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Day	Date	Time	Activity
Wed	28 Nov	9:30– 3:30	Friendship Day New Zealand and the Pacific
Sat	01 Dec	1:30	General meeting.
Sat	01 Dec	2:30	Christmas afternoon tea
Sat	15 Dec	1:30	Last day for 2018
Mon	14 Jan	7 pm	Re-opening for 2019
Sat	2 Feb	1:30	General Meeting
Sat	2 Mar	1:30	Annual General Meeting

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From the Editor's Desk

Dear Members,

We are in need of a librarian, please get in touch if you are able to help.

We will be celebrating 35 years of our society in 2019.

See page 4 for some photos of our "Shadows of the past" cemetery walk in November.

Do you know that the Scotlands people web site is now free to search and BMD and census images to download cost £1.50?

Kerry Moffit's has submitted a very interesting story of his great grandfather, Richard Varley, and some early history of Queensland.

If any member has any stories or favourite Web Site, we would be most pleased to hear from them. We are always looking for interesting items to publish in Timeline. New stories are always welcome.

Our bank of computers is at present undergoing some renovations and changes. Please be patient while these are undertaken. Thanks to Peter Zawila who is currently working on this task.

See you at the next meeting, Yvonne Cooper

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Shadows of the Past Cemetery Walk

This was held at the old Gladstone Cemetery on Wednesday night, 21 November and was well-attended. Here are a few photos of the presenters and an appreciative crowd.



The Janson family graves.



Geoff, Jan and Judy, three of our four presenters.



Geoff tells the story of serviceman Lowes Henry Skyring, who lost his life just months before the end of WW1.



Memorial to Lowes Henry Skyring who died on active service in WW1.



Jan ready to tell everyone about John Score Powe.



Paulette tells the story of the Friend family of Gladstone. This may have been when I nearly swallowed a mosquito.



Judy ready to tell everyone about Irvin Sydney Crow

Graffiti found in French cave linked to Bororen Bororen soldier left his mark

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The signature of a WWI soldier from Gladstone was recently found scratched into the wall of a cave in northern France.

A French archaeologist has been recording graffiti in an extensive network of caves and tunnels under Naours, a town near the Somme battlefields.

Among the hundreds of Australian soldiers' names found was Gunner Cyril Stephen Petty's.

Mr Petty's grandson Len Smith said he was surprised when he recently received a call from historian Paulette Flint who had been contacted by lawyers representing the archaeologist who was looking for relatives of soldiers who had made their mark in the famous caves.

"I contacted the lawyer who had been in touch with Paulette," he said. "He sent me an email wanting more information about my grandfather.

"So I sent him a photo of granddad in his full dress uniform for their records.

"I always knew him as Poppy Steve and he didn't like to talk about his war service.

"I knew he'd put his age up to join the army. Back then they believed whatever you told them. "I'm pretty sure he served in Gallipoli, he was very patriotic and did what he had to do at the time, but it was something he never spoke about. "He ended up with a very bad shrapnel wound in his lower leg."

Mr Petty was born in Bournemouth and had moved to Australia as a boy. "After the war Pop remained in the area for the rest of his life," Mr Smith said. "He married a young girl, Beatrice Shuck, who had also come out from England to be an au pair for the Farmer family on a property near Calliope. "My dad Reg Smith married their daughter Hilda.

"Pop passed away in his early 80s in 1978 and Nanna Beatrice was nearly 101 when she died. "They're both buried in the old cemetery on Dawson Road."

Mr Smith said he had many fond memories of his grandfather. "He was always making stuff in his toolshed and he taught me to use a saw and chisel when I was about five years old," he said. "I've followed in his footsteps in that regard."

It seems Gunner Petty not only left his name on a wall in France, but made an impression on his grandson as well.



Gunner Cyril Stephen Petty

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HISTORIAN Paulette Flint received an email recently which she initially hesitated to open, but is glad she did.

"It was from Ric Lucas, who alleged to be a lawyer with Colquhoun Murphy Lawyers in Canberra," she said.

Intrigued, Mrs Flint contacted the law firm and was delighted to find the email wasn't a scam as she had initially suspected.

"I rang Colquhoun Murphy and was put in contact with Mr Lucas, who assured me that he had sent the email," she said.

"Mr Prilaux had written a book about his work. "He wanted to contact living relatives so that they



Paulette Flint at the Gladstone Genealogical Society.

may learn a little more about their forebear. "

Also they would be able to complete the research they had done about the soldier and, if possible, obtain a photograph.

"He'd attached a couple of newspaper articles, one of which was the marriage of Hilda Petty to Reginald Smith.

"I realised they were the parents of Len Smith who I went to school with. "I told him I knew Mr Petty's relatives and that I would contact them."

Mrs Flint then called Mr Smith. "He confirmed Cyril Petty was his grandfather and said he had photos," she said. "The rest is history."

Paulette Flint has provided the following links to more information about this discovery and projects. The websites make very interesting reading.

The names of 731 Anzacs found in cave under the WW1 battlefields of France

<https://www.smh.com.au/world/the-names-of-731-anzacs-found-in-cave-under-the-ww1-battlefields-of-france-20150406-1mey4w.html>

Naours: Soldiers' Subterranean Records

The Sir John Monash Centre Australian National memorial France

<https://sjmc.gov.au/naours-soldiers-subterranean-records/>

M. Gilles Prilaux has written a book about his work and is preparing another.

<https://www.bookdepository.com/Silent-Soldiers-Naours-Gilles-Prilaux/9781742579719>

WW2 Ubobo soldier left his mark on Brisbane City Hall wall

SOLDIERS have been etching their names on walls since Roman soldiers scratched their names on the pyramids.

Nagoorin resident, Ron Streeter said his father's cousin Mervyn Streeter continued the long-standing tradition on the toilet walls of Brisbane city town hall.

"Mervyn was a gunner, I believe he was in the Pacific theatre of combat," he said.

"He was returning home and the Country Women's Association were handing out pads and pencils to the soldiers.

"They could write letters home, but a lot of them scrawled their names on the latrine walls.

In 2008, Brisbane City Hall was being renovated and a section of cladding was removed from the old walls revealing over 150 signatures of WW2 veterans.

"Mervyn's signature was among them," Mr Streeter said.

"He returned to Ubobo, married Evelyn Rowe and they had nine children, as they did in the years before television.

"He died in his 60's, and Evelyn only died this year."

Link to the famous Bororen Pie

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STAN Petty, the brother of Cyril Petty, was the baker who put Bororen on the map during WWII.

Mr Petty's grand-nephew Len Smith said his grand-uncle achieved fame as the Bororen Pie Man. "He served pies to soldiers heading north on the rail line," he said.

"They were pretty popular and the Petty name certainly lived on through the pies." It was rumoured that many soldiers considered deserting just to get their hands on one of Petty's Pies.

Mr Smith said his Uncle Stan eventually moved his business to South Gladstone. "He lived in Roberts St and had a little pie oven in a fibro building there," he said.

"He kept the recipe secret all his life and unfortunately it died with him."

Mrs Stan Petty sitting in the front
Left rear Mrs Jaenke right rear Helen Horn
Photo taken at Bororen 1931.

Photo supplied by Judy Spencer



VIRTUAL REALITY BRINGS AUSTRALIAN REMEMBRANCE TRAIL TO LIFE

VIRTUAL reality technology and stunning 360-degree drone footage are bringing the Australian Remembrance Trail along the Western Front to Australians across the world, through an *Anzac 360* app featuring interactive videos.

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC, Darren Chester, today, 10 November 2018, launched the new app at the Sir John Monash Centre in France.

"While Gallipoli will be forever etched in our nation's history, it was right here on the Western Front that we suffered our greatest losses during the First World War," Mr Chester said.

"This new app and videos, developed in partnership with News Corp Australia and produced by Grainger Films, will allow all Australians, including our next generation of school children, to experience these sites from their classroom or at home in their living room.

"Most importantly, it allows those who cannot visit these sites in person the opportunity to feel like a visitor, but at the same time inspiring others to travel over here to France, or across the border in Belgium."

"The partnership with News Corp Australia will allow us to take viewers on a journey by exploring Australia's story on the Western Front through a present day lens and technology."

Eight key sites and battles are explained, highlighting the challenges our troops faced some 100 years ago, from the well positioned enemy to the tactical decisions that had to be made, or moments of bravery that resulted in a Victoria Cross.

The clips merge 360-degree aerial and ground footage from the present day with period imagery, graphics and more.

"This year we have seen our nation commemorate the 100th anniversary of the battles in Le Hamel and Villers-Bretonneux, and also mark the opening of the Sir John Monash Centre, which covers just some of the topics and sites featured in these videos," Mr Chester said.

"I encourage all Australians to download the app and view the videos, learn more about the Australian Remembrance Trail and in doing so, never forgetting our troops and what they did right here on the Western Front," Mr Chester said.

The app is free to download from the App Store and Google Play- search *Anzac 360*.

Richard VARLEY (1845-1915)

A Queensland Pioneer

The family of Richard Varley appears to have been in Wakefield, Yorkshire for several generations. It is surmised that his grandparents had died young and that his father along with a brother had been brought up by a close relative in the Wakefield district. Richard's father William, married Maria HORBURY also from Wakefield. William and Maria lived in Wakefield for the rest of their lives. Both Richard and his father along with a number of his relatives worked at the nearby Soap Factory. Richard was the fourth of the nine children born to William VARLEY and Maria HORBURY of Wakefield Yorkshire. His first work was at the nearby soap factory. His parents are buried in the St James Church of England cemetery in Wakefield; an inscription on the family headstone reads:

"In Affectionate Remembrance of William Varley who died September 16, 1878 age 68. May the Judge of all forgive that through Jesus Christ may live. Also Maria Varley wife of the above who died January 19 1887 age 72. A Mother most kind and dear. Also Martha beloved wife of George Thomas Fawcett and daughter of the above who died December 8, 1921."

None of Richard's siblings emigrated however two nephews did emigrate, one to New Zealand and his brother to Canada. Descendants of the New Zealand Varley's came to Australia and worked in the Legal profession.



Melmerby

Richard arrived in Brisbane in May 1865, on board the ship **Melmerby**, aged 20. He was contracted to work at building the Queensland Railway system. The rail system in Queensland was a short line from Ipswich to Grandchester and the Government was committed to continuing the line from Grandchester to Toowoomba .

Of the 527 immigrants on board the **Melmerby**, 157 were Navvies consisting of 127 single men and 30 men with families. The navvies (construction workers) and contractors resided in a number of camps along the railway line from the base of the range upwards. Camps included Gibbon's, Fountain's, Holmes', Main Range, Ballard's and Cameron's, generally named after the person responsible for the section of line in a particular area.

The camps operated as temporary townships and bases for specific engineering projects. Buildings were supplied for community use at camps. Fountain's, Holmes' and Ballard's camps were the most substantial, with Ballard's working population reported at about 500 in mid-1865.

Richard Varley worked on the Toowoomba section of rail line for fifteen months. At the end of this period, he proceeded to New South Wales and engaged in railway work on Mount Victoria for nine months on the main western line through the Blue Mountains. On his return to Queensland he accepted an engagement with his old employers and afterwards went north and assisted in the construction of the telegraph line between Maryborough and Gympie, Gympie and Brisbane and also Normanton and Etheridge in far north Queensland.

A large number of railway workers, or navvies, were among the 21,000-odd immigrants brought to Queensland in 1865 and 1866 by the Black Ball Line and the immigration of navvies continued until April 1866 and in that year there was a major financial collapse in England. Its effects were felt throughout the world. Large numbers of banks and companies failed. One such failure was that of the Agra and Masterman's Bank, which had undertaken to provide the Queensland Government with £50,000 a month pending the negotiation of a loan of approximately £1,000,000 to enable the Colony to carry out essential works. The bank's failure meant that the funds were not forthcoming and Queensland found itself in a desperate financial plight. Arising out of all this came a severe depression in the Colony. There was mass unemployment, particularly among the railway workers, and even the Government could not honour cheques drawn in its name.

By mid-August the most immediate shortage of Government funds had been overcome however extensive unemployment resulting from the crisis still existed and many men were out of work and by now all the railway labourers, or "navvies", were camped along the line, unpaid and unemployed.

Delegates met with the Government officials and it was announced that the Government was making available the sum of £3,000 per month for the resumption of work on the railway and the setting up of relief camps in the Brisbane area for men prepared to work on the roads at the relief rate of 15/- per week. The vast majority of both navvies and the Brisbane men were prepared to accept the Government offer as it then stood.

However, unrest continued and on the night of 11 September 1866 a riot occurred in Brisbane. The active participants of the riot were themselves only a very small proportion of the great number of unemployed present in Brisbane at the time.

A fiery crowd rushed to the William Street Government stores and broke down the outer door before the Police Commissioner had the Riot Act read out to the crowd; several arrests were made. The crowd showed no signs of heeding the reading of the Riot Act so the police were ordered to charge and succeeded in pushing the mob back along William Street into Elizabeth Street. The police were ordered to load with live ammunition when the crowd showed no signs of dispersing.

This order caused a momentary hush and the crowd fell back a little down Queen Street and was driven towards Albert Street where the momentum of the charge split it into sections, which in turn began to disperse. The critical point of the riot had passed.

It did do something else however. It compelled the Government to carry through the program outlined by the Colonial Secretary to the deputation on Monday afternoon. As a result, many men left with their families for the north and most of the navvies who had journeyed to Brisbane returned to the construction of the line, workers carried on as best they could until Queensland's fortunes began to improve after the end of 1866.

Richard VARLEY married Ellen BROWN at the Wesleyan Mission House in Brisbane in 1869; him an immigrant and her a first generation Australian born at Town Marie near Ipswich Queensland. Ellen's parents were James BROWN, a convict from Limerick Ireland, and Jane FORBES. James had been sent to the Colonies for stealing a musket. He served his time and made his way north to the Ipswich district. His occupation was given as a Bullock Driver. It has been written that Jane FORBES was from Cavan Ireland. Little else is known of her and no record of her arrival in the country has been found. Her name was given as midwife on the birth certificates of her grandchildren Mabel VARLEY and John BROWN.

Town Marie was a self-contained industrial village with a boiling-down works, sawmill, owner's house and houses for workmen; the owner of the establishment was Mr R J Smith. He and his wife were present as witnesses at the wedding of James Brown and Jane Forbes in Ipswich. This close association between Mr and Mrs Smith and the newly married couple raises the question as to whether or not Jane Forbes had been known to the family before her marriage. Little is known of James Brown other than his occupation as a timber getter and that he died of stomach cancer; He is buried in the Pine Mountain cemetery and his wife Jane Forbes, (Brown), is buried in the Wivenhoe Pocket cemetery.

Richard Varley and his wife took up property in the Dundas district of the Brisbane River Valley. Under the "Homestead Act" and the "Conditional Purchases Act" in place at the time, Richard and Jane Varley secured 200 acres of land at Dundas. The land was secured in two parcels of 60 acres under the Homestead Act and 140 acres under the Conditional Purchases Act. This land stayed in the family for about 130 years until one of Richard's grandsons sold the remaining portion due to ill health and the reclamation of some of the area for the Wivenhoe Dam. It is of interest that the name of R Varley appears on the government maps of the time as he was the first owner. The name Varley will be on the maps in perpetuity

Here they raised their family of 11 children, nine of whom survived to adulthood, their many descendants spread throughout the country. Settlement in the district consisted of new homesteaders and their growing families. As the Varley children became of school age, it was necessary to seek an education source so they attended a school at Mt Brisbane run by Mr William Seely. Over the years this school was also known as Deep Creek and Bryden.

By 1886 advocacy for a school at Dundas began and a meeting was held at the home of Richard Varley. At the meeting a Committee of Edwin Hine (Chairman), William Spann (Treasurer) and Richard Varley (Secretary) was formed. The application for a school was eventually successful and the younger Varley children attended the school which was known as Kipper Creek Provisional School.

The Department of Education recommended that the slab hut (19 by 14 feet) with pine floor and shingle roof offered by Ralph Stewart, be accepted. The residents also built the school furniture and the school opened in January 1889 with Miss G.B. Brightwell as teacher. The Stewart family had offered not only the school building but also accommodation for the teachers during their time in the Northbrook area. Students such as Brown, Hine, Stewart, Hay and Varley were later connected by marriage.

On the Varley property a house was built for the youngest daughter Mabel and her husband Dorsey MOFFIT; they lived there until moving to Bellevue Station about 1923. Three children were born to Dorsey and Mabel during their time in this home on the Varley family property. Sometime later this home was sold and relocated to another property in the Dundas district.

As the children grew up they married and had families of their own and so there are still many Varley and Brown family descendants living in the Wivenhoe and Brisbane River Valley region.

Dorsey Moffit junior kept in touch with his Varley relatives and told stories of adventures in the bush when he and his cousins would venture into the remote areas of the D'Aguilar State Forest and National Park. He commented about the remoteness by saying he had been in areas where no white men had ever been; he also spoke of visiting the site of the Aboriginal burials in the cliffs along the Brisbane River.

Richard Varley was elected as a Councillor for the Esk Shire Council; he represented the Dundas district on the Council from 1903 to 1910. His son Francis (Frank) was also a Councillor and represented his district for 15 years between 1964 – 1979.

Richard and Ellen became involved in the local social activity and played a part in the establishment of the local provisional school at Kipper Creek. Richard contracted to build bridges and repair roads for the Esk Shire Council. Ellen Varley ran the district Post Office from home and continued to do so for many years after the death of Richard.

Two grandsons of Richard Varley and Ellen Brown served their country during WW1; they were sons of their first born child, Maria Jane Varley and her husband, Thomas WALKER.

Duncan Beattie WALKER and his younger brother Richard River WALKER enlisted from Kilcoy in Queensland they were both underage and had to have their parental permission to enlist. Their service records follow.

WALKER, Duncan Beattie

Service no 646 Lance Corporal 5th Light Horse Regiment Born Kilcoy, Queensland Son of Mr Thomas WALKER Of Kilcoy, Via Woodford, Queensland Occupation prior to enlistment; Carpenter's Assistant.

Enlisted 17 November 1914, Brisbane Age 19y 2m

Served in Gallipoli, Alexandria, Maadi, Dueidar Stg Shunnar, Um-Urgan, Marakeb, Ain-Hajla and Port Said.

Wounded at Gallipoli

Contacted Malaria while in Palestine

Discharged unfit for duty at end of war with Malaria

Returned to Australia 23 December 1918 per 'Argyllshire'

Died 12 December 1924 – He was tragically killed in 1924 in a timber felling accident leaving a wife and young children.

WALKER, Richard River

Rank: Private Service No: 4907 A.I.F. 9th Bn. and 25 Bn. Enlisted 11 August 1915 aged 17y and 7m.

Served in France and Belgium, he suffered with Trench foot and was returned to England for treatment in the hospital. Ten months later he was back in France and three months later suffered a gunshot wound to the chest he was sent to England. He also had Trench fever. Upon his return to the war zone he was in Belgium and France from 20th March 1917.

On 19th July Richard was killed in action.

Australian Red Cross Wounded and Missing enquiry files report:

Richard River Walker was a private in B Company of 9th Battalion while they were moving up to relieve a section of D Company he was killed instantly when a shell exploded almost under him, the location of B Company at the time of Walkers death was between the towns of Meteran and Merris the time of his death was about 8:30pm in the evening. Private F M KELLY was one of the informants and described Richard Walker as "A good clean living fellow, a great mate of mine, we came over together in the "Commonwealth" from Brisbane on 28th March 1916"

He is buried in the Borre British Cemetery in France.

Date of Death: 19/07/1918 Age: 20y 6m. Grave Reference: II. D. 32. Cemetery:

BORRE BRITISH CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Thomas and Jane Walker, of Kilcoy, Queensland

To my knowledge Richard never returned to visit family in England.

Richard Varley died at age 70 years - the cause of his death was prostate cancer, the curse of many of his descendants. He is buried in the Wivenhoe Pocket Cemetery and his final resting place is marked with a large monument. Ellen died in 1940 at 87 years of age and is buried in the Varley area of the Esk Cemetery. The reason for her burial here was that flooding in the Brisbane Valley prevented her burial with husband Richard at Wivenhoe Pocket Cemetery; the source of this information was her grandson Vince VARLEY.

My grandmother Mabel Moffit (nee Varley) spoke of her childhood with the family at Dundas. She would show a scar on one of her thumbs which had been run over while riding on a wooden slide when a little girl. She spoke of her siblings and I grew up knowing of them as Auntie Janie, Auntie Ellie Auntie Rachel and Uncles Dick and Bill; Uncle Frank and Auntie Alice were very often mentioned.

This is my tribute to Richard Varley of Thornes by Wakefield - oh how I would have liked to have spent a day with him.

These notes are from my research into the family of Varley. Any additional information would be greatly appreciated.

Please read and enjoy the story of our immigrant ancestor.

Contributed by Kerry Moffit, 2018

Words and abbreviations that apply in genealogy.

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Source: <http://www.genealogyintime.com/dictionaries/genealogy-word-dictionary-pageA.html>

"To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root." Chinese Proverb

advowson-(England) the right to nominate a vicar or rector to a church.

aeg - all edges gilt. Used in the description of a rare book that contains gilt (gold foil) on the edges of the pages.

affinity - in genealogy this refers to a relationship by marriage.

amercement - (England) a monetary penalty imposed in Medieval times. It is similar to a fine except that it was imposed by a local council that was not a formal court.

armiger - (abbreviation arg. or ar.) - a person who bears the armor of a knight, more commonly called a squire.

attestation - the administration of an oath or evidence given by a witness. Commonly used for military enlistment.

bachelor - a journeyman or craftsman who had not yet achieved master status. The title was often applied to junior members of a guild.

badger - a person who buys and sells basic commodities acting as a middleman in a transaction.

bawd - a woman who runs a brothel.

bluejacket - an enlisted seaman

boniface - an innkeeper

British school - the name given to 19th century schools organized by nonconformists and based on the educational principles of Joseph Lancaster. They were abolished in England by the Education Act of 1902.

dsp - from the Latin *decissit sine prole*, died without children.

call - the compass direction and distance that defines the perimeter of a piece of property. A property will have several calls.

chain migrant - a person joining family members who have already migrated.

chanceling - a notation on a parish baptism record denoting an illegitimate child.

chancery case - the term for a special legal case not specifically covered by the law of the time. Chancery cases are rich in genealogy information because they often involved land disputes, resolution of wills, divisions of estates and (in the US) buying and selling of slaves.

Chapman Codes - three letter abbreviations used to identify historic administrative counties in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

codex (plural codices) - Latin for block of wood, it is a very old document (pre-1650) that is the precursor to a book, with separate pages bound together and given a cover. Most codices are religious documents.

consanguineous — related by blood. For example, a consanguineous marriage is a marriage between blood relatives (the most common form being the marriage between cousins).

Dade Register - named after Rev William Dade, vicar of several Yorkshire parishes, they are English baptism records with more information than normal such as father's occupation, mother's

name and names of both grandparents.

deltiology - the collecting of antique postcards.

diaspora - a large scale migration or scattering of a people away from their ancestral homeland, often done by force.

dreng - a free peasant who has land held for them in return for a service (usually military service to the local lord).

exact - (England) the term used to describe the process of taking money and possessions from a person usually before the person was outlawed for a serious crime.

feme covert - a married woman. **feme sole** - a single woman.

fl. - from the *Latin floreat*, means an approximate date (used in the absence of a precise date).

galligaskin - baggy trousers worn by sailors in the 17th and 18th century, often used to refer to sailors themselves.

goodman - the male head of a family.

handfasting - an informal folk practice in England and British colonies that was generally a form of common-law marriage. Sometimes called a broomstick wedding or mop wedding.

hundred - an administrative subdivision that existed in southern English counties prior to the 1974 government reorganization of the counties (*see also wapentake*). It was the amount of land required to sustain 100 families and would normally be 1500 to 3000 acres.

Junker - (German) a member of the Prussian aristocracy.

manciple - a medieval steward in charge of food.

matrilocality — the custom in some ethnic and social groups where a couple settles in the woman's home or community after marriage. {see also *patrilocality*}

merrybegot - a notation on a parish baptism record denoting an illegitimate child.

messuage - a house plus associated outbuildings and yard mentioned in a will.

m.i. - memorial inscription

ms - male servant (abbreviation often seen on census returns)

nd — no date. Used to indicate that a document has no date.

nibling - a niece or nephew. Equivalent to the more common word sibling.

none - mid-afternoon prayer.

nuncupative will - an oral will given by a dying person in front of witnesses.

oblite - devoted to a monastic life. In reference to children it means that the parents devoted the child to a monastic life. Parents who could not look after their children sometimes did this instead of turning children over to orphanages or poorhouses.

onomastics - (also known as *onomatology*) - the study of forms and origins of names.

JUST ASK ABOUT YOUR MILITARY HISTORY, YOU MIGHT BE AMAZED

MEDIA RELEASE

Office of the Hon. Darren Chester, Canberra ACT.

7 November 2018

AUSTRALIANS are being encouraged to *Just Ask* questions within their families and make enquiries online to see if they have a lost family connection to one of the almost two million people who have served Australia in wars, conflicts and on peacekeeping operations over the past century.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC Darren Chester said the Anzac Centenary period encouraged many Australians to research their family history, which had uncovered for some a lost connection to the First World War.

"As time moves forward Australia continues to lose more of the original living memories of our wartime history, but uncovering the story of military ancestors is a straightforward process that can yield amazing results," Mr Chester said.

"Start by asking your oldest relatives what they know or if anyone has letters, diaries, medals or other memorabilia from a war, conflict or peacekeeping mission that could provide some clues.

"From there, it's as simple as searching the online database of the Australian War Memorial, the National Archives of Australia, the National Library of Australia and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

"Communities should also use the valuable local resources such as local libraries, RSL branches and historical societies, which do an amazing job at documenting and preserving our history."

In addition, if your relative was from the UK or New Zealand, you can search sites such as the [UK National Archives](#) and the [NZ National Archives](#). As part of the launch of the *Just Ask* initiative, Ancestry.com is providing 100 hours' free access to its database from 9–12 November 2018 for people to track their family story.

"Throughout the Anzac Centenary period 2014–18, many people have found long-lost connections to the First World War, giving them a broader understanding and respect for their family history," Mr Chester said.

"I have been privileged to hear first-hand the experiences of Australians reconnecting with their family history and what it has meant to them.

"With the additional access to Ancestry, Australians will be able to readily research their family's history and start the search for a connection to our military history.

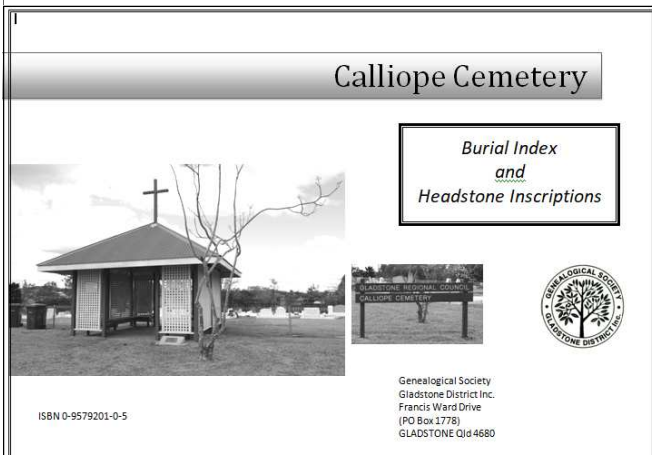
"As a nation we need to take collective responsibility for preserving our family history and acknowledge those who have served and who are currently serving our country.

"On Remembrance Day this year, the 100th anniversary of the First World War Armistice, I encourage all Australians to buy a poppy, attend their local commemorative service, and stop for a minute's silence."

For information about how to research your family connection, visit the [Department of Veterans' Affairs website](#).

FEATURED PUBLICATION

Calliope Cemetery Records— Burial Records and Memorial Inscriptions



Calliope Cemetery Index and Memorial Inscriptions \$15 + P&P

HISTORY: The first headstone to be erected at Calliope Cemetery was that of John Bain who died at Galloway Plains on 4 February 1884 as a result of stomach spasms that lasted for four hours. His headstone names him as “John Hunter Bain” but this is not correct as the name “Hunter” is that of his wife, Ann Hunter. John Bain and his wife arrived in Australia from Glasgow, Scotland in 1847.

Whether there are any previous burials in the Calliope Cemetery before that of John Bain is unknown, as the original record books for the cemetery have been lost. Calliope was founded when gold was first found at Nuggety Gully, which is now known as Calliope township and there were many who lost their lives to accident, childbirth or murder. Their bodies were often buried close to where they died, and only some of these bush graves have been recorded with the authorities.

The cemetery was first kept by several locally elected Trustees who set out the Pioneer section in an arc form and kept a burial book under the counter at the general store which was located on the site of the present (2012) petrol station. When an informant came to register a death, the details were entered and signed by the informant. A grave digger was appointed and he drove a metal numbered marker into the ground after each burial recording the number in the burial book at the general store (Mylne’s store). Cattle and horses roamed freely through the unfenced cemetery and many markers were broken or knocked out of position by the wandering animals.

The Lawn section began in 1983 and Ernest Braun aged 53 years is listed as the first burial there. The Council land opposite the cemetery has been allocated for the lawn section to be continued.

This publication includes not just the burial details, but also records transcriptions of the cemetery headstones.

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

GSGD has for sale a number of indexes and other booklets prepared by members.



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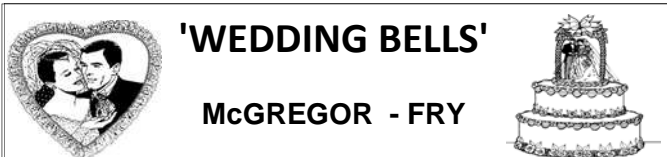
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'WEDDING BELLS'

McGREGOR - FRY



1935

In the Presbyterian Church, Gladstone, on June 25, Rev. A. M. MacAllister solemnised the marriage of Mr. George James Fry, youngest son of the late Mr. Fry and Mrs. Sharpies, of Gladstone, to Miss Frances Mary McGregor, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McGregor, of Gladstone.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore white satin, moulded gown, with touches of silver, and a flowing court train, with a high cowl neckline, and fully flared ankle-length skirt. Her veil of tulle and orange blossoms fitted close to the head, and she carried a shower bouquet of roses. The dress and bouquet were the gift of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Beale, of Toowoomba.

The bride was attended by her two sisters, Misses Jean and Joyce McGregor, who were dressed alike in windswept rose pink silk chene, with pink silk tulle hats turned off the face, and they carried pink roses tied with satin ribbon.

Little Miss Marjorie Beale was flower girl, and she was dressed in blue marocain, with an overdress of blue silk tulle, and carried a golden basket of tinted roses. The bride's cousin, Mr. M. Ingram, carried out the duties of best man, and Mr. Ken McGregor, brother of the bride, was groomsman.

The bride's mother chose a grey frock, with touches of pink, and hat to tone, and carried a posy of pink sweet peas, tied with satin ribbon. The bridegroom's mother chose a brown silk marocain trimmed with mastic, with hat: to tone, and carried a posy of sweet peas, tied with satin ribbon.

The wedding breakfast was held at the Valley Cafe. The wedding cake was made by the bride's mother and iced by Miss Gairdner. The bride chose for her travelling dress a two-tone brown costume with hat to match.

The Wedding March was played by Miss Jean Daly, a friend of the bride. The bride and bridegroom caught the Sunshine express to Townsville, where the honeymoon is being spent, they then will journey to their future home at Julia Creek.



'Wedding Bells'

SHAW- ORR



The Gladstone Observer, 24th July, 1935

On Tuesday, July 16, at St Paul's Presbyterian Church, St Paul's Terrace, Brisbane, the wedding of Mr. William J.D. Shaw (of Rodd's Bay), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Shaw ("Fairmount"), and Miss Marion Reid Orr, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Orr, Main Street, Kangaroo Point (Brisbane), was solemnised. Rev. Mervyn Henderson officiated.

Mrs. Maurice Shaw sang a solo during the signing of the register.

Mr. James Orr gave away his daughter, whose Nemi blue delusted crepe frock made with a cowl front lined with silver. The short sleeves were banded with squirrel fur, and she wore a large felt halo hat.

The bride's sister (Miss Jean Orr) as bridesmaid, wore ice blue moss crepe with shirred bishop sleeves and a cowl neckline. Her matching hat was in the bonnet mode. Mr. John King was the best man.

The reception was held at Lennon's, where asters and carnations formed the floral decorations. Mrs. Orr's gown of black dull crepe had an ermine collar, and was worn with a velour hat. Mrs. B. J. Shaw chose black marocain, patterned in red, with a black straw hat.

On leaving the reception the bride wore a squirrel fur coat, the gift of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. D. Shaw left by the Mooltan on a cruise to Samarai and Melbourne and on their return will make their home at Rodd's Bay.

Submitted by Margaret Picard, gleaned from GSNT newsletter #76 Website: www.gsnt.org.au

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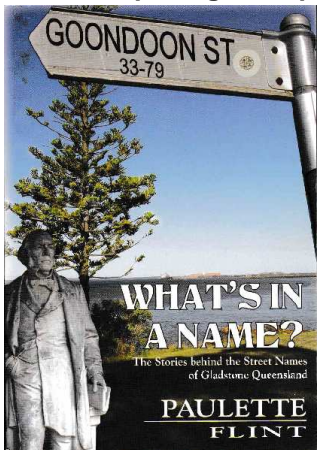
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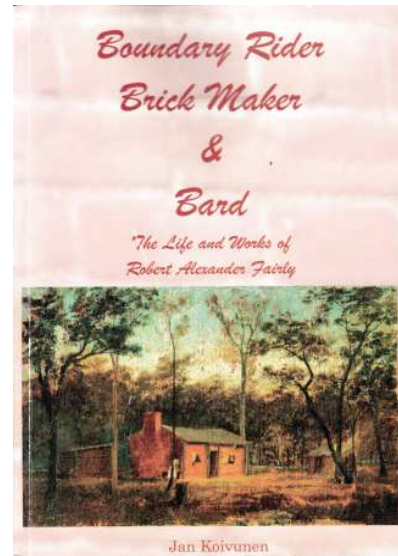
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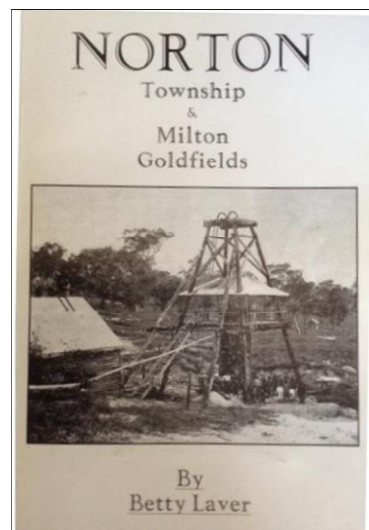
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