright stolen and you will probably not get credit for all your hard work. This is the nature of the beast—the internet.

Get over it.

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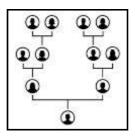
In Order to be Born, you needed:

2 Parents
4 Grandparents
8 Great Grandparents
16 Second Great Grandparents
32 Third Great Grandparents
64 Fourth Great Grandparents
128 Fifth Great Grandparents
256 Sixth Great Grandparents
512 Seventh Great Grandparents
1,024 Eighth Great Grandparents
2,048 Ninth Great Grandparents

For you to be born today from 12 previous generations, you needed a total of 4,094 ancestors over the last 400 years.

Think for a moment about how many struggles, how many battles, how much sadness, happiness, love stories, and hope for the future that your ancestors underwent for you to exist in this present moment.

You are the dream of many ancestors.



Thanks to Lynne Reynolds for sharing this with us

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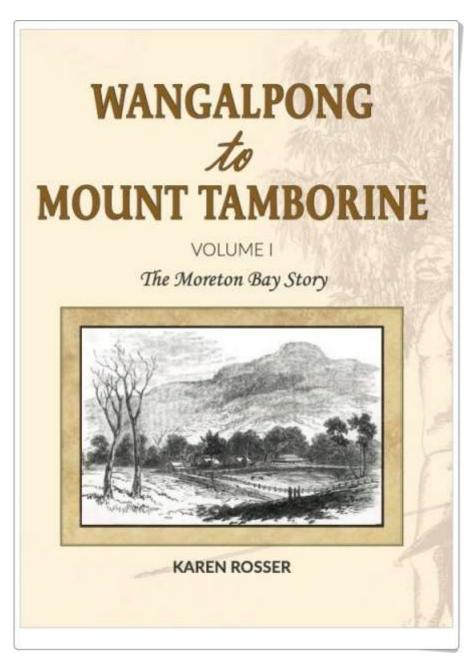
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