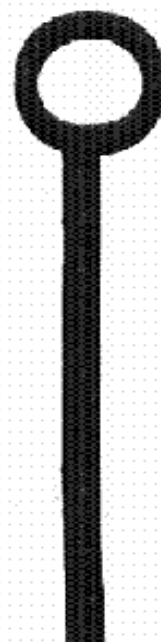
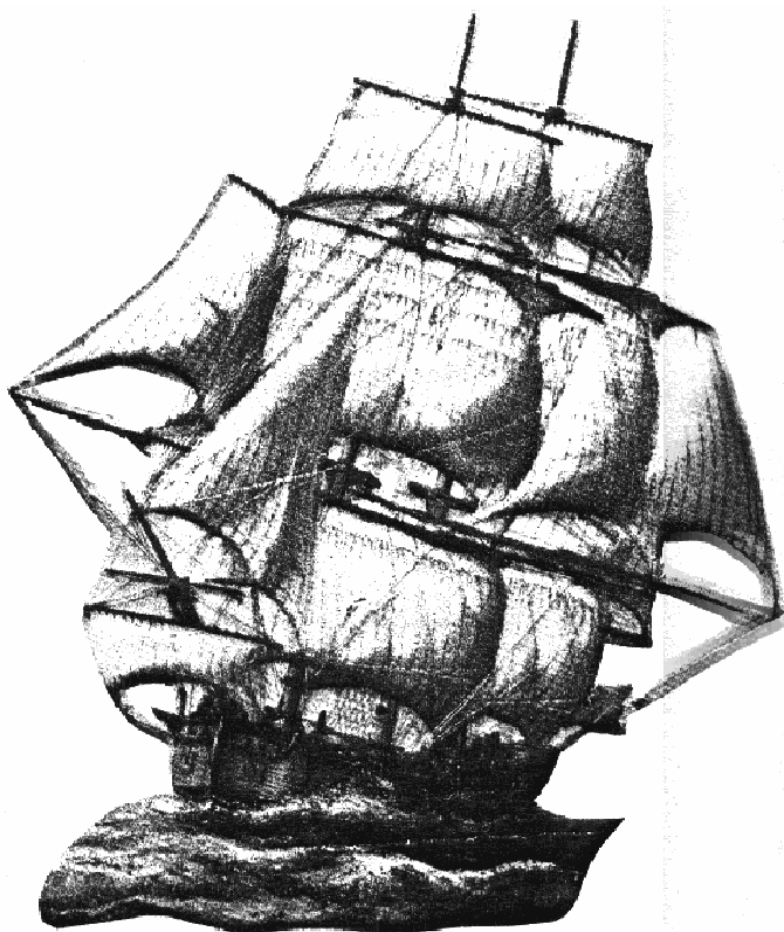


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Sat	07 Dec	1:30	meeting
Fri	13 Dec	6 for 6:30	Break up dinner at The Club Hotel
Sat	14 Dec	3:30	2019 Closure
Sat	01 Feb	1:30	2020 re-opening
Sat	08 Feb	1:30	meeting
Sat	14 Mar	1:30	AGM
Sat	21 Mar	1:30	Beginner 's Workshop

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From the Editor’s Desk

Dear Members,

We had a very enjoyable dinner at the Club Hotel Gladstone, in the evening following our 35th birthday celebrations. So we have decided to have another dinner there as a breakup for 2019.

We will have it at 6 for 6:30 pm at The Club Hotel Gladstone on Friday 13th December, 2019. Please RSVP to Paulette 0415 353 557 or gladgen@hotmail.com for the Christmas Dinner by **7 December.**

We hope to see you all there.

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Genealogical Society Gladstone District Inc.

extends our sincere sympathy to the family of our late committee member and secretary, Robyn Allen. Who passed away earlier this year after a long illness.



Rest in peace, Robyn.

Elgin PETRIE is our family's special female member



William and Elgin Glen, 20th May, 1917.

In July this year at a meeting we were discussing important female members of our families. I instantly thought of Elgin and of how important she was to our whole family for over 60 years.

Elgin Petrie passed away aged 81 years, 60 years ago on 31 July 1959 when I was in High School. She was the namesake for both my mother and I (even though she was not a blood relation).

I believed that she was named Elgin because she was born in Elgin, the capital city of Moray, in Scotland. I did not try to find out more about her until about 1980 but then there were very few people left to answer my questions.

Years ago I found her birth and her marriage certificate on the early version of Scotland's People and was surprised to discover that she had been born in Edinburgh on 2nd April 1878. My grandmother's birthday book confirmed that I had the correct birth certificate. Her birth parents were named on both certificates.

She was left with my Great, Great, Grandmother Catherine Crombie (nee Howie) when her neighbours- Elgin's parents- left Edinburgh about 1880. Supposedly they either separated or went to America. Catherine had three sons and one daughter, Jane who unfortunately died in 1863 aged 3. Catherine and her husband David Crombie raised Elgin and she was known to all the family as Aunty Annie Crombie (later Glen).

She appears as Annie Crombie, aged 3, in the 1881 Scottish census and later in the 1891 census aged 13. In the 1901 census she is Elgin Glen. She worked in a pottery at Kirkcaldy and her job was painting gold edges on vases. She was given a pair of these vases as a wedding present from the pottery, when she gave up work to marry William Glen. I have the vases and the button up boots she wore in 1900.

She was married as, Elgin Petrie, on 13 Jul 1900 and then known as Mrs Elgin Petrie Glen. Elgin and her husband, William, were living in Dysart(near Kirkcaldy in Fife) in the 1901 census.



All of the sons of my Great, Great, Grandmother Catherine, died in Scotland. Her eldest son, David Crombie- my Great Grandfather- had three sons and two daughters.

One daughter, Jane Menzies Crombie, stayed in Scotland but the other daughter and three sons decided to immigrate. Two just before World War 1 and the other two when they finished serving in World War 1.

Their widowed mother, my Great, Grandmother Margaret Crombie (nee Glen) came in 1914. They all came to New South Wales with their wives and children and stayed in close contact with each other.

Elgin and William did not have any children and the decision was made that they would also immigrate. William was a pattern cutter at Nairns linoleum factory at Kirkcaldy in Fife and Nairns had opened a factory in Sydney so he had a job to go to.

The passenger ships had been used as troop ships during the war and in 1920 they had not all been fitted out again for passengers. This meant that during the voyage on the ship *De Mostanese* the men were all together in one part of the ship and all the women and children were in another part. My grandmother was pregnant and already had three young sons so Elgin was able to help her with the children. This was fortunate as the youngest boy, Joseph, was almost lost when he attempted to climb out of a porthole.



Elgin was involved with all the family members in Australia and was Auntie Annie to all of them. She appears in so many of the family photos. Elgin nursed my grandmother when she had a miscarriage and she refused to go to the hospital because "if she was gunna die she was going to die in her ain hame".

A couple of years later, in 1925, granny had a daughter and asked Elgin if she could name her after her, Elgin said "yes, as long as she has all of my names" i.e. "Elgin Petrie Glen" so my mother became

"Elgin Petrie Glen Crombie", photo on the left.

Elgin lived a couple of streets away from us and over the years my mother, aunts, cousins and myself all helped her regularly. I was the last and youngest helper. There were no supermarkets so I would walk to her house and get the shopping lists and walk to the butcher, baker and grocer to get whatever she needed and take it back to her. Her original lists were written on a slate board with a slate pencil and copied to paper for me to take to the shops. If there was no shopping needed I would do the gardening (under supervision of course). Her husband William had died on 27 Oct 1955.

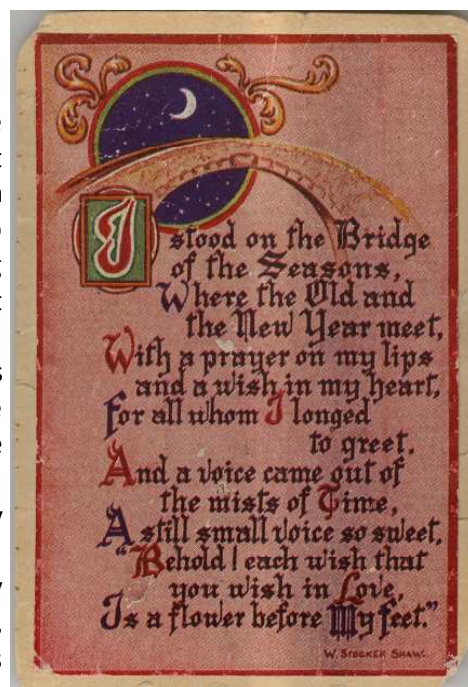
Other times we would just sit and talk and she taught me to write letters and answer them properly. I also liked to hear of her childhood. She made wonderful black toffee, perhaps from molasses. It set hard in a slab and we would break it up with a little hammer. We were all very fond of it. Every time I am tempted to say "a hundred" I can hear her say "one hundred or how many hundred", "a hundred" was not acceptable. She was a great letter writer and kept up correspondence with many friends in Scotland. I have an album filled with postcards she received, some with photos of Scotland on the front, or photos of family or Christmas greetings. The small card to the right is one she received in the 1950's.

I remember that she received a calendar every year with a photo of the "Fourth Bridge on the Firth of Forth" on it and some heather from someone in Scotland.

On New Years Day she would walk to our house and carry a gift to be the "first-footer" of the New Year.

This year I had another look for her parents and found her father's family had lived in Elgin in 1841, perhaps that is why she was named Elgin. Her parents were married 11 Sep 1874 at St Andrews, Edinburgh. Her father John Petrie was a widower aged 44 and was the son of Lewis Petrie and Margaret Davidson. Her mother was Elizabeth Mason Thomson aged 28 and was the daughter of David Thomson and Ann Drysdale who were married 25 Feb 1833 at St Cuthberts, Edinburgh. Her father, John Petrie married Ann Lawson in Edinburgh, Midlothian, on 12 July 1853 when he was 22 years old, Ann died and he married Helen Burgess in Edinburgh, Midlothian, on 3 December 1867 when he was 37 years old. Helen died and he married Elizabeth Thomson in Edinburgh, Midlothian, on 11 September 1874 when he was 44 years old. He did go to America as he died on 29 July 1915 in District of Columbia, USA, having lived a long life of 84 years.

I am sure Elgin gave joy to my Great, Great, Grandmother Catherine Crombie (nee Howie) who took her in all those years ago. Catherine died in 1901 during the night of the census just about 6 months after Elgin was married.



Submitted by Yvonne E Cooper

A Summary and guide to the search facilities now on-line at the Heritage –listed Rookwood Cemetery in Sydney,



It is the largest necropolis in the Southern Hemisphere and is the world's largest remaining operating cemetery from the Victorian era. It was established in 1867 and recently celebrated its 150 years of operation. It covers 314 hectares (780 acres) and there have been 1 million interments.

You can read the very interesting history of Rookwood Cemetery at <http://www.rookwoodcemetery.com.au/timeline>

Our library contains the book called “The Sleeping City” all about Rookwood.

The Frazer Mausoleum, above, is in the old Presbyterian (Independent) section and is on the left when leaving the cemetery via the Lidcombe gate. John Frazer was a Sydney merchant and philanthropist. He arrived in Sydney in 1842 and died in 1884. He is buried in the vault.

Rookwood General Cemetery Trust was established in 2012 following the reforms to the New South Wales Cemetery legislation. This united the Anglican, General, Independent, Jewish and Muslim Trusts that had formerly managed Rookwood and the trust has set up: **Search for a Grave at Rookwood**.

Their “**Deceased Search**” facility provides information on the interments that have taken place within Rookwood General Cemetery, but this **only** includes the **former Jewish, Muslim, Anglican, General and Independent cemeteries**. When searching this database, you will be directed to an external website dedicated to family history research. To access detailed information about interments, you will be required to register your details. <https://rookwoodcemetery.discovereverafter.com/>

Getting started at the Rookwood General Cemetery - Search for a Grave at Rookwood <http://www.rookwoodcemetery.com.au/deceased-search-engine>

Click on “Search” then “Deceased search”, nothing seems to happen but scroll down the page and two boxes will appear to enter a name, you must enter a first and a last name.

The results will show up along with a map and the option to “show me more”. If you click on that you will need to become a member (i.e. register) or log-on.

If you log-on more information is available and you can see all the details they have and see who is also in that grave. You can click on “suggest an edit” and you can send them an email and add extra or missing information or correct their mistakes.

Some of the older records are not complete. If you click on “Get directions” you will see the google co-ordinates of the grave location. This note is at the bottom of the results.

COMING SOON -Here you can store memories, stories, videos, photo's of your loved one and send flowers direct to their grave.



This monument in the old Wesleyan cemetery is for Joseph Ross, who made the first pot of glass at Darling Harbour, Sydney, 18 Aug 1866. Joseph died 23 Jul 1909 aged 78.

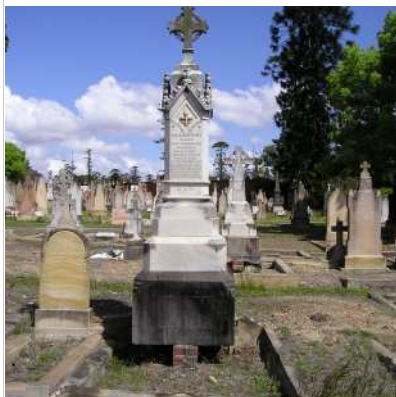
The Rookwood Memorial Gardens and Crematorium does not have an on-line search facility.

<https://www.rookwoodcrem.com.au/> A “contact us” link allows you to send an email query and provides a phone number [\(02\) 9746 8945](tel:0297468945) They will answer your queries about anyone who was cremated there.

Interred ashes: If someone was cremated and their ashes were placed in an existing grave, a record should show up in the Rookwood General Cemetery “Search for a grave” or in the Catholic Cemetery search system.

The **Catholic cemetery** at Rookwood has its own very good search system and also provides the co-ordinates to locate a grave. <https://catholiccemeteries.com.au/>

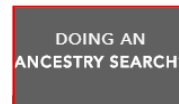
Details of how to get started are on page 7.



Getting started with the Catholic Cemeteries deceased search.

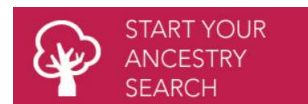
<https://catholiccemeteries.com.au/deceased-search/> Free Call 1300 114 997

Click this



You will be taken to <http://search.catholiccemeteries.org.au/>

Then you need to click this box



Left is a Celtic Cross in the Old catholic section

Select which of these Catholic cemetery you want to search and enter names and dates.

Catholic Cemetery Kemps Creek, 1965

Liverpool Cemetery & Crematorium, 1894

Catholic Cemetery North Rocks, 1892

The Religious Society of Friends (Quaker) – Rookwood, 1903

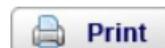
Catholic Cemetery Necropolis Rookwood

A table of results will appear, select the one you want and it will show you details of other persons in that grave. It will show a photo of the headstone and will also will give you google location and you print it out.

	Surname	GivenNames	Age	ServiceDate	Location	Type
Select	Jackson	Leonard Harold	45	08/07/1964	SEC*M2*20**4360	Burial
Surname	Given Name	Service Date	Age	Location		
Jackson	Leonard Harold	08 Jul 1964	45	SEC*M2*20**4360		
Jackson	Richard Leonard	29 Jul 1997	44	SEC*M2*20**4360		
Jackson	Elgin	21 Jun 2019	93	SEC*M2*20**4360		

Google Location:

 [-33.882510,151.056086](#)



The "Resting Place" of Leonard Harold Jackson was presented by Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria - Rookwood as part of their service.

Rookwood Catholic Cemetery & Crematorium

Leonard Harold Jackson

Passed Away: 05 Jul 1964
 Age: 45
 Gender: Male
 Register #: 105649
 Service Date: 08 Jul 1964
 Burial Type: Burial
 Location: Section Grave Mortuary 2 Area: 20 Grave : 4360



[Request online memorial for Leonard Harold Jackson](#)

When I requested an on-line memorial for Leonard Harold Jackson it took me to:

<https://www.heavenaddress.com/Leonard-Harold-Jackson/605026/>

You need to create a Logon Id and then you can log in and activate the request for an online memorial.

I do not think there is any cost involved.

Submitted by Yvonne Cooper

Threadingham Family

At our recent Cemetery walk I decided to present a story on the Threadingham family and found to my surprise there was only one family of Threadinghams in Queensland.

Henry and Mary Ann

Henry Threadingham born in Kent to parents **Henry and Eliza (Lavender)**. Henry was a sailor employed in the ships engine room. When the ship docked in Melbourne in 1872 he went out to see the sights and learned of the goldfields. Henry decided to leave his life on the sea and went prospecting with no luck. He prospected his way north to Queensland with little success and eventually found a steady job at Mt Perry two years later. He sent for his wife and children to join him. **Mary Ann**, the daughter of **John Tipp**, 38 years, **Henry Robert** 15, **Sarah Jane** 12, **George James** 6 and **William John** 4 arrived into Maryborough in 1874 after a four month journey.

Another son **James Richard** was born at Mt Perry on 13 Feb 1875 before Henry packed the family into a two horse dray and travelled to the Boyne Valley. They acquired land and called it Kent Farm at Marblestone now Taragoola. Using timber from the property they built a slab hut then in 1912 a new home was constructed and the slab hut used as a shed. Sons George James and William John went prospecting and found gold on the Eastern Boyne in 1889. In 1890 brother Henry Robert built their crushing plant which was used by all miners on the field. They also sunk the first commercial shaft at the Many Peaks Mine. A copper lode was found on Kent Farm and a shaft was sunk to 30 feet. This was abandoned in 1903 as the ore was of poor quality. Mary Ann passed away on 22 May 1902 aged 69 years and Henry on 1 Nov 1921 aged 91 years.

Henry Robert, their eldest son married **Sarah Cecelia Fletchett**, the daughter of **William and Helen (Turnbull)** in 1889. Their son **William Henry** was born on 12 Apr 1890 at Kent Farm. Sarah gave birth to twin sons and sadly passed away one week later on 24 Jan 1893 from Tuberculosis aged only 26 years. One week later on 31 Jan 1893 twin James Richard died from convulsions and three days later on 3 Feb 1893 second twin Henry Robert passed away also from convulsions. Henry had the unhappy task of burying all three on the farm.

In 1913 Henry is working at Fairymeade in the Bundaberg area and son William Henry is nearby at Kalkie.

Henry passed away on 25 Aug 1927.

His son William Henry married **Dorothy Agnes Beu** on 13 Apr 1918 and a daughter **Joyce Dorothy** was born on 28 Jan 1919. **Joyce Dorothy** married **William Francis Ditchman** on 27 Jul 1939.

George James, second son of Henry and Mary Ann, took up a property he called Greenfern when he finished with mining. The Boyne Valley railway line passed near the farm so George built a hotel on the banks of Barmundu Creek now Futter Creek. The hotel was very profitable as up to 500 navvies worked on the line. Later he built a dance hall next door and catered for the local residents with weekly dances. Brothers William on violin and Jim on accordion contributed to the music along with Alex McDonnell and Fred Schmidt. Travelling shows, boxing matches and weddings were also held in the hall. Entertainment and activities continued in the hall till WW2 when the advent of the motor car enabled residents to travel further afield.

After closing the hotel and hall George went back to dairying on his property. The hotel and dance hall were demolished during the 1949 cyclone. Later George sold Greenfern to Harry Chapman and retired to Gladstone and resided in Central Lane in a block of flats he had erected. He set up a café near the West Gladstone Railway Station. This was a stopping place for Boyne Valley travellers who could have a cuppa and scone before attending to their business. Once again cars were the cause of a decline in his business with less train travellers.

George never married but took in relations, his niece **Rose Carmichael** and her two daughters, **Daisy and Violet**.

He passed away on 7 Nov 1958 aged 90 years and is buried in the Gladstone Cemetery.

Threadingham Family continued.

The third son of Henry and Mary Ann, **William John**, married **Florence Mabel Streeter** from Cania Goldfield, the daughter of **William Streeter** and **Margaret Sherrington** on 22 Dec 1906 at Marblestone. They lived on Vine Hill Farm at Taragoola and had a family of eight children.

Mabel Margaret born 25 May 1907, married **Maurice Oxborough Paterson** on 19 Aug 1929,

Florence Mary born 12 Sep 1909 married **Albert Edward Fry** on 25 Jan 1934, and **Isabel Violet (Myers), Albert, Arthur, Mervyn, Leslie, Gordon and Ken**. William and Florence spent their last few years living with daughter Isabel on Taymont at the back of Police Creek. William passed away on 31 Oct 1950 and Florence on 21 Jun 1963. Both are buried in the Gladstone Cemetery.

The only daughter of Henry and Mary Ann, **Sarah Jane**, married **Henry (George) Chandler** on 19 Mar 1881 and selected the property Riverview at Taragoola. Henry (George) had been attracted to the district by the discovery of gold. Sarah Jane and Henry (George) had a family of 11 children:

Ada Hannah 7 Jan 1882 – 5 Sep 1943,

Rose Ann born 21 Oct 1883 married **David Norton Carmichael** the son of **William and Margaret (Shaughnessy)** on 19 Apr 1913. They had 3 children, **Daisy Margaret** born 13 Oct 1913, an unnamed male in 1917 and **Violet Mary** on 2 May 1918.

Thomas Henry 1 Sep 1885 – 14 Oct 1910, **George James** born 17 Mar 1888. Also **John Arthur (Jack)** born 23 Sep 1890 who married **Martha Ellen Aird Carrick** on 16 Jan 1920.

Albert Arthur William (Bert) was born 16 Jul 1893 and married **Eveleen Isobel May Paten** on 17 Dec 1938,

Ivy Violet born 8 Jan 1896 and was buried on 23 Mar 1965,

Charles Loughton 9 Aug 1898 – 14 Apr 1912,

Mary Dorothy born 20 Feb 1901,

Amy Lillian 22 Aug 1903 – 4 Oct 1944,

Sydney Steven (Syd) born 3 Sep 1905 and buried 25 Mar 1992,

Sons George, Jack and Bert took up land near Diglum named Rushponds.

In 1916 George enlisted in the Australian Army and saw active service in France, was wounded and returned home after the war ended.

In 1921 the brothers dissolved their partnership and acquired properties of their own. George – Springlands, Bert – Tipperary, while Jack spent some time on Rushponds before transferring his interests to Castletower. They sold out in 1947 and retired to Brisbane.

Youngest son Syd worked Riverview as a dairy before retiring to Gladstone where he passed away in 1992.

Sarah Jane passed away on 3 Mar 1931 and Henry (George) on 5 Jun 1938.

The youngest son of Henry and Mary Ann, **James Richard (Jim)** was born on 13 Feb 1875 and married **Olivia Cavell** the daughter of **Charles and Eliza (Callow)** on 9 Apr 1912. Jim took over Kent Farm and they had a family of three children, **Ruby** born 21 Feb 1913, **James Henry Charles (Jim)** 10 Jan 1917, and **Olivia**.

Jim snr was always a keen chess player and won prizes in several problem solving competitions. Later they retired to Rockhampton with Olivia passing away on 28 Feb 1937 and Jim on 13 Feb 1968 aged 93 years.



Photo left: A peaceful stretch of the Boyne River between "Riverview" and "Castle Tower" taken in 1937.

The Boyne River doesn't flow the same today as it did when the Threadingham family came to live in the valley. A lot of good farmland has been swallowed by Awoonga Dam and access to the resting place of these early pioneers is lost forever.

Submitted by Judy Spencer

Ellen PRATT nee DONOVAN alias 'Campbell Town Nell'

It is the truth of war that the history is written by the survivors. Convict histories are largely the same, written by their descendants. Those that managed to obtain their freedom marry and enjoy, if only in a small way, the security of work and family. Over time, with the status of wife and mother, they obtained a respectable place in society. For many others who never married or obtained a settled life, their history is told only from their struggles with the law.

This story is of Ellen, who partially succeeded. She did indeed marry and had a family of six children. For reasons unknown (although a liking of alcohol may have been the reason) Ellen was not able to grasp the opportunity marriage had given her.

Ellen Donovan was born in County Cork, Ireland, about 1835. Her mother's name was Honora, and she had two brothers, Patrick and John. I have studied the birth records for Ellen, John, and Patrick with mother Honora and found three possibilities for her father - Timothy, John or Patrick.

Southern Reporter and Cork Commercial Courier 29 July 1851

"ELLEN DONOVAN was found GUILTY of stealing a piece of calico the property of William Fitzgibbon and Co. It appears that the prisoner a girl; of about sixteen, had taken into the Queen's Old Castle a girl of only ten years of age, and introduced her to steal the property which the prisoner appropriated to herself.

The Court, in sentencing the prisoner, said ELLEN DONOVAN, if your history had merely shown you to be depraved in your person, I should have given you another chance of remaining in the country. But I can't do that, when I recollect that you have led another person, still younger than yourself, into the same course of life as your own. Therefore, to protect other innocent persons, I must remove you. Your sentence is, that you be transported for seven years.

The unfortunate young girl was then removed back into the dock, apparently overwhelmed by the weight of her sentence, her cries and screaming being truly heart rending."

Ellen had had six previous convictions for theft and probably expected to be gaoled locally.

After her trial, Ellen was held in the Cork County Gaol until being sent to Dublin where she arrived at Grangegorman Prison on 26 January 1852. She was held here until 31 May 1852 when she was taken aboard the *Martin Luther*, bound for Hobart, Van Diemen's Land. The *Martin Luther* departed from Dublin on 8 June 1852, and arrived in Hobart on the 01 September 1852. Ellen

Donovan spent six days on the sick list on the ship coming out, from 22-27 June 1852 – she had diarrhoea.

The records of Ellen's Convict Indent, and the Tasmania Police Gazette described her as 16 years old, approx. 5 foot 2 inches tall, dark brown hair, high forehead, oval face, fair complexion, blue eyes, medium nose, mouth and chin. She was a child's maid, from Cork, Ireland, and had arrived on the ship *Martin Luther*.

Ellen's early years in van Diemen's Land were marred by her being consistently in trouble with the law - absent without leave, refusing to work, 6 months hard labour; being in possession of tobacco, 7 days gaol; and smoking, 2 months hard labour. Ellen had many employers, never staying with one employer for longer than 4.5 months.

On her Application for Approval to Marry, it stated that she had to be six months without a conviction before she could marry. This didn't happen and her approval for marriage was dated Dec 1854. On 02 January 1855 Ellen Donovan married John Pratt at Ross, Van Diemen's Land. John was born in Leicestershire in 1823, and was an ex-convict. His mother was Elizabeth and he had a brother James and a sister Elizabeth. He had been transported for seven years for selling a watch knowing it was stolen. He arrived in Van Diemen's Land on 20 August 1843 aboard the *Gilmore* on its 3rd voyage with convicts. John was consigned to work in the Westbury area of northern Tasmania during his sentence. He received his Ticket of Leave on 21 December 1847, after having had his first one revoked on 27 April 1847. He was granted his Certificate of Freedom on 03 August 1849.

Ellen and John lived in the Midlands district of Tasmania where they raised their family of six children; Elizabeth born 27 January 1856 at Oatlands, John 1 January 1858 at Oatlands, Ellen 16 November 1860 at Campbelltown, Sarah 28 April 1862 at Campbelltown, Alice 7 October 1864 at Campbelltown, Thomas James 31 December 1866 at Oatlands.

Ellen received her Ticket of Leave on 8 June 1858. This was also noted in the Cornwall Chronicle, Launceston (1835-1880) Saturday 23 June 1855

The family were living in the Campbell Town District, when daughter Sarah made a sampler on which she stitched:

**Campbell Town. Riccarton
Sarah Pratt.1.9.1875**

During 1878 John Pratt and their six children emigrated to New Zealand, without Ellen. Ellen stayed in the Campbell Town area where she spent most of her life. It is not known how and where she lived when she separated from the family. Various newspapers report Ellen as Ellen Waters, alias Harrison, alias Pratt, alias Donovan, alias 'Campbell Town Nell'.

The Hobart Mercury (Tas: 1854-1857) Wednesday 20 August 1856

Disturbers of the Peace – Margaret Casper and Ellen Pratt, of the one gender, and Thomas Richardson, Daniel Reed, and E. Ashley, of the other gender, were required to pay 5s each to the Treasury, which they graciously consented to do.

The Hobart Mercury (Tas: 1854-1857) Wednesday 15 October 1856 Disturbing the Peace – Four females named Elizabeth Phillips, Ellen Pratt, Emma West, and Mary Cormack were charged with disturbing the peace in Liverpool Street about 1 o'clock on Tuesday morning. They pleaded guilty to save time, and were each fined 5s.

The Mercury (Hobart, Tas) Tuesday 8 January 1861

POLICE OFFICE – Monday 7 January 1861

Stealing Money – Ellen Pratt was charged with stealing £12 on the 6th inst., from the person of one William White. Discharged on Tuesday 8 January 1861

Police Records – 7 May 1866 aged 35 years (sic), at Oatlands, Stealing, 3 months in Hobart, discharged 1 August 1866

Police Records – 4 March 1867 aged 35 years (sic), at Green Ponds, Idle and Disorderly, 3 months at Hobart, discharged 29 May 1867

Police Records – 19 July 1869 aged 35 years (sic), at Oatlands, Stealing, 6 months at Hobart, discharged 12 January 1870

The Tasmanian Times (Hobart Town, Tas 1867-1870) Thursday 6 January 1870 Page 2

POLICE COURT Wednesday, 5th January 1870 (Before the Stipendiary Magistrate) STREET DRUNKARDS Ellen Pratt, John Doyle, and John Thomas, were charged, the two former with being drunk and disorderly, and the latter drunk and incapable in streets and public places, were fined 5s each, with the usual in default.

Police Records – 5 January 1871 aged 40 years, at Oatlands, Resisting Police, 7 days at Oatlands, discharged 14 January 1871

Police Records – 9 September 1871, aged 40 years, at Oatlands, Larceny, 12 months, served at Hobart, discharged 18 August 1872

The Tasmanian Tribune (Hobart Town 1872-1876) Monday 16 September 1872 Page 2

POLICE COURT Before Hon.A. Kennerley, Esq., Mayor. John Kerr and Ellen Pratt, for disturbing the peace on the 14th inst. were fined 10s with the alternative of seven days to the House of Correction

Launceston Examiner (Tas 1842-1899) Thursday 14 June 1877 Page 3

CAMPBELL TOWN POLICE COURT ...Idle and Disorderly – Ellen Pratt, having been in custody since Friday last on the above charge, was released from custody, the police not pressing the charge.

All these occurred while her husband and children were still in the Campbell Town area. Things were no better after they left for New Zealand.

Police Records – 21 July 1879 aged 40 years (sic), at Campbell Town, Larceny, 3 months, discharged 22 October 1879

The Mercury (Hobart, Tasmania) Thursday 24 July 1879

wrote: CAMPBELL TOWN (From our own correspondent) ...The redoubtable Mrs. Pratt, the terror of the police, and the Midland Kellys (so says the 'Medium') took a ride in the police trap to-day, as far as the railway station, *en route* for Launceston, where she spends the greater part of the year in durance vile, to the great relief of Campbell Town in general, and the police in particular, who have found from experience that the best way is to let her play up well, till she does something to secure a sentence of such a length that she has to go to town to do it. The police trap is a rather unique arrangement, something after the hearse style (in fact, it has brought a body in for inquest), something like a long box on two wheels, with lids slanting like the roof of a house, just holds one body comfortably, and with a couple of policemen in the pole, instead of Jerusalem ponies, trots awkward characters off in very easy style. And as Mrs Pratt has a great objection going with, or even being seen in the company of policemen in general, the trap was brought into requisition and – well, once in that, you must go.

Launceston Examiner (Tas 1842-1899) Monday 20 October 1879 Page 3

POLICE COURT Saturday, October 18. Before the Hon, Chas Meredith, Acting R.M. Drunkards – Jessie Robins and William Marsden were fined 10s and 5s respectively for being drunk and incapable on Friday. Ellen Pratt, similarly charged, was admonished and discharged.

Police Records - 4 November 1879 aged 55 years (sic), at Campbell Town, Idle and Disorderly, 6 months at Launceston, discharged 28 Apr 1880

Police Records – 29 June 1880 aged 44 years (sic), at Campbell Town, Annoying passers-by, 6 months at Launceston, discharged 29 December 1880

Launceston Examiner (Tas 1842-1899) Friday 24 December 1880 Page 2 MINING MEETINGS Longford.

Police Court – The Police Magistrate occupied the Bench at this Court yesterday morning, a drunkard, Ellen Pratt was mulcted in the sum of 5s, or 24 hours solitary confinement.

Launceston Examiner (Tas 1842-1899) Friday 7 May 1886 Page 3

LAUNCESTON POLICE COURT- Thursday May 6. Before Mr K. Whitfold, J.P. INEBRIATES – Arthur Gorman and Ellen Pratt were fined 5s or 24 hours' imprisonment for having been drunk.

The North West Post (Formby, Tas 1887-1916) Saturday 7 March 1891 Page 2

LOCAL AND GENERAL At the Forth police court, on Wednesday, before W. C. Alcock, J.P., a well-known character named Ellen Waters, alias Ellen Pratt, alias Campbell Town Nell, was brought up on a charge of being drunk and disorderly, and was fined 5s, with the alternative being three days imprisonment. A second charge of obscene language was preferred against the accused. She pleaded guilty, and was fined 10s, in default seven days imprisonment.

The North West Post (Formby Tas 1887-1916) Saturday 12 September 1891 Page 2

LOCAL AND GENERAL At the Ulverstone Police Court on Thursday, before H.L.Crowther, Esq., S.M., and P Callaghan, Esq., J.P., John Harrison pleaded guilty to using obscene language and was fined 5s, with the alternative of twenty-four hours' imprisonment. An old offender named Ellen Harrison, alias Nell Pratt, alias Campbell Town Nell, pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly, and was fined 10s, with the alternative of forty-eight hours' imprisonment.

Police Office Zeehan - 27 March 1895 Offensive Language; 3 months

Zeehan and Dundas Herald (Tas 1890-1922) Thursday 28 March 1895 Page 3

POLICE COURT Before E.H Fowell, S.M., and A. Morrisby, J.P.... Ellen Pratt *alias* Donovan, *alias* Harrison, *alias* "Campbell Town Nell" was charged with using obscene language, and was fined 41s, in default three months' imprisonment.

Note, for Ellen to get to Zeehan, she would have travelled by ship to Strahan, then train to Zeehan. There was no railway from Zeehan to Burnie before 1897, when they started the northern line, and it was opened in 1900.

Police Records – 4 March 1896 aged 59 years, at Deloraine, Larceny, 1 month at Launceston, discharged 7 April 1896

Daily Telegraph (Launceston Tas 1883-1928) Thursday 5 March 1896 Page 4 DELORAINE

At the Police Court on Wednesday, before Messrs John Hart and James Lovejoy (Miss M Fitzgerald acting bench clerk). Ellen Harris *alias* Pratt was charged with stealing a piece of calico from the shop of Mr R.P. Furmage, Deloraine. For the prosecution, the evidence of Mr R.P. Furmage and Miss Norah King shop assistant who saw the defendant take the calico off the counter and put it out of sight, and Sub-Inspector

Marshall who arrested her, was heard. The prisoner admitted having a previous offence. The Bench sentenced her to one month's imprisonment. The defendant went off declaiming against the superintendent of police bringing old things against her.

Launceston Examiner (Tas 1842-1899) Saturday 7 March 1896 Page 5 COUNTRY NEWS DELORAINE March 5

At the police office on Wednesday, before Messrs John Hart and James Lovejoy, J's. P., Ellen Harrison, alias Pratt, pleaded not guilty to stealing a piece of calico from the Don Store the previous day. Superintendent Cameron prosecuted. The evidence of R.P. Furmage, Norah King, and Sub-Inspector Marshall was taken, and the accused was found guilty and sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

Launceston Examiner (Tas 1842-1899) Friday 16 October 1896 Page 5 CURRENT TOPICS

Longford Police Court...On Thursday the Warden and Mr R Gould, J.P., resided to deal with the offenders run in on show day...James Nelson, Henry Nelson, and Ellen Harrison, or Pratt, pleaded guilty to using obscene language and were each fined 10s or 24hours. The two Nelsons paid.

Police Office Hobart – 8 June 1904 – Drunk etc. – 7 days

Police Office Hobart – 25 July 1904 – Drunk etc. – 48 hours

The North Western Advocate and the Emu Bay Times on Friday 7 October 1904, wrote the following:

"DEVONPORT On Wednesday night a woman named Ellen Pratt or Harrison arrived from Deloraine by the evening train. She was under the influence of liquor, and huddled on the platform for a while. Later in the evening she was found sleeping under the verandah of the Grand Hotel by Constable Cooper, who conveyed her to the West Devonport lockup. She was charged with vagrancy at the Police court yesterday morning, before Mr A.J. Stokes, J.P., and sentenced to a week's imprisonment.'

Police Office Launceston – 12 January 1905 – Drunk etc. – 24 hours

The Examiner, Launceston Tasmania on Friday 13 January 1905

POLICE COURT – Yesterday morning, at this court, Ellen Pratt, an old woman, was fined 5s, with the option of 24 hours, for having been drunk and incapable in Cameron Street the previous day.

In 'A History of Oatlands & Jericho' by K.R.von Steiglitz, OBE, published 19 March, 1960 on page 73 under Memories of Inglewood – Alfred Burbury, it was written..." In Oatlands in my younger days there were 7 hotels and 2 breweries, 7 general stores, 3 or 4 blacksmiths' shops, and 2 carpenters. Every pub had its skittle alley then, and a sound of revelry was commonly heard coming from them; the strident voices of the old hands blending with the shrill tones of the village viragos – some of whom made matters a bit too hot in the taproom. The only way they could be got to the lock up was in a wheelbarrow, one policeman wheeling and the other with a hammerlock on the singing shouting lady. Old Nell Pratt was known to everyone."

Ellen was admitted to the Launceston Benevolent Asylum on 3 April 1909. She was discharged to work on 23 April 1909. (NS1172-1-1 Page 140)

Ellen Harrison was re-admitted to the Launceston Invalid Depot on 01 May 1909 (see NS1172-1-1 Page 141) and died there on 08 August 1909. (see NS1172-1-1 Page 144)

Her details on admission were
 Names: Harrison, Ellen
 No: 296
 Age: 64y
 Civil Condition: F.S. (ie Female Servant)
 Religion: Roman
 Ship: Martin Luther
 Birthplace: Ireland

NB: There was no Ellen Harrison aboard the Martin Luther; Ellen Donovan arrived on the Martin Luther; and married John Pratt at Ross. Ellen’s age was closer to 74y than 64y – using her age on her Convict Indent

Her details on her death were:
 Names: Harrison, Ellen
 Ship: Martin Luther
 From What District Admitted: Lton (Launceston)
 Date of Admission: 1/5/1909
 Date of Discharge: 8/8/1909
 Remarks: Died

Launceston Benevolent Asylum (NG1172) Register of Admissions and Discharges 01 Jan 1898 to 30 Apr 1915 Item Number: NG1172/1/1 Location: Hobart A 63 4 Copy Number: Z3099

Ellen Harrison was buried in Carr Villa Memorial Park, Launceston
 Date of Burial: 09 Aug 1909
 Age: 65y
 Area: Monumental
 Location: Section A
 Number: 598

The *Martin Luther* was the second last female convict ship from Ireland and the third last female convict ship to Australia.

In her book ‘Abandoned Women’ Lucy Frost writes on page 198
 “Some women seem to have given up on themselves before they even sailed, yielding to transportation as if

to fate and living out their lives in an alcoholic stupor’... She continued her directionless life, showing up again and again the police courts for being drunk and disorderly... If she had remained in Scotland, had never been transported, it’s hard to say how her life would have been much different”.

Although this quote relates to another convict, who had arrived from Scotland, it sums up Ellen very well. If she had remained in Ireland, it is probable she would have followed the same course.



Photo: Ellen is buried immediately to the right of the closed grave on the left (under the tree).

Ellen Pratt nee Donovan alias ‘Campbell Town Nell’ is immortalised in Campbell Town in the Convict brick Trail.

Ellen’s brick Number AO75 and that of her husband, John Pratt, AO76 are next to each other and are opposite Valentine Park.

Each brick in the trail has the convicts name their age the ship & arrival date their crime & length of sentence. A comments line and the index number of the brick for easier finding.

<https://www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/community/news-events/monuments-memorials-and-artwork/convict-bricks-database>

Resources:

The National Archives of Ireland: Transportation Records
 Tasmania Archives: Convict Indents
 Births Deaths and Marriages Printouts
 Colonial Tasmanian Family Links
 Launceston Benevolent Asylum Records
 Tasmanian Police Gazettes
 Tasmanian Pioneer Indexes 1803-1899

Female Convict Resource Centre:
 Prison Records Ireland and Tasmania
 Police Records, Tasmania
 List of Employers and employment dates

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'Wedding Bells'

1936



QUINLAN - HAACK

2 December 1936: A very pretty wedding was solemnised at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Gladstone, when Beatrice Lydia, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J Haack, Auckland Street, was married to Francis William, eldest son of Mr and Mrs EJ Quinlan of Goondoon Street. Given away by her father, the bride looked charming in her bridal gown of Kabe crepe, made on classical lines, and finished with satin buttons on the sleeves and yoke. Miss Elsie Green, niece of the bride, was bridesmaid and wore a frock of pale pink. Mr James Brodie carried out the duties of best man.

OBITUARY: – Mary Louise CAMERON

6 November 1957: Obituary – An old and highly respected identity of Gladstone, Mrs Mary Louise Cameron, passed away at Gladstone Hospital early on Wednesday morning, 6 November, at the age of 85 years. The deceased who was formerly Miss Mary Price Murray was born at Cania and spent most of her younger life at Gympie. She later married Mr Alexander Cameron of that town. The young couple resided at Gympie for a few years where Mr Cameron was interested in mining, but they later left for Many Peaks which was then a boom mining centre, where her husband was appointed a mine captain. After the death of her husband in 1912 following an accident, Mrs Cameron and her small family came to Gladstone where she resided right up to the time of her death. She is survived by one son, Alexander of Emerald and two daughters, Daisy (Mrs D Frostig of Brisbane) and Violet (Mrs J Power, Gladstone) to mourn their sad loss.



'Wedding Bells'

1913



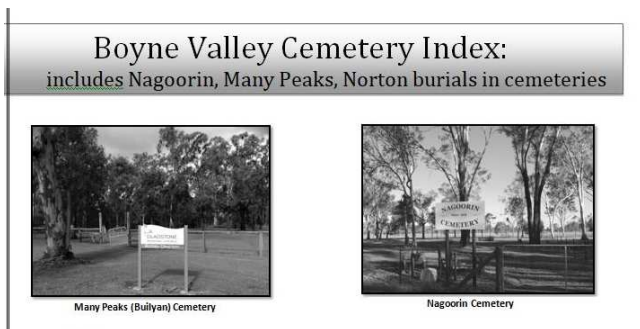
RYAN - POWER

26 November 1913: A pretty wedding was celebrated at the Roman Catholic Church. The bridegroom was Mr William Ryan and the bride Miss May Power, third daughter of the later Mr Robert Power of Gladstone. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr I A Power, wore a beautiful gown of ivory charmeuse. The bridesmaids, Misses Emily and Ivy Power, sisters, wore pretty frocks of ivory embroidered marquisette with ruchings of Valenciennes and crystal buttons. Mr M Ryan acted as best man and Mr C Power as groomsman.

DEATH: Mr J H KESSELL

14 November 1933: The death occurred on 14 November in Sydney of Mr J H Kessell, chairman of directors of Mt Morgan Mines Ltd. He was a former president of the Queensland Country Press Association and the Australian Provincial Press Association. Mr Kessell was well and favourably known since 1905 in Gladstone when he was an accountant at the AJS (Australian Joint Stock) Bank. He was appointed manager the following year, a position which he held until the Australian Bank of Commerce took over in 1910. He resided at Gladstone until about 10 years ago when he went to Brisbane. During his time in Gladstone, he was Alderman from 1917 to 1923, and Mayor for all those years except 1920. He was a member of the Harbour Board from 1916 to 1924, representing Calliope Shire for the first four years and the Town Council for the balance of the term. He was chairman of the board in 1919 and 1922. He was a director of the PCD Association from 1912 to 1923, and chairman for 10 years. He also represented Port Curtis in State Parliament. He was proprietor of the "Gladstone Observer" and a shipping agent for many years. He owned Fairview Station for a period and was still part-owner of Turkey station in addition to several town properties. Mr Kessell married the daughter of the late Mr William Wilson Watt and has only one child, Miss Mary Kessell, who is a well known amateur actress.

**** NEW PUBLICATION ****
BOYNE VALLEY CEMETERY INDEX
Burial Records



Launched at the 35th birthday celebrations of the Genealogical Society Gladstone District on Saturday 22 September 2019, the Boyne Valley Cemetery Index is a new publication for the Society put together over the last twelve months by member, Paulette Flint, from death records originally compiled by Life Member, Melva Bensted.

This index incorporates burial records for the three cemeteries in the Boyne Valley district of Gladstone Regional Council, namely Nagoorin Cemetery, Norton Cemetery and Many Peaks/Builyan Cemetery. All these cemeteries are now closed for burial, and the Norton Cemetery is not maintained by Gladstone Regional Council. Nagoorin Cemetery received a facelift in 2018 with new fences and a plaque listing burials placed in the cemetery.

The Many Peaks Cemetery is erroneously entitled Builyan Cemetery both on the signage at the cemetery and on the Gladstone Regional Council website. Originally, it was the Many Peaks Cemetery, although some burial records in the index state Builyan Cemetery. It should be more correctly named, Builyan/Many Peaks Cemetery, or Many Peaks/Builyan Cemetery. It is situated in the Builyan locality.

Some 186 burials are listed in the index which was taken from the original death records of the Gladstone District Court.

The records include: Surname, First Names, Sex, Age, Occupation, Death Date, Death Place, Burial Place and Parents' names. Parents' names were taken from the Queensland Birth Death and Marriage Index online, and thus may include their transcription errors. Where no parents were mentioned, the records annotate "Unknown" or "Unnamed".

It also includes: The whole index in PDF format, plus available photographs of the remaining headstones and some other cemetery photographs, stories taken from newspaper articles, a map of grave locations in Many Peaks Cemetery, information about each Cemetery and some death certificates, all on a USB stick.

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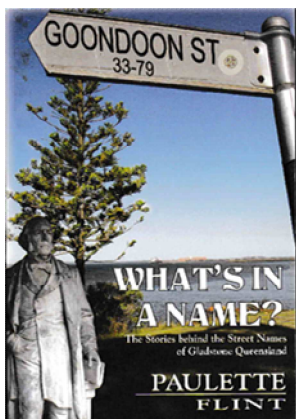
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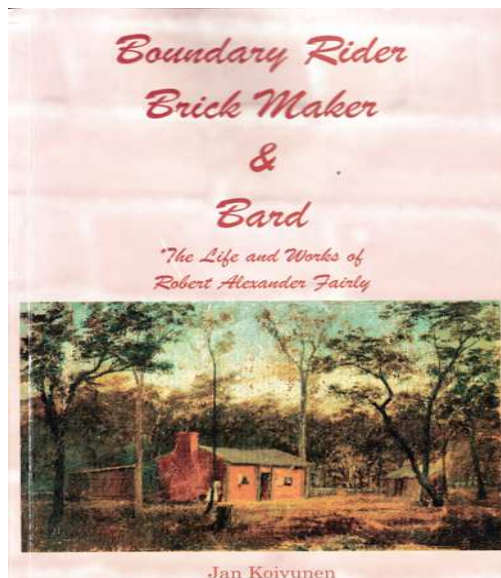
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