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[www.gsq.org.au/what-gsq-offers/researchservices](http://www.gsq.org.au/what-gsq-offers/researchservices)

# Generation

## Acknowledgement of Country

In the spirit of reconciliation, the Genealogical Society of Queensland acknowledges the Traditional Custodians throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea, and community. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present; and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people today.

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*from The Editor...*

We hope you will enjoy the variety of articles in this edition of *Generation*. They showcase some of the many ways that you can approach writing about your ancestors and family history.

One such approach is a chronological narrative as seen in the history of the Queensland Ambulance Service and the story about an immigrant ancestor Thron Matthisen.

The experience of a visit to a historical site in Sydney, Hyde Park Barracks is described – a must next time I visit Sydney. Some of us may have convict ancestors who spent time in the barracks, or perhaps an immigrant woman who was lodged in the re-purposed building after 1849.

Two short stories focus firstly on how DNA helped resolve the identity of a brick-wall ancestor and secondly describe the events behind an alleged abduction.

A letter written to a deceased grandmother details the possible reasons behind why there is no headstone on the grandmother's grave. We read a diary written on a honeymoon by the newlyweds and another writer shares how her interest in family history eventually led to writing a book about the paternal side of her family. It is always interesting to learn how others have approached writing a book about their ancestors.

Regular features of the journal also appear – Blog Beat, focus on a Queensland town, focus on a Special Interest Group, new resources available to members, Tips & Tools, Recent Accessions.

At the recent celebration of GSQ Volunteers the recipient of this year's Margaret Coleman Volunteer Award was announced and the Society's patron Jennifer Harrison spoke about the importance of volunteers to an organisation like GSQ. The society literally cannot function without the multitude of both small and large tasks voluntarily undertaken by our members.

As you can see *Generation* is put together from the efforts of many people, especially those who contribute articles both long and short. Contributors to *Generation* are also GSQ volunteers, giving their time, skills, and effort to our Society. To those who contributed to this edition of *Generation*, many for the first time, we say a very big "thank you"! Your stories help to make the journal one that members look forward to reading every quarter.

*Janice (standing in as Editor during Russell's absence)*

# Presidential Lines...



## National Volunteer Week 2024 was celebrated throughout Australia in the week 20 – 26 May.

The theme for this year was "Something for Everyone". I must say that this theme is very applicable to the Genealogical Society of Queensland (GSQ) – there are positions within the organisation to suit everybody's skill sets and interests, whether they be as a Research Assistant helping others with their research, being part of the Research Team doing research for others, assisting with our digitisation program, helping with catering for functions, leading/helping a Special Interest Group, maintaining our facilities and grounds, being part of the Management Committee, helping at a Barbecue event, etc. The list is long and varied. Throughout Australian history volunteering has been essential to the fabric of Australian life, whether in war time or times of peace. According to Volunteering Australia there are currently five million volunteers through this wonderful land of ours – that's five million people giving their time for the benefit of their communities. If you don't currently volunteer for GSQ, perhaps you may like to start – the first step is to email our Volunteer Coordinator, Kim Davis at [volunteer@gsq.org.au](mailto:volunteer@gsq.org.au)

GSQ celebrated National Volunteer Week by conducting a Morning Tea for all volunteers. At this event Bob Dean was announced as the winner of the Margaret Coleman Volunteer Award for 2024.

There will be ample opportunities for volunteers to come forward to assist at the *Australasian 2025 CONNECTIONS Past Present Future Conference*



**Helen Veivers**  
President

to be held in Brisbane 21 – 24 March 2025. This Conference, in which GSQ is playing a leading role, is being organised by a group of volunteers for the enjoyment of family and local historians throughout Australia and beyond. Please consider assisting when the calls for volunteers are made.



## KEY DATES FOR 2024

### **Open Day:**

Saturday 31 August

### **AGM:**

Saturday, 2 November

**Holiday closing in Dec:**

Saturday, 14 December

"Everyone deserves to be remembered."



Steve Rockwood,  
CEO Family Search International

# Welcome to New and Re-joined Members

**Helen Veivers**, GSQ President

**The President and members of the GSQ Management Committee are delighted to welcome all our new and re-joined members.**

As new members, please do not hesitate to talk with a Research Assistant if you need assistance. Now that you are a member of GSQ, you have a number of benefits – one of which is the opportunity to list your research interests/names on our website:

**[www.gsq.org.au](http://www.gsq.org.au)**

If you have any comments or suggestions as to how GSQ can enhance its services to members, or if you have a concern with how services are provided, please feel free to contact me at [president@gsq.org.au](mailto:president@gsq.org.au)



**Your feedback is always welcome.**

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*Enriching family history*

## Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The date of the AGM has been set as  
**Saturday, 2 November 2024 at 10.00am**

**Nominations will be called for the positions of:**

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Up to 7 Management Committee members

Further information will be made available later.

**At GSQ, 25 Stackpole Street, Wishart Q 4122**

**Saturday  
2 November 2024  
at 10.00 am**



# Please remember the Society in your will...



After you have provided for loved ones, why not support the other things in life that gave you joy?

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Legacies play a vital part in the Society's fundraising. They allow the Society the financial freedom to invest in crucial improvements and updates that would otherwise be unattainable.

The Society has been helping people to research their family history for over 40 years. We want to ensure future members will be celebrating the Society's centenary.

Leaving a gift in your will, you can be part of the Society's future as well as its past.

All gifts, whether large or small are immensely important to the Society.



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As estate planning is a complex area, we recommend that you seek professional legal and taxation advice to ensure that you are appropriately informed of your options and so that your Will operates in the exact manner that you intend it to.

# GSQ Volunteer Morning Tea

**Jennifer Harrison**

The theme for National Volunteer Week 2024 is 'Something for Everyone'. It's also an invitation to explore the myriad of opportunities available, emphasising that there's a place for everyone in the world of volunteering. While GSQ benefits enormously from your contribution, (in fact, could not even exist), if you are clever about it, you too can gain significantly.

Encourage a research buddy/colleague to come on the same day and 'travel' along with you on this adventure. I have proved new friendships are available for everyone. With my own star TV team Kath & Kim, aka Kate Peters & Kim Davis, I truly can say "Look at moi" because I simply would not be physically here without them. Value fresh connections and swap experiences and investigations, all the time bearing in mind the wise old saying: "I will patiently listen to stories about your boring and dreary relatives if you are prepared to return the compliment and be fascinated by my incredibly spellbinding and mesmerizing kith and kin."

All of you can learn new skills: computer, microform – fiche & film, data discs, expertise in particular records or time periods, or perhaps concentrate on a geographical district or occupation or naming pattern. Further using photographs, maps, tables, charts, PowerPoint, and even Zoom plus specific sources all require specialised methodology and know-how which you can acquire. Reporting, writing, teaching, filing, journalism, librarianship, running courses, computer skilling, counting figures or organising money or publicity, researching, baking, maintaining equipment, selling books, or organising morning teas - there is something intriguing and mind-stretching for everyone – to either share or assimilate. Do you have knowledge, a capability, or special proficiency or do you want to learn and acquire one? Isn't the challenge quite irresistible??

Many of you have been contributing and participating substantively for many years. Do know you are valued and cherished and we sincerely thank you all. We need each and every one of our gems and wish to keep them polished. Our president, bless her little white cotton socks, and white tablecloths, recently applied for and obtained a grant so a new refrigerator would ensure morning tea ingredients, lunches and, when necessary,

dinners continue fresh and more appealing for all. Your continued welfare and comfort remain important to us.

Two of our prized ornaments, Russell Fraser and Pauline Williams, are currently seriously indisposed and our hearts go out to them. Recover quickly – and not just because GSQ needs, misses and appreciates you. Today - and often throughout the year - we also affectionately recall Margaret Coleman who was a star and treasured volunteer for GSQ over several years; her estate has endowed our delicious morning tea and award today as we reveal and acknowledge this year's shiny jewel. The 2024 Margaret Coleman volunteer of this year is: [insert loud drum roll] The wonderful Bob Dean. Bob has conducted the Bunnings Barbeques consistently which have raised considerable sums for GSQ over many years. But additionally, he mows, moves tables and furniture and library shelves, and importantly tracks down valuable second-hand books for either the library here or to sell. And these activities represent just the beginning ... Whenever anything needs to be done, Bob is at the head of the queue. How can we ever thank him? Well, by unanimous acclaim, we start with this award. Thank you, Bob.

## THE 2024 WINNER OF THE MARGARET COLEMAN AWARD



*Congratulations to Bob from all of our members!*



# Queensland Ambulance

## 132 YEARS OF DEDICATED COMMUNITY SERVICE

BY Dr Michael John (Mick) Davis AM, ASM, Hon  
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An accident on the Brisbane showgrounds in Show Week of August 1892, gave birth to the idea of the need for a civil ambulance service. It was Mr I.G. Echlin, a rider in the Maiden Hunter's Cup, who supplied the incentive when he had the misfortune to sustain a simple fractured leg when his horse fell and rolled on him. Dr Sandford Jackson, the Superintendent of the Brisbane General Hospital and Mr Seymour Warrian of the Ambulance Corps of the Queensland Defence Force were at the ringside, but before either could reach the patient he was picked up, without any treatment, placed in a Molly Brown Cab 'four-wheeled horse drawn vehicle with a small entrance in the rear', and he was driven to the hospital. Through the lack of skilled assistance, the untrained bystanders had unfortunately caused the simple fracture to become a compound one.

Being dissatisfied and disgusted with the treatment of Mr Echlin, Warrian was prompted to mention the matter

to his comrades in the Army Medical Corps. A meeting was held on 12 September 1892. Present at the meeting were: S. Warrian, E. Jack, Geo Windle, W. Tomkins, F. Rudd, A. Beaston, J. Brown, E. Slaughter, F. Higginbotham, W.G. Daniel, W. Hargreaves, J. Siegman, J. Marlow, A. Clothier, and E.J. Smith. They decided to form the City Ambulance Transport Brigade. Mr G. Windle was appointed Secretary and deputed to interview the racing clubs regarding support and the attendance of Brigade members at race meetings. Mr Eustace Jack was requested to arrange office accommodation and Mr Seymour Warrian was appointed leader. Mr A. Beaston offered to build a stretcher because the one in use had been borrowed



Dr James Booth, first  
Superintendent of the CATB

from the military and was very heavy.

Dr James Booth, the first Superintendent of the new ambulance service, approached the Manager of the Brisbane Newspaper Company who granted the use of rooms in the *Courier* building. Bearers on night duty slept on rolls

of newspaper on the floor. The first bed linen, supplied by the Immigration Department, was printed with the Government broad-arrow stamp, which was regarded by the pioneers as their family crest.

With a borrowed stretcher, a homemade bandage winder, a stock of unbleached calico, and stout hearts, the four officers (Seymour Warrian, Eustace Jack, George Windle, and William Tomkins) were ready for duty. Furniture was at a premium. However, the four men made themselves as comfortable as possible and, with the aid of a few packing cases, settled down to work and had not long to wait to show their mettle.

The first patient was transported from Taringa to a private hospital at New Farm on 5 November 1892. The stretcher carrying was aided by straps over the shoulders of the Bearers. Lady friends of the patient held sunshades over his head. Between 1 October to 12 December 1892 the new City Ambulance Transport Brigade (CATB) attended at 11 race meetings at Breakfast Creek, two Eagle Farm for Queensland Turf Club, two at Eagle Farm for Tattersalls, one street accident, and the transport from Taringa previously mentioned.

In January 1893, Elliott Bros. very kindly presented the Brigade with a telephone and, at a meeting held on 18 January 1893, the Secretary reported that the telephone was connected with the telephone exchange as Number 177.

The first Badge of the Brigade was designed by Bearers Warrian and Jack while travelling to and from Ipswich for



first aid instruction. The red Maltese Cross has been the central feature of the Queensland Ambulance logo in all of its versions since.

### Queensland ambulance goes statewide



<https://www.ambulance.qld.gov.au/history.html>  
Images courtesy of QLD State Library.

During the flood of 1893 the Brigade provided most valuable service. This event brought the new CATB more prominently to public notice. By 1895 the brigade had both wheeled litters and horse-drawn carts and a new headquarters building in Elizabeth Street, a move made necessary by the growth of the institution. The service remained based mainly in Brisbane and then South Brisbane, with small honorary services at Caboolture and Beaudesert. Warrian left in late 1895 to establish a civil ambulance service in Sydney. It took until 1899 for the expansion of the service from the Brisbane area with honorary services being established at Nambour and Warwick. In 1900, some members of the Brigade enlisted to serve in the Boer War in South Africa.

In August 1900, the CATB Secretary advocated extension and advised financial assistance for the establishment of new branches, which were then formed in Townsville and Charters Towers. In November 1900, a Sub-Centre was opened in Ipswich and in December Rockhampton Centre opened.

With the formation of the states into the Commonwealth of Australia in 1901 and the expansion of the ambulance service beyond Brisbane, in 1902 it was decided to alter the name of the brigade to Queensland Ambulance Transport Brigade Hospital (QATB or QATBH). Other branch centres established in the early 1900s were at Toowoomba (1902), Mackay (1903), Ravenswood (1904), Cairns (1904), and Bundaberg (1907) and so it went on from there with new QATB Centres and sub-Centres emerging as the Queensland population grew. The expansion of the service continues today with new Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) stations being

opened across the state. Since the centenary of the Brisbane ambulance (thus Queensland Ambulance) in 1992 there has been frequent celebrations of local ambulance station centenaries.

In the first few years, Dr Jackson, as Medical Superintendent of the General Hospital, continued to assist the new ambulance brigade and he allowed members of the paid ambulance staff to attend at the Outpatients Department where they obtained valuable experience. After both World Wars many QATB officers who had enlisted in the military willingly shared their military medical experience with their colleagues, staff, and volunteers.

In 1986 the Qld Government reduced the 24-member QATB State Council to a Queensland Ambulance Services Board of 12 members and change and improvement began to occur far more quickly. Soon after in 1991, because of a parliamentary inquiry into the Queensland Ambulance, the service was transformed from a service of 96 district administrative Committees with a state board to a fully integrated and standardised statewide service called the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) led by an ambulance commissioner under the Department of Emergency Services. Today there are over 240 ambulance response locations in Queensland.

### Funding the Queensland ambulance

The provision of funds for the new CATB was a grave difficulty but the determination to carry on a free service never waned. At this period, it became necessary to compound some of the salaries owing - at the rate of six shillings and eight pence in the pound. At this time the bearers often walked up to 34 miles in one day, running to accidents, pushing the litter in all weathers. There was very little time off duty, with bearers being on duty every other night and alternate Sundays. Holidays were one week annually. Representations to the Government resulted in a grant of £100, which enabled the Committee to affect a settlement of wages arrears to the staff.

The CATB encouraged subscriptions and donations from the first day. W. Hargreaves was the first honorary bearer-collector, and his first subscription was from Mr J.M. Campbell who was later to become Chairperson of the Brisbane Committee. CATB Subscribers were invited (as part of the new Brigade Rules) to nominate and be elected to management committee positions. In 1895 a most important development took place, the Home Secretary acceded to the request from the Committee to grant a government subsidy of pound for pound on voluntary contributions.



In addition to “Bearer Collectors” in the bigger centres collecting ambulance subscriptions including payroll deductions, there were fundraising activities such as carnivals, art unions, and community Queen events. Proceeds from auctioning of livestock and from wool bale sales were also popular sources of ambulance funds across the state.

The ambulance subscription scheme in conjunction with the Government subsidy prevailed until 2003 when the Qld government established a community levy on electricity bills as a means of funding the Queensland Ambulance. This scheme was short-lived, and the Queensland Ambulance Service is today funded directly from the Queensland Budget.

### **Ambulance training, education, and scope of clinical practice**

From the very start of the Queensland Ambulance, training and skills maintenance were part of the life of our officers. However keen the officers were to maintain their patient care and transport skills, there were a number of both clear and less obvious barriers to any expansion of their scope of practice. This situation prevailed right through to the early 1980s.

The qualification level initially was non-vocational and at first aid or early military medic level. Hence the scope of ambulance clinical practice was restricted and narrow with formal training non-existent in the Queensland ambulance prior to 1970, when the first state Ambulance Officer Training Centre (AOTC) was established in Brisbane. Prior to this many officers and QATB Centres (but not all) would organise Doctor, nursing, or pharmacy lecturer sessions for officers, though these were not standardised until later.

In the 1950s to 1970s, there was union resistance to ambulance courses being “pass/fail” due to concern that unsuccessful officers would lose their jobs. The breakthrough to a competent standard came in 1986

with the new Qld Ambulance Services Board, the first ever QATB Medical Director, and the introduction of “Coronary Care” training where competency was essential. Soon after this in 1991, Associate-Diploma level training began for all new recruits with an in-service program for existing officers. The Queensland ambulance qualification level then progressed rather quickly in unison with staged expansions of the clinical scope of ambulance practice.

In December 2018 a need that had existed since the first patient was treated was finally realised and that was the registration of paramedics in Australia as ambulance clinicians. This need was identified when registration of clinical practitioners began in Australia. The issue was formally raised in the early 1990s by the Institute of Ambulance Officers (Australia) and after a concerted effort of lobbying and representations it was finally realised 28 years later.

The barriers were apparent under several different headings such as: the low clinical credibility of Queensland ambulance officers; protection of what was referred to as “doctors and nurses” skills; industrial concerns such as claims for higher pay for more skill; ambulance educational and qualification concerns; and a strongly held view that the level of patient care of Queensland ambulance officers was adequate and did not need to be extended. In the latter argument, there was never a mention of the need for officer currency and competency, nor for the safety of the ambulance patient. One of the counter views was that ambulance patient care required a strong patient focus and the necessary patient care skills needed to be available for any patient no matter which clinician was caring for that patient at that time.

Each of these three issues had to be addressed by overcoming the barriers and perceptions inhibiting extension of scope of clinical practice. Progress was achieved towards clinical recognition and acceptance through changes achieved in ambulance education, qualification, scope of practice, and clinical acceptance and credibility from other health professions.

In 1996 the first Queensland Ambulance Service Intensive Care Paramedics graduated with the most significant scope of practice, clinical intervention skills, and pharmaceutical support that ever existed in the Queensland Ambulance. Soon after in 2003, the first Ambulance degree graduates emerged from QUT and in 2009, the QAS employed its first group of university-trained, degree-qualified paramedic interns. In 2012





CATB officers after practice session 1895 (from left)  
G Agnew, E Slaughter, R Lowry, S Warriar and R Nye Stevens

the intensive care paramedic program was upgraded to become the Critical Care Paramedic program and soon after specialised High Acuity and Low Acuity ambulance response units were established, along with the Paramedic Practitioner clinical role.

Similar changes were occurring in ambulance service across Australia and in December 2018, all persons working as paramedics in Australia had to be working for an approved ambulance service, undertaken an approved course of paramedic study, had to be registered in a similar manner to other health professional such as doctors and nurses, and thus had their title as “paramedic” protected by law.

### The story continues



The Queensland Ambulance Service today is an equal opportunity service, with paramedics of both genders and of many ethnic backgrounds. If you are in the care of a paramedic in Queensland or anywhere in Australia or New Zealand, you are in very skilled hands. The story of the Queensland Ambulance is a wonderful story of 132 years of service to Queenslanders and their visitors. The caring, dedicated, and professional culture of the QAS has prevailed from the beginning and will continue into the future.

### Interested in seeing more?

Queensland Ambulance Service has four primary heritage sites with small heritage displays in a number of QAS stations across the state. The primary ambulance museums are at Wynnum and Charters Towers (open to the public by appointment) along with the other ambulance heritage sites at Highfields Pioneer Village and the Australian Workers Heritage Centre in Barcaldine.

QAS Heritage & History has a collection of 17 ambulance vehicles, including two motorbikes as well as some litters and sulkies. In addition, it has a large collection of ambulance equipment, artefacts, medical memorabilia, documents, and photographs.

The museum archive includes some ambulance service records, historical minutes, reports and publications, and various sound and visual records in various historical media formats, including many early photos of ambulance officers and stations across the State.

Or visit our QAS Heritage web page at [www.ambulance.qld.gov.au](http://www.ambulance.qld.gov.au)



Wynnum Ambulance Museum



Charters Towers Ambulance Museum

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# SHORT Tales

Linda Kuhn

## AN ALLEGED CASE OF ABDUCTION

Never one to shy away from unconventional behaviour, Matthew Row, brother of my three times great-grandfather William Rowe, appeared in the Bendigo Court of Petty Sessions, charged with 'aiding and abetting' an abduction.<sup>1</sup>

The *Bendigo Advertiser* of 15 December 1856 reported that John Hannah, publican of the Manchester Arms in Bendigo, had become suspicious of his 15-year-old daughter Sara's conversations with a man named John Mitchell. On one occasion he had removed her from a dance when he discovered them together.

On the evening in question, John Mitchell and Matthew Row were drinking at the hotel and hotel servant Belinda Atkinson was also in attendance. At 11pm, Sara went to her room where her father bolted the door from the outside but when he went to her room the following morning, Sara was gone. She had escaped through an open window, climbing down on to an upturned tub. Belinda Atkinson was also missing.

John Hannah set off in pursuit of the couple catching up with them on the road to Castlemaine in the company of Belinda and Matthew who was driving the cart in which they were travelling. When he demanded that his daughter return home she said, 'O, no, father, I'm a married woman.'<sup>2</sup> Belinda denied any responsibility

when challenged, saying that Sara could do as she pleased. John escorted the group to Sandhurst Police Station.

John Mitchell was charged with abduction and Matthew Rowe and Belinda Atkinson with aiding and abetting the abduction. Despite the evidence presented in the court case, the Bench ruled that there was no evidence of an abduction having taken place and the defendants were discharged. The couple 'marched off in triumph amid the cheers and laughter of a large number of persons.'<sup>3</sup>

John Hannah soon accepted the situation and reportedly gave a 'select ball and supper' to celebrate his daughter's marriage.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Bendigo Advertiser*, 15 December 1856, p. 3. Court of Petty Sessions.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> *Bendigo Advertiser*, 17 December 1856, page 2. Court of Petty Sessions.



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**MY PARENT'S**

*honeymoon Diary*

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*Wedding of Iris and Len Irvine 1939*

I found this diary in November 2009 written in pencil by both Len and Iris while on their honeymoon. It was written on loose pages in a ruled writing pad with a picture of H.R.H. the Duchess of Kent on the cover; along with several draft drawings of Lens' patterns for making the sideboard for their home.

**1939**

**Sunday June 18.** *(Written by Iris).* Left Brisbane 9.30 arrived Eagle Heights at 15 mins to 12. Went for walk to Katoomba Heights in afternoon.

**Monday June 19.** *(Written by Iris).* Left here 9.36 in Tourist car for trip all round the mountain. All round Eagle Heights on to Eagle Hts road to Curtis Junction on to Nth Tamborine Rd then along the western cliff panorama to Laheys Lookout. The western cliff road overlooks Canungra Valley and fertile districts. Mountains all in the background. Wonderful view on the lookout but very chilly. Then new, travelled to Wilsons Lookout and

wonderful view round the whole south coast was very clearly seen from Stradbroke to the Tweed and then to the right, all the New South Wales highlands can be seen, Mt Warning and Mt Lindsay very prominent.<sup>1</sup> Then on to the road for Hotel St. Bernard. Went to see St. Bernards falls and swimming pool and a walk round the lawns and gardens and took snap of pool. Back to western cliff road.

The Canungra road is blocked as there is about 130 tons rock fallen down. From western cliff to Nth Tamborine to Mr. Griffiths to view his wood work which is a wonderful show. Then on to see Bartletts display of Brilliant Butterflies, one of the most valuable collections in the world. Then on to Hotel Inglethorpe and back to Eagle Heights. Arrived here at 12.30.



*Laheys Lookout at Tamborine Mtns*

**Tuesday 20 June.**

*(Written by Iris).* Left here 11.0'clock for walk West along Eagle Hts Road to Curtis Junction and took snap of Mill Wheel Falls and walked along track down to Curtis Falls and took snap of the Falls. Walked down the winding track to the bottom of Falls and took snap of whole Falls and pool, a lovely sight, running

very full. Walked along good track following the creek amongst Palm Groves for some distance until we came to track leading to right and investigated and crossed beneath old bridge and up big hill and wandered around and picked bunch of Arum Lillies and purple flower. Len took snap of the trees. Came back to old track and left it to follow small track and walked a good distance down stream. Came back to main track and walked to Main Road back home. Went to Post Office and back here in





afternoon then went and got peas and potatoes and cream from homes near by.

**Wednesday June 21.** *(Written by Iris).* Left home 20 to 11 for hike to Hotel Inglethorpe and went along road to Knoll. Wonderful view but very hazy. Proceeded down main road and branched off on to track that led to Cameron Falls. Very pretty track and scenery round top of falls. Took three snaps. Best falls so far. Had lunch on rocks at side of Falls. Went back to Main Rd and walked some considerable distance down hill and came back to Hotel Inglethorpe – took road in front which came out at Curtis Falls last part very rough and overgrown. On Eagle Heights road a chap gave us a lift to Home Grown Café. Arrived home 10 past 2 and had rest and strawberries and cream, very delicious and played Clock Golf on the lawn.

**Thursday 22 .**

*(Written by Iris).* Had lazy morning and early lunch then went for walk at one o'clock. Went up by school and turned to left in front of Curtis and entered Palm Grove by new track. Beautiful walk winding down mountain and then started to ascend and out of grove at farm house on front side of Eagle Heights overlooking the coast Southport etc and valleys surrounded by mountains. (I had swing on a swing high up on a hill top) went home played golf and got 40, 35 and 34 also hole in one.

**Friday 23.** *(Written by Len).* Left home 9.30 for Cedar Creek Falls, arrived at Curtis Falls 9.50 and proceeded down the main road for a long while, very pretty at first but not so nice nearer the foot of the mountain, thought we were never getting there! Took wrong track and came back to Sign Post; and then down to the falls. They are wonderful Falls, the No. 1 Fall being the best on the Mountain; beneath each fall is a pool, in which the tourists swim in the summer; we climbed down all the

falls and took snaps of them all. Came back to No. 1 Fall and had lunch; then washed our feet in pool (very cold) and took another snap of Iris paddling her feet at the foot of No. 1 Falls. We then made our tracks for home at 1.10pm arriving there at exactly 3pm. This has certainly been the best day of the whole holiday.

**Saturday 24.**

*(Written by Len).* Had a very lazy day went and posted letters in afternoon and played Clock Golf later. Played cards with Mr. & Mrs. C. at night.

**Sunday 25.**

*(Written by Iris).* Got up early (for a wonder). Went for walk to MacDonald Park. Very pretty similar to Palm Grove. Had dinner and went for walk through Palm Groves along old track following



*Len at Cedar Creek falls Tamborine Mts (noted at side 'Got snaps (6) back from Brisbane 2/8d' arrow pointing to wording re No. 1 Falls.*

the arrows for a long distance on to the main track leading to Jenyns Falls. The last 15 mns walk very hard going. All down hill and the path very much overgrown. Eventually reaching the Falls. Very pretty. Good drop of water over huge rocks and huge trees across the stream of falls. (no sun). Plenty of Maiden Hair from about the Falls and other nice ferns. Came back along main track which comes out at very bottom of Palm Grove near the farm. (The fourth opening). Came back up hill to new track and looked for "Crows Nest" but birds had flown.

**Monday 26.** *(Written by Len).* Got up 8 a.m. Left home 9.30 along Panoramama Pt road for Brooks Falls, the track for which is 20 minutes walk along road; turned down track then followed very steep track leading only into a gully; came back to right track and proceeded down right track to the falls, which are about 15 minutes to first part of falls. There was no sun on these falls; went further down to the three main falls following a very rough, hard, track including several wide steps across the creek and walking down a wobbly tree trunk (only way down). Took 4 snaps of each of these main Falls



*Len on left and guest playing clock golf at Crawfords*



but could not get snap of last one because like the first it had no sun on it. Came back home at 11.15 arriving home 11.45. Mowed and rolled lawn and played Clock Golf in afternoon. (3 rounds).



Brooks Falls 3rd. Tamborine Mts

**Tuesday 27.** (Written by Iris). Got up 8.30. Went for green peas at Farm. Had dinner and left 12.30 for Nth Tamborine along road pass State School. Turned Jacksons Corner and walked over creek and had a walk. Came back to creek and found overgrown track and arrived at Top of Falls & made our way to bottom. These are Gorge

Falls. Took snap and one of Len. Came home 3.30.

**Wed 28.** (Written by Iris). Got up 8 o'clock. Had Breakfast and left 25 to 10 for walk up Rd in Front of School and pass Entrance to Gum Nut Copper Hut but didn't go in (sorry to say) & travelled along cliff trying to get to Falls. Succeeded in getting down to one Falls. Clark's. Very rough climbing and soil loose. I slipped and got bitten on legs. Len got lots of Crows nest Ferns. Too rough to go down creek to other Falls a mile down and it was getting late so we turned back and had a good game of golf in afternoon. Had six rounds, started at 2.30.



Historic map of Tamborine Mountain abt 1938 from QSA in public domain

18 June to 28 June – 1939

Expenses of Holiday (Written by Iris and Len).

(Written by Iris)	£	s.	d.
June 18. Taxi		3	0
Fares	2	0	0
Goods		12	6
Tickets for Trip round Mountain		10	0
Rent	2	2	0
Mandarin			8
Honey		1	3
Kerosene		1	7
<b>(Written by Len from here on to end)</b>			
Butterfly Exhibition		1	0
Groceries		3	3
Goods		3	10
Cream, Potato & Peas		1	4
Goods		1	8
Strawberries			8
Milk		1	6
Mandarins			8
Goods		3	3
Films		2	8
Goods		2	7
<b>This was totalled by Len to</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>New page</b>			
<b>23 June Friday Brought Forward</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>
Goods		5	8
Strawberries			9
Goods & Pawpaw (4d)		1	7
Sub-total by Len	7	1	5
Goods (stamps 2/-)		3	6
Goods (Film 1/10)		3	9
One and half ? Peas and 2 eggs			9
Goods		2	0
Goods		2	5
Films		3	2
Milk & Cream (1/0)		3	6
Mandarins 3 Doz		2	0
Sub-total by Len	8	2	6
Goods		1	6
Strawberries			9
Film		2	9
Honey		2	6
Flowers		2	0
Pot Plants		2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>





*Mr and Mrs Crawford in their property at Eagle Heights, Tamborine Mts*

The couple honeymooned in a flat which I recall being told was in downstairs section under the Crawford's home. This home is still standing today on the SE corner of Gallery Walk and Wonga Wallen Road although it has been extended towards Gallery Walk taking up the lawn area where Len and Iris used to play Clock Golf.

Several of the snaps taken by the couple during this holiday survive today, although sadly many of the walks undertaken by the couple are no longer accessible. I know of the majority of them from my childhood days spent tramping the mountain with Uncle Harold and Grandma Wilson as we often walked to them ourselves. Having said that I am quite impressed with the ground covered by the young couple in their 10 day honeymoon. Dad didn't get a car, or his licence until he was 50 or so.

Hotel Inglethorpe used to stand in North Street at North Tamborine. The swing 'overlooking the coast Southport etc' and 'High up on a hill' in Palm Grove was still there when I was a child and I well remember having a great time on it every visit we made to that park.

To walk from the house to Cedar Creek Falls and then down the three falls themselves and back to 'home' by 3pm is quite a feat. That walk taking in the full section of Cedar Creek has been closed by National Parks for many years, I remember doing this walk in 1961 with Uncle Merv and Auntie Stell Webster one school holiday. Uncle Merv had a car so we had an easy journey to the top of No. 1 falls but it was still a long round trek down and back up to take in all three falls – perhaps 3 to 5 kms or so.

The old longer walk through Joalah National Park is now mostly closed off, as is the section of Palm Grove

which took in Jenyns Falls. I vividly recall going to Brooks Falls more than once with Grandma and Uncle Harold and it was a very difficult walk/climb then – and I was an energetic 10 year old. We left Harold's 'Rocky Cabin' which was then the last house on the left in Wonga Wallen Road (referred to by Len as Panoramma Point Road) and made our way down the first hill and took the timber getters track to the left. This track is now Kinabulu Drive and leads left towards the Botanic Gardens. In the very early timber getting days I believe that originally Panoramma Point Road continued on down the mountain to Nerang and was used by the timber getters. Moving up there permanently in his 50's, Harold knew the Mountains like the back of his hand. That day we returned to, and continued on along, the timber getting track heading north and up the hill until we reached MacDonnell Heights, about where Cayambe Court lies today. Grandma Wilson was in her late 60s to early 70s when all our adventures took place!

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<sup>1</sup>Wilson's Lookout appears to have been renamed Laheys Lookout after that period. I visited it and climbed to the top level a number of times in my youth.



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**Judy Valentine**

### Road trip to Nebo & Mount Britton

It was during a road trip to North Queensland that we passed through the small town of Nebo which lies 93 kilometres west of Mackay. The last census recorded the population as 753.

The first European to travel through the area was Ludwig Leichhardt in 1845, followed in 1856 by my great grandfather, William Landsborough who was responsible for naming most of the places in the surrounding area.

In 1865, when the town was established, it was named Fort Cooper; however, the name was changed to Nebo in 1923. During 1857, William explored the whole area and named so many places which is an acknowledgement of his contribution to the district's early history. William named Nebo Creek after a well-known God of the Babylonians and Assyrians. The God Nebo had great power over learning and letters that was called 'Science' in those biblical times. Nebo was also patron of the art of writing and a god of vegetation.

The Isaac Council, of which Nebo is a part, has a blog on its early history from which I have taken a small amount:

"During the early decades, Nebo's primary production was sheep; however, when the area proved unsuitable for sheep, they were replaced with cattle. Until the 1940's, cattle were driven overland by drovers to the markets in Mackay. This trip took several days and overnight camps were located along the route that is roughly where the Peak Downs Highway is today."<sup>1</sup>

The turnoff to Mount Britton is located north of Nebo on the Collinsville Road. The road into Mount Britton is narrow and badly corrugated so it was a very rough ride.

Founded during the early 1880s when gold mining reached fever pitch the town they named Mount Britton was settled at the height of the gold era in 1883. It was a prosperous township with post, telegraph, and land offices, school of arts, numerous hotels, stores, butcher and baker shops, doctor and had a population of 1,500.

After the alluvial and shallow reef gold diminished by the end of the late 1880s, the population declined and eventually the town was abandoned. In the 2021 census, Mount Britton had a population of only four people. All the original buildings have been removed and it is now a historical site with placards explaining the buildings, as well as some artwork that shows what life was like during the town's heyday.

William Landsborough was in the Isaac area in 1856/57 when he named the 727 metres high prominence Mount Britton, after his sailor companion, James Britton.

Gwen Trundle, who lived in Caloundra and was writing a book on William Landsborough, interviewed William's daughter, Fanny Lizzie, who lived with us, and wrote the following about Landsborough:

He was interested in the curious long mountain to the north of Mount Britton that was surrounded by a cluster of three spires of rock." William named it Britton's Marling Spike and Needles for the centre and smallest spike resembled a marlin spike used by sailors. It was a small tool that tapered to a point to separate strands of rope when splicing. The two large pinnacles he likened to needles, but the name is now abbreviated on government maps to "The Marling Spikes."<sup>2</sup>

Landsborough also named Mount Landsborough (for himself), Mount Pleasant, Mount Donaldson, and Fort Cooper Creek, now known as Coopers Creek. He named the St. Denis River but later this name was changed to the Denison River in honour of the Governor General of Australia (1855-1861), Sir William Denison.<sup>3</sup>

I certainly enjoyed my visit to Nebo and to the historical site of Mount Britton that had so much Landsborough input.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.isaac.qld.gov.au/Tourism/Isaac-Towns/Nebo>

<sup>2</sup> <https://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/landsborough-william-3984>

<sup>3</sup> C. H. Currey, 'Denison, Sir William Thomas (1804-1871)', *Australian Dictionary of Biography, National Centre of Biography, Australian National University*, <https://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/denison-sir-william-thomas-3394/text5145>, published first in hardcopy 1972, accessed online 17 May 2024.



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23	Sun	DNA SIG	9:30am
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28	Sun	German SIG	10am
31	Wed	<b>DNA Clinic</b>	7pm
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18	Sun	Writing SIG	10am
25	Sun	DNA SIG	9:30am
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Due to unforeseen circumstances, some of these events may be cancelled or re-scheduled. **Please check GSQ's website for up-to-date information on the education program.**

# EDUCATION PROGRAM 2024

WATCH THE GSQ WEBSITE OR E-NEWS FOR INFORMATION ON DATES, LOCATIONS AND TOPICS AS THEY MAY CHANGE.

ALL paid events need to be booked online via the GSQ web site.

July - August - September

## Course (Virtual platform)

### Digging Deeper into Family History

**WHEN:** Three sessions

Tuesday 11, 18, 25 Jun @ 10am – 12pm AEST

**PRESENTER:** Various

**COST:** Early bird (29/05/24)

\$77 Members \$87 Non-members

Full \$87 Members \$97 Non-members

## Presentation (Virtual platform)

### Marrying Family History and Local History

**WHEN:** Saturday 6 July @ 9am – 11am AEST

**PRESENTER:** Pauleen Cass

**COST:** \$21 Members \$31 Non-members

## Presentation (Virtual platform)

### Strategies to find your elusive immigrants

**WHEN:** Saturday 3 Aug @ 9am – 11am AEST

**PRESENTER:** Stephanie Ryan

**COST:** \$21 Members \$31 Non-members

## Presentation (Virtual platform)

### Find out What's New at Family Tree Maker

**WHEN:** Saturday 14 Sept @ 9am – 10:30am AEST

**PRESENTER:** Mark Olsen

**COST:** FREE - Members & Non-members

## Presentation (Virtual platform)

### From Restricted to Assisted: Maltese Migration to Australia

**WHEN:** Saturday 22 June @ 9am – 11am AEST

**PRESENTER:** Georgina Jansen

**COST:** \$21 Members \$31 Non-members

## Presentation (Virtual platform)

### Discover Lancashire & Yorkshire Online Sources

**WHEN:** Saturday 27 July @ 9am – 11am AEST

**PRESENTER:** Shauna Hicks

**COST:** \$21 Members \$31 Non-members

## Presentation (Virtual platform)

### London: An Introduction to Research

**WHEN:** Saturday 17 Aug @ 9am – 11am AEST

**PRESENTER:** Ann Metcher

**COST:** \$21 Members \$31 Non-members

## Presentation (Virtual platform)

### Women Teachers in Early Brisbane

**WHEN:** Saturday 21 Sept @ 9am – 11am AEST

**PRESENTER:** Sharyn Merkley

**COST:** \$21 Members \$31 Non-members

We hope you enjoy the education program for 2024. Remember to look on the GSQ website for up to date events & times.



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## Confirmed topics and locations 2024:

**Dating old photos and caring for them:** Bracken Ridge Library, Saturday June 22 2024, 11:00 - 1:00 pm - Bookings: 3667 6060

**Introduction to Family History:** Wynnum Library, Thursday June 27 2024, 10:00 - 12:00 noon - Bookings: 3403 2199

**How did they get here? Immigration in Australia from 1788 onwards:** Toowong Library, Saturday July 27 2024, 10:00 - 12:00 noon - Bookings: 3403 2590

**Digitising your family photographs, birth certificates, marriage certificates etc:** Ashgrove Library, Saturday August 24 2024, 9:30 - 11:30 am - Bookings: 3407 1940

**Queensland Family History online:** Annerley Library, Saturday Sept 14 2024, 10:00 - 12:00pm - Bookings: 3403 1735



# SIG Meeting Dates 2024

Special Interest Groups for 2024 are full of bright ideas and tips. All members of GSQ are welcome to attend. Watch the GSQ website or eNews for information on dates, topics, and any event changes.

<https://www.gsq.org.au/gsq-events/list/>



## Colonial & Convict Connections • 10:00am – 2:30pm



9 June, 11 August, 13 October,  
8 December  
• *Second Sunday, even numbered months*

## German Research Group • 10:15am – 2:30pm



28 July, 29 September, 24 November  
• *Last Sunday, odd numbered months*

## DNA Group • 9:30am – 12:00pm (2:30pm even months)



23 June, 25 August, 27 October  
• *Fourth Sunday, even numbered months*

## Scandinavian Group • 12:30am – 2:30pm



21 July, 15 September, 17 November  
• *Third Sunday, odd numbered months*

## English/Irish/Welsh Group • 10:00am – 2:30pm



4 August, 6 October,  
1 December  
• *First Sunday, even numbered months*

## Scottish Group • 10:00am – 2:30pm



7 July, 1 September, 3 November  
• *First Sunday, odd numbered months*

## Writing Group • 10:00am – 2:00pm



16 June, 18 August, 20 October  
• *Third Sunday, even numbered months*

## Family History Technology Group • 10:00am – 12:00pm



14 July, 8 September, 10 November  
• *Second Sunday, odd numbered months*

## Chinese Research Group • 10:00am – 2:00pm



21 July, 15 September, 17 November  
• *Third Sunday, odd numbered months*

*Our Special Interest Groups hold meetings at GSQ,  
25 Stackpole Street, Wishart or online via Zoom.  
Members of GSQ are welcome to attend.*



## GSQ MEETINGS



Following the COVID-19 pandemic, GSQ has instituted a number of virtual meetings using Zoom. These meetings provide support for members' research, and discussion about resources available and interesting topics.

**Check the Events Calendar on the GSQ website for further information and confirmation.**

# How I came to write about the

# Wall family

**Christine Leonard**

Family history was an abiding interest on my mother's side of the family. Mum's older sister was our family's genealogist. Picking up on clues scrawled at the bottom of hard-to-read certificates, following up on rumours, these were skills my Aunt Lila had honed over the years.



*Lila Cohu, family historian and genealogist*

As a young woman, I loved hearing the stories of her discoveries, such as on one of her trips to the Mitchell Library in Sydney, when she found that our ancestor, George Morrison, had served under Lt. John Bowen

on *HMS Lady Nelson*, and was part of the first white settlement at Risdon Cove for nearly 12 months. After returning to New South Wales sometime in 1804, and following the repair of *HMS Investigator*, George Morrison also served on that ship after its famous commander, Lt. Matthew Flinders, had left the colony to return to England.

I have another connection to Tasmania through Ann Simmons, a convict transported to Van Diemen's Land in 1823. She lived for a long time during and after her sentence at 66 Melville St Hobart, not far from here.

In 2005, Lila died, sadly. Not long after my cousin Rob phoned me: 'Chrissie, there are some things here for you—with Mum's instructions!' Around I went, and there on the floor near the roller door sat two large cardboard boxes and some loose foolscap folders. Taking me at my word Lila knew who to pass on her records to.

Time passed and up until recent years, I didn't know much about my father's Wall family, as I was born in Papua New Guinea and grew up on remote plantations. Once I was sent to boarding school in Australia, I relied on relatives to visit me and take me in on school holidays. My Wall grandfather, Ray Wall, a widower, lived in a small beachside village called Eimeo, and during the May

school holidays, I would fly north to Mackay to spend time with him.

Granddad Wall was the 'old-timer' sort. He drove out to the airport in what I regarded with embarrassment (at the time) as an old jalopy. It was an Austin Roadster that he started with a few vigorous turns of a crank handle, a two-seater of brown leather upholstery, a black soft top, and a dickie seat in the back for luggage or small children. It was always undoubtedly the oldest vehicle in the car park.



*Ray Wall in his Austin Roadster*

Even into his dotage, Granddad walked and talked like a man from the land. He was defined by his life on stations, years in the saddle, driving cattle and sheep, and checking on boundary fences. Reflecting on family traits following my research of the Walls for the book, Ray Wall might have been a carbon copy of the male lineage that went before him: men of few words, more comfortable under an open sky than in town, graceful on a horse, resourceful, short-tempered, emotionally remote.



*Greg Wall, author's father on the left. Ray Wall on the right. Photo circa 1960s*

I am a fifth-generation descendant of William Wall, an 18-year-old groomsman transported to Van Diemen's Land in 1835. I set out to research and write about Dad's family because I lost him when I was 16 through a sudden heart attack. I knew so much more about Mum's family, whereas



having spent (by then) seven years being educated in Australia, my dad, and the Walls, were elusive characters of my imagination. After conjuring memories of Dad through an adult lens, it became evident there was much of my grandfather in my father, and as I embarked on tracing great-uncles, aunts, and great-grandparents, certain traits reappeared.

In 2018, when I started researching the Walls in earnest, one cousin led to another, before I met Graham Wall, a distant cousin, through our mutual three-times great-grandfather, William. Like my maternal aunt, Graham had been the Wall family historian for well over 20 years. The next two years of emails and phone calls, not to mention Covid-19 intervening, eventually guided me to Graham's doorstep, armed with a laptop, camera, notebook, and pen for our first face-to-face meeting.

After graciously inviting me in, Graham led me down a hallway to his office. I noted a wide sturdy desk with side drawers, coupled with an office chair of some quality. On top sat a desktop computer and a reading lamp. Turning around, on either side of the door we had just walked through, I faced two walls covered floor to ceiling with shelves tightly stacked with lever arch folders... *my-oh-my* I thought, gazing in wonder. It was a treasure trove.

As a family historian, Graham had started the Wall Family project long before emails became a 'thing'. His research was exhaustive. No stone was left unturned as he investigated and examined the lives of all of William Wall's surviving 'Currency' children. The Currency, in our case, being 13 children born free of ex-convict William Wall, and two free settler women, Mary Long, and Eliza Clarke. Graham and I descend from Mary, William's first wife. So not only had Graham researched this second generation, but he subsequently worked his way down five, sometimes six, generations following.



John (Jack) Henry Wall and family circa 1910. Author's great-grandfather

The Currency thought of themselves as native-born Australians, entitled to whatever resources and opportunities the land offered, without a thought of First Nations people who walked the same land for millennia and who, until colonisation, were its sole custodians.

Graham should have been a professional archivist. Every letter, and corresponding response, was filed in a system any librarian would be proud of. The thing was, Graham loved the research, like I do! Only he set such a wide scope, a journey that took many fascinating and rewarding years, but as life around work and health sometimes gets in the way, Graham reached a point where the writing part became a bridge too far. It's a trap that can befall any of us.

So, we struck a deal: Graham was happy to share his records, and correspondence from the wider Wall clan and I would do the write-up. I wondered how on earth could I write about all those people! A cursory look through the files brought home to me how many had waited patiently for a story about their family. There was no question of just writing about my line: I had to find a way of bringing Graham's vast scope of research into the light of day. It was a daunting prospect and I thought long and hard about how to structure a tale across so many branches of the Walls.

I organised the book into two parts:

- **Part One** focusses on the circumstances in 1834 that led to William's transportation to Van Diemen's Land. This was when the first mystery arose: about the Wall family name Wall, or was it Lamb? From the moment William was arrested, he used his mother's name Wall (sometimes spelled as W H A L L), not Lamb, which was his father's surname. William's father was a lace weaver which is linked to the title of the book.

William was arrested during the annual horse fair in Horncastle, now a city, but once an old Roman town with evidence of earlier settlements dating back to The Bronze Age. By the 1300s, Lincolnshire was the leading horse-breeding district in the country with most farmers breeding horses to sell at the Horncastle Fair.

According to the Court Clerk, William attempted to assault and rob a farmer, Mr James Scrooby, (from a village called Belchford), of £60 while in a crowd watching a fight in the back of the Vine Beer House in Horncastle.

Scrooby's testimony against William was supported by a witness who was also a farmer from a nearby





village, who happened to also be a constable. William denied the charges of course, asserting he was leaning over the man's shoulders to watch the fight when Scrooby turned around and grabbed him by the collar, accusing him of trying to rob him. William's defence case was weak.

In the book, I assume that William, whilst being from Norfolk, was working for someone in Lincolnshire as a groomsman.

The internet is a marvellous thing sometimes. I wrote a blog about William's arrest which prompted an email from Kev Woodward, a member of the Horncastle History and Heritage Society, who was researching old pubs in the area and people who had been transported. Kev, who happens to live in Belchford (Scrooby's village), told me something interesting about the horse fair.

He thought it likely that William travelled from Norfolk to attend the horse fair, either to look after horses his boss was trying to sell, or more likely to look after the one(s) he bought. People came from all over the country, from Europe, and even the USA, to buy horses at the Horncastle Horse Fair. The main suppliers were the local area, and the Irish, who walked their horses from Ireland to Horncastle. There is still a country lane in a neighbouring County that is called Horncastle Lane as it was one of the routes the Irish used.

But *The Wall Family weaving the threads of memories* is essentially an Australian story, so I didn't include much of William's English history except for his immediate family unit and their circumstances.

Part One of the book follows William's life as an assigned servant in Tasmania, his freedom after seven years, his marriage to Mary Long, and their move in early 1842, to Emu Bay to take up tenant farming with the Van Diemen's Land Company. Mary lost her first child, a son, that year. The Walls were part of a wave of white settlers, clearing forests and taking up farming tenancies in the area. By late 1842, the capture of the last remaining Aboriginal groups in the northwest was reported.

*Dr Ian McFarlane asserts in his Ph.D. thesis of 2002, that the genocide perpetrated against the north-west tribes was part of the Van Diemen's Land Company's strategy; a significant and contributing factor in the near annihilation of First Nations peoples in the region.*

Part One of the book deals with William and Mary's accomplishments, and challenges, their departure from George Town in 1846 for Port Phillip, Mary's death, a second marriage, and more about William's entrepreneurial exploits, ending with his passing in 1894.

- **Part Two** centres on the Currency: seven surviving sons born of Mary Long, and six male and female children of Eliza Clarke, the paths they took as drovers, farmers, pastoralists, publicans, wives, and mothers, and the two generations that follow.

Through all this, despite never knowing their grandparents or travelling to the 'Old Country,' The Currency and the children that followed never questioned their loyalty to the British Empire. Quite possibly, Mary and Eliza's children did not know about their father's convict past. It was not without good reason that William and Mary left Van Diemen's Land to start anew, where one's past stayed in the past.

I wanted the Wall's history to engage readers, not just with birth, deaths, and marriages, as Graham's files contained some fascinating letters and newspaper cuttings. Trove was also a wonderful resource. So wherever possible, I included their stories, to give readers a better understanding of the social history that was unfolding in colonial Australia. This was a very interesting period in colonial Australia when you consider the 1854 Eureka Rebellion at Ballarat, the completion in 1872 of the Overland Telegraph Line connecting Darwin to Port Augusta, the 1891 shearers' strike in Barcaldine, Queensland, and a transport revolution that saw motor cars replacing horses, and airplanes taking people into the skies.

The 1840s saw a depression spreading throughout the colonies. Australian wool prices in the London market had plummeted and grain, livestock, and other commodities were also affected. Ten months on, William, Mary, and son Joseph Lamb, left Port Phillip on a schooner for Lady Bay and the newly surveyed land of Warrnambool. When the Walls sailed from George Town on 29 October 1846 on the 149-ton brig Swan for Port Phillip, Stuart Wall believed his grandparents brought with them a small breeding stock of sheep.

With the townsite still under thick scrub and timber, the Walls pitched a tent on an allotment near the eastern corner of Merri and Liebig Streets. With very small savings, William carted goods and produce to the gold diggings around Ballarat and Bendigo, a somewhat



dangerous undertaking, as hawkers and travellers were susceptible to being held up by bushrangers.

Gradually William built up enough capital to buy a couple of blocks of land in the district. Their next child, named William Lamb Wall, born in 1848, was purportedly the first white male child born in Warrnambool. In 1854, William purchased 113 acres about eight kilometres from Warrnambool and established a farm. The ensuing years saw him acquire more land, establishing a thriving business with a licensed hotel called the *Bush Inn*, catering for the passing trade. His establishment included a stockyard, blacksmith and wheelwright shops, a dairy, piggeries, and a ten-stalled horse stable. He also established a racecourse.

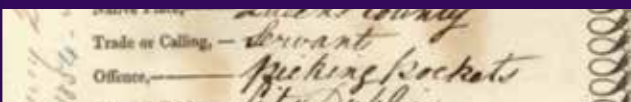
The connection with horses and the passion for racing and show jumping features in many Wall descendants. They rode horses for station work, they raced on country tracks, and performed in the Sydney Royal Show. One granddaughter was approached by MGM to come to Hollywood to screen test as a double for leading ladies in horse-riding scenes, but she couldn't face the idea of leaving the land. Two of Randolph's sons died in horse accidents. My step-brother was a driver and trainer in Harness racing, later acting as an agent buying horses for owners. Down the generations from William Wall, horses feature regularly. As a child, before having ever seen a horse in the flesh, I was obsessed with horses. Anna Sewell's novel *Black Beauty* was read and re-read until the spine fell apart.

The next 30 years saw William remaining in the hotel trade, losing his first wife from exhaustion, and marrying one of two Irish sisters, Eliza Clarke, who was a domestic servant in his establishment at the time. Eliza's sister, Mary Jane, married William's second eldest son, William Lamb.

One of the interesting sons from The Currency, was James Randolph, born in 1857, the year of the Indian mutiny. Nine years after Burke and Wills perished, Randolph, aged 13, was taken out of school and under the watchful eye of older brother, Thomas Lamb, drove a mob of cattle to Queensland through Cooper Creek, taking up large areas of land for the Victorian-born Hood brothers. Thomas and Randolph followed the Paroo and Warrego rivers, links in a chain of water holes, wells, and billabongs, used by Aboriginal travellers since the dawn of time. Randolph's son Stuart mentioned in a letter from the 1980s, that his father was the first white man to cross Cooper Creek with a dray.

When researching family history, we can't be sure where the journey will take us and it is tempting to include every fact and snippet, but too much information can get in the way of a good story. I wanted to bring the characters in the Wall family to life so that readers feel a connection with them as individuals of their time.

More details on *The Wall Family weaving the threads of memories* can be found by visiting the Leonard Stories website <https://www.leonardstories.com/>.



From January 1788, when the First Fleet of convicts arrived at Botany Bay, to the end of convict transportation 80 years later, over 160,000 convicts were transported to Australia.

Although convicts were transported to the colonies of New South Wales, Tasmania and Western Australia, many convicts ended up in other states or colonies, having been taken there by their assigned masters or by moving there after gaining their freedom. Distant settlements such as Moreton Bay and Norfolk Island were also used as places of secondary punishment.

#### How do I know if my ancestor was a convict?

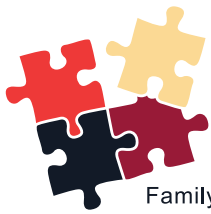
- You will need to trace your family history back to your family's arrival in Australia to discover whether you have convict ancestry.

Pointers to a person being a convict may include:

- the words 'with the permission of the Governor' on a marriage certificate
- the name of your ancestor in a convict muster
- the name of a ship and year after the person's name, in a document
- noted as a convict in a census or other official document, such as Colonial Secretary's Correspondence.

Each of the three colonies which received convicts have separate records. Information found on the arrival record will enable you to research the convict's crime, trial and sentence and to follow their term of sentence in Australia.

<https://www.nla.gov.au/research-guides/convicts>



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## FOCUS ON

In each issue of *Generation* we will focus on one of GSQ's Special Interest Groups. For the dates and times that each of the Special Interest Groups meet, mostly every second month, check out the GSQ website or the dates elsewhere in *Generation*.

# GSQ SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS COLONIAL & CONVICT CONNECTIONS



Colonial & Convict Connections was formed in 1995 as an interest group of GSQ, with the aim of providing a specialist forum for members with a particular interest in convicts and our colonial heritage. Our interest in the colonial era covers convicts, but also includes the soldiers, government officials, and free settlers. In recent years, some groups have even had limited success with the identification of indigenous people mentioned in historic documents.

Our original motivation was to provide a forum and network to assist others in researching their convict and colonial ancestors. Members of our group regularly travel to family history fairs to promote the group and its objectives.

A 'Ticket of Proof' is available to members who wish to provide certified evidence of convict descent. See <https://www.gsq.org.au/convict-connections/certificate-of-proof/> for further information.

Colonial & Convict Connections publishes a newsletter, 'The Chronicle', three times per year, for an annual subscription of \$15. The group also publishes resources for sale and has its own special web pages on the GSQ Site at <https://www.gsq.org.au/convict-connections/>. The web page also includes a list of useful sites, including convict and colonial information. Also included is an index of convicts being researched by members of the group.

Meetings are held at 11am on the second Sunday of even numbered months and are a welcoming network, which provides a great capacity for people to connect and research together, sharing ideas, brick walls, and assisting the Committee with future projects if they wish to do so.

So, if you are interested in the colonial era, please feel free to attend our Convict & Colonial Connection Sundays.

You can contact the group by writing to: Convict Connections, Genealogical Society of Queensland, PO Box 1467, Carindale, QLD 4152, or by email to [convictconnections@gsq.org.au](mailto:convictconnections@gsq.org.au)



*Backhouse, Edward, A chain gang, convicts going to work near Sydney [i.e. Sydney], New South Wales 1843, nla.obj-138467409*

GSQ Special Interest Groups • e-News - <https://www.gsq.org.au/what-gsq-offers/enews/>

# N@WS

The Genealogical Society of Queensland publishes a monthly electronic newsletter about Society news and upcoming events. All are welcome to download and read it.

For information on the activities of all our Special Interest Groups, see GSQ's monthly newsletter & E-news.

# A letter to GRANDMOTHER ELIZABETH



Alison Muirhead

Dear Grandmother Elizabeth,

I visited Charleville a few years ago, looking for your resting place. The Museum curator told me that you were buried in an unmarked grave. I find this very difficult to understand.

My step-uncle, the late Peter (you may not know that your widower married a second time and had another family), told me that his Dad, Alex, on discovering your body, got into bed with you and slept the night with you. 'Typical Greek peasant!' was Peter's disparaging remark. When Alex died, a lock of your hair, along with your wedding ring, was found in his Bible. Why, then, did he not mark your grave?

I thought I should follow this situation up, but with three sources of evidence, I am quite confused. My step-Aunt Olga, nearing ninety when she told me several of our family's stories, said you went upstairs from the bar to pack for a visit to Sydney relatives. Trove has you packing for a tour of the Continent, naturally including Greece. Whatever the reason, when you were away for some time, Alex went upstairs from the bar of his *School of Arts Hotel* to see what was keeping you. He discovered you stretched across the bed, dead, according to Olga.

If one can believe Olga's story, you had not been well for some time. She said her father told her that you had been 'pissing blood'. Elizabeth was in her fifties; I, almost seven, when I was doing the same. Her diagnosis was Bright's Disease, a general name for a cluster of kidney diseases; mine was Acute Nephritis.

I shall assume that your unmarked grave was the result of Grandfather taking off very soon afterwards for Leros, from whence he had sailed as a stowaway at age twelve. Again, I have two very different reasons for his haste depending on the source.

Son Peter maintained that Grandfather had accidentally run over an indigenous man and killed him. Given this was the early 1920s, it is easy to believe that the local sergeant of police advised him to 'Go back to where you came from until this all blows over'.

Olga's story is less dramatic. Grandfather's mother was ill and he wanted to visit her before she died OR he was

not well, and he wanted to see his mother one last time. Whatever, observance of the traditional customs for the dead was the last thing on his mind. But I have another theory.

While enjoying a carefree island life, he went to a dance also attended by all the eligible young women of the district. Although he never danced with her, he chose Anna. Horror of horrors, he overlooked her elder sister. Anna was a sweet seventeen-year-old, and he in his forties, quite the reverse of your marriage.

Did you have any qualms about marrying a man so much younger than yourself? Were these overridden by the necessity of having support for yourself and your unborn child, my father? Having been through lack of support with your first child, undoubtedly you did not want to repeat that process.

You will be pleased to know that your first born, Maggie, took care of your two sons, Alex and Jim, when their father headed home. It was not until my father's funeral that Olga revealed that the lady we called Auntie Mag was really Dad's half-sister. Did he know this? He called her Mag, never Auntie Mag, so I assume he did.

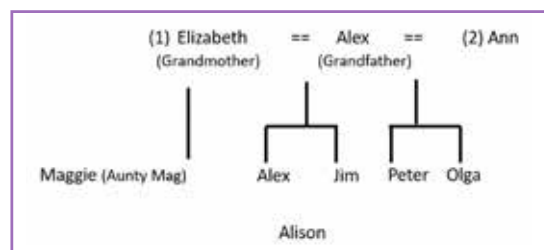
So many questions, so little time for me to find the answers, some of which will never be answered. I wasn't there.

As John Le Carré wrote, 'pure memory is as elusive as a bar of wet soap!'

With much love and admiration for your bravery and hard work,

Your inquisitive granddaughter,

Alison



<sup>1</sup> John Le Carré, *The Pigeon Tunnel: Stories from My Life*.



## A DNA SUCCESS STORY

The following is an example of the usefulness of Ancestry DNA's ThruLines tool, which was the starting point in my solving a brick wall in the family tree of a distant cousin. I'll make use of initials in this article rather than use the names of those people still living.

My research into my McDougall and Wood forebears in Quebec has some brick walls, so every now and then I would look in ThruLines to see if anyone new had tested with Ancestry DNA and put up a tree – both essential to the operation of ThruLines. Only three matches appear for my McDougall and Wood forebears, and none of them replied to my messages. However, one of them had a shared match with me and another person, RH, who did reply. As 5th cousins RH and I don't share a great amount of DNA, and I would probably never have gotten around to messaging her if it hadn't been for ThruLines.

RH's brick wall ancestor was one Edward Smillie Granger. I knew the name Smillie, as my 3<sup>rd</sup> great-grandmother had a sister Mary Wood who married a David Smillie in Quebec and later lived in Montreal. But Granger? Where did that come from? RH had no idea of the origins of her Edward Smillie Granger, and neither did anyone else posting trees with him in them.

I could find no birth/baptism record for Edward Smillie Granger. I won't bore you with all the complications, but through the usual genealogical research sources, especially the censuses of Canada and US, I discovered a possible origin scenario for Edward. I suspected he was the grandson of my relative Mary Wood, Mrs David Smillie. Mary's son William Henry Smillie married Catherine Moffatt, who died when her son Edward Smillie was three years old. Research into the Moffatt family found

that Catherine's niece married a man named Granger. The likely scenario was that the childless Granger couple then fostered or adopted the little motherless boy and the name Granger became added to his original name of Edward Smillie.

To add further evidence that this scenario was correct, RH shares DNA with a T. Moffatt who is descended from a brother of Catherine Moffatt, Mrs William H. Smillie. The Smillies and Moffatts have no blood relationship to me. RH is the ham in the sandwich, and with me on her Wood side and T. Moffatt on her Smillie-Moffatt side we have taken her tree back several generations.

Better still, when RH went home to her parents during a holiday, she trawled through some old documents her father had kept and found part of a letter. It was signed W.H. Smillie, but the page with the date and names of addressees was missing. It's almost certain that the letter was written to the Moffatt niece and her Granger husband. It shows us the dilemma of a widower with a young child, and his feelings about how to best care for the child. The surviving page reads:

'... is in an institution, I can always see or hear how he fares. But to make the subject brief and to the point, I will only say that I will sink my own feelings and let you have him, as from all I hear, it will be to his advantage, but on condition that he retain his own name and be called Eddie Smillie to the end, and that he get a good common school education. I will say no more at present, as I hope soon to see you in person when we will settle things definitely.

Thus, DNA evidence, genealogical research, and documentary evidence have combined happily to solve a mystery.

## GSQ DNA Clinic

The clinic help sessions are available to all GSQ members only and will be in your home with a one-on-one virtual meeting through Zoom or GoToMeeting. The clinics are held on the 5th Wednesday of the month, and **the clinics for 2024 will be on 29 May, 31 July and 30 October.**

If you'd like to make an appointment, please email [dna@gsq.org.au](mailto:dna@gsq.org.au) by the Wednesday prior to the session, stating you

would like an appointment and set out your DNA problem.

The appointments will be for approximately 30 mins each on that Wednesday evening between the times of 7pm – 8:30pm. A virtual meeting link will be sent to you the day before the DNA Clinic with your appointed time and the name of the person who will be assisting you.



## SPOTLIGHT ON RESOURCES From MyGSQ (the GSQ members only portal)



### Fold3 and Newspapers.com

With thanks to the GSQ's Family History Technology and the Scottish Special Interest Groups who have paid for these subscriptions members now have access at the Resource Centre, as well as at home via the MyGSQ portal, to both Fold3 and Newspapers.com.

We only have one licence for each, so at times you may not be able to access one of these subscriptions if someone else is using it. Please restrict your usage to an hour a day to allow access for other members.

Fold3 is a place where you can discover more about your military ancestors with over 670 million records available. Even though the site covers all the United States wars, there are also plenty of records from the UK, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada plus many European countries.

It is an easy site to search, on the left you can select Place, Conflict, Title Collection, Branch of the Service (meaning Army, Navy or Air Force) and if you know the Publication Name and Type and even the Record Type can be searched.

The search box itself will pick up all the words you put into the search box, and you can also filter regarding dates, places and military.

Newspapers.com is like Fold3 in which it is predominately USA newspapers but many other countries including Australia, Canada, Ireland, NZ, and the UK are represented.

Searching again is easy, select the Country, State or County, and City and then time frame or the newspaper itself. Many of the newspapers cover the later years of the last century but you can be in for surprises with some of the dates available going back to the late 1700s and early 1800s.

The major advantage of having access to these two subscriptions is that they now give our members a wider coverage of sites that they can use to assist with their research. Just keep in mind that a very large number of our ancestors' brothers and sisters emigrated to the USA, never to return to England, Scotland, or Ireland. By searching these two sets of records you can perhaps start to fill in some of those gaps regarding these collateral lines.



#### Family Tree Magazine

With so many genealogy websites available for your family history quest, how do you know which sites are the best? Leave it to our genealogy experts! We constantly scour the web for great resources, and once a year, whittle those down to our annual list of

the 101 Best Genealogy Websites. Here, we've compiled our picks into a handy directory that makes it easy to find the top sites for your family history goals: Just choose the category that matches your interests to see the best sites to visit. See their website at: <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/best-genealogy-websites/>



# THRON MATTHISEN (MATTHIASSEN)

**Helen Veivers**

Thron Matthiasen was born in Holmestrand, Vestfold County, Borre Parish, Norway on 26 September 1842. His parents were Mathias Thronsen and Petronella Marcusdatter.<sup>1</sup> Holmestrand is a small settlement on the edge of the Oslo Fjord to the south of Oslo. Perhaps the most remarkable thing about Holmestrand is the very large rock wall which runs parallel to and is situated some four hundred metres from the shore. This feature restricted the spread of the township. The town's life centres very much around the water, so fishing and boat building are dominant industries.<sup>2</sup>

Thron had four siblings – Martine Caroline Mathiasdatter, Trine Marie Mathiasdatter, Thron Mathiasen, and Gregersine Emelie Mathiasdatter. His only brother, Thron, died in 1839 at the age of two and a half years, some three years prior to Thron's birth.<sup>3</sup>

At the age of 12 years Thron was apprenticed as a ship's carpenter, his father's trade. His apprenticeship was for seven years with the final year to be served on a ship at sea. He arrived in Sydney from London as an able seaman on the *City of Madras*, a steamship of 999 tons on 12 June 1863.<sup>4</sup> Extensive research has failed to locate any further arrivals of Thron in the ports of Australia – the obvious conclusion is that he left the ship in Sydney and didn't return on board. (According to one of his grandsons, Thron often spoke about his time in the goldfields of Victoria and New South Wales, so perhaps the call of a lucky strike lured him away from the *City of Madras* and its imminent departure.) By June 1865 he was back plying his familiar trade working as an able seaman and quarter master on the 504-ton steamship, *City of Brisbane*, carrying passengers from Brisbane to Sydney and return.<sup>5</sup> It was while serving on this ship that the spelling of his name changed to 'Matthisen' – from the original 'Mathiasen'. He requested a discharge from this ship on 23 December 1865 and nothing further is recorded until he is noted as residing in Sussex Street, Sydney, in 1867.<sup>6</sup>

On 23 April 1867 Thron married Elizabeth Quay.<sup>7</sup> Officiating at the wedding was Reverend John Reid, a minister of the Mariners' Church, 100 George Street, Sydney, on a site close to where the Opera House stands today. The marriage ceremony was performed in accordance with Presbyterian rites – Thron had been baptised as a Lutheran in his home town of Holmestrand.<sup>8</sup> Elizabeth was obviously illiterate, so like

the witnesses to the marriage, Peter and Eliza Pederson, she signed the marriage register with her mark. (Peter Pederson also originated in Norway and was the ship's carpenter on the *City of Brisbane*.)

Elizabeth Quay was the daughter of William Quay and Mary Quilliam and was baptised in the Parish of German, Isle of Man, on 13 March 1843.<sup>9</sup> She came to Australia on a ship carrying other migrants from the Isle of Man in 1865/1866 and at the time of her marriage lived in George Street, Sydney.

Thron and Elizabeth obviously set off in a northerly direction after their marriage. When their first child, Jessie Emily Ann Matthisen, was born on 16 May 1868, Thron and Elizabeth Matthisen were farmers on the Mary River in Queensland. A second daughter, Sophia Maria, was born on 20 December, 1870 and a son, Thron (Matt), joined the family on 14 September 1873, both in the Mary River area. By 1874 the Matthisens had joined the throng of workers, many with wives and children, engaged in the construction of the Queensland railway to the north and west. The remaining five Matthisen children were born at various places along the railway track, between Brisbane and Cooktown and to the west between Charters Towers and Hughenden, in the temporary shanty towns that were the homes of the railway workers and their families. In many places doctors and midwives were not available, so several of the babies were delivered by their father – he was obviously a 'jack of all trades'!<sup>10</sup> The children and their birth places were as follows – Robert, born 3 August 1875, Ellen born 25 November 1877 in Rockhampton, Ross May born 21 May 1881 in Townsville, Elizabeth born 25 January 1883 on the Burdekin River near Charters Towers, and Charlotte Mary born on 25 August 1886 in Cooktown.<sup>11</sup> One can almost track the building of the railway line by following the places where the children were born.

There is quite a deal of evidence to show that Thron was hard working, efficient, and knowledgeable in his employment. In 1884, for example, he was presented with a pocket watch – the inscription on the watch reads as follows: 'Presented to Thron Matthisen by the officers and men of the several departments of the QN Railway as a mark of their esteem. 1 Jan 1884.'<sup>12</sup> Perhaps this was a loyalty gift after ten years of employment!!



Thron remained in the employment of the QN Railway until his retirement in 1907. He rose through the various ranks to become Inspector of Timber Bridges as is attested in the following references:

### District Engineers Office

Cairns 10th May 1892

This is to certify that Thron Matthisen, at present Inspector of Timber Bridges on the construction of the Cairns Railway, has been employed since 1874 on the Central, Northern, Cooktown and Cairns Railways as foreman of timber bridges and Inspector.

For the past five years he has been engaged in supervising timber works (principally bridges) on the Cairns Railway and has carried out his duties thoroughly to my satisfaction.

I can confidently recommend him as a first class tradesman.

John Froymieth Jr

### District Engineer

Gladstone

10 June 1904

To whom it may concern

This is to certify that from August 1896 until March 1904 with the exception of about twelve months, Mr Thron Matthisen served under me in the construction of the Hughenden to Winton Railway, 134 1/2 miles in length, and the Gladstone to Rockhampton Railway, 67 1/2 miles in length. He has an intimate knowledge of timbers and timber work of all descriptions used on railway construction and is thoroughly competent to superintend earthworks and concrete works. He is intelligent, hardworking and trustworthy.

Signed Hugh B. Fraser MICE

Resident Engineer.<sup>13</sup>

As foreman and inspector of works Thron would ride his horse along the newly laid railway tracks, ensuring that the work was done to specifications. Once a bridge was encountered, he would continue to ride the horse across the centre planking – should there be no centre planking, he apparently used to dismount and lead his horse across the bridge with the horse having to place its hooves on the bridge sleepers. (Those who have walked across railway bridges, especially the bridges on the Cairns to Kuranda railway, will appreciate what a feat either of these actions was!) Once the inspection of the bridge was complete, he would make his mark on the foundation with a small hatchet he carried in a scabbard around his waist. He brought the scabbard with him on the *City of Madras* from Norway.<sup>14</sup>



Thron, circled, on the front of the Baldwin engine, 'Pioneer'.

This photograph shows Thron on the front of the Baldwin engine, 'Pioneer', with Sir Henry Wylie Norman, Governor of Queensland, the project engineer, John Robb and other state and local dignitaries and railway workmen at the opening of the Stoney Creek Bridge on the Cairns Kuranda railway on 28 April 1890. He's shown with an impressive beard and wearing a large hat.<sup>15</sup> Later in life his beard was a focus of interest to his many grandchildren and a means of disposing of the beard was often discussed among them. On one occasion, after Thron had apparently enjoyed an overabundance of rum, a plot was hatched to cut the beard off with scissors. Fortunately, this action was interrupted by their grandmother, Elizabeth, who reportedly forbade any further attempts!<sup>16</sup>

On his retirement Thron built a cottage on his selection at Dinner Pocket (now Kowrowa) beside the railway line which had been a part of his life for so many years. To furnish the cottage he built his own furniture, mostly of red cedar and oak which was plentiful in the area at that time. He and Elizabeth became farmers and, in addition to raising poultry and pigs they grew coffee, citrus and vegetables. Their cows provided them with milk and butter. Excess produce was taken to Kuranda for sale.

Thron passed away at his house at Kowrowa on 19 May 1919 aged 76 years and is buried in the Mareeba Pioneer Cemetery.<sup>17</sup> So ended a wonderfully full life lived on opposite sides of the world.

<sup>1</sup>Hughes, Major W.E., *Our Families Past and Present*, p. 229.

<sup>2</sup>Based on observations during visit in 2017.

<sup>3</sup>Hughes, Major W.E., *ibid*

<sup>4</sup>Hughes, Major W.E., *ibid*

<sup>5</sup>Ancestry, *New South Wales, Australia, Unassisted Passenger Lists, 1826-1922, 1865, City of Brisbane*

<sup>6</sup>Hughes, Major W.E., *ibid*

<sup>7</sup>Ancestry, *Australia, Marriage Index, 1788-1950*, accessed June 2018

<sup>8</sup>Ancestry, *Norway, Select Baptisms, 1634-1927*, accessed June 2018

<sup>9</sup>Ancestry, *Isle of Man, Select Parish Registers, 1598-1936*, accessed June 2018

<sup>10</sup>Hughes, Major W.E., *opcit*, p. 230

<sup>11</sup>Queensland Government births, Deaths, Marriages and Divorces, *Family History Research Service*, accessed June 2018

<sup>12</sup>Hughes, Major W.E., *opcit* p. 238

<sup>13</sup>Hughes, Major W.E., *ibid*

<sup>14</sup>Hughes, Major W.E., *opcit*, p. 238

<sup>15</sup>Hughes, Major W.E., *ibid*

<sup>16</sup>Hughes, Major W.E., *opcit*, p. 239

<sup>17</sup>Ancestry, *Australia and New Zealand, Find a Grave Index, 1800s – Current*, accessed June 2018





# Hyde Park Barracks

MACQUARIE STREET, SYDNEY

**Beverley Murray**

If you love family history, then chances are you also love museums. Have you visited the UNESCO World Heritage listed Hyde Park Barracks in Sydney? For all museum nerds like me, this excellent museum is a 'must' for your bucket list. Located at the southern end of Macquarie Street, it is situated amidst several fine architectural buildings that date back to Governor Lachlan Macquarie's days. Across the road from the barracks is St James Church, the oldest surviving church in Sydney. Next door to the Barracks, is the Mint, formerly the old Rum hospital. These magnificent buildings, constructed over 200 years ago were designed by emancipated convict architect, Francis Greenway.

On a recent trip to Sydney, accompanied by my two grandchildren, we spent two hours immersed in the stories within Hyde Park Barracks. Admission is free and we were equipped with a headset to wear throughout the entire exhibition. As we ventured through the museum, numerous recorded voices spoke to us about "their personal stories" and experiences. We soon became aware of the depressing conditions and horrific cruelty that existed here so long ago. Well-lit dioramas depicting detailed scenes of life in the early Sydney colony give real insight into how it was back then. There were several holograms providing intrigue and information at a personal level. For me, a lasting memory is of the dormitory with acres of flimsy hammocks crammed together.

I thought it was interesting that from the arrival of the First Fleet to the opening of the Barracks on 4 June 1819, convicts enjoyed relative freedom. On arrival in the colony, convicts were either assigned to a private master or became government men. A private master would provide food and shelter for their convict servants. Government convicts were free to find their own accommodation. Many built their own homes, to accommodate their families as well. Others shared rental property or agreed to doing household chores in exchange for living quarters.

With the opening of the convict barracks this freedom was replaced with constant supervision and an institutional life. Their regimented daily life, regulated by the ringing of a bell in the courtyard,

was strictly controlled using solitary confinement, working the treadmill, and floggings. The emancipist philosophy of Governor Macquarie was replaced with harsher discipline, and increased use of physical and psychological punishment. The British government instructed that there was to be a return to the idea that transportation should be a deterrent to crime.

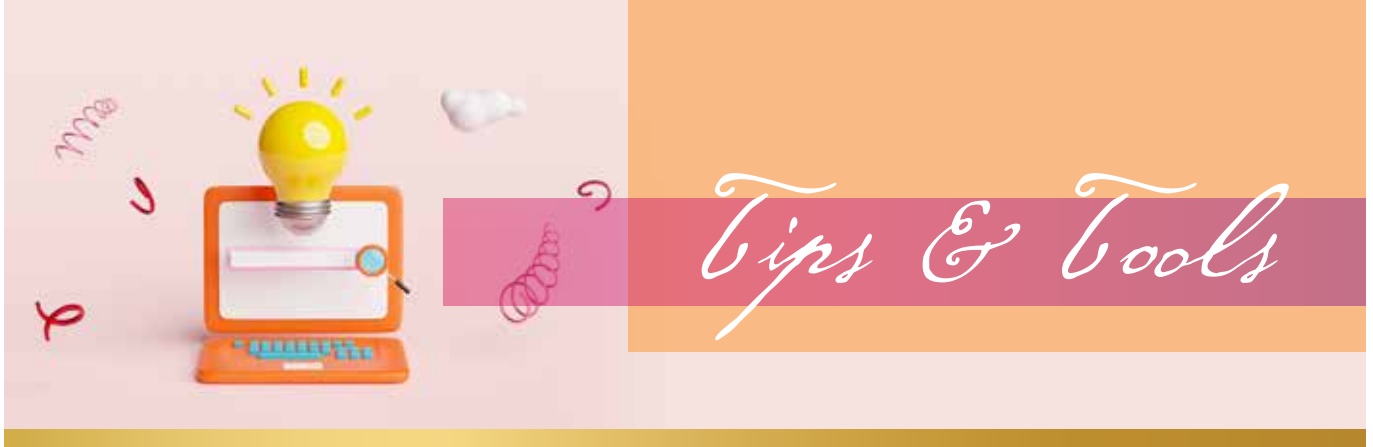
To address the problem of men outnumbering women and the need for domestic servants, many immigration schemes were started. The young women enticed to emigrate to Australia, needed safe accommodation until they could find employment or a husband. In 1848, the Barracks ceased to be convict accommodation, underwent some renovations, and became an Immigration Depot for women.

In 1862, the top floor of the building was set up to accommodate destitute women. These women suffered chronic physical ailments, mental health issues, intellectual deficits, or had been deserted by their husbands and needed a safe refuge. In 1886, as the government sponsored immigration schemes were dismantled, the Immigration depot was no longer needed. In 1887, Hyde Park Barracks had become overcrowded, and 'poorly maintained'. 40,000 women and children had been accommodated at the Barracks during the past forty years. A decision to close the site resulted in the rehousing of many of the inmates at Newington Asylum near Parramatta.

If like me you can't walk past a museum, do ensure that you visit the Hyde Park Barracks. In today's frenetic world, this award-winning museum depicts a world of cruelty and misery and yet that same world contributed to the beginning of a great nation. How can we not respect our convict heritage? With the added role of the Barracks during the female assisted Immigration period, it is not surprising to learn that Hyde Park Barracks has been given Heritage listing. It is pleasing to realise that it will remain for generations to come, as a permanent commemorative site.

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## Tip #4 - Have some 'brick walls?' Use the FAN research technique: [Friends, Associates and Neighbours]

FAN or Cluster Research - Sharyn Merkley

How can you solve the dreaded family history 'brick wall'? Apart from re-checking all your information, re-visiting old sources, checking for new sources, varying spellings, and expanding your timeline, you could try FAN research.

This is a term coined by Elizabeth Shown Mills which refers to Friends/Family, Associates, and Neighbours that interacted with your ancestor at some point in their life. Not sure how this works, then luckily there are plenty of sites out there to help you. Cyndi's List, Research methodology, Cluster Research is good place to start. FindMyPast have a blog on the topic with a link to YouTube for those who prefer to watch instead of read.

Try searching for FAN or Cluster Research. Make a list of the people, organisations, and communities surrounding your mysterious relative. Stop banging your head against that 'brick wall', and start thinking outside the box.

## Problem Solving with 'FAN Clubs'

[Originally published on 18 November 2015 by Mary Ann - *collectingcousins*]

One of the best ways to shed more light on an ancestor's story or to get past what seems to be a brick wall is to delve into their 'FAN club', as Elizabeth Shown Mills aptly named it. FAN research, also called cluster research, is researching the people that cluster around your ancestor: friends, associates, and neighbors. If you have been researching for any amount of time, you will have noticed some of the same names popping up in documents, articles, and other sources - perhaps the pallbearers at a funeral were also the witnesses to a baptism, or the tutor in a succession file was listed in a census on the same page as your ancestor. These people were significant in the life of your ancestor, and fully researching them can reveal clues or facts that you

might not otherwise find.

When digging deep into the past of a particular individual, it's easy to get hyper-focused and forget that our ancestors did not exist in a vacuum. Although it is tempting to think that it is wasting time to research anyone that isn't in our direct ancestral line, following the trails of friends, associates, and neighbors can provide the information that leads you to a breakthrough in your research. Cluster or FAN research is also important in presenting your ancestor in the appropriate setting. Was he an immigrant who was part of a migration chain in search of work? Who were the people who were important in his or her life?

Elizabeth Shown Mills' Rootstech presentation 'The Problem-Solver's Great Trifecta: GPS+FAN+DNA' gave an excellent example of how researching the FAN club for her ancestor gave her the leads she needed to move toward breaking through what appeared to be a brick wall. On her blog, Mills shows how researching the FAN club of a female with a common name can give enough clues to confirm identity.

In my New Orleans research of Auguste Dupuy, I am using a detailed analysis of the family's neighbors to determine the exact property that the Dupuys rented on North Rampart Street in 1840. Because I have the 1840 New Orleans census, the 1841 New Orleans city directory for which information was gathered by the census enumerator, and the chain of title records for the street, I am able to reconstruct where many of the people lived and convert those addresses to the street numbers in use today, which allows me to match them to the properties. This isn't so much a brick wall buster as it is a way of connecting the properties with the people who lived in them, but in researching these sources I have found many names that also appear in other documents associated with the Dupuy family, indicating their importance in the lives of my ancestors.

This short video from Crista Cowen and Ancestry.com is a good introduction to using the FAN Club for research. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=guKiQOK5Rc4>

- <https://www.collectingcousins.com/fan-club-friends-associates-neighbors/>
- Research Methodology, FAN Club or Cluster Research - <https://cyndislist.com/research-methodology/fan-club/>

## BOOK REVIEW



### GREAT UNCLE HARRY – A TALE OF WAR AND EMPIRE BY MICHAEL PALIN

**Marg Doherty**

I obtained this book from the Brisbane City Council Library Services after I received two recommendations from people at different times. The author is Michael Palin of *Monty Python* fame and, more recently, travel shows.

The book commences with a short Prelude, which starts with Harry's birth in 1884. Palin then writes a little about the ages of Harry's parents, their lives, servants, and the defined roles of the fathers and mothers at that time.

The first chapter covered Uncle Harry's parents, and I immediately thought this would be a family history. However, that was not the case. The first chapter was necessary as a background to Harry's parents and siblings, and it situated Harry and his family in middle-class England from the 1860s. There was also a family tree at the end of the book, which I did not see until the end. Another family history technique included was a timeline commencing with Harry's father's birth. This was all excellent context.

The book's remaining chapters covered Harry's life but broke the publication into parts such as his home, India, and New Zealand, Gallipoli and France. The chapter on his home discussed his school, which his father and brothers also attended. Harry was slow to find himself as an adult and travelled the British Empire in his quest to find his place. His siblings did not have this problem.

As Harry roamed the world, Palin included maps at the beginning of the relevant chapters. Before Part 1, Palin also included a world map plotting Harry's travels. These maps showed that Harry was a much-travelled world adventurer. Black and white photos were at the start of each chapter. On the page opposite the Prelude is a photo of Harry in the uniform of the New Zealand Army, complete with his lemon squeezer hat. Further photos in the middle of the book include black and white, sepia prints, and colour prints.

I knew that Harry served in the First World War, but I was surprised to discover that he served in the New Zealand Army and not the British Army. I found this interesting as while I had read a lot about the Australian Army in the war, I was unfamiliar with the New Zealand Army. Harry, as a member of the New Zealand Army, came complete with a competitiveness with the Australian Army.

Palin's writing style was engaging. I enjoyed the way he hypothesised facts of which he did not know. Sometimes, he went so far as to hope that something happened in a certain way. However, Palin and the readers will never know the truth. In these matters, it is nice to think that something positive happened for Harry in such cases.

I enjoyed *Great Uncle Harry* and would recommend reading it if you like travel relating to the British Empire or the First World War. A highlight for me was reading about Gallipoli (and the Somme) from the perspective of the NZ in ANZAC.

You have to read the book to find out what happened to Great Uncle Harry.







# BLOG BEAT

Snippets from GSQ's Blog | [www.gsq-blog.gsq.org.au/](http://www.gsq-blog.gsq.org.au/)

## March - April - May 2024

### 4 March - Jennifer Harrison

*An Evergreen Tree of Diabolical Knowledge'. Researching Irish in the State Library of Queensland Pt. 1.*

In a two-part series Jennifer explains what treasures relating to Ireland are held by the State Library of Queensland, particularly within the Heritage Collection at the John Oxley Library, which specialises in items pertaining to Queensland history.

### 11 March - Jennifer Harrison

*An Evergreen Tree of Diabolical Knowledge'. Researching Irish in the State Library of Queensland Pt. 2.*

Jennifer continues her two-part series.

### 18 March - Sue Bell

*Relicts of Early Explorers*

For years Sue had two pages of old text along with two original illustrations. She discovered that the story belonged to John Graham Macdonald, an early explorer in Queensland.

### 25 March - Andrew Redfern

*Family History is a Team Game: The Collaborative Journey of Unearthing Our Ancestral Past*

New GSQ Blogger, Andrew considers teamwork is essential in genealogy, highlighting the importance of working and looking to the genealogical community for diverse perspectives.

### 1 April - Di Edelman

*Badges and Memories*

Di tells the stories behind the many badges she has collected belonging to various organisations throughout her life beginning in her youth through to adulthood.

### 8 April - Catherine Thompson

*Dara, the Archbishop's Palace and a wedding*

Discovering more about the background of her grandparent's marriage led Catherine to explore where it took place in the Archbishop's Palace in Fortitude Valley.

### 15 April - Janice Cooper

*Elizabeth Readford, lost to history*

In contrast, to the story of Harry Readman aka Redman, Elizabeth his wife of 30 years has disappeared from history. Janice unearths more about her life.

### 22 April - Linda Kuhn

*An ordinary man*

New GSQ Blogger, Linda writes about her distant relative who was a sportsman, and a soldier who made his way to South Africa before finally coming back to lead a lonely life in Western Queensland prior to his death.

### 29 April - Stephanie Ryan

*Unclaimed mail, missing friends and the dead letter office*

In days long gone, letters were sent with little or scant details to their delivery destination. Stephanie investigates what happened to those letters and where they ended up.

### 6 May - Marg Doherty

*Serendipity and Genealogy*

With time on her hands during a past visit to the National Archives at Kew, London, Marg found a gem relating to her great-great grandmother's second husband.

### 13 May - Yvonne Tunny

*Escaping Famine: Hugh McGovern (1822-1905) and Ann Stevens (1819-1873)*

Yvonne follows the voyage of her ancestors escaping famine in Ireland on the vessel *Forth*. Having landed in Sydney the couple then lived in five locations throughout New South Wales.

### 20 May - Pauline Williams

*Writing a Memoir*

Pauline leads us through this seemingly daunting task with many hints and examples including several useful books to aid us all to begin writing our own life story.

### 27 May - Helen V. Smith

*Housing for People of Small Means: Worker's Dwelling Act 1909.*

Helen looks at a Qld 1909 Act whose aim was to provide a means for working class families to acquire a low interest mortgage to construct their home.



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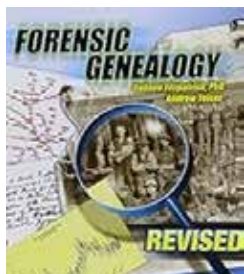
Our GSQ Facebook page is continuing to draw in both members and non-members. If you're a member of Facebook, then you can search for GSQ Genealogical Society of Queensland in the search box and our page will come up. Or click the Facebook icon on our home page. Ticking 'Like' on that page will ensure that our posts feed into your Facebook.

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If you have any questions about the GSQFB Group, then please email Rhoda Copeland on [gsqfbgroup@gsq.org.au](mailto:gsqfbgroup@gsq.org.au). To join the group, click on the link below and answer THREE questions. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/548139069596908>



## Accession Highlights



### Forensic genealogy (2013)

Make unconventional discoveries from surprising sources, understand how your ancestors lived, and be fascinated by insights into your family history. Dr. Fitzpatrick shows that you don't have to be a rocket scientist to get the most from your genealogical materials. Forensics

can be fascinating, genealogy can be fun, and Forensic Genealogy can be fascinating fun!



### The dead of the Irish Revolution (2020)

The first comprehensive account to record and analyse all deaths arising from the Irish revolution between 1916 and 1921. This account covers the turbulent period from the 1916 Rising to the Anglo-Irish Treaty of December 1921 - a period which saw the achievement of independence for

most of nationalist Ireland and the establishment of Northern Ireland as a self-governing province of the United Kingdom. Separatists fought for independence against government forces and, in North East Ulster, armed loyalists. Civilians suffered violence from all combatants, sometimes as collateral damage, often as targets. Eunan O'Halpin and Daithí O Corrain catalogue and analyse the deaths of all men, women, and children who died during the revolutionary years - 505 in 1916; 2,344 between 1917 and 1921. This study provides a unique and comprehensive picture of everyone who died: in what manner, by whose hands, and why. Through their stories we obtain original insight into the Irish revolution itself.

TITLE	CALL No.	ITEM
Administrative history in Queensland	QLD/105/014	Book
Archives discoveries: an index	QLD/310/030	Book
Calendar of Scottish supplications to Rome. Vol. 9, 1534-1549	SCT/220/001.09	Book
Compiling your family history	AUS/310/002	Book
Date it!: a Western Australian chronology to 1929	WA/105/004	Book
Deadly details: a guide to some causes of death listed on death certificates (2nd ed.)	WW/411/001.2	Book
Forensic genealogy	WW/305/007	Book
How did they get here?: Arrivals after 1924	AUS/310/026	Book
Mary Bridget Reardon: . . . this is her story	530/REA/001	Book
Motherwell: an outline history	LKS/205/019	Book
Ship of death: the tragedy of the 'Emigrant': the voyage, the quarantine, the aftermath	QLD/853/009	Book
The annals of West Coker	SOM/205/006	Book
The dead of the Irish Revolution	IRL/205/007	Book
The Henderson story: Granny Donelan remembered	530/HEN/001	Book
The Houison collection: photographic plates held at the Society of Australian Genealogists: an annotated catalogue	AUS/310/025	Book
The man who went to war: a journal of the active war service of Cpl W. Spriggs, VX23450, Member of the 2/2 Pioneer Battalion during the Second World War: extracts of letters and diaries	530/SPR/001	Book
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- Receive two membership numbers.
- Receive a copy of GSQ's journal and newsletter.
- Conditional access to GSQ resources and MyGSQ.
- Attendance at meetings of Special Interest Groups.

Over the next few issues of *Generation*, we will feature some of our Affiliate Group Members.

The Genealogical Society Gladstone District began in 1984 as a Branch of the Genealogical Society of Queensland. It is now an incorporated association with premises in the George Young Building, Francis Ward Drive, Gladstone - postal address of PO Box 1778, Gladstone.

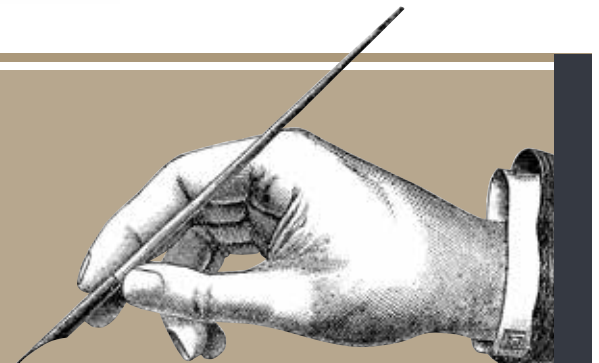
The Society's Family Search Affiliated Library is open on Mondays (7.00pm



- 9.00pm), Wednesdays (9.30am - 3.30pm) and Saturdays (1.30pm - 3.30pm). The current President is Jan Koivunen. Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month, commencing at 1.30pm. Membership Fees are currently \$40 per annum with a \$10 joining fee.

The Society has a Blog site at <https://gladstonegenealogy.wordpress.com>

## THE LAST WORD. [ GSQ • THE EDITOR ]



Many of you will know that our Editor, Russell Fraser, is unwell and that this edition of *Generation* has been a collective effort by Tina Louise (Graphic Designer and so much more), Janice Wellard (advisor and proofreader), Sharyn Merkley (proofreader), and myself. I would like to thank all of those involved very sincerely. Your efforts have been very much appreciated.

Most of all, I applaud the members who rallied to my call for material to be used in this edition. Indeed, we received so much that there was more than we needed. What a great problem to have!! This means that we have a head start for the September edition.

Should you wish to submit articles for the September edition, please send them to [info@gsq.org.au](mailto:info@gsq.org.au). We'll need these by the end of July. Thank you one and all - your support has been greatly appreciated by all involved. I trust you appreciate reading and learning from this edition.

While I've enjoyed my involvement over the past several weeks, I'm hoping that Russell will be well enough to be involved in the production of the next edition of *Generation*, and that he will have the pleasure of writing September's 'The Last Word'.

**Helen Veivers**

get well soon!





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