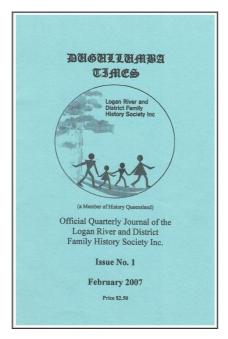
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General Meetings to be held in February, May, August and November.

Annual General Meeting to be held in October

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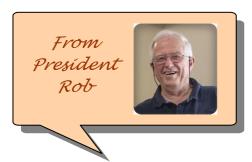
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DATES TO REMEMBER

General Meeting—Guest Speaker, Beryl Roberts
Guest Speaker—Uncle Barry Watson
Guest Speaker—Ann Swain
General Meeting—Guest Speaker Emily Cooney

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



Hello Members

I trust everyone is having a good year and is making some great ancestral discoveries as they follow their lines back over the years. I am happy to see members making good use of the facilities we have at the room for research. Most importantly, when our members collaborate and discuss their research it is wonderful to see the breakthroughs that can be made when problems are approached from a different point of view.

Our change of meeting procedure will give members more time to socialise and discuss their research with each other. This is an important opportunity as most members only come in one day during the week and, consequently, don't get a chance to talk to our members who don't come on the same day as they do. It has also opened the possibility of running some short workshops, led by speakers who are willing to take this on. I'm sure you will admit that we learnt a lot from Kaye Nardella's workshop on mapping resources; I know I did. We have one other workshop programmed for this year, which Helen V Smith has agreed to run in September.

Our Writers' Group offers the participants the opportunity to not only improve their writing skills but also encourages us to improve our research and referencing abilities in a friendly, supportive environment. Personally, I find that having a monthly deadline means that I am more likely to "have-a-go" at writing articles that I would otherwise just think about doing at some time when I have time. The collaboration between members at our monthly meetings is great. No matter how good or poor you think your writing skills are, I'm sure you would enjoy being a member of this group and all society members are welcome to join.

Without balancing our budget, we would have to close our society; fundraising is an important part of what we must do to continue as Logan River Family History. Dianna tells me that we are doing well in raising the funds to meet our yearly expenses, which is great.

However, when I stand back and have a look at how these funds are being raised, I think I see some concerns. Our principal fund-raising activity is, and has for a long time been, our monthly Sausage Sizzles. We owe a lot to our members who have, over the years, given a lot of time and effort to selling sausages; but, as we grow older, this activity becomes something that is just too difficult. Consequently, the number of members who are capable of volunteering is diminishing. This is one reason that I have, when necessary, spent the whole day taking orders for sausages and drinks. I understand if other responsibilities or health concerns make it impossible to volunteer in this way, but, if you are able and have not yet experienced the joy of barbecuing sausages, having a chat with other volunteers, and adding more funds to our bank account, please have a talk to me.

Speaking of fundraising, I would like to thank, Jenelle, one of our newer members, for taking on the responsibility of Fund-Raising Officer. Please see Jenelle if you have any fund-raising ideas to be passed on to management. And Marina is organising the Containers for Change fundraising, our latest idea for fundraising, suggested initially by Jenelle.

Another area that requires members to pitch in to make less work for each person individually is the ground maintenance. A few of our members, Trevor, Dianna, Ian and Marina have done a lot of the work in tidying the area we are responsible for and putting in plants that we hope will not require much maintenance or watering once they are established. However, weed growth, trimming of trees, and tidying need regular attention and it does help if all who can do a little bit to keep the jungle at bay!

I have decided that, especially now that our General Meetings are every 3 months, my President Report at these meetings will reflect much of what I write for the journal. After all, I will be reporting on the same three months!

 $\ensuremath{\mathrm{I}}$ wish you success in your future endeavours to dig up those elusive ancestors.

See you at the rooms soon!

Rob Thomson, President

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From the Editor

Hello Members and friends,

Welcome to this the 70th edition of Dugullumba

Times: I feel it is a milestone, beginning with the
first edition in 2007: It was the idea of our then

President, Graham Popple to present a journal to our
members, and he was editor for several years, until his
health prevented him from continuing: Graham and I
are proud of our journal, and the contributions made
by so many of our members over the years: Let us
hope it continues for many more years to come:

In this issue, there are some interesting items, including some from our display over the past three months, Hobbies, Toys & Games.

Enjoy the Read

Val Watson, Editor

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

2024 Display Topics

Apr-Jun 2024 Airforce & Aviation - Photos and stories of our

airforce and aviation ancestors. Stories of exploits during wars or on commercial flights. Stories of different aircraft, air shows, etc.

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, jut 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 the Librarian, Heather Cuthbert

cuthbertheather@gmail.com









WORKSHOP

Using Resources for Historical Land Research

Kaye Nardella

Senior Curator of Queensland Museum of Lands, Mapping & Surveying

Kaye will guide us in the use of different resources for land searches.

- · Historical maps topic in the Queensland Globe
- Queensland Globe
- QImagery
- QTopo
- Mines resources including early mine maps, GSQ publications, Mine Department Annual Reports

Kaye's presentation will be in 2 sessions of approximately one hour each, with time for Morning Tea and a chat in between.

We strongly encourage attendees to bring their own laptops,

or you may use one of our computers.

9.30 am Thursday 7 March 2024

Slacks Creek Progress Hall 151-155 Barbaralla Dr Springwood

All Welcome

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Kaye was excited to share some great Queensland website, relating to Historical Land research with us in March. She guided us through several sites, where we can view and download maps of various types, depending on what we would like to find, including those on the poster above.

Thanks Kaye, we always enjoy your visits enormously.





Our April meeting day was one with a difference.

Our President Rob took us through his powerpoint presentation he has put together to promote our Society.

Afterwards we had a 'Questions & Ideas' forum, with discussion from members, and I'm sure we all learned something.

This was followed by morning tea and some social time together.



Thanks Rob!







Lest, We Forget





Easter 100 Board Prize Winners:

Congratulations go to:

1st Prize: \$70 Janis Downs
2nd Prize: \$20 Graham Popple
3rd Prize: \$10 Anne Mitchell

VALE

It was with much sadness we learnt of our former member Carmel Hubert's passing in March. She was an active member of our Society.

She always enjoyed her family research, and social times, and rarely missed our sausage sizzles when she was well.

She loved to come to our Christmas parties, even as recently as last year.

She will be missed by our members who remember her.

Our sympathy goes to her family and many friends.

Rest in Peace Carmel.



Happy Times with Carmel



Logan River Family History

Writers Group

The group continues to meet on the first Monday of the month at 12.30 unless that is a public holiday, in which case it is deferred to the following Monday.

Our latest project, which is still a work in progress, is to write about a village, town or other area where some of our forebears lived. It describes in whatever detail we can find, the streets and dwellings with any appropriate history. It is an interesting way to bring the living conditions of our ancestors to life.

In the process of reviewing the contributions there can be discussion about punctuation and possible alternatives. How a piece flows is also considered with ideas exchanged as to how the narrative might be clearer. This is all done in a friendly, non-judgemental atmosphere with Rob providing his teacher's knowledge of English grammar.

New Members will be warmly welcomed.

Anne Mitchell Member 178

VALE

WILLIAM MURRAY (BILL) HECK

30/4/1933-18/02/2024

Our Lifetime Member, Bill Heck, passed away in February.

He was very well known and esteemed throughout our district, and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Bill was very passionate about the history this area, especially involved with the Beenleigh Historical Village, where his former Queenslander home Friedensheim now stands, a lasting memorial to the Heck family.

Our sympathy goes to his wife, Pat, and their families.

Rest in Peace, Bill



FANCY WORK

Fancy work was a hobby of mine from an early age, and I learnt the craft from Mum, Grandma and at the school sewing classes where the sampler was an important part of the sewing lessons. Rows of different fancy work stitches were embroidered onto a piece of cotton or headcloth material.

Many stitches were learnt, such as running, herringbone, blanket, cross, chain and many more.

Extra needle work such as sewing a button on, applique, bias binding edges, darning stitches all added to complete the sampler.

I learnt to fancy work on pieces of hessian. I would raid Dad's packing shed and find a clean bean bag to cut up. Pieces of left over material, mainly white or plain coloured cotton were also used.

Coloured threads and needles were bought from the local drapery store and it was so much fun going through the many coloured strands on the rotating stand, and matching the colours to suit the pattern on the piece of fancy work that you were working on. So many to choose from!!

The threads, fancy work and embroidery scissors were kept in an old tin, and the threads were woven around pieces of cardboard to stop them from tangling.

As I became more confident with the fancy work stitches, I was able to buy small doyleys, 3-piece dressing table sets, table runners, small tablecloths etc. with the patterns already printed on them. You could also buy little booklets with paper patterns, and then iron them onto the piece of material. When the fancy work was completed, Grandma would crochet around the edges with her nimble fingers, and the finished piece would look so professional.

I entered fancy work in the local Show and won prizes over the years.

A hobby which I have thoroughly enjoyed.

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Grandma's crocheted edging. The doily is part of a 3-piece duchess set.



Doily embroidered on cotton material with an iron on transfer.

The crochet edging is worked with a fine needle and thread.



Sampler work with a cut edge, embroidered in satin stitch, and tiny flowers in grub stitch.

A variety of stitches with edges bound with bias binding and cotton lace.



Diane Schulz Member 168

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Toys - Wooden Blocks

By Heather Cuthbert, Member 83

Growing up in a large family there was never any excess money for toys. One year for my birthday I was given a wooden box of wooden blocks. It was on the understanding that it was also for the whole family. My parents bought a length of about 2 x 2 inch timber and sawed it into 2 inch square blocks. They sanded them smooth and then dyed them in various colours, using food dye. The result was these became our favourite play thing. We built walls, houses, the highest stack of blocks, games, etc, you name it, and we played it. We spent many hours of fun with them.

It was a simple but lasting gift of enjoyment.







We welcome your stories, photos or memories for our display board.

So do consider doing up a page or two to share!

A TEA SET FROM THE PAST

The Tea Set was most likely a Birthday or Christmas gift given to Mum (Betty Baumann nee O'Rourke) when she was a young child.

Mum must have been so thrilled to receive it, and she would have enjoyed endless hours playing pretend teas with her dolls. The tea set would be nearly 100 years old. Mum's younger and only sister Joan Gonano (nee O'Rourke) received one as well. I was able to talk to Aunty Joan some time ago to see if she knew anymore about the tea set and where it was made. Aunty Joan thought it was made in Japan, but the name marking is very worn and hard to read.

Pink flowers and green leaves are engraved on the tea set, but have faded over time.

I was so pleased that I had the phone chat as Aunty Joan sadly passed away on the $24^{\rm th}$ December 2023.



I remember playing "dress ups" and having tea parties with siblings and friends, but had to make sure I was careful with it. These precious times also taught us good table manners and social skills interacting with each other which continue today.

The tea set has been damaged over the years and some pieces are missing. It is stored in an old biscuit tin, and the tea set pieces wrapped in cotton wool.

It is a real treasure.



Diane Schulz

Member

AN ERA BEFORE TELEVISION.

Looking back, one wonders how everyone kept themselves from boredom. We didn't have television, laptops, computers, Mobile phones. Our parents' always told us stories about how they always had so much fun growing up in this era. As children we also had lots of family time and so many hobbies and games and a few toys.









Snakes and Ladders, ludo, draughts, and Chinese checkers were board games we enjoyed. A popular pastime for adults and children was card games. My parents would invite their friends and have a card evening playing 500. My husband's family loved playing penny poker and 500.



I found a couple of children's packs of cards. We had lots of fun playing these, making the sounds of animals in the game of "Zoo" and the game of "Farmyard Cries". These games were so appropriate for our era living on a farm and Zoos were a popular outing.



You may remember going to parties and we played lots of fun games. I found a small box of playing cards that were handed around with a pencil. The person who answered the questions the fastest would receive the prize. Have you forgotten lining up in teams and passing the orange from neck to neck and lots of cuddling. Pass the parcel and unwrap and read the instructions and pass it on. Remember this one putting a balloon between your knees and pass it on to the next set of knees and again as close as you could get to cuddle your favourite friend. Anyone would think our parents were matchmaking. I am sure you can remember a few.

My hobbies were learning to sew and do fancywork. My husband Barry has said how he enjoyed building model boats and planes. He also had a Meccano construction set.

As our children were growing up, we would play cards with our friends. Canasta was a favourite and Barry liked playing 500 with his siblings. My Brother Trevor was very proud of his Hornby clockwork train set.

Time has evolved but it is so nice to see how these games and hobbies are still in every family even with the advent of computerisation.

We were fortunate to have enjoyed so many hobbies and games. It was a much simpler life, and we were so easy to please.

Elizabeth Lamb, Member 7

THE COMPUTER ATE THE PHOTOS!

It's true! It did!

Well... at least they disappeared, and Val and I decided that we don't really need to publish the whole story again, so, here they are. (My Boyhood Home, on page 14 in February issue.)

There was an excerpt of the Electoral Roll, that placed my parents at 39 Agnes St in 1958, which I won't add here. Here are a few photos from that time. If you have read my story in the previous journal, the captions should be enough to explain each photo's relevance.

While most of Mum's paintings were Australian landscape watercolours, there was also this still life of a vase of sweet peas. Rob T.



My younger brother and I are standing about halfway down the backyard near the orange tree. Dad's vegie garden is well behind us.



I'm sitting beside my Grandaunt Ann (Annie WILLIAMS nee ROBERSON)



the stairs.

BANQUET TO MR DAVEY

Logan Witness Saturday 25 February 1882, page 3

On Thursday evening last a banquet was given to Mr. John Davy, of the Beenleigh Plantation, on the occasion of his leaving for a trip to England. Quite a large and influential muster took place at 8 o'clock at the Royal Hotel, where a dinner was provided by Host Cable in a very creditable manner, considering the short time of which notice was given. Mr. Savage presided, and Mr. Hinchcliffe occupied the vice-chair. After the dinner had had full justice The Chairman proposed the toast of the Queen, which was received with the usual honours. The Chairman next proposed the Royal Family and the Governor of Queensland amid hearty cheers. After a very short interval The Chairman proposed the toast of the evening to that of their friend and neighbour Mr. John Davy, who was about to make a trip to England, and whom they had met together to do honour to and wish him God-speed on his voyage home, a pleasant time of it in England, and a safe journey back again to Queensland. (Cheers.)

Mr. Davy had arrived in the district in 1865, at a time he might say when the woodman's axe had scarcely been heard in the district, and when there was only a mail once a week and a boat once a fortnight, and the bridges had not the roads they have now. These were the difficult times. Ever since Mr. Davy had been residing amongst them he had always taken an active interest in the welfare of the district, and had been one of the foremost men in nearly everything that had taken place. For these endeavours they were all very thankful, and he was very proud to contrast the state of affairs now — with what they were in these early days when they had no coaches, no court-house, and no telegraph office. Some five or six years ago sugar was looked upon with very disfavorable eyes, and it was sort of bye word that when anybody had had a fortunate season it was asked "Has he sold out." Mr. Davy had not sold out, but the reason of his success was simply — they had stuck to it and worked hard. The pioneers of the district had nearly all gone away or entered into some other business than farming or sugar growing. He was sure Mr. Davy could go home with a good conscience that he had done his duty, and he hoped he would thoroughly enjoy himself. Mr. Davy, in replying, said that grand gathering that evening had really taken him by surprise altogether. He had never expected to be honoured in any such a manner, as he had thought of slithering off without any trouble at all.

Mr. Savage had kindly referred to the early days of the place, and he felt a little proud of having stuck to one thing — and that was sugar, through thick and thin, and good times and bad times

They were once very much disheartened when Captain Hope had failed to go on with his plantation, but in spite of these bad reports they were not long before they had sugar for sale themselves, and the industry got into better repute. Mr. Davy then narrated several incidents of the early times of the settlement, when some-times they had not a mail to the district, or even a butcher who had beef, when they used quietly to get a kangaroo for dinner. They had not to do that now. They had butchers, bakers, tradesmen of all sorts, and were quite comfortable only for the grumbling. He returned his sincere thanks for the kind manner they had proposed his health, and hoped he would meet them all again. He would conclude by proposing prosperity to the Logan District. (Cheers.)

The Vice Chairman responded in a very brief speech, and compared the work accomplished by settlers in changing the wilds of the forest into cultivated fields and creating homes for great numbers of people, as being equal to the command of an invading army into a foreign country. The immense work to be done in subduing the wilderness and creating homes, communities, in fencing in land, and in making roads, and in looking after the great interests involved in the transition state from a cattle ran to a civilised community was a great work, and he certainly would never like to go through the process again, and he certainly would never recommend anyone to try it on for amusement. He concluded by proposing the toast of the Ladies, coupling with that the welfare of Mrs. Davy. (Cheers.) Mr. Malcombe very briefly replied, and on behalf of Mrs. Davy thanked the meeting for the courtesy bestowed upon her. The Chairman intimated that the official programme being complete it would only be fair to spend the remainder of the evening in the same manner they had began, and it was open for everybody to speak who desired. Mr. W. K. Witty rose to a call with some little trepidation. He said he was like an old horse he could not start very easily but — laughter — unaccustomed as he was, &c. — laughter — well, he had always found Mr. Davy to be a straightforward John Bull sort of a man, and it would not be amiss if Mr. Davy made himself conspicuous in England as a worn out Queenslander, and let the people see what the effects of 16 or 17 years of hard work had had upon him in Queensland. (Cheers.) He was sure it would do more good than some of the agents appeared to be doing as regards getting a better class of people to come to the colony. He thought Mr. Davy's appearance as a nice young man would astonish the people who have been led to believe that they could not live in Queensland. (Cheers.)

Mr. Porter endorsed the idea and thought it ought to be acted upon. Mr. F. Shaw, said, it afforded him very great pleasure to be at the farewell banquet; and he hoped Mr. Davy would have a pleasant voyage, both home and back again. He had listened with much pleasure to the remarks of the previous speakers, and from his knowledge of a great deal of the Colony, he had no hesitation in giving the foremost place to the Logan district; and was always fond of mentioning this to those he travelled with — in fact he always said there was not a district in the colony to be compared to the Logan. (Cheers.)

Mr. Davy had mentioned the difficulties of travelling in the early days; he had once driven for about 16 hours to get 6 miles from home. As regards good roads, he always liked to give honour to whom honour was due; land he thought that Mr. Walsh, when he was Minister for Works, did more to make good roads than any minister ever did. It was Sidney Norbury, who first ran a coach to Pimpama, they bought him out, and now they had frequent communication with Brisbane. He might say, perhaps by the time Mr. Davy came back they would have a railway to the Logan, when Cobb & Co would have to seek fresh routes: but these were always opening up. It was a fact that the Logan route was the only route that Cobb & Co. had nine years ago; but still they had added 1,600 miles to their stages this year. In time as things advanced the colony would be overrun by railways, and coaches would not be wanted; then, he thought they would be ready to settle down in the Logan district, as sugar planters, or something of that sort.

A great number of other speeches were made by different gentlemen, amongst whom were Messrs. Gooding, Messrs Palm, Thorsborne, Dauth, Watt, Alexander, Webster, Hausmann, Mainwaring, Laidlaw, Dix, Bradbury, Agnew, Miller, Castles, and others, whom, we have not space to report. The toasts ranged from convivial to business, and from law, physic, the Press, and the ladies, to God save the Queen, at about 5 o'clock the following morning.



Rum Distillery near Beenleigh, Queensland, ca. 1912

John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland. (Stark, William John, -1914 (9999)

The Leviathan



(Image courtesy State Library of Victoria)

A very interesting episode of Landline (24/4/2024) on ABC about a man on the Sunshine Coast who is restoring one of these amazing coaches, led me to look for information about the monster coach, The Leviathan, that ran between Ballarat and Geelong. It seems this service began in 1859-60, according to an advertisement in the Ballarat Star. It could hold over 80 people, and according to one report there were 16 horses pulling it. A good source of information about this coach can be seen on the Queensland Museum website. https://blog.qm.qld.gov.au/

COBB & CO.'S "Leviathan" will start for Geelong on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock a.m. The above was built by J. D. Morgan, of the Township.

Ballarat Star, 30 December, 1859

Here is the very interesting and inspiring segment of Landline for anyone interested in the craftsmanship of years gone by. Well worth watching.

https://iview.abc.net.au/video/RF2314O010S00

(49 minutes into video)

from the Journas

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 - 1st Qtr 2024

Visiting the University College Dublin (UCD) Archives: James Joyce Library

For family researchers it holds a variety of associations and union records for the Leinster area which can yield insight into various professions and trades.

<u>Frequent Queries When it Comes to DNA Testing & Results</u>

If you are new to DNA for genealogy, or just need a refresher, this article will run through some of the most common questions that beginners have.

Australian Irish Connections in the North (NT)

Looking into the background of the Northern Territory, Irish adventurers were prominent in all walks of life and some have been named in this article.

<u>Using Irish Naming Convention</u> to discover the Family of Thomas DELANEY in Mid Nineteenth Century Ireland.

<u>Researching ancestors in Ireland</u> in the mid nineteenth century has a reputation of being difficult for a number of reasons. However, there are strategies that can help researchers seek the most out of available sources and where to look for information.

TIMESPAN" Journal - Nepean F.H Society, March 2024

Charli 's (Dog) DNA Test

When Ancestry introduced Pet DNA testing in Australia the writer jumped at the chance but says be warned, the answer may not be as expected.



A Day in the Life of Two Bells

This is the story of Hannah DAY and her 2 husbands, Isaiah BELL and Moses BELL. She was described as a fine motherly woman, always ready to give good advice.

TRACES MAGAZINE - Edition 26, 2024

The Dashed Hopes of the Aldershot Smelter, Qld.

The Queensland Smelting Company, near Maryborough, began with high hopes, plenty of investment and sound management. The venture was, however, short lived.

The Twists & Turns of Tiwi Islands History

Tiwi history is full of surprising events and stories of resilience that turn ideas of Australia's past upside down. Mavis KERINAIUA and Laura RADEMAKER showcase some of these stories of strength, creativity & survival.

Farewell to HMAS Australia

When the world's most impressive warship revisited Australia in 1924, news-reels celebrated this embodiment of majesty, might and beauty. However, as seen through the eyes of 2 trainee naval officers, the global voyage by HMS Hood hinted at darker times ahead.

Who was Joe GREY? Investigating an Unsolved Mystery.

In the 1860's Frank CHRISTIE was as notorious as Ned Kelly, but could he also have been "Joe GREY", the leader of one of the most audacious robberies in Australian history?

Enjoy the Read

Esma King

A Bush Tragedy.

(From our Erda Vale correspondent.)

On Saturday afternoon occurred one of the pathetic tragedies which often take place in the sparsely populated portions of this vast Continent, and tend to make 'The Records of the Bush' one of deep feeling and tender emotion. Out in the Pillaga Scrub at that sinisterly named place, 'The Deadman's Waterhole' resides Mr. W. Baccon, who follows the occupation of sleeper cutter. On Thursday afternoon he left there to go to his son-in-law's place near Calinda; the elder boy also was absent, leaving Mrs. Baccon and the four younger children at home.

Late on Saturday evening the latter made their appearance at Erda Vale, the two older dragging a box on wheels in which were the younger children— one a baby fourteen months old— with the sad news that their mother had had a fit, and was then lying dead at home. Information was immediately forwarded to the police at Coonamble, through telephone communication from Urawilkie; and instructions were received for someone to go out and watch the deceased all night, but on no account to move the body. Messrs. A. Barwick, M. Davison, H. Keegan and W. R. Train immediately proceeded to the scene of the tragedy and there found the body of the unfortunate woman lying on the ground near the clothesline as described by the little boys. Reverently covering the inanimate form the watchers commenced their lonely vigil. Just as day broke they erected a shade to keep the sun's rays from the body, and not long afterwards were joined by Messrs. Ditchfield and W. Proctor. Shortly before 9 o'clock two motor cars arrived bringing Mr. A. R. Perry, Coroner, Dr. McVittie, Government Medical Officer, Sergeant S. Fraser, Constable A. J. Keeblewhite, and Mr. Blackett. Mr. Perry held a coroner's inquest, and, after taking the evidence of Willie Baccon, a son of deceased, adjourned the inquiry to Coonamble, where having heard the medical evidence, he returned a verdict that Margaret Baccon died of an attack of epileptic convulsions. Owing to the condition of the body, and the absence of any relatives to take possession thereof — it was impossible to get into communication with the husband — the Coroner gave instructions to have Mrs Baccon interred out there

Having selected a spot under an oak tree; on the bank of the creek, and Messrs. Ditchfield and Proctor having made the coffin, the remains of Mrs. Baccon were laid to rest, a portion of the Church of England burial service being read by Mr. Train.

Mrs. Baccon was about 42 years of age, and was well and favorably known in this and surrounding districts. Her mother, Mrs. McCubbin, of Gunnedah, who, with her sisters, Madams Bacigalup (Coonamble), W. Crook (Nyngan) and E. Petrie (Wee Waa), one brother, a husband, and five children, is left to mourn her loss. The story told by young Willie bears witness to the thoughtfulness and pluck of a boy— he is only 10½ years old—which would have done credit to any adult placed in similar circumstances. On Saturday fore-noon he and the other children had lunch with their mother, afterwards playing about the place. Whilst his mother was taking some dried clothes off the line, he saw her fall. Knowing that she was subject to fits he ran over to her, and finding that his surmise was correct he procured a rug which he placed under her to lie on, also putting a pillow under her head, and getting some wet rags put them on her forehead, and at the back of her neck. His mother was breathing; but, after a time, when he again looked he realized that she was dead, and went and told his brother Ted (8½) the state of things.

Those two little fellows, with a pluck and courage most wonderful in such young children, set to work collecting their baby sister and little brother's clothing; they then locked up the house; and putting the children in a box on wheels set out for Erda Vale to inform the people there of what had occurred. Before leaving home they added two loaves of bread, four eggs, and several boxes of matches to their load. 'We might have got knocked up, and it got dark so we would have to camp,' was Willie's reason for taking the provisions. They then set off on their long weary drag of six miles, through the bush and paddocks, with the sun registering over 100 in the shade. They achieved their task in good time, and seemed to think that they had done nothing out of the common. The action of these two little Australian boys stands out as a bright example of the inherent courage of the Saxon race; and goes a long way to disprove the statement that 'the blackhaired Native' is only fit for leaning on a post. Let my readers just consider the position seriously, and they must admit that the action of these two little 'bush kids' has stamped them as 'little heroes.' The family is now living with Mrs. T. Ramsey, Erda Vale, till their father returns.

Another Boy Hero

Willie Baccon Rivalled

A Melbourne telegram to the Sydney "Sun," dated 21st March, was as under:

"To little Vincent Atkinson I offer the homage of my admiration," said Sir Alexander Peacock, Minister for Education, after relating the story of the heroic conduct of this boy of 10, which equals that of William Henry Baccon, of Coon amble. The facts were bought under the notice of the Minister by a correspondent in West Australia. He intends to have them published in the school paper that they may be read by the thousands of children attending State schools.

'On 27th .February' said the Minister, 'at a place in West Australia called Billili station, now little known, but destined in my opinion, to be ever remembered for its association with a noble deed. Mrs. J. W. Atkinson; 36, the mother of a family of five, dropped dead in her own yard while hanging out washing. The thermometer that day registered 110 degrees in the shade. The children had been ordered to keep inside, but Isabel, a wee girl of five, went out and hurrying back, brought the news about 12.45 p.m. 'Mum is lying asleep in the sun.'

Filled with fear, the eldest of the family, Vincent, a boy of 10, rushed out, followed by his three brothers and sisters who could walk. Feeling his mother's pulse and heart, Vinnie, with a sob told the other little ones that she was dead. Their father was 10 or 12 miles away prospecting, and this part of the story appeals-peals to me, as I know something of the struggles of miners to support their families. The first idea of this 10-year old lad was to walk to where his father was working, and tell him, but as he would have a mere track to follow, and as he could not reach his destination before dark he gave up that plan. Then he thought of going five miles off to where his uncle lived to seek assistance, but he was afraid of leaving the little ones by themselves. 'Picture the lad standing in the hut, thinking, while around him were one brother, aged eight, another three, a sister of five, and a baby seven months old. He decided to go to his uncle, and to take the four children with him.'

Before leaving, he cleared the table, fed the poultry, and gave them water, turned off the windmill so that water would not go to waste, and prepared a hasty meal for the family. We see the lad next filling the water bag, and taking a small enamel jug, so as to give the baby a drink on the way. The baby was placed in a go-cart, and this sad procession started for the Empress mine at the Five-Mile to break the news of the family's bereavement to the uncle. Five little children walked bare-footed through- sand, with the thermometer 110 in the shade.

Heavy as their hearts were, they did not forget the tiny dog. He was allowed to come too, and had to he carried before the journey's end. The feet of the three-year-old baby boy became blistered, and. his brother - the boy with the lion-heart had to carry him on his back, whilst he pushed the go-cart and encouraged and cheered the other two children. Every few hundred yards the baby's lips had to he moistened with water. The leader had to exhibit great firmness in handling the contents of the water bag. The party reached the Five-Mile at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and delivered the message of the disaster that had be fallen the family. In many respects the facts resemble those connected with the Coonamble incident. In the same continent, with some thousands of miles

between them, two lads, aged 10, display, in similar circumstances, the same fine qualities. They are a credit to the race. Their mothers fulfilled the highest duty of womankind in becoming the mothers of such boys. There would be no nation here but for such women. A continent that owns such mothers and such lads need have no fears of decadence - no dread of lying at the proud fool of a conqueror.

I believe that we have thousands and thousands of such lads.

Telegraph (Brisbane, Qld.: 1872 - 1947), Thursday 26 March 1914, page 12



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William LIGHTSODY

- William James LIGHTBODY was born on 22 March 1842 in Tullyrone, County Armagh, Ireland, son of Isaac LIGHTBODY and Anne Jane GILLESPIE.
- At the age of 24, William boarded the Wansfell at Southhampton and arrived in the Colony of Queensland on 26 June 1866 as an assisted immigrant.

William married the first of his three wives, Margaret ORR, in Brisbane on I February 1869.

His first son, Robert James LIGHTBODY, was born on 1 August 1870, in Brisbane, Queensland.

Margaret died about 16 months later on 24 January in Logan, Queensland.

William married his second wife, Jane MYLES, on 26 February 1873 in Pimpama, Queensland.

They had three sons and two daughters, all born in Pimpama, Queensland.

Thomas William – born 28 January 1874 Joseph Isaac – born 11 September 1875 Isaac – born 8 September 1877 Hannah Jane – born 12 September 1880

Mary Ann 'Minnie' - born 5 July 1883

Jane died on 12 June 1897 in Southport, Queensland.

William was granted a carrier's licence at the Beenleigh Court of Petty Sessions on 10 March 1874. At a sitting of the Lands Court in Beenleigh on 7 January 1876, he was granted a certificate of fulfilment of conditions for 130 acres of land at Pimpama for agricultural and pastoral use. TO STAND THIS SEASON
TULLTRONE,
NAME PROPERTY HORSE
ROYAE IRON DUKE

William owned a draft horse, Royal Iron Duke, which he advertised to service mares on his property, 'Tullerone'. This ad appeared in Logan Witness Sat 1 Oct 1887.

William married his third wife, Mary Ann Alice BELLAMEY, about 1901 in Brisbane. They had no children.

William was elected to a vacancy in No. 1 Subdivision of the Beenleigh Division Board on 3 March 1883.



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William owned a guesthouse, "Seaview", which was situated in Queen St Southport.

In the photo to the left, he can be seen standing at the bottom of the front stairs of his guesthouse.

William passed away on 12 May 1920 at Southport, Queensland, where he had been a resident for over 30 years.

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