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Annual General Meeting to be held in October

Front Cover: *Logan Village, 1910*
(Photo Source: State Library of Qld)

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Dates to Remember

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| August 3 | General Meeting—Guest Speaker - Emily Cooney |
| August 17 | Family History Month - Family History Mini Fair at Butter Factory, Kingston (Hilda Maclean) |
| September 5 | Guest—Helen Smith Workshop |
| September 27 | Forde Seniors Expo (Canterbury College) |
| October 5 | Annual General Meeting |
| November 7 | Guest Speaker (to be advised) |
| December 2 | Christmas Lunch |

Appreciation

The Committee and Members of Logan River Family History Society 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

I'm finding it hard to believe that we are already more than halfway through the year. It seems that it was only yesterday that I was welcoming everyone back to a new year of searching for those elusive ancestors. It is fun, isn't it?

Thank you to all those who have renewed their membership this year and I remind those who have yet to catch up on this that there is still time. In fact, we now keep you on our contact list for another six months, unless you request that you be removed. That means that you will receive a PDF copy of the journal, Dugullumba Times, for the rest of the year and you will be updated by email on all that is happening in the society.

The new meeting procedures are working well with members enjoying the extra time to socialise and chat about their research. The second of our two-part workshops for the year is scheduled for September when Helen V Smith will be leading us along the paths of adding more flesh to the skeleton of a basic family tree. I'm very excited about learning more about this process. Our ancestors were living, breathing people, much more than their birth, death and marriage records reveal. It is up to us to once more breathe life into 'dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones'.

We have seen change happen in regard to our library during the last quarter. After many years of caring for our huge collection of resources, for which we are very thankful, Heather Cuthbert has made way for another member to take over the reins of that department. Just to prove the point of the old saying that everything old can be new again, it is Graham Popple who is moving in between the shelves. Members who have been with us for many years will know that it was Graham who first set up the numbering system that we use in our library; a system that helps us keep track of these valuable resources.

I sometimes think that we don't realise what a valuable research resource we have with the books, data CDs, microfiche, maps and family files that make up our collection. It is always worthwhile checking the Library Catalogue for resources that may help in your research.

Management and members alike are coming to grips with our new bank of computers, with work being done on organising both management and research files on our network. Also, I would remind everyone that access to the sites, that the society pays a subscription for, is restricted for use in our research rooms only. At present, that includes Ancestry and FindMyPast and we will soon be subscribed to Biographical Database of Australia. Access to Family Search is by a free account and we are an Affiliate Library, with access to Tier 2 digitised resources. One condition of being granted this access is that anyone, members and visitors alike, may access Family Search at no cost. Of course, if visitors wish to access other resources that we hold, they need to pay the \$10 fee unless they pay to become financial members.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 5 October. This is a time when management positions in our society are open for members to nominate to take on the responsibility of guiding our society through the coming twelve months. As you know, Dianna has told us she will not be nominating for the position of treasurer, and it is vital that someone steps up to fill that role. As Lyn has resigned her role as secretary, we need to fill that position as well. It would also be great if we had a vice-president; in fact, members may nominate for any of the positions. If we have more than one nomination for a position, members can exercise their democratic right to vote! Our society is what we make it by joining in, collaborating with each other, not only in our research, but also in the all-important task of managing the group..

I like this quote from Henry Ford: "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."

Here's to success!



**Rob Thomson
President**



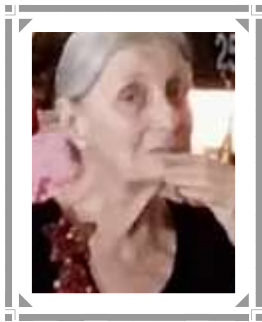
From the Editor

I am pleased to present this edition of the journal to you. Thanks to everyone who has contributed with stories, reports, notices, etc. I do appreciate your support. The theme for some of our stories this time: Airforce & Aviation.

I have been excited to include some posters in the last two editions, that some of our Writing Group members have been Creating. This time we have one from Diane Schulz about William Drynan, one of our early pioneers. The front cover photo shows an amazing view of his Logan Village hotel.

I hope you enjoy your journal, and find something of interest to you. And as always keep the stories coming!

Val Watson



We are very sorry to hear that our member Gay Muir passed away recently at her home, although she had been in hospital for some time.

She always enjoyed her time with us and researching her family history. Those of us who knew her will miss her.

Rest in Peace Gay

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

Welcome New Members

We extend a warm welcome to our new members who have joined us in the last few months:-

Steve, Graham, Neil and Michelle, Linda, Trish, Martin, Rosalie, Elizabeth, Theresa, and Vicki.

We look forward to seeing you in our rooms, for some research, and maybe a cuppa.

2024 Display Topics

July-Sep

Picnics and Gatherings - Photos and stories of family picnics, parties, gatherings, outings, socials, etc. etc.

Oct-Dec 2024

Shops & Shopkeepers - Did you have an ancestor who owned or worked in a shop? Did you have a corner shop nearby? We would like stories and photos to tell us all about them.

Your story doesn't have to be long. Photos make your story interesting but are not necessary, just a photo by itself is great as well. After the display the stories are published in the Society Journal. Don't forget to add your name, membership number and any source references.

Thank you in advance for your contribution..

Please email your story and/or photos to Heather Cuthbert

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CLUES FROM IMAGES

QUEST SPEAKER

Beryl Roberts

President of the Coopers Plains Local History Group

Are you the 'Sherlock Holmes' of old photos?



Historical people



Historical places



Historical events

What can we learn from historical images?

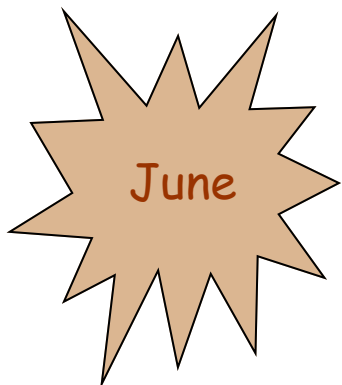
Beryl's presentation will be followed by
Morning Tea and General Meeting


Slacks Creek Progress Hall
151 - 155 Barbaralla Dr. Springwood

9.30 am **THURSDAY**
2 MAY 2024

All Welcome





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HIDDEN HISTORIES

Aboriginal Reconciliation Week

Seven Periods of Aboriginal History

GUEST SPEAKER
Uncle Barry Watson
Elder in Residence
Harris Fields State School

Join us in this interactive experience as Uncle Barry leads us through an understanding of periods of Aboriginal History.

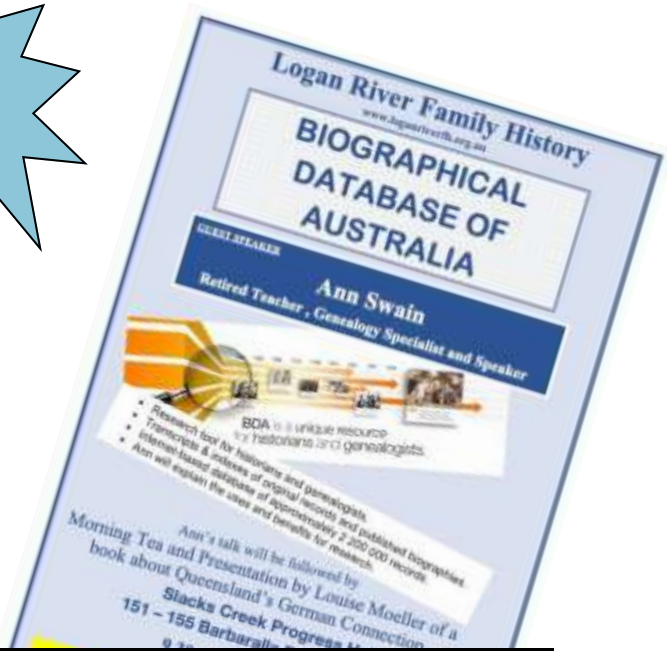
Barry's presentation will be followed by
Morning Tea

Slacks Creek Progress Hall
151 - 155 Barbaralla Dr. Springwood

9.30 am SATURDAY
1 JUNE 2024

All Welcome

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Elizabeth presenting Ann and Tony with a Certificate of Appreciation



Special visitors to our July meeting day.

Cr Lisa Bradley presenting Louise Moeller to us. Louise represents the German Australian Community Centre Qld.

Louise in turn presented us with the book
'Queensland's German Connections'

A valuable resource for our library

The Society held a display
at the Forde Family Fun Day
held at Beenleigh Showgrounds
on 8 June



Dianna manning our display



Logan River Family History Writers Group

On the first Monday of every month the writers group meets at the society rooms in the Slacks Creek Progress hall. Eight enthusiastic members assemble to test their grammar knowledge and discuss the current writing project.

The current set writing exercise we are challenged with involves some research as well. So a double whammy for the brain cells.

Compose a question, a question you don't have the answer to, that you would like to ask an ancestor of yours.

Decide on three possible answers you think your ancestor could give, based on :-

- 1 *Hints that you have from family stories, photos, records, etc.*
- 2 *Your knowledge of the social conditions of the era.*
- 3 *Logical conclusions.*
- 4 *Or any other hints you consider relevant.*

The questions posed are very different. Directed towards a convict ancestor- Why did you commit the crime? A missing relative – When did you die? and where are you buried?. An immigrant ancestor – Why come to Australia?

All members are welcome to join us. Remember the 1st Monday of the **month unless it's a public Holiday then it's the 2nd Monday. The next meetings are Monday 5 August and Monday 2 September.**

Pam Hayes

*August is Family History Month and Hilda Maclean,
Logan City Council Local Studies Specialist,
is presenting a*

FAMILY HISTORY MINI FAIR

At the Kingston Butter Factory

17 August, 2024



Bert Van Manen, MP proudly presents the

FORDE SENIORS' EXPO

September 27, 2024

Canterbury College, Waterford



Another date to keep in your diary - 21 to 24 March 2025 Brisbane



William Williamson



William Williamson was born in Coomera on the 31st October 1881. His grandparents John and Sarah were born in Cheshire England and immigrated to Australia in 1862 on the Swansfield with their six children including William's father, John Ruddock Williamson. His mother Susan Richardson was born in Botany NSW.

On the 29th September 1916, William enlisted in the AIF, he was 31 years old, a labourer and unmarried. He was posted to the 8th Reinforcements 49th Battalion, Reg No 3251 with the rank of Private. His cousin, Edward Henry Williamson, had enlisted in the AIF in October 1915 and served with the 41st Battalion, Reg No 762.

While still in training at Enoggera, William was admitted to the 13th Australian General Hospital with influenza. On the 22nd December 1916, William embarked in Sydney on the HMAT A64 Demosthenes, disembarking in Plymouth in early March. On arrival the troops were marched in to the 13th Training Battalion in Codford.

On the 25th June, William proceeded overseas to France. He was taken on strength with the 49th Battalion in mid-July. William was admitted to hospital with trench feet in October 1917, he was transferred to England on the Stad Antwerpen and admitted to the Norfolk Hospital in Norwich. After treatment, he was discharged to the 3rd Auxiliary Hospital for further recovery. In November, William was classified B1a2, fit for overseas training brigade in 3 to 4 weeks. In February 1918, he marched in to the Overseas Training Brigade. Private Williamson proceeded overseas to France in March 1918 and rejoined his unit on April 5th.

On the 12th August, William was wounded in action, he suffered gunshot wounds to the chest. After treatment at the 51st Field Ambulance, he was transferred to the 53rd Casualty Clearing Station. Sadly, William died of wounds on the 13th August. He was buried by the Rev. F R Thurlow in Daours Community Cemetery Extension, 2¾ miles west of Corbie, Plot 4 Row A Grave 22.



***William Williamson is honoured on the
Beenleigh RSL War Memorial, the Pimpama War Memorial,
and the Australian War Memorial, Panel 149***



Taken from LRFHS Beenleigh War Memorial Project

HELICOPTER RESCUE

It was towards the end of February 1975, and I had made two overnight stops since leaving Brisbane; the first in Mitchell and the second in Longreach. I was on my way to teach at a little one-teacher school in McKinlay. That morning the Regional Director had come around to my motel room to tell me that, despite a lot of heavy rain and some flooding, I should make it to my destination that day. There were two towns to pass through, Winton and tiny Kynuna, and he advised me to check at the police station in each town to stay up to date with any warnings.



Channels of the Diamantina

After reaching Winton and checking in (they were expecting me), I continued on my way, leaving the sealed road about 10 miles out of town. I'd been advised to leave the Landsborough Highway and head towards Boulia. Before turning right and continuing north towards Kynuna as the roads that made up this detour were in better condition. This I did and it wasn't long before I was heading north again.

Well, the roads were reasonable but when I came to a creek running across the road I knew it was time to stop. I was helped out of that predicament by some local graziers and was soon back on the Landsborough Highway.

I had lost a lot of time on the failed detour and my drive through the local stations, so it wasn't long until night fell and visibility was poor. Even so, I found my way around several muddy sections of the road.

Eventually my luck ran out and I found myself bogged in the middle of the highway.



I spent three nights enjoying this “accommodation”. During that time, I was visited by people from the local stations so I knew my whereabouts were known, but because of the state of the road ahead, I couldn’t drive the next 11 miles to Kynuna.

I eventually heard on the radio that the department was sending a helicopter to pick me up and take me on.

I spent a lot of the next morning deciding what I would take and what I would have to leave behind in my car. Around lunchtime, a small black spot appeared above the horizon. It gradually got larger as the noise of the rotors increased and the helicopter was soon landing near me.

I still had to wait a while longer as, by this time, a family of a mum, dad and three children were in a similar predicament to me about 50 metres farther back. They were taken on to Kynuna first, but the helicopter was soon back for me. It was a very welcome sight and sound when it returned!



Ready to leave.

We were soon off the ground, leaving my HD Wagon behind in the mud and heading toward Kynuna. From the air, I had a

wonderful view of the myriad channels of the Diamantina River and the 100 metres or so of water-covered highway that had blocked my way for the previous three days. In very little time the few buildings of Kynuna came into sight, and I was being welcomed by the “Schoolie” in town. He and his wife were very friendly, and I stayed with them for the night.



Approaching McKinlay

The next morning I was off on the final leg of my journey to my new school. McKinlay was only about 50 miles away, so it was not long until the few buildings of the town came into view and the helicopter settled down in a cloud of dust to deliver me to my home for the next year. Many of the parents were there to meet me and to make me feel very welcome.

When I had set out from Brisbane about six days previously, I'd had no idea that I would arrive at my new school by helicopter!



***Rob Thomson
Member 229***

I finally meet my students for the next 12 months.

EARLY AIR AMBULANCE

I never knew my paternal grandfather, **Alexander Dingwall Kennedy**, as he died 7 years before I was born and his wife two months before my birth. I only knew from my father that his father was the son of an Argyll crofter who qualified in medicine at Glasgow

University. He became a general practitioner in Wick, Caithness, in the far north east of Scotland and acquired a reputation as a skilled surgeon. A distant cousin in New Zealand sent me the article about 'The Lancet' letter detailing his learning to fly and effectively developing an air ambulance in Egypt during WW1.



*Anne Mitchell
Member 178*

Strauss Airfield

Darwin has a lot of WW11 sites to visit. An area that I found interesting was that parts of the present Stuart Highway south of Darwin was a WW11 airstrip.

Strauss Airfield was constructed by the US in 1942. What I enjoyed seeing was the cut out shapes of the various planes that landed there during the War. Today it is easily accessed from the highway





*Heather Cuthbert
Member 83*

Colin Maxwell FRANCIS

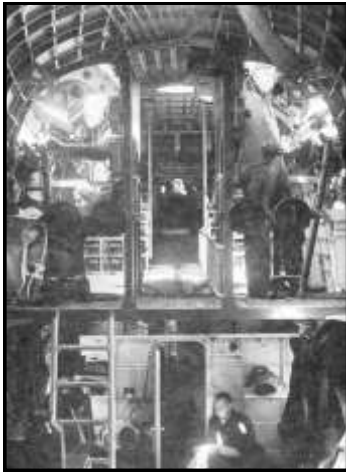


Colin joined the Light Horse, but was only with them for a short time, and then he joined the RAAF. He trained at Point Cook in Victoria, then was shipped overseas.



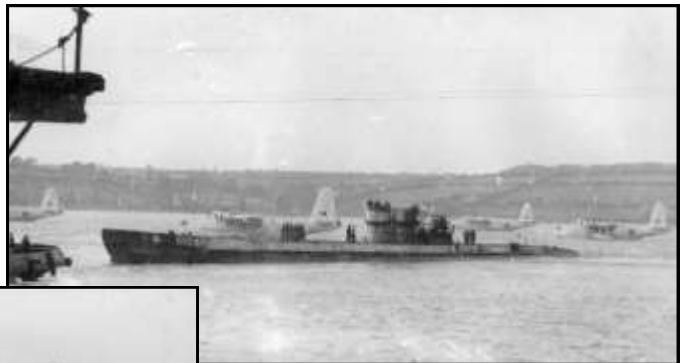
On board the Capetown Castle, 1942

He did more training in Canada, and was eventually stationed in the UK, mainly at Pembroke Dock in Wales. He was in the 228 Squadron, and was a Radioman/Gunner on the Sunderland aircraft, on dangerous reconnaissance flights over the English Channel and France.



He was stationed at Pembroke Dock, in Wales, and it was from here his squadron set off on many reconnaissance flights in the very special Sunderland flying boats.

It is hard to imagine what it would have been like in these aircraft - very hot, and noisy, and the flights were usually very long.



Sunderlands shepherding a captured German U-Boat into Pembroke Dock

(Photo from Colin's personal collection)

Leonard Victor (Len) Waters



Leonard Victor (Len) Waters born 20th June 1924 at Euraba Mission near Boomi in New South Wales, was the first Aboriginal Australian Military Aviator, and the only one to serve as a fighter pilot in the RAAF during World War II.

Len was working as a shearer when he joined the RAAF on 24 August 1942 at Brisbane. Basic flight instructions were undertaken at No.8 Elementary Flying Training School in Narrandera, New South Wales, where Len flew De Havilland Tiger Moths. He completed his training at Flying Training School at Uranquinty, New South Wales.

He graduated as a Sergeant Pilot 1 July 1944, and then posted to Operational Training Unit at Mildura, Victoria, where he converted to P-40 Kittyhawk fighters, and then to a fighter unit based on the island of Noemfoor off Dutch New Guinea.

Len completed 95 missions from the air bases at Noemfoor, Morotai, and Tarakan in Borneo. By the end of the war he had risen to the rank of Warrant Officer.

Len married Gladys May Saunders on 14 February 1946 at St. George, Queensland, and they had six children during their marriage. He worked as automotive mechanic, employed in local council, and returned to shearing. Len died on 24 August 1993 aged sixty-nine years after a fall in Cunnamulla, and was buried in St. George Cemetery.

1P-40 Kittyhawk, 'Black Magic'



Research:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Len_Waters

Diane Schulz
Member 168

~ John Robert Cockle ~

Letters from the Grave

I am not going to start at the beginning, I am going to start at the end – of John Cockle’s life that is. His inquest is what tweaked my interest. Along with police and witness statements the file also contained several interesting personal papers. His suicide on 26 May 1894 at Caboolture Queensland and subsequent inquest conducted by James Hobson JP was widely reported in the press of the day. He chose to take his life by gunshot on the lonely Toorbul Road. He had in his pocket a note for his landlady Mrs Catherine Mewitt, leaving her his last eight shillings and his watch and chain. He had been staying at her Caboolture boarding house for the last six weeks. John Cockle was described by Catherine Mewitt as rather melancholy person who spent most of his time reading. He was a temperate man, took his meals regularly and paid his board on time. She also said that he complained of severe back pain on occasion. The police Sergeant Edward Johnson in his evidence mentioned that Mr Cockle had worked as a linesman in Palmerville and was a nephew of Sir James Cockle, Chief Justice of Queensland. Amongst his personal correspondence were letters from the Pacific Island Labour Office, the Post and Telegraph Department and a lady named Ethel Simmons. All these snippets of information inspired me to trace the life of John Cockle.

My first objective was to prove that John was a nephew of Sir James Cockle. As Sir James Cockle was a person of note there was a vast amount of information available about his origins. James born 14 January 1819 at Great Oakley, Essex was the son of James Cockle and Elizabeth Moss . He had a sister Elizabeth (b 1826) brothers John (b 1814), George (b1829) and Charles Moss (b 1832). For John Cockle to be his nephew one of his siblings had to have a son John born about 1844. This year was deduced from the inquest findings.

I was in luck. James’s brother John had a son that qualified. I found a birth record for John Robert Cockle born 21 July 1840 at Molesey (Moulsey) Surrey to John Cockle, surgeon and Susanna Harper. He was in fact baptized 9 November 1842 the same day as his only sibling , Mary Imogen Cockle. Further searching revealed census entries for the family. In 1841 John, Susanna and their two children are living with James COCKLE senior at New Ormonde Street Middlesex and in 1851 at Great Oakley, Essex. From 1861 -1891 John Robert Cockle was not with his parents and sister. I found him in 1861 at the Raglan Army Barracks at Stoke Demeral , Devon. He was listed as an Ensign, age 20 born West Molesey. This gave me another avenue to search.

In the London Gazette of 24 August 1858 there was this entry: - 61st Foot, John Cockle, Gent, to be Ensign by purchase. Dated 24 August 1858.

¹ Queensland State Archives, Item ID 348823 Inquest file # 207/1894

² London Metropolitan Archives, Queen Square St George the Martyr, Register of Baptism, p82/geo2, Item 005

³ Class: RG 9; Piece: 1448; Folio: 161; Page: 1; GSU roll: 542814 – 1861 Census

In The Times 19 September 1859 : - Officers of the 61st Regiment move from Chatham to Pembroke, including J R Cockle

Harts Army List of 1860 has an entry under 61st Regiment for John Robert Cockle, Ensign.

The Caledonian Mercury dated 30 May 1862 reports ... John Robert Cockle resigns from 61st Regiment his commission sold to Redmond Sommerville. His original commission purchase as an ensign would have cost about £470.00. Why he left the 61st (South Gloucestershire) Regiment of Foot I have not discovered.

From reading the letters found in John Cockle's tin clothing box I noted that he had several government jobs, police, linesman and government agent. I wanted to find his immigration and occupation records and to definitely tie the pieces together. His arrival in Queensland, his working life and what led to his suicide.

His immigration record proved very easy to find thanks to the online indexes of Queensland State Archives (QSA). His passage was found in Assisted Immigration 1848 -1912 as a private passenger. He sailed to Brisbane on the Light of the Age, a journey of 120 days from London arriving 27 January 1864.

A Google search using "cockle police" gave me a surprising hit on QSA website, an entry in The Colonial Secretary's correspondence relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 1859-1903. There was a letter dated 26 July 1864 written by John Cockle enquiring about a cadetship in the native police. It was addressed to the Chief Justice's chambers i.e. his uncle, James Cockle. It was signed John R Cockle and in it he mentioned his service in the 61st regiment which tied in nicely with what I had already discovered. John also stated that he was living with Mr Jacob Low at Welltown and that he was "quite useless and ignorant of anything to do with squatting". He wrote to the Colonial Secretary again in November requesting a cadetship. What replies he received is not known. Further searches in the Queensland Police Gazette revealed that John Cockle commenced service as police constable #233 on 12 January 1870. He was one of the first officers at Aramac serving under Sub-Inspector Murray. He resigned 20 February 1874 from Clermont to take up a post at Springsure as a telegraph linesman. Unfortunately his Police Staff File did not have his original application only his resignation and details of his death. I was hoping for a record of his service.

From February 1874 until January 1887 John Cockle was employed by the Postal and Telegraph Department as a line repairer and sometimes a Postmaster and Savings Bank officer as well. His salary was around £220.00 pa with extra allowances for provisions and forage. From Government Gazettes, Blue Books, Postal Directories and Electoral Rolls I was able to track the places he served. There were many:- Cardwell, Walsh River, Muttaborra, Charleville, Maytown, Tate River and Palmerville. Also noted in the Gazettes were unclaimed letters for him from UK and Col addressed to these places so one would assume that he still had contact with his family in England.

⁴ Light of the Age 1864 QSA Item ID18474 page 210

⁵ QSA Item ID 846792 Letter 64/3338

⁶ QSA Item ID 563184 COCKLE John

He resigned as linesman to work as a government agent for the Pacific Island Labour Office (PILO). His letters of appointment dated 19 and 22 October 1887 were from Mr A Woodward informing him that his role was ...to accompany vessels licensed to introduce Pacific Islanders to Queensland His first voyage was to be on the Lochiel and he was to take the steamer to Bundaberg to board there. His main tasks were to ensure there were sufficient stores for the voyage, record details of the recruits and ensure they were treated properly. In later correspondence from Mr Woodward, John COCKLE was congratulated on the success of his third voyage on the Roderick Dhu but reminded of the correct way to fill in the paperwork. Several reports of the labour ships can be found in the newspapers of the day, also references to John Cockle's coastal journeys to and from ships. Letters are also noted in the Colonial Secretary's Correspondence. Other ships he acted as Government Agent on were The Fearless and Archimedes. The voyages to the South Pacific took about 4 months sailing to the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia and even on occasion to Papua New Guinea.

Another document gleaned from the Colonial Secretary's Correspondence was very enlightening. In January 1890 shipping agents Parbury & Lamb wrote to PILO objecting to Mr Cockle's appointment as agent on the Eliza Mary's 13th voyage. It seems they didn't like the way he conducted his business and cited how they had previously refused to sail with him as agent on the Nautilus. John Cockle had disagreements with masters and owners of the ship in the past. Two names mentioned were Mr E B Forrest and Mr Peter Graham. Subsequently John Cockle was reassigned to the ship Archimedes even though his supervisor, Mr Woodward seemed to take his side stating in his letter to the Under Secretary Mr Graham informs me that Mr Cockle did say much to him regarding Mr Forrest but that he did not consider it was spoken with any intention to injure but only in the heat of the moment and prompted by virtuous indignation at the misrepresentations that Mr Forrest was spreading everywhere as to his alleged action on the Nautilus on her last voyage but one. These allegations I believe to be utterly untrue and have told Mr Forrest so and some time since challenged him to produce evidence. Mr Forrest is the last person who should complain of unseemly expressions for in my office and in my presence he made use of most vile and abusive language in respect to Mr Cockle.

One gets the feeling that the owners were not making enough profit on these voyages and didn't like John Cockle as he obeyed the rules. As it turned out they did him a favour. The Eliza Mary was caught in a hurricane in early March 1890 on this voyage and wrecked off Mallicolo. Only 52 of the original 80 crew and recruits survived. Not all were drowned some were massacred by natives when they reached shore. The Captain was Neil Campbell and the government agent that replaced John Cockle was Robert McMurdo, both of them survived. They are several reports of this event in newspapers.

Another letter from the tin chest was from G Robinson of O'Kane & Cherry to John Cockle concerning the voyage of the Archimedes. In it he says he is sorry that the boat did not do better and that the owners are not happy with the Captain. It seems he was too free with the stores and didn't account for all his purchases. Also that the Captain is going to blame the failure of the voyage on John Cockle. On this particular voyage only 33 boys were recruited and 7 died of dysentery. After all this John Cockle resigned. His resignation was noted in the Government Gazette and accepted by letter from PILO.

⁷ Queensland State Archives Series ID 3253, Inwards Correspondence

⁸ Queensland State Archives Series ID 847335 Letter 90/304

What an adventurous life he had, policeman and then linesman stationed all over Queensland and then sailing on the South Seas. The details of some of his government employment was recorded in the staff register kept by the Immigration Department. His page was of particular interest as his birth date matched the one previously cited at St George the Martyr, London. This combined with his army service convinces me that he was the nephew of Sir James Cockle as stated on his inquest file.

Between voyages John Cockle stayed at hotels in Brisbane. This was evident from the addresses on his mail. After retiring he moved to Bribie Passage and it is said that he had an oyster farm. By 1892 he had started applying for positions again as a Government Agent and with the Post and Telegraph Office. All applications were unsuccessful. His money must have been running out.

There was a lady in his life, Miss Ethel Simmons. From the letters she wrote to him from the Salvation Army home in Sydney it seems he was her saviour. She writes of her time as his housekeeper at Bribie and how much she misses her talks with him and the people there. John Cockle sent her money regularly and there was a photo with the letters that could be her. Ethel often spoke of returning to Bribie one day. Her letters were sometimes signed Bessie and always with rows of X's. I wonder if she read of his death in the newspaper?

The Brisbane flood of 1893 destroyed the oyster beds in the Bribie Channel, so what was probably a good business now was gone. According to newspaper reports about his death he had sold the oyster bed which must have been his source of income. One wonders if he still had contact with family in England, there were no letters from them amongst his belongings. All of this must have been too much for John Cockle. So sad when his family was so rich, I wonder what happened between them?

John Cockle was buried in the Caboolture Cemetery on 28th May 1894 making him not quite 54 years old. The service was given by Thomas Nock of the Primitive Methodist Church, the witnesses were M Mewitt and W Sutton. The informant of his death was Catherine Mewitt. His grave is not marked. I have not found any reports of his death in the English papers.

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⁹ Queensland State Archives Item ID18753, Register - staff

¹⁰ Trove - The Queenslander Sat 1 April 1893

¹¹ Queensland Death Certificate 1894/630

The Cockle family - notes

Information about this family is widely available being well known in the medical and legal fields.

John Robert COCKLE born 1840 was the son of John Cockle, surgeon and Susannah HARPER.

John COCKLE (1814-1900) was the son of James COCKLE (1792-1884) and Elizabeth MOSS. James COCKLE (1819-1895), Chief Justice of Queensland was John's brother.

James COCKLE (1792-1884), inventor of Cockle's Pills was the son of Andrew COCKLE, vintner (1739-1817) and Ann DENMERD/DENMAR (1740-1817).

James COCKLE, Chief Justice married his cousin Eliza's daughter Adelaide WILKIN in 1855.

One of their daughters, Agatha Katherine COCKLE (1863-1863) is buried in Paddington Cemetery, now Lang Park. At one time James Cockle owned land where the Chermside Hospital now sits.

When John R COCKLE'S spinster sister Mary Imogen COCKLE died in 1915 she left an estate of £77,479. His father John COCKLE in 1900 left £14,580 to Mary.

Charles Moss COCKLE (1832 -1904) solicitor, bachelor and uncle to John R COCKLE left an estate of £652,195

Mewitt Family – notes

Catherine MEWITT (1833-1912) nee RAIDEN married William MEWITT (1835-1880) in Brighton, England in 1857.

They emigrated to Queensland on the Flying Cloud in 1869 according to Land Orders.

They had 4 children. William Henry (1857-1939), Martha Ellen (1861-1896), Elizabeth (1870-1949) and Alfred Ernest (1871-1957).

Catherine MEWITT ran the first boarding house in Caboolture. She was also the local midwife. (photo of her + house)

William MEWITT was a carpenter who worked on many buildings in Caboolture.

***Pam Hayes,
Member 151***

BEENLEIGH.

The principal town in the Logan electorate, about 1½ miles from the Albert and Logan rivers, and 22 miles S. of Brisbane, with which it is connected by rail, in a sugar, arrowroot, and farming district. Population, about 400 in town; in postal radius, nearly 700; of census district (1886) 7878.

POLICE MAGISTRATE—A. W. Compigné.

CLERK OF PETTY SESSIONS—John Macalister, Assistant, O. E. Power.

CHURCH—Church of England—Rev. A. R. Martin.

STATE SCHOOL—Head Teacher, Thos. Bradbury. Assistants—Sarah Ann Pillow, Hannah Delish Bradbury, and three pupil teachers. Average attendance, 153.

MASONIC—Southern Queensland Masonic Lodge, No. 312, I.C.—R. Cable, W. M.; Thos. Bradbury, Secretary. Lodge meets in Masonic Hall, nearest Monday to full moon, at 7.30 p.m.

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Beenleigh
Pugh's Almanac 1862-66



The barque Metaris in Sydney, 1871

While searching for a certain South Sea Islander -Beppo, we found that he was on this voyage on the Metaris in 1871—a whaling trip. We were lucky to find this photo of the Metaris, docked in Sydney that year.

(courtesy of State Library, South Australia)

Searching in the old newspapers, we found this item telling the sad tale of the death of the master of the ship on this voyage when he harpooned a whale.

(Pam and Val)

The Mercury (Hobart, Tas. : 1860 - 1954) / Sat 7 Oct 1871 / Page 2

formerly reported. The cause of her return to port was a most unfortunate accident that occurred on the 7th instant, by which Captain Stafford, her late commander, lost his life. Whales being in sight, the boats were lowered, and Captain Stafford fastened, but the fish pulled, and the line caught him across the chest, took him overboard, and killed him. The Metaris reported, in addition to the Victoria, the following whaling vessels, all spoken on the Bampton Shoals on the 14th September:—Robert Towns, of Sydney, 37 tuns oil; Lydia, of New Bedford, twenty-six months out, 250 barrels; Tamerlane, of New Bedford, twenty-six months out, 22 tuns; Adeline, of New Bedford, twenty-six months out, 800 barrels; Onward, of Sydney, 10 tuns

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William Drynan

1832: Birth of William Drynan on "Glenapp Farm" near the village of Ballantrae Scotland. William was the son of William Drynan (snr), and Margaret Haswell.

1852: Arrival at Sydney, New South Wales Australia. Andrew, William's younger brother born in 1836 followed him in 1856.

1859: William married a widow, Harriett Evans in Sydney. William and his wife had no children.

Abt. 1860: William and Andrew travelled to Lismore New South Wales and were cedar cutters in that area for some time, then William relocated to the "Village of Logan" in Queensland where he acquired large portions of land.

1864: William established a hotel on the banks of the Logan River, and in 1871 it became an Official Post Office. William had many business interests including storekeeper, butcher, farmer and an agent for river freights. The hotel was destroyed by floods, and another was built further away from the river. A third hotel was later built opposite the Railway Station.

1870: William selected a large portion of land near Beaudesert. A few years later it was freeholded. The property was named "Glenapp" after the area he was born. Over the years William acquired more property, making a total of 6600 acres.



"Glenapp" Homestead.

1873: Land was selected at Pine Creek Canungra. William drove his stock from there to "Glenapp" and about this time acquired another property in the Clermont district. The property was known as "Eversleigh" and was managed for a time by his nephew William Drynan.

1888: More land was acquired in the Many Peaks area of Gladstone. William moved cattle from here to his Canungra, "Glenapp" and Pine Creek properties.

1905: 9th January. Death of Harriett Drynan.

1911: 16th October. Death of William Drynan.



"Glenapp" Land Selection

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