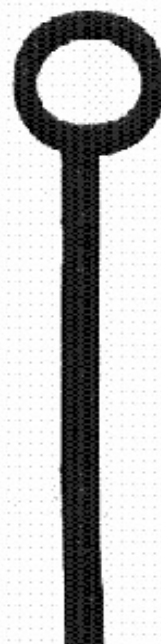
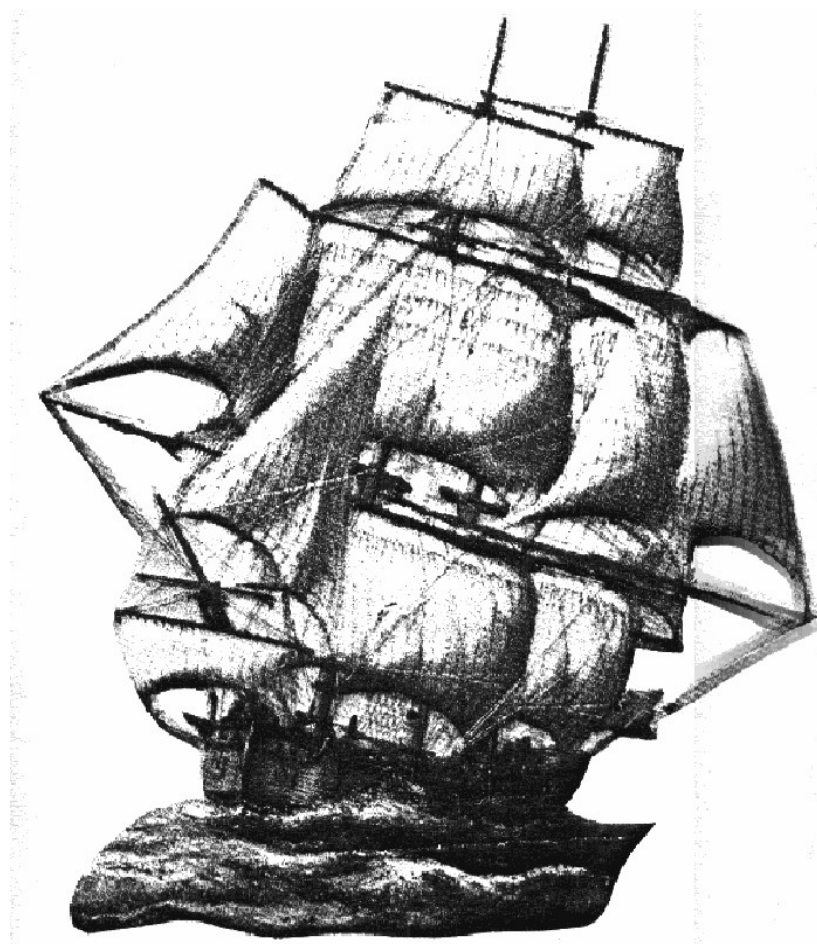
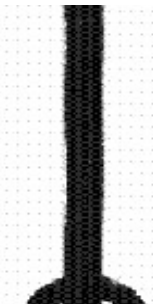


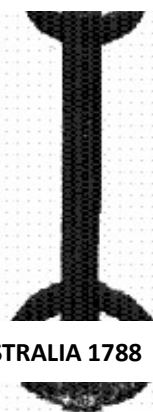
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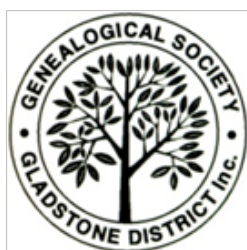
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Sat	12 Dec	3:30	General Meeting
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Sat	12 Dec	5:30	Dinner at Club Hotel
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Sat	06 Feb	2:30	General Meeting
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Burial Records from the first 25 years of the Old Gladstone Cemetery

We do have more information on a lot of these burials.

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Surname	Christian names		Date	Age	Cause of death	Occupation
GETTINGS	Patrick		16/12/1856			
HANK	John		18/04/1857			
AHHMAN	Frederick		09/06/1857			
SLONE	Thomas		27/08/1857			
RICHARDS	William		24/11/1857			
BRENNAN	John		05/02/1858			
HITCHOCK	Sarah		31/05/1858			
CANTRY	Jeremiah		03/06/1859			
WANMER	Mary		29/01/1859			
SHING	Susan		15/11/1859			
WOODS	Robert	Henry C	12/01/1860			
EYLES	Charles		03/03/1860			
BODIMEADE	Alfred	Walter	25/03/1863			
BROWN	Sarah		12/03/1863			
BROWN	Harriet		30/05/1863			
CARVOSSO	Joseph	Hobart	23/07/1863			school teacher
LLOYD	William		04/08/1863			
SUTHERLAND	William		06/12/1863	2 y		
FRIEND	Emma	Louise	31/01/1864	1y 9 m		
WALTER	Henry		05/03/1864			
LANG	Alexander	Fergus	29/03/1864			
GOLDING	Catherine		28/04/1864			
EVANS	Samuel	Francis	15/06/1864			storekeeper
BUSCOE	Bridget		13/10/1864			
HAY	Martha		29/10/1864			
PERMIER	Mary		13/11/1864			
GROSE	Arthur		06/05/1865			
HAY	Margaret		30/06/1865			
COLLARD	Elizabeth		15/10/1865			
MACWANNAN	David		02/11/1865			
BROOKS	Henry		14/12/1865			
HOGAN	William	Edward	29/12/1865			
WALTERS	Joseph		18/02/1866	baby		
ROBERTSON	George	Wyndham	08/12/1866			
DAY	Annie		14/12/1866			
CHAMBERS	Joseph		19/01/1867			
SUTHERLAND	John	Brown	28/02/1867	34 y		
LILLY	Joseph		21/03/1867			selector
McCALLUM	Edward	Russel	15/04/1867			
JOHNSON	Arthur		15/08/1867			
DAY	Charles		15/11/1867			
MARTIN	William	George	3/12/1867			
HOPKINS	William		13/12/1867			
BRENNAN	Edward		8/01/1868			
ILLIDGE	William	Scot	02/02/1868			

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BLINKHORN	John		29/ 02/1868			
DEE	Emma	Kong	03/07/1868			
LINE	Phoebe	Elizabeth	12/10/1868			
CLARKE	David		15/11/1868	5 1/2 y	teething	
WILLS	Lennard		30/12/1868			
CAMPBELL	James		10/02/1869			
SLOMAN	Henry	James	20/02/1869			
ABBY	Mary	Ann	22/02/1869			
JANSON	Sarah	Ann	04/03/1869	baby		
RHODES	John		27/04/1869			
EVANS	Ernest	Henry	29/05/1869			
WILLS	Agnes	Henderson	28/08/1869			
HETHERINGTON	Richard		18/01/1870	44 y	fractured skull	Mayor & Postmaster
BOTTING	John	Thomas	25/02/1870		phthisis	Clerk at Church
WATT	George	Condon	24/03/1870			
WALKER	William		13/06/1870			
WORTHINGTON	Matilda	Emile	17/08/1870		fall from horse	
CLARKE	Sarah		25/11/1870	28 y	consumption	wife
PERSHOUSE	Margaret	Jessie	04/03/1871	25 y	Consumption	servant
BLACK	John		17/03/1871	41 y	disease of heart	miner
WILLOUGHBY	John		19/03/1871	38 y	drowning	miner
LOWDEN	Richard		19/03/1871	39 y	drowning	miner
WATT	Ellen		09/04/1871	33 y	childbirth	Wife
McCOLLINS	Alice	Constance	13/06/1871			
FRIEND	Elizabeth		21/06/1871	2 m		
FRY	Charles	William	21/08/1871	3 y	drowning	
PADGETT	Ann	Elizabeth	11/09/1871	9 d	water on brain	
OTSON	Elizabeth	Lyle	15/09/1871	44 y	gastric fever	home duties
NASH	George		11/11/1871	22 d	teething	
JOHNSON	Cook	Augustus	11/12/1871	15 m	congestion of brain	
ELDER	Margaret		15/12/1871		dysentery	
PROUDFOOT	baby		02/02/1872		stillborn	
NOTTS	Charles	William C	21/03/1872	1 d		
FEENY	Mary		05/04/1872	34 y		
JANSON	Christiana	Sarah	12/08/1872	1 y		
BRUSS	Carl		27/08/1872	31 y		labourer
HARRIS	Meri					
ROYSTON	Eliza	Mary A	12/09/1872	23 y	inflammation bowel	
RYALLS	Elizabeth		21/09/1872	27 y	Consumption	
PUJOLAS	Mary	Ann	10/10/1872	11 d		
RICH	Ethel	Georgina	15/10/1872	5 y	croup	
McLAREN	William		02/11/1872			
O'CONNELL	Charles	Phillip	03/11/1872	52 y	natural causes	
LAWLOR	George	Richard	11/11/1872		baby	
SUGDEN	George	Arthur	17/03/1873	30 y	concussion on brain	butcher
DICKINSON	Henry	Charles	03/05/1873	2 y	diphtheria	
ASHMAN	William	Henry	18/06/1873	18 m	drowning	

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SMITH	Charles	Norman	03/07/1873	2 d	Inflammation bowel	
PUJOLAS	Francis		01/10/1873	1 d	cold after birth	
SOVERNSON	Louren		11/10/1873			
FRY	Albert	Stroud	01/11/1873	7 m		
STEVENS	Johny		08/12/1873	27 y	drowning	shipwright
KEITLEY	Eliza		10/01/1874	7 m	dysentery	
RICH	Florence	Evelyn	05/04/1874	2 y	Poisoned	
GOLDING	Rose	Elizabeth	22/04/1874	37 y	consumption	char woman
NEIL	Rebecca		26/04/1874	26 y		
PALMER	Hannah		14/05/1874	39 y	consumption	
KIRKPATRICK	Alfred		25/05/1874	12 m	fever	
WHITE	Julia	Boyd	06/06/1874	55 y	bilious fever	wife
JOHNSON	Henry		08/06/1874	8 d		
PERSHOUSE	Maria	Sarah	19/06/1874	24 y	convulsions after childbirth	
LEEDS	Eliza	Agnes	27/06/1874	6 d	obstruction of bowel	
PERKINS	Howard	Arthur F	14/09/1874	22 m	croup	
LITTLE	Montgomery	Frederick	16/10/1874	3 y	croup	
HAWKE	Johny		14/12/1874			
RHODES	Frederick		30/12/1874	14 d	thrush	
DOLAN	Baby		16/01/1875			
BOWYER	Charles	Frederick	05/02/1875	4 m	dysentery	
ARTHURS	Martha		03/03/1875	9 y	convulsions	
DAY	Annie		02/06/1875	3 y	abscess on liver	wife
JONSON	Johannes		19/06/1875	57 y	crushed by hardwood log	
EVANS	Benjamin	Hager	10/09/1875	44 y	fistula	boatman
JELLY	Mary		04/12/1875	29 y	cancer womb	
BYERS	Henry		05/12/1875		heat distress	seaman
CURREN	William	James	13/02/1876	15 m	teething	
WARR	James	William	23/02/1876	45 y	fever	church minister
HOPKINS	Emma		16/05/1876	7 y		
HINCH	Bridget	Kate	18/05/1876	1 y	scarlet fever	
HIGGINS	Ellen		11/06/1876	1 d		
BRUCE	Alexander	Michael	16/06/1876	7 m	thrush	
RICH	Fulford	Staford	29/06/1876	6 d	convulsions	
GLENNIE	James		10/09/1876			
ALDOUS	Jane		11/11/1876	47 y	abscess	selector
THOMPSON	George		09/07/1877	36 y	fall from horse	stockman
BARRY	James	Henry	10/10/1877	1 y	teething	
WALSH	James	Whelan	17/01/1878	9 m		
HYNES	Peter		04/06/1878	6 d	inflammation	
BUNTING	Harry		14/09/1878	30 y		
BOLES	Baby		14/11/1878		stillborn female	
BOLES	James		31/01/1879	63 y	heat distress	bath keeper
McCOLLINS	Edward		20/01/1879			
ROYSTON	Ann		22/08/1879		stillborn	
GLENDENING	Alice	Sarah	16/09/1879	23 y	fusion of blood on brain	millener
WARE	Stephen	Ashworth	18/09/1879	2 1/2 y	consumption	

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“The Irish in Gladstone from 1854– “

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THE BRENNAN FAMILY

Edward Brennan along with wife Esther (Connell) and three year old daughter Catherine, arrived on the ship *Fortune* into Moreton Bay on 8th December 1855.

Edward was born in Queens County (now known as Laois), and Esther was born in Dublin.

They married at a small place called Chapelizod, just outside Dublin. Catherine was also born at Chapelizod.

Their only son Edward was born in Ipswich in 1857 and daughter Mary was born in Brisbane in 1860.

The family then travelled to the Calliope district about 1861 where Edward was employed as a shepherd on Stowe Station. The family lived on Sheep Station Hill, so called because the sheep were herded to the hill at night and guarded by the shepherds against dingo attacks.

Another two daughters were born in Calliope, Winnifred about 1864 and Esther in 1865.

Esther Brennan was the first person to discover gold in the Calliope district. She apparently picked up a large rock to use as a door stop until she was advised it contained gold. The place where she collected the rock from is still called Brennan's Flats, which is situated just below Sheep Station Hill.

Edward died of consumption on 8th January 1868 aged 47 years and is buried in the Gladstone Cemetery.

Life would have been very tough for Esther with such a young family, and no widow's pension, and she consequently married William Ramsden a short time later.

Esther worked in Calliope as a midwife and even delivered her grandson, John Francis Brennan, who was born at Kroombit Station where her son Edward was working. My grandfather spoke fondly of his grandmother. She apparently made up little muslin bags of sugar, and if ever he was in trouble or upset, he would be given a bag to suck on.

The Brennan children married into the Kirkpatrick, Ashman and Kelly families, with youngest daughter Esther marrying into the Mylne family only to pass away a short time later from convulsions.

Esther lived at both Gladstone and Calliope during her life time, and passed away 28th February 1893 aged 66 years. She is buried at the Calliope Cemetery.

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WILLIAM KIRKPATRICK

William Kirkpatrick was born 5th November 1819 in Belfast Northern Ireland.

During 1838 William was arrested and tried for stealing silk handkerchiefs. He received a seven year sentence for his crime and arrived in Sydney aboard the ship *Elphinstone* on 29th December 1838.

On 7th July 1845 William gained his freedom. His convict record stated his occupation was labourer, but on his arrival at Port Curtis in 1854, his occupation was carpenter.

William and his partner Matilda (Taylor) lived at Barney Point where first child, daughter Emma was born. Four more children, James, Matilda, John Brice, and Fanny were born in Gladstone, while youngest Edward, was born at Mt. Alma just outside Calliope.

With the release of freehold land for sale in Gladstone William purchased a block of land in Auckland Street on 26th September 1855 for ten pounds ten shillings. Life would have been pretty tough for these early pioneers, especially the women and children.

Around 1872 the family moved to the Calliope Diggings where William became the local Undertaker, and sometimes shepherd.

The Kirkpatrick children attended the new Calliope School and later on daughter Matilda became an assistant teacher at the school.

Mary Black of Calliope donated a block of land for a church. The Church of England, Presbyterian Church and Salvation Army combined and the Union Church was built on the site.

This church was built by William and was of slab walls and shingle roof construction. In 1910 a new church was built on the same site and was built by Williams' son John Brice. The church is still standing today and is used by Church of England and Presbyterian worshippers.

The children of William and Matilda married into the Brennan, Rennie, Reddicliffe, Templeton, and Paterson families, many of whose descendants are still residing in the area today.

William and Matilda lived out the rest of their days at Calliope. Matilda passed away 18th November 1890 and William on 22nd December 1906 aged 87 years. Both are buried in the Calliope Cemetery.

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SMITH FAMILY

Emma Victoria ALLEN was born in Tuam, Galway, Ireland, about September 1845, the daughter of John Allen and Catherine Kennedy. Her mother, Catherine, died on 20 June 1848. Several of Emma's elder siblings emigrated to Australia and it seems her father waited for his younger children to finish their schooling, before he too decided to make the voyage to Australia. The family arrived in Brisbane on the *Jessie Munn* on 26 January, 1862. Emma's elder brother Thomas was already settled in Drayton Qld and this is where John and the family headed.

On 5 July 1866 at Drayton Qld, Emma married Frederick Smith, the son of William Smith and Hannah Trotman of Gloucestershire, England. They continued to live in that area, some of their children being born at Toowoomba and Ipswich Qld.

In the 1870's the family moved to Gladstone Qld where there were some further increases in the family. Frederick Smith began a bakery and once again operated an aerated water works business in Goondoon Street as he had in Drayton. The Smith family bakery operated in Gladstone from this date until 1948 as the descendants of this couple have remained in the area, their children and grandchildren being involved in the early development of Gladstone.

One of the establishments which has been considered an important part of the area's heritage, is the Clyde Hotel, which has been moved to the Port Curtis Historical Village site on the banks of the Calliope River. Members of the Smith family obtained the licence of this old drover's pub at the beginning of the First World War when it was in its original location at Burua. Wet bags were thrown over the old wooden kegs in an effort to keep the contents cool as there was never any electricity at the old Hotel.

Emma Victoria Smith, the matriarch of this Gladstone family, died in Gladstone on 2 December 1919 and is buried in the Gladstone Cemetery. Ref: A Family of Aliens

VALLIS FAMILY

Mary Guinay was born in Tipperary, Ireland around 1845, the daughter of Patrick Guinay and Margaret Kelly.

In Gladstone Queensland in 1869, Mary married Abel Vallis, son of John Vallis and Martha Dyke, who was born about 1838 in Somerset England.

Abel had arrived in South Australia in about 1857, however he only spent a short time in that state before moving into Victoria where he spent some time around the goldfields. Around 1866 the news of the gold discoveries in the Gladstone district must have enticed Abel and his brother Valentine to make the long overland trip from Victoria to the Calliope Gold Diggings where Abel was to open the first general store.

Life on the goldfields was primitive in these early times and especially so for mothers trying to raise families. Mary Vallis had her first son in 1870 and altogether she and Abel raised a family of 5 boys and 2 girls.

Abel continued to be very much involved in the community, helping to get the first school started and being a member of the Calliope Divisional Board when it was first proclaimed in 1879.

In the 1880's the family moved into Gladstone and they owned the Free Trade Store in Glenlyon Street. Still committed to the community Abel was mayor of Gladstone in 1887-88. Sometime later the family owned a property in the Mount Larcom area known as "Vallis Vale".

Mary Vallis died in Gladstone Qld on 20 Jan 1899, however, she is remembered by many family members who have remained in the district. Her grandson Dr Val Vallis wrote many poems and songs about this area and his family in particular.

Ref:

Gladstone: City That Waited
Calliope Centenary Book
Pioneer Certificate Application
Birth Death and Marriage Records

Golden Wedding - 1927

Mr. and Mrs Johnson of Beecher near Gladstone Transcribed from an article in a 1927 Gladstone newspaper. *Italics indicate missing or illegible words.*



On Saturday, September 10,

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Johnson, of the Station House.

Mr. Johnson, now 77 years of age, was born on the 11th December, 1850, in Copenhagen, Denmark, and Mrs. Johnson, now 70 years of age, was born on the 25th July, 1857, in Christiana, now Oslo, Norway.

Mr John P Johnson had just left the Danish army, *where he served* for 14 years, as a non-commissioned officer, decided to try his luck in Australia, and with such object in view, proceeded to Hamburg to join the ship ***Humbolt***, which at this time was loading locomotives at Liverpool, England, for the Queensland railways.

During the 11 days stay there he acted as interpreter at the depot in the English, German, Norwegian and Danish language, and was finally appointed as chief constable, schoolmaster and purser's assistant for the voyage, for which he was paid £11 on arrival in Brisbane.

During the voyage he got acquainted with a young girl from Norway, who also intended to join the ship for Queensland to go to her married sister in Gladstone (Mrs. Christie Jensen, now of "Grevillia Farm," Taragoola). This acquaintance ripened into something stronger during the voyage. They became engaged and upon the day of arrival were married.

On arrival in Gladstone, about a week after, they settled there and Mr. Johnson joined the pilot schooner "Enid under pilot George Seeds," under whom he served twice. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson afterwards went North and took up land on the Daintree River, where Mrs. Johnson was the first white woman settler. The blacks at that time were treacherous and often troublesome.

The anticipated prosperity of the North got a severe blow when the Kanaka labour was stopped by Sir Samuel Walter Griffith, with the result that many hardy pioneers were ruined and left for less hazardous occupations. However Mr. Johnson entered into the timber getting industry, as *many* species of red, white, pencil and acacia cedar, as well as beech, yellow wood bean wood and other valuable timber grew in abundance on the river, which found a ready market *at Townsville and Rockhampton. Another sentence is missing here. They decided to move further south.* Shortly after arrival another little girl died. *Mrs Johnson* luckily kept in health, but *Mr Johnson* although never laid up *with* the malady, was far from well, and only recovered completely after a long sea-trip and change of climate obtained by his service with the Queensland contingents in the South African War. He went to South Africa twice and served till the end of the war. He also served during the Great War, doing staff duty, he never got the chance to go to the front. His youngest son, a Lewis Gunner, was killed in Flanders.

One daughter (Mrs. Range), lives in Cairns and the other daughter, Mrs. E.J. Kirkwood lives at Beecher, and three married sons in Brisbane suburbs. The "Double Event" was celebrated by a pleasant motor picnic to Barney Point on Sunday, September 11. A congratulatory telegram was received from the daughter and son-in-law in Cairns.

Some notes about John Peter and Marie Johnson (Jensen):

John Peter Johnson (**properly Jens Peter Jensen**), carpenter aged 77 years 11 months 24 days died at Beecher on 6 December 1928.

Marie Svensine Antonette Johnson (**properly Jensen**), aged 76 years 2 months died at Balcomba Private Hospital, Gladstone on 10 October 1933.

John Peter and Marie Johnson are my maternal great grandparents. Their marriage certificate shows Marie was the daughter of Lars Throndsen and Ellen n e Olsen. The daughter mentioned, Mrs. Range in Cairns is my grandmother.

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'Wedding Bells'

1935



GOODY-ELLISON

The Gladstone Observer, 27th July, 1935:

A pretty wedding was celebrated at the Town Hall, Mt. Larcom, when Alma Grace, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Goody, Mt. Larcom, was married to Albert Victor, third son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Ellison (New Zealand).

Rev. R. Crook officiated at the ceremony.

The dainty little bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in an ivory satin frock cut on figure-fitting lines. The back fell into a long sweeping train, and the bodice featured cowl sleeves and a hand-worked lace yoke.

A diamante buckle completed the waistline, and a string of crystals was worn. Her beautiful embroidered veil of white tulle fell in billowy folds from a silver lace cap, held in place with a coronet of orange blossoms.

She carried a shower bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley, arranged with tulle.

Miss Barbara (Bonnie) Lutton, cousin of the bride, was the attendant bridesmaid. She was daintily dressed in an ankle-length frock of blue satin striped crepe, made in the tunic style and finished with a sequin bow and a blue posy.

Her silk taffeta Dolly Varden bonnet was tied with blue satin ribbon, which reached the hem of her frock. She carried a shower bouquet of pale pink roses and chrysanthemums, tied with blue ribbon.

Little Miss Abby Lutton, cousin of the bride, attended as flower girl, and looked very pretty in an ankle-length rose pink georgette Empire frock with pink ribbon falling from the bodice to the hem of the frock, and a large frilled cape and puff sleeves.

She also wore a wreath of pink flat flowers, and she carried a basket of roses and asparagus fern, with a pink bow.

The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Allen Goody, brother of the bride.

The hall where the ceremony took place was tastefully decorated by Mrs. Jack Lutton and friends of the bride.

The chief feature of the decorations was a white trellis, with trails of morning glory in shades of blue, and pink roses and asparagus fern.

The guest pews were marked with silver horseshoes, morning glory, pink roses and bows of white ribbon, and a large wedding bell was suspended over the bridal group.

As the bridal party entered the hall the congregation sang "The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden".

Mrs. Bliss presided at the piano, and while the register was being signed Mrs. Bliss sang "Because."

The Wedding March was played as the bridal party left the



'Wedding Bells'

1935



GOODY-ELLISON (Continued)

After the ceremony between 40 and 50 guests were entertained at a sumptuous wedding Breakfast at Neilsen's Café.

The bride's mother, who received the guests, wore a frock of pink spun silk crepe de Chene, trimmed with kilting, buttons, and mastic laces and a mastic straw hat to tone.

She carried a bouquet of red roses and gerberas and ferns.

The bride and bridegroom left by the mail train for Yeppoon, where the honeymoon is being spent.

The bride travelled in a smart blue striped marocain frock, with a swagger coat effect, relieved with white buttons, and a white hat trimmed with tiny flowers to tone

ORR-SHAW

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.

Obituaries from our collection

Mr. George FERGUSON

The death has occurred of Mr George Ferguson, fourth son of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. Ferguson, Castle Hope Station. Born at Canberra Station in 1877, he married Miss Ellen Jane Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Williams of Monal in 1904. The couple lived at Tableland and Tanginnie, and came to live at Calliope 28 years ago.

Deceased was a keen prospector and followed mining for many years. He is survived by the widow, two sons, Messrs. A.V. Ferguson, Calliope and CL. Ferguson, Railway Department, Gladstone, and two daughters, Mesdames Stanley Brown and R. E. Brown, both of Calliope. He also leaves four brothers and three sisters.

BNM 23-Jul-1941

Mrs. Amelia FERGUSON

Mrs Amelia Ferguson, one of the oldest pioneers of Miriam Vale, died in the Gladstone Private Hospital on July 31, aged 81. Born in Devonshire England she was a young girl when she arrived in Australia with her parents Mr and Mrs Ducham.

She was married in Maryborough in 1878 to James Ferguson who also came from Northumberland, England. They arrived in Miriam Vale in 1899 from Maryborough where they took up a selection. Mrs. Ferguson resided there to the time of her death. Her husband predeceased her 11 years ago.

Two sons saw service in the Great War. In the early days she was known far and wide as a nurse. She used to travel on horseback as far as Many Peaks and Cania to attend cases. Distance was no object.

She is survived by three sons, Charles and William, Miriam Vale, and John, of Barmundu, also seven daughters, Mrs Ducham and Mrs. Vallis, Nagoorin, Mrs. Clark, Gympie, Mrs. Kirkpatrick Wondai, Mrs. Bates, Yeppoon, Mrs Mortensen and Mrs. Goody, Miriam Vale, two brothers and three sisters, and 50 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

BDN&M 12 Aug 1941

Mervyn Alfred Charles BOYLE -QX2920

Mervyn Boyle of "Kia-ora" at Yarwun was a "rat" and he was proud of it. Mervyn, who died suddenly at the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital on July 29, was a Rat of Tobruk, who helped hold Tobruk against tremendous odds under constant attack during World War Two. "They held it for six months with little food and great hardship" his sister Hazel recalled. "In idle moments they planned excellent meals they would have if they ever got back to Cairo". "When that finally happened, their stomachs had shrunk and they could eat little of the good food on offer". "In Tobruk, they were referred to by the Germans as "rats" because they were forced to live under ground and forage for food". "Later they bore the title 'Rats of Tobruk' proudly indeed."

Mervyn was born on August 9, 1916 and apart from five years war service, spent the whole of his 82 years at "Kia-ora". He had a great love of and feeling for the land, horses and cattle. In 1939, he joined the AIF and in 1940 sailed for England as Australian troops were sent to bolster the depleted British Army after the evacuation from Dunkirk. Mervyn and his mates also helped evacuate people on the nights of the German aerial blitz on London.

Early in 1941, the 2/32nd Battalion AIF was formed in England, made up of men from various Australian states. They were sent to help hold Tobruk. Mervyn and his 2/32nd mates also fought the successful battle of El Alamein after which he was posted as "missing — possibly a prisoner of war". His family was notified. "But Mervyn had told us he had a return ticket and we were not to worry about him," Hazel said. "We worried but he was right. He and a few of his mates were cut off but fought their way back to their battalion."

At home, he was a Calliope Shire councillor, chairman of directors of the local fruit growers' co-operative and on the School of Arts Committee. He attended the first meeting of Westowe Rural Fire Brigade in 1954, was appointed fire warden and served for 31 years. In 1985 he was presented a national medal for almost half a century of meritorious service to the brigade, his community and the state.

In 1963 he married Joyce Procter and another house was built at Yarwun. Joyce died in 1990.

Early in 1997, Mervyn sold his house and land and went to Cleveland to live with his step-sons. Always a keen horseman — as a child and in his teens he regularly competed in riding and hunting events at the Gladstone shows—he immediately joined a riding school. He attended regularly for two hours each Saturday and made many friends. His funeral was held on 31 July 1998.

Gladstone Observer 1998

The 1921 Census of England and Wales, will be published online by Findmypast in January 2022.

[Findmypast](#) has been selected as [The National Archives'](#) commercial partner to make the [1921 Census of England & Wales](#) available online. The project will see Findmypast capture digital images and transcribe the records in a way that will enable family historians across the globe to conduct meaningful searches of these important records when they are opened for the very first time.

Taken on 19th June 1921, the census consists of more than 28,000 bound volumes of original household returns containing detailed information on close to 38 million individuals.

It provides greater detail than any previous census as, in addition to the questions asked in 1911, the 1921 returns also asked householders to reveal their place of employment, the industry they worked in and the materials they worked with as well as their employer's name.

Those aged 15 and older were required to provide information about their marital status, including if divorced, while for those under 15 the census recorded whether both parents were alive or if either or both had died.

The 1921 Census also included detailed questions on education, and was the first in which individual householders could submit separate confidential returns.

Tamsin Todd, CEO of Findmypast, says: "This announcement is important for all family historians tracing their ancestors living in Britain in the early twentieth century. It provides a fascinating snapshot of how people lived and worked in the years following World War 1, and it's all the more important because there's no surviving census for the next two decades until 1951."

Pete Benton, Census Operations Director at The Office for National Statistics, said: "The 1921 Census records are a unique opportunity to uncover details of how your family lived and worked in a period of massive socio-economic change in post-World War One Britain. They give greater detail than any previous census and are eagerly anticipated by genealogists the world over. At ONS, we keep census records under tight security for 100 years and we are very much looking forward to enabling this invaluable source of history to be made available to the public in January 2022".

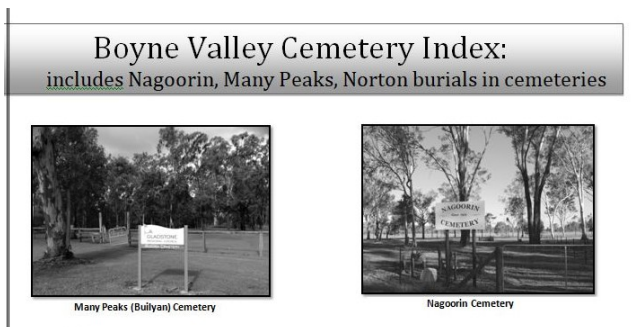


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**** NEW PUBLICATION ****
BOYNE VALLEY CEMETERY INDEX
Burial Records



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, Nagoorin Cemetery, Norton Cemetery and Many Peaks/Builyan Cemetery. All these cemeteries are now closed for burial. Nagoorin Cemetery received a facelift in 2018 with new fences and a plaque listing burials placed in the cemetery. The Norton Cemetery is not maintained by Gladstone Regional Council.

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.

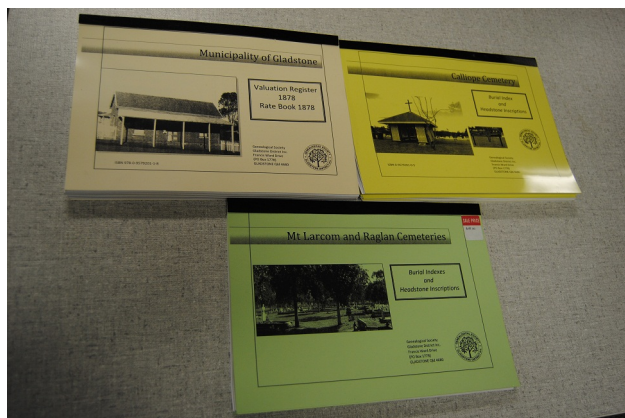
The records include: Surname, First Names, Sex, Age, Occupation, Death Date, Death Place, Burial Place and Parents' names. Parents' names were taken from the Queensland Birth Death and Marriage Index online, and thus may include their transcription errors. Where no parents were mentioned, the records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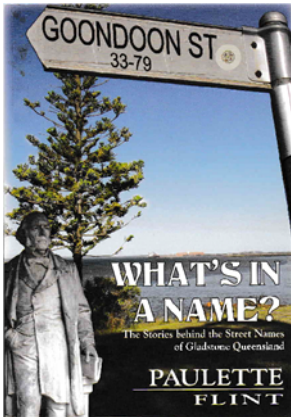
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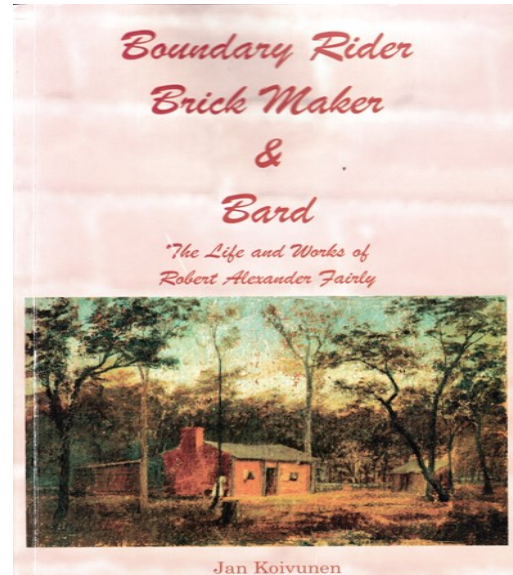
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