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COVER PHOTOGRAPH

The novel *Bill the Bastard* by Professor Roland Perry instigated the sculpture of the life-size version of the statue of Bill with his five riders, created by sculptor Carl Valerius. (Photograph provided by Richard Cosgrove). See story on p.124.

BILL THE BASTARD

By Lyndal Cosgrove

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You may remember that in the *Queensland Family Historian* of November 2018, Vol.39, No.4, p.134 I wrote an article on *Michael Shanahan and Bill the Bastard*, and also on page 129 of the same edition I wrote about *The Jericho Cup* and referred to an excerpt of Professor Roland Perry's book *Bill the Bastard*, explaining the reason for the Jericho Cup. In *QFH* November 2019, Vol.40, No.4, p.129 I gave an update on the progress of the sculpture of Bill the Bastard.

Harden-Murrumburrah is a twin-town community between Canberra and Yass, NSW. This was the birthplace of the Light Horse, when **James Alexander (Kenneth) Mackay** (1859-1935) was instrumental in forming the Australian Light Horse and set out his blueprint for a mounted Australian militia including a uniform, slouch hat and motto "For Hearths and Homes", the first call up muster being held on 30 August 1897 in Harden-Murrumburrah. The first troop was named the 1st Australian Horse. The Light Horse served in the Second Boer War and WWI. This was to become one of Australia's major defence mechanisms in WWI and ultimately, following Australian Federation, all Australian horse units were amalgamated into the Australian Light Horse.

The Australian Light Horsemen were mounted troops with the characteristics of both cavalry and mounted infantry. Horses were used for rapid mobility and then the men dismounted and then fought as infantry, with one out of each four man section leading the horses away while the others fought. The Waler horses were very hardy and had great endurance, even under extreme stress from lack of food and water. The Walers were the Australian stockman's horse of preference and prized as military remounts, being 15 to 16 hands high and able to carry 130 kg. They were the backbone of the Australian Light Horse's mounted forces and especially suited to working in the harsh climate of the Sinai Peninsula and Palestine, where they proved superior to camels as a means of transporting large bodies of troops and equipment.

Kenneth was well educated for his day and was a soldier, magistrate, politician, amateur jockey, poet and an author.



*Maj Gen J A Kenneth Mackay
CB, OBE, VD, FRGS*

The sculptor, **Carl Valerius**, had originally provided a small bronze statue of Bill the Bastard and **Michael Shanahan** rescuing four Tasmanian soldiers from certain death from the Turks after losing their horses at the Battle of Romani, which can be viewed in the Memorial precinct in Murrumburrah.



The original statue showing the 5 riders

A simple error in Roland Perry's book states that a 'life size' statue rather than a 'life like' statue could be viewed in Murrumburrah.

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Carl Valerius was prompted into action in 2012 and proceeded to sculpt the life size version of Bill the Bastard with his five riders. Roland Perry officially unveiled the life sized model of Bill the Bastard SUP on 4 August 2016, the centenary of the Battle of Romani. The work then began to create the final sculpture, with bronzing completed by Crawford's Foundry in Sydney. The final statue was placed in the Memorial Precinct in early 2022 as a permanent memorial to the courage, strength and endurance of the Australian Light Horse.



The life size statue showing the 5th rider

Field Marshall Lord Allenby (WWI) succinctly described the Light Horsemen or troopers when he wrote of them *"The Australian Light Horseman combines with a splendid physique a restless activity of mind... on every variety of ground – mountain, plain, desert, swamp or jungle – the Australian Light Horseman has proved himself equal to the best. He has earned the gratitude of the Empire and the admiration of the world"*.

Bill the Bastard, Australia's Greatest Warhorse, is immortalised in bronze to commemorate the Waler horse and the Australian Light Horse in the 1st Australian Horse and Australian Light Horse Memorial precinct in Murrumburrah, NSW.

Bill survived the war but was unable to return to Australia. He worked for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in Gallipoli after the war, retrieving battle artefacts. He died in 1924 at the age of 21, and is buried in the shadow of Walker's Ridge at Gallipoli.



*"Bill" Australian Light Horse 1914 to 1924
a Waler and one of the best*

www.thejerichocup.com.au/news-media/bill-the-bastards-grave-wa



Model of horse used to cast the statue



Carl Valerius and the author in front of the life sized model in wax, clay and polystyrene, used in preparation for creating the final bronzed statue

For further information refer to

<https://billthebastard.org/>

(photographs provided by the author) ■

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

What a difference a few months can make!

In the last issue of this journal, I outlined plans for a significant consultation process with you, our members, in order to define our actions for the next 12 months – we had governance responsibilities to meet, and the future to shape. Then, while we were busy making plans, the future came knocking on our door: firstly, with an offer from Brisbane City Council of a possible new premises in Chermshire, and secondly, in quick succession, with a notice from our existing landlord to terminate our Gaythorne lease. I'm sure psychologists will have a name for the transition from elation and excitement to a degree of deflation at the realisation that 'well made plans' and 'good intentions' would count for little and that a prompt refocus and a firm grasp of the mettle would be necessary.

Since then, we have packed up at our premises in Gaythorne and prepared a new premises to receive a print library of 10,400 books, a major journal collection, a significant microfiche/film collection, and all manner of specialist collections - as well as, several truck loads of furniture, cabinets, IT and equipment. The interior of our new premises in Chermshire has been deconstructed and reconfigured, repaired, painted, carpeted and furnished as appropriate for a family history research centre for the modern era. Each task – leaving Gaythorne and moving into Chermshire – has been a major undertaking. The combination has been a mammoth effort achieved by many and led most capably by your Management Committee. I'm heartened by their efforts and energy, and proud of what we have achieved.

Despite complete disruption to our initial plans, we've still managed a degree of consultation with members within the context of the relocation – what did members feel was important to preserve in the transition from one premises to another? What could be improved? What could be introduced? How could we provide enhanced programs and services to both our

local members who would visit the premises on a regular basis and our remote access users who would rarely, if ever, physically visit? These were all discussions that helped shape the Society's new home in Chermshire and can be built upon for the challenges of the next six months and beyond.

All of our consultations have been well attended by members but one of the delights was the gathering of QFHS Elders at Chermshire. Many had not made the trip to QFHS for a while and all were interested in the Society's new developments. We met in the cavernous space, with bare concrete floors and walls in various stages of construction or demolition and talked about the past and the future. We hope to see the QFHS Elders back for an inspection of the new premises - spick and span and in all its glory.

We expect to open our new facility at 46 Delaware St Chermshire in mid-January 2023. We plan a series of events over the first few months as we welcome members and new neighbours to the new home of Queensland Family History Society. Please keep an eye on our website for dates and details. We'll also keep you informed via our monthly newsletter, *Snippets*.

Of course, the relocation does not change the Society's name, but we've decided to name the facility itself quite specifically so there's no doubt at all about what goes on there. Our new facility at 46 Delaware St, Chermshire will be named the **Family History Research Centre**.

Your Management Committee looks forward to seeing you there – either in person or via remote access – in the new year. Exciting times are ahead!

Best wishes,

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FROM EAST CORNWALL TO QUEENSLAND: THE RENFREY FAMILY

By David Huggonson

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My great-grandfather **George Renfrey** was a thirty-one year old miner when he, with his wife **Mary Ann née Dinner** and two children, **Thomas** aged two and twelve-month-old **Jane**, boarded the 753-ton clipper barque *Polmaise*¹ in Plymouth on 15 June 1872. The *Polmaise* was bound for the new British colony of Queensland, which was seeking skilled white labour for mining and its expanding pastoral industry. George Renfrey, along with other East Cornwall miners, had been contracted by the Peak Downs Copper Mining Company to work at their mine near the newly developed town of Clermont. After discharging 240 immigrants at the Port of Maryborough, the *Polmaise* transported the miners and their families to Gladstone, where they were transferred to the small coastal ship *Tinoree* bound for the more northern port of Rockhampton, which served the new mining centre.²

The immigrant accommodation on the *Polmaise* had been refitted with a new, more comfortable design, devised by **Mr Allen** of the Queensland Agent-General Office, which provided double berths for married couples without loss of space below decks. The *Polmaise* experienced no deaths during its 1872 voyage, only to be wrecked on a reef surrounding Masthead Island near Queensland's Keppel Bay in February of the following year. The *Queenslander* newspaper reported on 15 February 1873 that no passengers or crew were lost due to the mishap, but the ship was damaged beyond repair.

Although the world price of copper rose phenomenally during the Franco-Prussian War of 1870, the small copper mines of East Cornwall could not compete with Spanish, South American and Australian mines and production declined or ceased altogether.

So what other factors had prompted George Renfrey and other East Cornwall miners to migrate to Australia? George came from the small mining hamlet of Luckett, whose population had long suffered from harsh working conditions and poor living

conditions. Lack of sanitation, uncertain water supply and overcrowded houses resulted in diseases like cholera and typhoid stalking many of the mining villages of East Cornwall.³ A comparison of workers' wages between Cornwall and Australia showed antipodean workers earning considerably more money. Moreover, letters home from previous migrants stated that beef and mutton were much cheaper and bread about the same price.⁴ With these factors, coupled with the free passage that the Peak Downs Copper Mine offered and the agreed wage rates, George was convinced that his family would have a better life in Queensland.

Peak Downs Copper Company had begun mining a rich copper lode a few kilometres south of the town of Clermont, and the town named Copperfield grew around the mine. It was created a separate municipality in the year George Renfrey arrived in 1872. The town had its own newspaper the *Copperfield Miner*, together with a Church of England, Catholic and Wesleyan Churches, eight hotels and an estimated population of 2,000 people. By the end of the 1870s, however, Copperfield's population had halved, London copper prices had fallen, and competition had arisen from new mines at Cloncurry and Mount Perry.

A railway line was opened via Capella to Clermont in 1884 to reduce the transport costs involved in exporting the refined copper. Later, the line was extended north to the Blair Athol coalmine, which supplied coal to the Queensland Railways and the Copperfield smelters and the boilers, which powered the ore crushing stampers near the mines.

George Renfrey remained employed at Copperfield and he and Mary had another child, **Grace** born at the Peak Downs Hospital in Clermont on 27 July 1881. By 1884 the mine had declined and some miners changed to mining Blair Athol coal or moved to other hard-rock mines in North Queensland.

FROM EAST CORNWALL TO QUEENSLAND: THE RENFREY FAMILY (Cont.)



Copperfield State School 1876 where Thomas, Jane and Grace Renfrey received their education, SLQ Neg No 9634

Some like George Renfrey decided to move to cooler climates and he shifted his family to a closer settlement-farming block at Degilbo. George and his son Tom gained employment at the Mount Biggenden Mine.⁵

A railway line was constructed west from Mungar Junction located on the Gympie to Maryborough line. The branch line was to encourage closer settlement of the Burnett Lands. A new railhead was opened in Biggenden in May 1891, and two years later the railway reached the Degilbo township.⁶

George named his selection *Glenisle* and died in 1909 after seeing all his children married. George had achieved his ambition of becoming a land and house owner himself as well as helping to achieve this goal for his children.

George and Mary's three children all farmed closer settlement blocks south of Biggenden. All the men were required to work off-farm to buy farming equipment and livestock.

Mary Renfrey died in 1923 and is buried beside her husband in the Degilbo cemetery.

Thomas married **Ellen Page** in 1895 and they produced eight children, not an unusual number for the pre-birth control era.

Jane married **Henry Northgraves** in March 1892 when she reached 21 years of age. The Northgraves had four children.

Grace married **Dave Todd**, who was a young miner at Mount Biggenden Mine and a small landholder. They had three children.

In 1916 a catastrophic flood destroyed the Clermont business precinct and claimed 65 lives, many of whom were known to George Renfrey and his family. The town was subsequently rebuilt on higher ground.⁷



Commercial Hotel, Clermont being winched to higher ground after the 1916 flood, SLQ Neg No 18681



Smelting works and mine at Copperfield, Queensland, approximately 1875, by Richard James Cottell,

*[Photographic views of Queensland, 1873-1875](http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-152995691)
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-152995691>.*



Ruby Renfrey (daughter of Thomas and Ellen Renfrey) champion horsewoman and primary school teacher at Bon Accord and Degilbo State Schools until forced to resign because of departmental policy on non-employment of married women, when she married Alexander Marshall in 1920. From archives of Grace Huggonson née Todd.

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Endnotes:

¹ [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Stat_eLibQld_1_115496_Polmaise_\(ship\).jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Stat_eLibQld_1_115496_Polmaise_(ship).jpg) photo.

² Central Queensland Herald (*Rockhampton*), 10 April 1930, p.15.

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⁴ Ross Duncan, Case Studies in Emigration: Cornwall, Gloucestershire and New South Wales, 1877-1886, *Economic History Review*, Vol.16, No.2, 1963, pp.272-289.

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⁷ G C Pullar, A shifting town glass-plate images of Clermont and its people, compiled by Richard and Marguerite Stringer, University of Queensland Press 1986.

Sources:

Francis Frith photo and map collection, www.francisfrith.com.



Mt Biggenden Miners 1892. The photo contains George and Thomas Renfrey, and Dave Todd (second on the reader's right, with cap). From archive of Grace Huggonson née Todd. George and Thomas Renfrey signed the 1894 Men's Petition. Dave Todd was living elsewhere.

(photographs provided by the author) ■

OTHER NAMES, TAKEN FROM THE SIGNATURES ON THE 1894 MEN'S PETITION

(Refer to Queensland Women's Suffrage Petitions – 1894 and 1897, on the QFHS searchable datasets list, at www.qfhs.org.au/online-access/suffrage/).

THESE MEN NAMED BELOW MAY POSSIBLY BE MINERS IN THE ABOVE PHOTO:

LIVING IN BIGGENDEN

W. Colborne
John Gaston
George Hart
John Rawlinson
J C J Stephensen
J Thorn
Edmund Walter Thurgar

LIVING IN DEGILBO

James H Watson

LIVING AT BIGGENDEN MINE

John Baker
Fred Ellery
Henry Griffiths
David H Lewis
J McLeish
John Money
C Nicholas
Henry Northgraves
C Powell
George Synnott

LIVING AT MT BIGGENDEN

Edward Brougham
Hugh Ferguson
Henry Leeson
John McLeod
James J Nolan
William Thomas

OTHER POSSIBLE MINERS

William Bertrand C Roberts
John Bevan Steley.

(Also refer to names mentioned for the cover photo of the May 2021 QFH Vol 42 No.2) ■

ARMY SURVEY BOOK REVIEW

The Regiment that Mapped the World by Alan Gordon, published by The Royal Engineers Association, UK, ISBN 978-1-5272-9582-7, Call number **L3 4 19**.

A new book of limited edition, with only 400 copies printed and no more than 10 of those here in Australia, has been acquired for QFHS Print Library.

For those interested in Military History, Surveying and Mapping, this book offers all of this and more. Telling the story of members of 42 Survey Engineer Regiment, UK, it records the work, life and daily efforts to complete tasks and leave their mark on a map. The book spans from post-war 1948 through to 1985 when the regiment was disbanded. The motto of the Royal Engineers is *Ubique* and those with that word on their cap badge, including myself for a time, have certainly been just about *everywhere* within this period. Exploits through Europe, the Middle and Far East, the Himalayas, the Americas, the Caribbean and even Australia are recorded with stories, maps, time lines, charts and many photographs within this A4 colourful 200-page book.

One may think that standing on top of a jebel, observing through a theodolite, whilst a camel train meanders through the dunes, is a peaceful job, but as author Alan Gordon says, "this book is dedicated to seven military surveyors who served with the regiment but remain in some foreign field."

This book covers all aspects of army life during those 37 years, from government policy at the time, improvement in survey equipment, uniforms, deployment and also light hearted moments. It is based on personal accounts and photos contributed by not only surveyors but cartographers, printers and many other trades that made up the map production units, backed up by situation reports and research at The National Archives in UK.

Taking some 30 years to compile, this book began as a loose collection of photos and memories falling into the hands of Alan Gordon, a Topographic Surveyor with an

interest in military history. Alan rose through the ranks from a Sapper, when I first knew him in Singapore where we were mapping in 1964 during the Confrontation with Indonesia, to become a major within 42 Survey. He ended up as the first military surveyor to be posted to the British Commander's-in-Chief mission to the Soviet Forces in Germany, BRIXMIS. He was also Operations Officer for 42 Survey Engineer Group during the first Gulf war. Alan Gordon's experience and first-hand knowledge of his subject is in contrast with many military historians whose writings are through civilian eyes.

The book concludes with the Balkan wars and a photo of Her Majesty the Queen inspecting GPS equipment during her visit to the Survey Group in 1998.

Additional information for family historians is a 4-page list at the end, giving senior appointments at the Regiment and the numerous field squadrons throughout the world with names, rank and dates.

In a similar vein is *The Great Arc* by John Keay, another survey book in my collection that records a 50-year task during the early 1800s. It tells the story of measuring a Meridian line 2500km, North from the tip of India to Dehra Dun at the base of the Himalayas, part of the time led by Colonel George Everest (pronounced Eve-rest by his family) who now has the world's highest mountain named after him. Showing true dedication combined with an amazing measuring accuracy, they battled hostile terrain, extreme climate conditions, equipment problems, tigers, elephants and death where, I quote, "the death toll of both British and Indians sometimes reached three figures in a single season." Nothing much seems to have changed for our 20th century Royal Engineers professionals except the welcome lower death toll. An authenticated tiger footprint was found outside a survey party's tent in Indonesia during 1967 and I did hear of elephants in Borneo trampling on an army survey instrument also around that time.

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Feedback from ex-army colleagues who have read Alan's book suggest that he could have said more about this or that mapping task, which occurred in far off places. I have to concede that those comments would be reasonable. However, such was the work at times, that many of us were vetted far above the normal security level owing to its secretive nature; possibly why an event was not mentioned. He does tell briefly of providing accurate survey information for both Cruise missile and Polaris submarine deployment. Both sounded demanding jobs long after my time, that I was not aware of.

In April 2022 in London, this book was awarded second prize at the prestigious Templer award ceremony in the First Book category for Army Historical Research. The awards from the AHR Society are to commemorate the life achievements and mark the Society's Presidency of Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer 1898-1979, for which there were some fifty entries this year.

Unfortunately, author Alan Gordon was not present to receive the award as he died late last year, just days after a proof copy of his efforts was rushed to his bedside.

I remained in touch with him until that time. A good soldier and friend indeed.

This book shows a different type of soldier from the usual combat picture. Here we find a military life with a purpose and end product, where accuracy is instilled into every surveyor and map maker from the beginning. Not everything goes right as Field Marshal Sir William Slim is believed to have said, "whenever the British fight a battle it is uphill, in the middle of the night and at the corner of four map sheets."

British army surveys have continued around the world after the regiment's disbandment, albeit under different formations and names. For example, in 2015 four personnel from 42 Engineer Regiment (Geographic) were dispatched to the Korean Peninsula to survey the Demarcation Line within the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea and re-establish markers created in 1953.

Books with a mapping theme that may be of interest:

The Great Arc by John Keay, ISBN 0 00257062 9 pub. 2000, the survey of India to determine the shape of the planet leading to the development of the country.

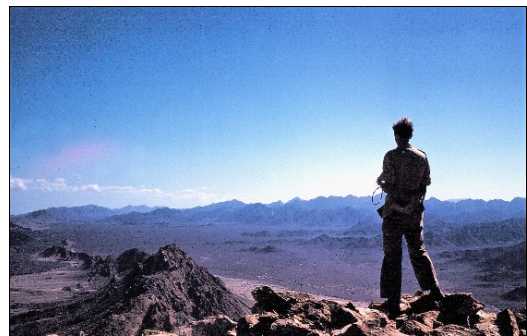
Australia's Military Map-Makers by C.D. Coulthard-Clark, ISBN 0 19551343 6 pub. 2000, the story of The Royal Australian Survey Corps 1915-1996.

Lebanon to Labuan by Laurence Fitzgerald, ISBN 0959497900 pub. 1980.

The Royal Australian Survey Corps during WWII.

The Map Thief by Michael Blanding, ISBN 978-1-59240-940-2 pub. 2015, a true story of a modern-day thief who stole valuable ancient maps.

I have included a couple of my own photos from 1962 (not in the book). I was generally working in the region from the Dubai coast across to the East coast and northwards. The Trucial Oman is now part of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).



Al Hajar Mountains, Trucial Oman jebel, UAE



High Dune desert, Trucial Oman (now UAE)

Reviewed by Maurice Friend ■

ORIGINS AND HISTORY OF THE EMU PLUME

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There are a number of stories about the origins of the Emu Plume first used by sections of the Mounted Infantry within the Queensland Defence Force in 1891 as an adornment to their hats. In the years that followed the first use of the emu plume it became more widespread across the Mounted Infantry within the Queensland Defence Force. The plumes were used by the Queensland Mounted Infantry during their time participating in the Boer War. In WWI the plumes became part of the uniform of most of the Australian Light Horse. They are still part of the uniform of the Armoured Corps in today's Australian Army.

All stories have the origins in the shearers' strike of 1891. The shearers' strike resulted from the pastoralists, at the start of the 1891 shearing season, renegeing on a deal done in 1890 with the fledgling Union Movement to only engage union members and to pay an agreed rate. The pastoralists engaged shearers from other colonies and, as a result, unionists on some properties in Central and South-west Queensland went on strike. Expecting trouble between the pastoralists and their staff and the shearers, in early February 1891 the then Queensland Government sent 20 police officers and an officer-in-charge to the Central Queensland region. Shortly afterwards additional police and selected units of the Queensland Mounted Infantry of the Queensland Defence Force were sent as a show of force to areas in Central Queensland and South-west Queensland to support the police. It was whilst the troops were in these regions that a number of stories on the origin of the plume have emerged.

In an article written by **Robert Thomas** in 2002 and published on the ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee's website, Robert explains that he analysed several of the stories. The story that he suggests is the most likely relates to one from the activities of troops from the Gympie Squadron of the Wide Bay Mounted Infantry. The Mounted Infantry units spent five months on the western plains covering an area from the

Queensland-New South Wales border to Hughenden. It is said that members of a patrol from the Gympie Squadron, led by **Lieutenant Vivian Tozer**, were the first to insert a plume of emu feathers in their hat band. The patrol was near the "Coreena" woolshed situated between Barcaldine and Aramac in Central Queensland.

There are two versions of the story: one has it that horsemen chased emus whilst on horseback and plucked feathers from the emus' tails, and they then inserted a plume of feathers in their hat band. The other is more likely in that Lieutenant Tozer, while the patrol was returning to base, allowed one trooper one shot at an emu. The emu was killed and the patrol rode to the dead emu and adorned their hats with plumes of tail feathers from that emu. Initially the commanding officer forbade the use of the feathers. After representations from the troopers and Lieutenant Tozer it was approved that "other ranks" of the Wide Bay Mounted Infantry could wear the emu plumes. At that time officers in all mounted units of the Queensland Defence Force wore green cockerel feathers in their hats.

The use of emu plumes by other ranks spread across other Mounted Infantry units within the Queensland Defence Force. In September 1894 the wearing of emu plumes was approved for all non-commissioned officers and other ranks in all mounted units across Queensland. The men had to pay for the plumes themselves. During WWI an article indicated the cost would have been 1/2d.

Three years later, General Order No. 265 extended the use of the emu plume instead of cockerel feathers to all officers in the Mounted Infantry across Queensland.

During the Boer War, Queensland Mounted Infantry wore the emu plume. Also at that time other members of the Queensland Defence Force took to wearing the emu plume without permission. This ceased after it was Gazetted that only members of the Mounted Infantry could wear the plume.

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After Federation the Mounted Infantry were renamed the Australian Light Horse. In December 1903 the Commander of the Australian Army, **General Hutton**, issued an order (General Order No. 293, Section F, paragraph 10) granting permission for all mounted units throughout Australia to wear the emu plume.

Following a deputation from Queensland-based mounted unit officers the order was not changed, but the other States agreed not to order the wearing of the emu plume. Thus, the Queensland-based Australian Light Horse units were allowed to retain the emu plume as part of their uniform.

In other Australian States cockerel feathers were still used and in 1914 it was officially approved that members of the 3rd Brigade of the Light Horse (8th, 9th and 10th) could wear Ostrich plumes in their hats. The Ostrich Plumes were sourced from Western Australia.²

Eagle feathers were used by Victorian units.

During March 1915 the 3rd Brigade of the Australian Light Horse arrived in the Middle East wearing emu plumes. Members of the Queensland-based Australian Light Horse Regiments, the 2nd and the 5th, took exception to the use of the emu plume by the 3rd Brigade members. Lieutenant **Robert Stodart**, commander of the 2nd Light Horse, wrote to the commander of the 1st Light Horse Brigade, **Colonel Harry Chauvel**, and demanded an enquiry on the matter. Colonel Chauvel passed Stodart's letter and a supporting letter to **Major General W. T. Bridges**, commander of the 1st Australian Brigade. Major General Bridges passed the issue up the line. Some sources say it ended up on the Defence Minister's desk, Senator **George Pearce**; other sources say it was the Prime Minister, **Andrew Fisher**'s desk. In either case it was ruled that as Light Horse Brigades were Commonwealth troops, all or none shall wear the plume.

During WWI not all Regiments of the Australian Light Horse took to wearing the emu plume. Those regiments not wearing the emu plume included the 6th and 7th

Regiments from New South Wales and the 4th Regiment from Victoria. The 6th Light Horse wore a Wallaby Puggaree for the duration of WWI.



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During WWI members of the public and businesses donated emu feathers that could be used by Light Horsemen to make a plume.

In 1923 approval was granted in the General Military Order No. 90 for all members of the Australian Light Horse to wear an emu plume in their hat puggarees. There was a condition, and that was that the provision of the emu plumes would be at no expense to the taxpayer.

Since World War II the Royal Australian Armoured Corps has adopted a black beret which would make it more appropriate for use in armoured vehicles, and as a result the use of plumes dropped off. Today the plumes are only used when the slouch hat is worn, such as on ceremonial occasions.

Thus, the tradition of wearing the emu plume still exists today in the Australian Army. Only members of the Royal Australian Army's Armoured Corps can wear the emu plume. Basically, if you are appointed to an Armoured Corps unit you wear the emu plume when wearing a slouch hat, and if as a member of the Armoured Corps you are attached to another unit of the Australian Army you continue to wear the emu plume, but if you permanently move to another Corps you can no longer wear the emu plume. Similarly if you are a permanent member of a non-Armoured Corps unit and you are attached to an Armoured Corps unit you can wear the emu plume whilst attached

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to the Armoured Corps unit, but if you leave the Armoured Corps unit you may no longer wear the emu plume.

Did you know that during WWI a request was made by a non-Australian military force to wear the slouch hat and emu plume as part of their uniform? In the Middle East after Gallipoli, it was realised that neither Australian nor New Zealand forces had access to horse artillery. As a result, four British Territorial horse artillery batteries were attached to the A.I.F. One of these batteries was the Inverness-shire Battery Royal Horse Artillery. A strong relationship developed between the Australian Light Horse and the Inverness-shire Battery. The Inverness-shire Battery twice applied for permission to wear the Australian slouch hat and emu plume. The War Office denied both requests. What did happen re the emu plume was a request made by an ex-member of the Inverness-shire Battery and the Inverness Town Clerk to Major General Sir Harry Chauvel for an emu plume to be presented to the Inverness-shire Battery Association. The request was approved and a mounted and framed emu plume is now on display in the Inverness Town Hall.³

My thanks to Trooper **Nigel Cox**, formerly with the Army Museum South Queensland, Victoria Barracks Brisbane for providing information for this article.

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EMU PLUMES

3.50 Emu plumes are worn on the Hat KFF by all members of RAAC and members posted to RAAC units. Emu Plumes may be worn by RAAC General and Senior officers, and Tier C RSMS who have been entitled to wear the accoutrement, prior to the assumption of their current appointment. Plumes are worn on the left side of the Hat KFF, brim worn up or down, positioned behind the puggaree. The item is not provided at Commonwealth expense.

3.51 The plumes are to be shaped to allow the feathers to bend to the right over the hat. Only natural emu feathers are to be worn. Shades may therefore, vary between individual sets. The specifications for emu plumes are in Figure 3–14.

EMU TUFTS

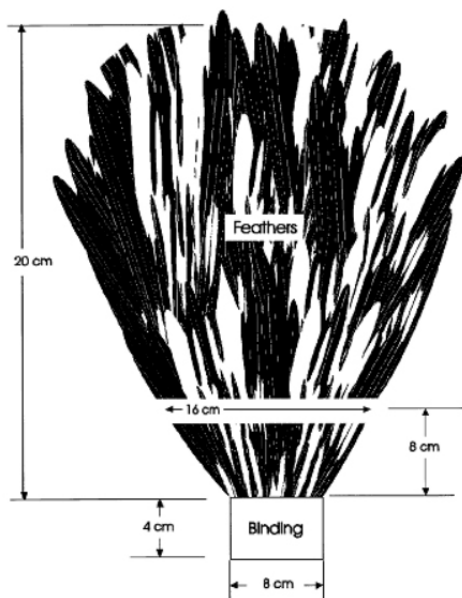
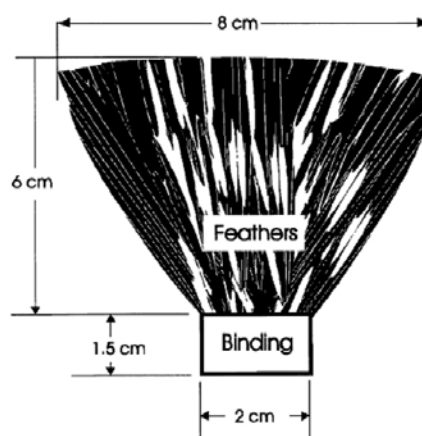
3.52 Emu tufts of approved design and headdress may be worn on the beret by members posted to any of the entitled RAAC Regiments in Table 3–3. The CO is to set the policy whether the emu tuft is or is not worn. If worn or not worn, there is to be uniformity within that regiment.

3.53 The emu tuft is worn fastened behind the badge worn on the beret. The item is not provided at Commonwealth expense. The specifications for emu tufts are in Figure 3–15.

Table 3–3: RAAC Regiments entitled to emu tufts

Serial	Regiment
1	1st/15th Royal New South Wales Lancers
2	2nd Cavalry Regiment (Reconnaissance)
3	2nd/14th Light Horse (Queensland Mounted Infantry)
4	B Squadron, 3rd/4th Cavalry Regiment
5	3rd/9th Light Horse (South Australia Mounted Rifles)
6	4th/19th Prince of Wales's Light Horse
7	A Squadron, 10th Light Horse
8	12th/16th Hunter River Lancers

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Figure 3–14: Specifications for emu plumes**Figure 3–15: Specifications for emu tufts****Abbreviation List**

CO	Commanding Officer
KFF	Khaki Fur Felt
RAAC	Royal Australian Armoured Corps
RSM	Regimental Sergeant Major ■

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THIS FAMILY MEMBER: IS SOMEONE I WOULD LIKE TO MEET... SO I COULD ASK WHY?!

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The theme for the QFHS Writing Group 2022 program was "This Family Member:" with the first topic for the theme being "is someone I would like to meet." I decided to write about a mystery surrounding my paternal grandmother **Grace Millicent Tucker**, as I would very much love to meet her to ask what on earth was going on in her life? As I wrote up the known facts into a coherent piece for Writing Group, it dawned on me that I should share her story with my QFHS Family and get their thoughts. It's a wild ride... enjoy!

Grace Millicent Tucker was born in 1894 in Kyuga, an agricultural area near the town of Aberdeen between Muswellbrook and Scone in NSW. She was the eldest of seven children and was 12 when her mother died. It was shortly after her mother's death that her father installed a housekeeper, much to the horror of Grace who had assumed she would now be running the house. Grace did not take kindly to Agnes who, three years later, became her step-mother and gave Grace a step-brother, seven months after marrying her father. As soon as she was able, Grace left the family home and although mystery surrounds exactly when this was, it could easily have been the following year when she turned 16.

What we know for certain is that by 1913, seven years after her mother's death and now aged 19, Grace gave birth to her first child in Brisbane. The father of the child was **Edward Alfred Rose**, jockey. The Birth Certificate states that the mother is **Lillian Doris Jean Mansfield**, aged 29 who had been born in Aberdeen, Scotland. Why was Grace using an alias? Why increase her age by 10 years? Although the NSW town of Aberdeen was often used instead of the little-known Kyuga, who added "Scotland"? Grace, or an assumption by the registrar? This certificate had no area for marriage details.

By 1915 Grace and Edward had relocated to his home town of Tamworth NSW, where Grace gave birth to their second child using

the same alias - Lillian Doris Jean Mansfield. Grace again stated Aberdeen as her birthplace, but over the past two years, she had somehow increased in age and is now 39. Their marriage details are given as 1 January 1913 in Brisbane. Grace and Edward were not married as Edward was still married to his wife **Louisa Ward**. Edward, Louisa and Grace were all born in the same area in NSW, with Louisa's and Edward's families moving to Tamworth within a year of each other while they were six and nine respectively. After Louisa and Edward returned to the Muswellbrook area around 1903, their marriage broke down and they went their separate ways.

Might there be the possibility that Grace isn't the birth mother of these two children? This line of thought is dashed when in 1917 Grace had her third child in Tamworth, who sadly died the same day. This time, a hybrid version of her alias and real name is given by Edward, **Lillian Doris Tucker**, her inflated age continued and she is now 41, but this time both her birth and marriage took place in Toowoomba, Queensland.

In 1919 Grace had her fourth child in Tamworth; this time Edward remembered to include Jean so it reads: **Lillian Doris Jean Tucker**. She is now a younger 28 years of age and more correctly, born in Muswellbrook.

In 1921 she had her fifth child, in Tamworth. This time she is recorded as **Lillian Grace Tucker**, the closest of all to her real self. Edward Alfred Rose is listed as the father for all the births, working as either a jockey or trainer. It was Grace who registered the first two births; Edward registered the following three.

By 1923 the family had moved to Paddington in Sydney for Edward's cancer treatment from which he died in August of that year. Curiously, the informant is my grandfather **Cornelius Starling**, who had a family connection with Edward going back to when

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their parents lived in Inverell. On Edward's Death Certificate, Cornelius continued the ruse, listing the "widow" as **Lillian Dorothy Tucker** (close, but not quite right) and gave the usual Toowoomba marriage details. One has to wonder when their affair actually began and just when he discovered her real name was Grace.

On 1 August 1928, my grandmother (who had a very Church of England upbringing) and my grandfather (who had a very Catholic upbringing) were set to marry in a Catholic ceremony at St Joseph's Church in Edgecliff (Sydney, NSW). Grace was also pregnant with their first child, who was born three weeks after their wedding.

BUT – yes there's more... On 16 July 1928 - two weeks BEFORE her wedding day - Grace went to the Government Registry Office in Sydney and amended the birth certificates of her two younger children to correctly record her real name, age and birthplace and to remove all information relating to the marriage of herself and Edward.

And so, the question is WHY? What would make a woman in the last stages of pregnancy and two weeks before her wedding, travel to an official government office and admit that her then partner had lied about everything on their children's birth certificates except for his own name and occupation and in doing so, make her children illegitimate? Wouldn't it have been easier just to keep up the ruse and marry as a widow?

Grace did succeed in removing all trace of her fictional marriage, but not that Edward was the father of her children as the Informant section of the certificate remained. Whether Grace assumed she would now be registered as the informant on the new certificates and thus erase all trace of Edward is unknown. The birth records of the two older (living) children had been registered by Grace under the Mansfield surname, and remained unaltered. These, naturally, would have been harder to explain and as the first birth had taken place in Queensland would be a totally different matter.

However, the history of Edward was not hidden from the family. The Rose and Starling children - Grace and Cornelius went on to have five children together - grew up knowing they were part of a blended family and often joked that their mother had married a jockey and after his death, had married his friend, the trainer (although we believe Cornelius was actually a bookie). What was kept secret from the family was that Grace and Edward were never legally married. Edward's legal wife Louisa remarried as a widow on Christmas Eve 1928 – a couple of months after Grace and Cornelius – could this have had an impact?

What a mess! If anyone out there has any theories you would like to put forward that could explain this behaviour, I would be glad to hear them. Your thoughts on the elaborate name Grace used, Lillian Doris Jean Mansfield, are also welcome as they are not family names. The only link I have found is a syndicated story which appeared in Australian newspapers in 1908 that tells a romantic tale of a young down-on-his-luck horse owner who, with the help of a first-class jockey, wins the AJC Derby against all odds... and the name of his beloved? **Doris Mansfield**.

Thanking you all in advance, you can email me at wayneswift64@bigpond.com.



Grace Millicent Starling (née Tucker) with sons (from left) Bob, Max (my father), Keith, Peter and Kevin, at Keith's wedding in 1952

(photograph provided by the author) ■

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Bev Bonning

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WILLIAM NOTT - FARMER

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Two weathered graves stand in the northern section of Cardwell cemetery in North Queensland. Decades of harsh tropical weather have worn away the recorded commemorations: *Here lies William Nott, his wife Mary Jane (née Chislett) and their daughter Phoebe Catherine 'Ida' May Murray aged just 23 years.*¹

William Nott was born in Chawleigh, Devon in 1859. At the age of 21 years, he travelled as a free passenger on the ship *Caroline* and arrived in Brisbane on 1 May 1880.² Little is recorded of William's whereabouts for the next eight years until his marriage to **Mary Jane Johnson (née Chislett)**, a widow with a three-year-old son.³ When her first husband, **Albert Johnson**, died in 1887, Mary inherited 160 acres of land in Burpengary.⁴ At the time of his marriage to Mary, William was a labourer in Burpengary. William and Mary were married in the parsonage of the West End Primitive Methodist church (corner Grey and Montague Roads), Brisbane. Mary's sisters, **Emma** and **Ann Chislett** witnessed her second marriage.⁵ William and Mary's first child, **William James Nott**, was born in Brisbane on 4 September 1890.⁶

The mining of iron ore began in the Biggenden area around 1887. Gold and bismuth discoveries followed in the surrounding localities of Paradise (1889) and Mount Shamrock (1890). By 1892, the Biggenden township and school were established.⁷ William Nott made an application on 2 November 1891 for an

agricultural farm lease of 260 acres in the Maryborough land district (AF201, Parish of Degilbo, portion 26v). William considered the farm too large, and he lodged an application around the same time to subdivide the land into two lots of 130 acres each. In 1892 another application was made and included an interested party ready to select one of the subdivisions. The subdivision was not granted, and he surrendered the property on 19 June 1893.⁸ He made a successful application for a smaller portion of 140 acres (AF300, Parish of Degilbo, portion 48v) on 7 July 1893. A daughter, **Emma Elizabeth Annie**, was born on 16 December 1893.⁹ After five years of leasing he made an application for a freehold title which was issued in 1899.¹⁰ The farm was called *Rosemount* and amongst other improvements he built a small hardwood house measuring 24 x 22 feet. The Bailiff of Crown Lands reported that 16 acres of land was used for growing general produce and the other part for grazing the selector's cattle.¹¹

As a landowner, William applied for electoral rights in Biggenden on 9 December 1892 and appeared on the 1893 electoral roll.¹² Both William and Mary signed the 1894 Men's and Women's Queensland Suffrage petitions, organised by the Women's Equal Franchise Association. Mary would not be able to vote until 1905.¹³ At 40 years of age, Mary gave birth to her last child Phoebe Catherine 'Ida' May in nearby Maryborough.¹⁴ In the same year (1899), William won first prize for a collection of cut roses and second prize for a pair of plough horses (driven first spread) at the inaugural Biggenden show.¹⁵ William Nott and **Mr J.M. Robinson** attended the June 1900 Agricultural conference in Warwick for four days as delegates of the Biggenden Agricultural and Pastoral Society. William presented the eighth session paper on 'Farm Manures'.¹⁶

William's daughters boarded in Brisbane for some of their education, while brother William was educated in Biggenden. Emma Nott attended Junction Park State School,

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Brisbane for three months from September to December 1907 and stayed with her aunt, **Mrs Emma Fitton** in Caroline St, Fairfield. Youngest daughter 'Ida' moved to Brisbane to attend West End Girl's School, South Brisbane from 23 August 1910 under the guardianship of **Mrs West** (her much older cousin) of Skinner St, West End. 'Ida' commenced at the Junction Park State School on 28 February 1911 and continued until April 1913.¹⁷

William and Mary Nott remained at *Rosemount* in Mines Road, Biggenden until 1912.¹⁸ The family moved to Brisbane, first in Caroline Street, Fairfield and later Ekibin Street, Annerley. William was employed as a bridge carpenter and the family remained in Brisbane until the end of 1914.¹⁹

William and his family moved to Wowan near Mt Morgan in 1915. He was a shopkeeper, and his son William, a butcher.²⁰ Emma remained in Brisbane and lived at the Yeerongpilly railway gatekeeper's cottage with her aunt from 1915 to 1919. When the cottage burnt down in July 1919, she moved with her aunt to Caroline Street, Fairfield.²¹ William was an active member of the Wowan Farmers Progress Association seeking rate remissions due to drought. He entertained the Minister for Lands **Hon J. Hunter** and **MLA J.C. Peterson**, with light refreshments on his verandah. As a representative of Wowan Progress Association he asked for remission of rents for the 1916/1917 period. As the crop had failed due to drought conditions in the previous year and farmers were not hopeful of a crop in the coming year, they asked for the provision of secure water.²² At the Farmers Progress Association meeting on 27 May 1916, William declared the staple industry of the Dawson Valley should be dairy, and those present unanimously voted the butter factory should be in Wowan over other nearby towns.²³

'Ida', at 20 years of age, became the head teacher at the nearby Pheasant Creek Provisional School (No. 1049) in March 1919.²⁴ She left a year later when she married a 23-year-old Englishman, **Philip 'Phil'**

Laurence Murray at the Methodist church, Annerley, Brisbane. Her mother Mary and aunt Emma Fitton were witnesses.²⁵ William and Mary Nott's second grandchild **Ida 'Marion' Ruth Murray** was born five months later.²⁶

The following year in the winter of 1921, William Nott and son-in-law Phil Murray made an application to select land about eight miles from Cardwell in Northern Queensland. It had previously been offered to WWI soldiers as soldier settlement land.²⁷ William and Phil were amongst the first selectors in the Kennedy Creek/Carruchan area. By 21 November 1921 both William and Phil were granted licenses to occupy under perpetual leases. William settled on 191 acres (Portion 84 Meunga) and called it *Brookfield*. Nearby, Phil settled on 299 acres in the shadow of Mt Carruchan (Portion 74 Meunga), which he named *Mountain View*.²⁸ The *Northern Miner* reports, "He (William) was impressed with the land when he first saw it and decided straight away to take it up."²⁹

William, Mary, and son-in-law Phil were hit with the unexpected death of 'Ida' in March 1923 from phthisis (tuberculosis). William's grandchildren, Marion and **Tom Murray**, moved to *Crandon* in Capalaba, Brisbane to live with their father Phil and his parents. Phil Murray left his land in the hands of a bailiff, **William Henderson**. Henderson was the husband of William Nott's daughter Emma. The lease was transferred to Henderson in 1924, who later relinquished the lease.³⁰

William Nott continued to farm successfully, and he applied for Aboriginal workers to assist him in 1922, 1923 and 1924.³¹ In 1924 William trialled a cotton crop that returned £75 for 1.5 acres. The following year he planted 40 acres. He had successfully grown cotton in Wowan.³²

The railway line from southern and northern Queensland met at Cardwell in May 1924, providing options for produce to be transported quickly to market. The *Daily Mail* newspaper reported that Mr Nott has a "nice crop of bananas" and was "busy scrub felling and clearing".³³

WILLIAM NOTT - FARMER (Cont.)

In 1925, at a meeting of the Local Progress Association (LPA), William lobbied for permits to grow cane in the Kennedy Creek and Currachan areas for the Tully sugar mill. William said at the meeting, "(we) are Britishers and government tenants, but foreigners are being granted permits".³⁴ At the Ingham Show, the Kennedy Creek district exhibited "copper bananas, cassava and a bright yellow fruit called mangosteen from Mr Nott's property".³⁵ A month later the outgoing Queensland Governor **Sir Matthew Nathan** visited *Brookfield* and described William as "almost a pioneer".³⁶

The telephone was connected in 1925 and a main road was constructed as far as William's farm and included a "bridge over the creek near Knott's".³⁷ At 72 years old, William successfully grew corn, cotton, pineapples, turnips, tomatoes, and peas.³⁸

Ten years after he left Kennedy Creek, William's son-in-law Phil Murray moved back to Kennedy Creek with his second wife **Margaret** in January 1933. William sub-leased the western part of his land to Phil. Phil built a house and lived there with his family including William Nott's grandchildren Marion and Tom. William and Phil were members of the Kennedy Valley Local Producers Association and in January 1935 they reported excessive hot dry weather, including fires. "Several men are leaving the farms as citrus is dropping off the trees and bananas are affected. They are finding work elsewhere in timber."³⁹

William's wife Mary died from toxæmia and cardiac failure on 10 January 1936, and she was buried the next day in the Cardwell cemetery.⁴⁰ Four months after Mary's death, William's unmarried niece **Louisa Charlotte Nelis** arrived from England.⁴¹ William lived with her until his death. The sub lease with Phil Murray was due to expire in December 1937. William tried to subdivide the land. A memo from the Innisfail Land Ranger **Bergin**, dated December 1936, indicated Phil was "anxious to acquire part of this selection".⁴² As World War II was approaching Phil and wife Margaret decided to return to Brisbane with

their family of four children, at the expiry of his sub-lease.⁴³

William wrote a letter on 1 September 1939 to **Hon. Mr Percy Pease**, Minister for Lands, and local member. "Just a note to let you know I have disposed of my farm. As I am nearly 80, I will be pleased to retire". Twenty-one days later, William transferred the lease of Portion 84 Meunga to **Charles Maggs**, a timbergetter from Ravenshoe for the price of £150 for chattels and £735 for improvements.⁴⁴ William and his niece Louisa continued to reside at *Brookfield* until 1949.⁴⁵ William managed ten years of 'retirement' and lived to 90 years of age. He died from senility and pneumonia at Parker Street, Cardwell on 6 June 1949 and was buried the next day in the Cardwell cemetery with his wife Mary and beside daughter Ida.⁴⁶

Over his lifetime, William was a resourceful farmer: clearing scrub, grazing cattle, growing cotton, bananas and many other vegetables and fruits. He was an active member for over 50 years within his local farming communities of Biggenden, Wowan and Kennedy Creek.

William was my husband's great-grandfather.

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THE MAHENO (PART IV) – MARRIAGE ON THE WRECK

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Perhaps because of the sentiments of returned service men and women, and the vessel being wrecked, the marriage on the *Maheno* attracted interest from around Australia.

WAVES CRASH 'AMEN' The strange surroundings made the ceremony more, rather than less, impressive and reverent. The Customs officer in charge at the wreck (**Mr. C. F. Gregan**) played the Wedding March on the ship's fine organ, and the sea outside kept up a grand diapason as a background to the whole ceremony. The ship trembled as waves thudded against her stern and ran splashing along her seaward side. These so apparent powers, which, let loose, had thrown the first saloon of the stranded steamer *Maheno*, on the lonely beach of Fraser Island, with the ship's organ and the waves for music. The **Rev. T. Tomlinson** yesterday afternoon celebrated the wedding of **Miss Beatrice McLean**, of Townsville, and **Mr. Dudley Ernest Weatherley**, one of the Customs officers on duty at the wreck. The service was quiet, save for the sound of the sea, and very beautiful and reverent, for all its strange surroundings; with the deck sloping towards the sea at an angle of 16 degrees the minister had to lean backward, like a skier descending a mountain side, and the bridal couple and their attendants leaned forward before him. The congregation on the ship upon the beach, suggested forcefully tremendous spiritual powers behind the ceremony. The congregation, in awed reverence, heard the old minister recite the Prayer Book wedding service, whose every word in his kindly voice seemed benediction. His 'Whom God hath Joined' was given forceful meaning by the breakers that crashed 'Amen' to the padre's closing words. The Japanese salvage engineer, **Mr. T. Nagasaka**, who represented **Captain Tanaka** at the wedding, did not know enough English to follow the words of the service, but he listened and watched it all in solemn attention, and told the young wife and husband at the end when he had found

the words in his Japanese English dictionary: 'Marriage very beautiful—very beautiful.'

'SMALL BOYS' WONDER There were about 20 in the congregation, most of them from the Happy Valley tourist camp. Three were small boys, whose wide-eyed awe through the whole service was caused much more by the wonders of the wrecked ship than the minister's words. **Miss Alice Lewis** was the bridesmaid, and **Mr. J. Cook**, of Happy Valley, was best man. The bride's brother, **Mr. J. McLean**, gave her away. The **Rev. T. Tomlinson**, of Toowoomba, assisted his father in the service. The bridal gown of white georgette was trimmed with shirring and finished at the neckline with white flowers. The billowy white veil formed a train, and the bride carried white and pink roses. Floral georgette was worn by the bridesmaid. Her hat was of leaf green, and her bouquet was of cream roses.

'TOWER OF PISA CAKE The wedding breakfast presented problems. The slope of the tables made it necessary to lay bottles on their sides to keep them safely right end up. The three-tier wedding cake, brought in sections from Townsville, and erected on the ship, needed engineering to keep it upright. **Mrs. Gregan**, who received the guests, hit upon an ingenious wedged staging that gave it a level setting, and made the cake look like a Tower of Pisa in the tilted setting of the dining saloon. The toast list was short, and the speeches were short. The padre, whose fund of stories is illimitable, through years of war service in Egypt, France, and England, and a genial life in many parishes before and since, told one or two of his best tales in proposing the health of **Mr. and Mrs. Weatherley**; amid laughter he expressed the wish that the marriage, started from a wreck, would end in prosperous happiness—"Better than having it the other way around," he said. The bride and bridegroom will spend their honeymoon on the island, where Mr. Gregan and Mr. Weatherley have well-fitted camps, snugly built and furnished. They have spent much time and

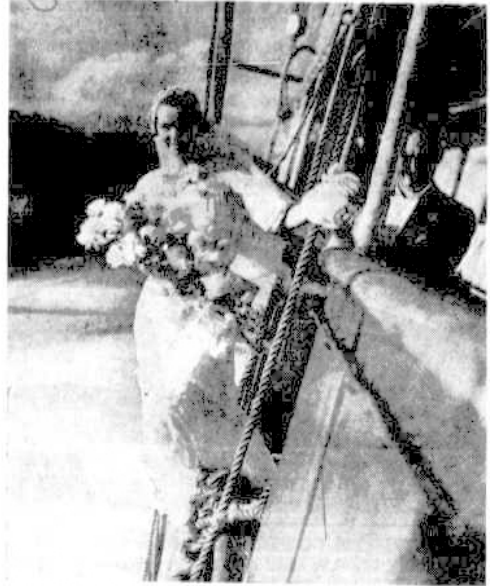
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some money in making their island homes comfortable, bringing materials from Maryborough, and making use of some of the ship's fittings lent by Captain Tanaka. They have wireless receiving sets, and listen daily to news and music from Brisbane stations. They get their mail spasmodically — on an average about once a week.

'MARRIAGE WAS POSTPONED The bride and bridegroom both grew up in Townsville. A friendship of five years developed into courtship, and they were engaged to be married several months ago. However, the illness and death of Miss McLean's father made it necessary to postpone the ceremony. Mr. Weatherley, who is a Brisbane Customs search officer, has been three months at the *Maheno*, and Mr. Gregan and he expected to be there another six months before the ship was salvaged. Captain Tanaka invited the couple to be married on the ship, which would be more convenient and less expensive than a wedding in Maryborough. Arrangements were then made for a quiet wedding. A few friends were invited, and plans were laid for the wedding breakfast to be held in the ship's dining saloon. Miss McLean's mother had intended to make the trip from Townsville, but became ill, so the bride was brought to Fraser Island by her brother. **Miss J. Powell** and Miss A. Lewis came with them from Townsville. They arrived on the island on Monday when Mr. Weatherley and Miss McLean met after a separation of 12 months. A New England Airways Monospar aeroplane, piloted by Mr. **Allan Cameron**, took Courier-Mail representatives to the island yesterday morning, landing on the beach at low tide in the lee of the *Maheno*. After the wedding the 'plane returned to Brisbane, landed at

Maryborough for fuel, and made most of the remainder of the flight in the dark, landing at Archerfield with the aid of flares.³⁵

The Bride of the Maheno



A special Herald picture received by Air Mail today of Miss B. McLean leaving the liner *Maheno*, which is stranded on the beach at Fraser Island on the Queensland coast, after her marriage to Mr Dudley Weatherley, a Customs officer who has been keeping vigil on the ship since she ran aground. He is seen partly hidden by an iron stanchion on deck.

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THE MAHENO (PART V) – 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ANZAC

Before Union Ship Company handed over the *Maheno* to the Amakasu Brothers of Japan for scrap the two bells were removed. One was presented to the Wellington Carillon in October 1935 and later donated to the Te

Papa Museum in Wellington, from where it was lent to the Waioura Military Museum. This bell is plain and has a small builder's plaque bearing the *Maheno's* yard number. The second bell has 'Maheno' carved into the

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bell, with an engraved design and was retained by the Union Ship company until 1967 when it was donated to the school in Maheno, NZ, which gave its name to the ship. The bell has been the school bell ever since.

The third was a temporary bell required as the *Maheno* was being towed through Australian waters and was fitted just prior to leaving Sydney. This bell was on board when she ran aground. It was presented to Rev. Tomlinson who performed the marriage ceremony on board in 1936 and is now in St John the Baptist Anglican church at Bulimba, Brisbane.

The wreck has become a tourist attraction with many people visiting a number of times watching the slow decline as wind and sea have continued to eat away at the *Maheno*. One such person is **Russell Postle** who has researched and collected memorabilia. When the centenary of Anzac was approaching he felt it was appropriate to recognise the role the *Maheno* had played as a hospital ship. As the ship was slowly disintegrating it was felt that making a replica of the bell would be a fitting way to remember her. A fund raising appeal was begun and Olds Engineering of Maryborough was approached to recast the bell. Olds Engineering was founded in 1918 by the great-grandfather of owner, **Peter Olds**. Mr Olds senior had been a soldier and on his return he founded the company, in Reef Street, Gympie before moving to Maryborough. A replica was to be presented to the Queensland Maritime Museum as a lasting memorial to this significant ship.

Permission of the New Zealand government was required for the bell to leave the country. The significance and condition of the bell meant great care was needed. After arriving in Brisbane it was immediately transferred to Maryborough under "lock and code". The bell was completed in time for the Centenary of Anzac on 25 April 2015, and was to be part of a moving and significant ceremony.³⁷

Two replicas of the bell were made. One is now at the Queensland Maritime Museum, while the one rung at the ceremony has returned to New Zealand, with the group of

fourteen students and parents from the Maheno School, as the new school bell. The group travelled to the wreck of the *Maheno* on Fraser island to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Anzac landing at Gallipoli.

They were joined by about 150 people for an Anzac Day commemoration with a difference. Campers joined with visitors who came by plane and bus to pay homage to the fallen and hear the replica of the bell that once belonged to the fastest hospital ship afloat. As part of the ceremony the visitors were treated to the 1918 Christmas Day menu of roast dinner. This was the first time in eighty years that the ship and the bell were in the same place.

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MORE EXCLUSIVE CATHOLIC RECORDS ADDED TO FINDMYPAST

Covering over 300 years and all eight Scottish dioceses, a further 4,300 transcripts and images have been added to its largest collection, [*Scotland Roman Catholic Parish Baptisms*](#). Also another 9,200 records have been added into [*Scotland Roman Catholic Parish Marriages*](#). The new records cover St Mary's of the Assumption, *Glasgow*. Refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/12709593>.

PEERAGE, GENTRY, ROYALTY AND VISITATIONS RECORDS RELEASED BY THEGENEALOGIST

Heraldic visitations, one of the records to be included in this release, were tours of inspection undertaken by Kings of Arms throughout England, Wales and Ireland. Their purpose was to register and regulate the coats of arms of nobility, gentry and boroughs, and to record pedigrees. Refer to <https://www.eogn.com.wildapricot.org/page-18080/12708222> for a long list of the searchable books and year records.

YOU CAN NOW EXPLORE ALL OF 'THE BOOK OF KELLS' FOR FREE ONLINE

The most iconic piece of Irish history dates to the early medieval period. The Book of Kells, held in the library of Trinity College Dublin, is a masterpiece of medieval illumination and manuscript craft. The legendary 9th-century devotional text is now available in new high-resolution scans for free online browsing at <https://digitalcollections.tcd.ie/concern/works/hm50tr726?locale=en>. You can read more at <https://mymodernmet.com/book-of-kells-online/>, and for more information about the history of the Book of Kells refer to <https://digitalcollections.tcd.ie/collections/ks65hc20t>.

TWO MILLION HISTORIC YORK RECORDS GO ONLINE

More than two million records detailing baptisms, marriages and burials in York, England between 1538 and 1995 have been released online thanks to a new partnership between the University of York and Ancestry. The records are from the archdeaconry of York, which covers the *City of York* and roughly 20 miles around. You can read more on the University of York web site at www.york.ac.uk/news-and-events/news/2022/community/york-records-online/.

IRISH GARDA PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE

A fascinating Irish Garda Photographic Archive captures some of the major events from the past 100 years. Refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/12848914>.

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HUNTINGDONSHIRE MARRIAGES AND BURIALS

Findmypast have added an index of [Huntingdonshire Marriages 1754-1837](#), the three generations prior to the introduction of Civil Registration, and [Huntingdonshire Burials](#), which are now searchable. Also on the same page are Cambridge records.

MILLIONS OF HISTORICAL PERSONAL RECORDS FROM SUSSEX PARISH (UK) ARE AVAILABLE ON A GENEALOGY WEBSITE FOR THE FIRST TIME

The Sussex Parish Registers span from 1538-1995 and are now available on Ancestry. It displays 6.5 million records of baptisms, deaths, marriages and burials in the county. See <https://eogn.com/page-18080/12799748>.

PHOTOGRAPHER GIFTS ONE MILLION IMAGES THAT HELP TELL THE STORY OF SCOTLAND

A highly-regarded Scottish photographer has donated more than one million of his images capturing more than 30 years of the ways of a nation. Read more at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/12799834>.

13TH CENTURY MANUSCRIPT BOOK OF ST. ALBANS

The Book of St Albans, one of the world's finest illustrated medieval manuscripts, has been digitized for the first time, and the Library of Trinity College Dublin has made the 13th-century masterpiece globally accessible. It features 54 individual works of medieval art and has fascinated readers across the centuries, from royalty to renaissance scholars. Refer to www.irishcentral.com/roots/history/book-st-albans-trinity.

NEW BRITISH ROYAL AIR FORCE RECORDS ONLINE

[Fold3®](#) are pleased to announce a new collection of military records. The [UK, British Air Force Lists, 1919-1945](#) contains a list of people who served in the British Royal Air Force between the end of WWI and WWII. The Royal Air Force (RAF) was established on April 1, 1918, when the Royal Flying Corps and Royal Naval Air Service merged during the final year of WWI. See more at <https://www.eogn.com/page-18080/12901079>.

THE GENEALOGIST RELEASES LAND RECORDS FOR LONDON AND OTHER AREAS

TheGenealogist has released over 35,000 records for the areas of the following parts of London in 1910: *Cowley, Cranford (Bedfont), Great Stanmore, Harefield, Harlington, Harmondsworth, Harrow, Harrow Weald Hayes, Hillingdon East, Hillingdon West, Ickenham, Little Stanmore, Pinner, Ruislip, Uxbridge, West Drayton, Yiewsley and Wealdstone*. For more information refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/12680972>.

Family and house historians are able to investigate the streets, lanes and wider areas of where their ancestors lived at the time of the 1891 census. For further information refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/12835473>.

All English Tithe Maps have now been georeferenced to modern and historic maps. Family historians can now search the complete National Tithe Record Collection for England and view their ancestors' land and homes plotted through the ages on Victorian Tithe maps, as well as on today's Modern Street and Satellite maps.

[TheGenealogist's](#) powerful Map Explorer™, will now also benefit from the inclusion of Tithe Maps and Records for five extra counties of England, with *Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Herefordshire, Nottinghamshire and Sussex* joining those that had previously been released. Now all of the English counties' Tithe Records and Maps are available on Map Explorer™. For more information refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/12849886>.

The whole Greater London Area is now searchable by name, address or location. The Lloyd George Domesday Survey is now complete for all of the *Greater London boroughs*, as well as for *North Buckinghamshire*. See <https://eogn.com/page-18080/12926884>.

THOUSANDS OF AERIAL IMAGES OF ENGLAND

For more than 400,000 aerial photographs dating back to 1919, amongst other things showing historic landmarks and cropmarks in the East, refer to www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-norfolk-60834666. ■

QFHS NOTICES

BEREAVEMENT NOTICES



We extend our deepest sympathy on the following bereavements:

Sheila Mary Thurlow, wife of Raymond Thurlow-Berthelsen, member #1575, formerly of McDowall, late of Fitzgibbon, who passed away on 26 June 2022, aged 85 years.

Tom Price, Life Member #163, late of Moorooka, who passed away on 22 July 2022, aged 98 years.

Expressions of sympathy have been conveyed to their families on behalf of the President and members of the Society.

Finding your family: a beginners' course in research



A six week course

Commences: Monday 13 February 2023
 Time: 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm
 Location: Online event
 Cost: Members \$60, non-members \$90
 Only 10 people per course
 Content: Home sources, organisation, BDM certificates, archives, libraries, newspapers, overseas research, and much more.

Details:
www.qfhs.org.au/events/learn-qfhs/finding-your-family-a-beginners-course-in-research-feb-2023/

LEARN@QFHS

Further courses will be held ONLINE on the following dates:

Topic: **Talking About – the Methodists**
 (back by popular demand)
Date: MON 7 November 2022
Time: 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm (online)
Presenter: Nancy Edwards
 (Limit 15 people)

Topic: **Zotero: your personal research assistant (workshop)**
Date: FRI 11 November 2022
Time: 10.00 am to 12 noon (online)
Presenter: Sue Reid
 (Limit 6 people)

Topic: **Talking About – Voyages**
Date: WED 23 November 2022
Time: 10.00 am to 12 noon (online)
Presenter: Nancy Edwards
 (Limit 15 people)

Topic: **Newspapers Advanced Searching**
Date: FRI 10 February 2023
Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)
Presenter: Sue Reid
 (Limit 25 people)

Topic: **Talking About – Riding the Railways**
Date: WED 22 February 2023
Time: 10.00 am to 12 noon (online)
Presenter: Lyndal Cosgrove
 (Limit 15 people)

Topic: **To be advised**
Date: FRI 10 March 2023
Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)
Presenter:
 (Limit 25 people)

Follow QFHS and be kept informed with
www.eventbrite.com.au/o/queensland-family-history-society-inc-4629298833

Cost per presentation/hands-on mode:
 \$15/\$20 members (QFHS and GSQ) and
 \$25/\$30 non-members.

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE EVENTS
 Bookings are required – you are invited to register to secure your place for these events through www.qfhs.org.au/events/learn-qfhs/.

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QFHS INC. FAMILY HISTORY BOOK AWARD 2023

The Society invites entries for this Award which will be presented at the Annual General Meeting 2023 to the person or persons producing the best history of a Queensland family published in book form within the past five years.

Full guidelines, conditions of entry and entry forms are available on our website at <http://www.qfhs.org.au/about-us/awards/>.

Please check the guidelines. In brief, these include:

- It must be the story of a family, not an individual, and have significant Queensland content
- It should have an index
- Desirable features include charts and tables, illustrations, maps, references, and a list of source materials.

Further information is available from:

Hon Secretary
QFHS Inc
PO Box 171
Indooroopilly Qld 4068

or

Gayle Thomsett
Unit 16
43-46 Taylor Street
Woolloongabba Qld 4102.



Entries close **30 November 2022**.

The Award is open to members of the Society and to the general public.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER



You are invited to contribute to the Christmas Hamper which will be placed in the Reception Area at our Volunteers' Morning Tea. During the Christmas break, the hamper will be delivered to the Salvation

Army for distribution. All non-perishable goods, soft toys, etc, will be very welcome. Thank you. We appreciate your generosity.

QFHS VOLUNTEERS' THANK YOU MORNING TEA

MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2022
10.00 am – 12.00 noon



**Kedron-Wavell Services Club,
21 Kittyhawk Dr, Chermside Q**
Do come along for a friendly get-together and meet other volunteers

AND

**PRESENTATION OF THE
QFHS INC. AWARD FOR
SERVICES TO FAMILY
HISTORY 2022**

RootsTech 2023
will be virtual
and in person!

2-4 March 2023

More information at
www.familysearch.org/rootstech/

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by FamilySearch

rootstech.org

QFHS NOTICES (Cont.)

Irish Research Day



Researching Irish ancestors?

The next Irish Research Day is

Thursday, 24 November 2022

at the **Chermside Library, 375 Hamilton Road, Chermside, 4032.**

Everyone welcome. Come anytime between 11.30 am – 5.00 pm and stay as long as you like.

Work alongside others and help each other as required.

Make a day of it - bring your lunch.

In preparation, we suggest you:

- review where you currently are with your research
- try to specify specific research questions or goals on which you would like to work.

On the day, bring whatever information and equipment you think you will need to help you work towards a productive day.

There will be plenty of friendly, experienced and helpful people there ready to assist & support each other.

Contact Dale Fogarty, the convener of the Irish Interest Group, to register your interest at irish@qfhs.org.au.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

When your Membership is due for Renewal you will receive an email reminder. If you're not sure, please contact our Membership Secretary, email at membership@qfhs.org.au, before making payment. Also don't forget to let us know if any of your contact details change so that we can update our records.

QFHS TROUT GAME

Allow yourself the privilege of having a fun day in family history and play the Trout Game.



The game simulates researching into an imaginary English Trout family using eleven types of records. Use the game to assess your skills using basic research techniques to see if you can get back to the 1500s. You may discover why you have brick walls in your research. Numbers are limited and early bookings are essential.

Date: **Sunday 28 May 2023**

Venue: Meeting Room, Family History Research Centre, Chermside

Time: 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Cost: \$5.00 includes morning and afternoon tea (BYO lunch)

Contact: The Game Master, Ann Swain, for bookings or enquiries, phone 07 3352 5537 or email trout@qfhs.org.au.



Kadina . Moonta . Wallaroo, SA

15 - 21 May 2023

Celebrating 50 Years

The 2023 program will be available later in the year.



Online event

Fri 11 November 2022
– 6:00 pm - 10:00pm

Sat 12 November 2022
– 10.00 am – 6.00 pm
(UK time).

Refer to www.fhf-reallyuseful.com.



MERRY CHRISTMAS ■

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS of QFHS INC.

Membership numbers 6529 - 6551 including members who joined up to 30/9/22:

AUSTIN Catherine, Gilla, QLD
 CANNON Judith, Buderim, QLD
 CERVELLIN Glenda, Ingham, QLD
 CHRISTY Anthony, Camira, QLD
 EVANS Gaewyn, Norfolk Island, NSW
 FRANKLAND Kathy, Camp Hill, QLD
 GALVIN Carmel, Noosaville, QLD
 GARDNER Pat, Warner, QLD
 GEARY Tilly, New Farm, QLD
 GEHRMAN Judy, Bongaree, QLD
 GOSS Kevin, Kenmore, QLD
 McINTOSH Robert, Arana Hills, QLD
 OZIGANOW Jeanette, Moorooka, QLD
 PONTING Jane, Raymond Island, VIC
 ROLLINGS Paul & Maria, McDowall, QLD
 STUBBINGS Kerry, Nome, QLD
 THIELE John, Strathpine, QLD
 TWEED Leonie, Kallangur, QLD
 WALSH Anthony, Burrill Lake, NSW
 WATT Lyn, Innaloo, WA
 WILSON Joy, Albany Creek, QLD
 WRIGHT Jenny, Greenslopes, QLD

Welcome back to the following members who are rejoining:

CUMMINS Michael, Thuringowa, QLD
 HARE Dale, Mitchelton, QLD
 HUGHES-GEELAN Sandra, Mitchelton, QLD
 McINTOSH Margaret, Goondiwindi, QLD
 SMITH Barbara, Surfer's Paradise, QLD
 WESTON Christine, Albany Creek, QLD
 WHEELDON Lloyd, Enoggera, QLD
 WYLIE Garry, Sandgate, QLD

Journal Only Subscription:

KING Esma, Beenleigh, QLD ■

JOURNAL ARTICLE OF THE YEAR

Members' Choice Award 2022

We will seek your nomination after the publication of Issue 4 in November

NEW MEMBERS' WELCOME & ORIENTATION SESSIONS

New Members' Welcome and Orientation Sessions will be held online via Zoom (or at the Library – please check the QFHS website) on the following dates and times:

FRIDAY

(At 10.00 am)

18 November 2022

17 March 2023

19 May 2023

SATURDAY

(At 9.30 am)

11 February 2023

15 April 2023

17 June 2023

Enjoy an overview of research material and facilities available in the QFHS Library and Resource Centre. We invite you to attend a New Members' Welcome and Orientation session when you join the Society or at any time you would like a refresher.

BOOKINGS: Essential

Numbers have to be limited in each session to ensure that everyone is able to participate fully in the program. Sessions are usually fully booked, with a waiting list, so please advise the organisers as soon as possible if you book and find you are unable to attend.

p: Ann Swain 07 3352 5537
 Anne Long 07 3203 6963
e: welcome@qfhs.org.au ■

This festive season, why not give a gift that keeps on giving?

Share your love of family history with a

QFHS Gift Membership



visit Gift Membership at qfhs.org.au and select the Gift Certificate of your choice

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

PLEASE CHECK THE DATES TO REMEMBER PAGE - ALL MEETINGS AT PRESENT ARE HELD ONLINE

FAMILY HISTORY WRITING GROUP



This group meets online via Zoom on the **third Saturday** of **odd-numbered** months at **9.00 am**. The next meeting dates are:

19 November 2022 21 January 2023

If you are interested in joining us, please email fhwriters@qfhs.org.au.

Sue Reid
(Convenor)

IRISH INTEREST GROUP



The Irish Interest Group meets online via Zoom usually on the **second Saturday** of **even-numbered** months from **10.30 am** until **12.30 pm**. The next meeting dates are:

10 December 2022 19 February 2023
Note change of date

For further information, please email irish@qfhs.org.au.

Dale Fogarty
(Convenor)

ENGLISH WEST COUNTRY GROUP



This group researches the counties of Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Dorset. The Group meets online via Zoom on the **fourth Thursday** of **odd-numbered** months at **noon**. The next meeting dates are:

24 November 2022 January cancelled

For further information, please email englishwestcountry@qfhs.org.au.

Jenny Davidson
(Convenor)

SCOTTISH INTEREST GROUP



This group meets online via Zoom and in the QFHS Library (hybrid) on the **second Saturday** of **odd-numbered** months (except January) at **10.00 am**. The next meeting dates are:

12 November 2022 11 March 2023

If you are interested in joining this group, please email scottish@qfhs.org.au or phone Chris Schuetz on 0413 594243.

Chris Schuetz
(Convenor)

WELSH INTEREST GROUP

The Welsh Interest Group meets online via Zoom (or in the QFHS Library) on the **third Sunday** of **odd-numbered** months from **10.00 am until noon**. The next meeting dates are:

20 November 2022 15 January 2023

For further information please email welsh@qfhs.org.au.



Charlotte Sale
(Convenor)

CENTRAL EUROPEAN GROUP

This group aims to encourage, educate and assist members in their family history research in the Central European area. The Group meets online via Zoom (or in the QFHS Library) on the **fourth Saturday** of **odd-numbered** months from **10.00 am to noon**. The next meeting dates are:

26 November 2022 28 January 2023

A \$2 donation goes towards purchasing relevant records.

Phone Eric on 07 3376 4339 or email Eric at kopittke@tpg.com.au.

Eric Kopittke & Peter Row
(Convenors)



FAMILY TREE MAKER USER GROUP

If you are using the Family Tree Maker™ program, or just want to learn more about it, this enthusiastic group is for you.

The group meets online via Zoom on the **first Friday** of **even-numbered** months and the **first Saturday** of **odd-numbered** months (except January) at **10.00 am**. The next meeting dates are:

Sat 5 November 2022
Fri 2 December 2022
Fri 3 February 2023
Sat 4 March 2023



For further information, please contact Geoff Morgan on phone 0407 146763 or email familytree@qfhs.org.au.

Geoff Morgan & Joe Greaves
(Convenors)

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DNA INTEREST GROUP



This group seeks to share information on aspects of genetic family history. The group meets on the **first Saturday of each month** (except January) online via Zoom (or in the QFHS Library) at

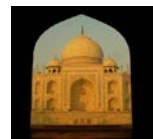
1:30 pm. The next meeting dates are:

5 November 2022	Advanced
3 December 2022	Beginners
4 February 2023	Beginners
4 March 2023	Advanced

For further information contact Chris Schuetz on 0413 594243 or Ann Swain on 07 3352 5537 or email dna@qfhs.org.au.

Chris Schuetz & Ann Swain
(Convenors)

COLONIAL INDIA AND THE FAR EAST GROUP



We welcome you into our friendly, collaborative group to explore the ever-increasing resources available to research Colonial India and the Far East.

Our meetings share information, ideas and short presentations about this fascinating time and place. The group meets online via Zoom at **10.30 am** on the **second Sunday of even-numbered months**. The next meetings will be held on:

11 December 2022 **12 February 2023**

For further information please email indiafe@qfhs.org.au.

Dette Glenday & Wendy Angliss
(Convenors)

FAMILY HISTORIAN SOFTWARE USER GROUP



Family Historian - simplicity for the newer user, but still the ultimate 'power tool' for experienced family historians. To find out more, join our group's meetings via Zoom on the **first Sunday of each month** at

1:00 pm for approximately 2 hours. The next meeting dates are:

6 November 2022
4 December 2022
8 January 2023 (second Sunday)
5 February 2023
5 March 2023

For further information please email familyhistorian@qfhs.org.au.

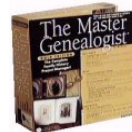
Malcolm Kingston
(Convenor)

THE MASTER GENEALOGIST (TMG) USER GROUP

The group caters to the needs of all users, from novice to advanced, and meets online via Zoom on the **third Saturday at 1.30 pm (2022)** and on the **third Thursday at 7.00 pm (2023)** of **most months** (except December).

The next meeting dates are:

19 November 2022 (Sat)
19 January 2023 (Thurs)
16 February 2023
16 March 2023



For further information contact Kevin Haley on 07 3359 7491.

Kevin Haley
(Convenor)

QLD PRE-SEPARATION GROUP



Did any of your ancestors arrive in Queensland prior to separation from New South Wales On 10 December 1859?

If so, you may become a certificate member of this group. The group also welcomes anyone interested in pre-separation families and history to its periodic meetings and activities. Meetings are usually held quarterly, online via Zoom on the **second Saturdays of March and September at 1.30 pm**, or by **excursion in June and December**. The next meetings will be held on:

Mon 5 December 2022 - Excursion to Parliament House

Sat 11 March 2023

For further information please email presep@qfhs.org.au.

Ann Swain & Jenny Davidson
(Convenors) ■



PRE-SEPARATION EXCURSION to celebrate Qld Proclamation Day

Would you like to join us at 10.30 am on **Monday 5 December** for a tour of the O'Donovan Library in Parliament House? Numbers limited to 15. Please contact presep@qfhs.org.au if interested. ■

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
NOVEMBER 2022 THE GAYTHORNE PREMISES WILL BE CLOSED FROM 20 OCT 2022			
Saturday	5 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.156</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	5 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.157</i>)	Online	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	6 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.157</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Monday	7 Talking about ... the Methodists (<i>See p.152</i>)	Online	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Friday	11 Learn@QFHS: <i>Zotero: your personal research assistant (p.152)</i>	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	12 Scottish Interest Group (<i>See p.157</i>)	Online	10.00 - noon
Friday	18 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.155</i>)	Online	10.00 - 1.00 pm
Saturday	19 Family History Writing Group (<i>See p.156</i>)	Online	9.00 - 11.00 am
Saturday	19 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (<i>See p.157</i>)	Online	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	20 Welsh Interest Group (<i>See p.156</i>)	Online	10.00 - noon
Monday	21 QFHS Volunteers' Thank you M/Tea and Presentation of QFHS Inc. Award for Services to Family History	Kedron-Wavell Chersside	10.00 - noon
Wednesday	23 Talking about ... Voyages (<i>See p.152</i>)	Online	10.00 - noon
Thursday	24 Irish Research Day	BCC Library Chersside	11.30 – 5.00 pm
Thursday	24 English West Country Group (<i>See p.156</i>)	Online	noon - 2.00 pm
Saturday	26 Central European Group (<i>See p.156</i>)	Online	10.00 - noon
Wednesday	30 Monthly Members' Meeting (Evening) <i>NEW VENUE, NEW DATE</i>	Hybrid	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Wednesday	30 CLOSING DATE QFHS Family History Book Award 2023		
DECEMBER 2022			
Friday	2 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.156</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	3 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.157</i>)	Online	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	4 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.157</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Monday	5 Queensland Pre-separation Group Excursion (<i>See p.157</i>)	Brisbane	10.30 - noon
Saturday	10 Irish Interest Group (<i>See p.156</i>)	Online	10.30 - 12.30 pm
Sunday	11 Colonial India and The Far East Group (<i>See p.157</i>)	Online	10.30 - noon
Sunday	11 LIBRARY CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK		
JANUARY 2023			
PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR AN OPENING DATE FOR RESEARCH			
Sunday	8 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.157</i>)	Online	1.00 - 3.00 pm
Sunday	15 Welsh Interest Group (<i>See p.156</i>)	Online	10.00 - noon
Thursday	19 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (<i>See p.157</i>) <i>NEW TIME</i>	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Saturday	21 Family History Writing Group (<i>See p.156</i>)	Online	9.00 - 11.00 am
Thursday	26 AUSTRALIA DAY – LIBRARY CLOSED		
Thursday	26 English West Country Group (<i>See p.</i>) <i>AUST. DAY, CANCELLED</i>		
Saturday	28 Central European Group (<i>See p.156</i>)	Check website	10.00 - noon
FEBRUARY 2023			
Friday	3 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.156</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	4 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.157</i>)	Check website	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	5 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.157</i>)	Online	1.00 - 3.00 pm
Friday	10 Learn@QFHS: <i>Newspapers Advanced Searching (See p.152)</i>	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	11 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.155</i>)	QFHS Library	9.30 - 12.30 pm
Sunday	12 Colonial India and The Far East Group (<i>See p.157</i>)	Online	10.30 - noon
Monday	13 Finding Your Family course Week 1 (<i>See p.152</i>)	Online	7.30 - 9.00 pm
Wednesday	15 Monthly Members' Meeting (Evening)	Hybrid	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Sunday	19 Irish Interest Group (<i>See p.156</i>)	<i>NEW DATE</i> Online	10.30 - 12.30 pm

Management Committee meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm online via Zoom.

If you would like to attend, please contact the Secretary.

ABOUT THE SOCIETY

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Members may:

- Have free access to the Society's Library and Resource Centre, Subscription Websites, useful weblinks, and journals from Australian and overseas FH Societies;
- Receive our *Queensland Family Historian* either by mail or email, and our e-newsletter *Snippets*;
- Submit two free *Help Wanted* queries in the journal per year; and a list of research interests for publication in the *Queensland Family Historian* and on our website;
- Search the Cemetery Room for Queensland records, including the George Bond collection of headstone photographs. Cemetery records for other states are in the Print Library;
- Use our Look Up and Extended Research services available to members and non-members at www.qfhs.org.au/about-us/research-service/;
- Country members (living more than 50 km from Brisbane GPO) can participate in the Journal Loan Scheme and use the Research service, see www.qfhs.org.au/join-us/country-members/;
- See other benefits of membership at www.qfhs.org.au/join-us/benefits-of-membership/.

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Monday (2nd & 3rd):	6 pm – 9 pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays:	10 am – 3 pm
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Sundays (1st, 2nd and 3rd):	Closed
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MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY



Monthly Members' Meetings of the Society are normally held at the QFHS Inc. Library and Resource Centre, 46 Delaware St, Chermside, Brisbane and by Zoom, on the **third Wednesday** of each month (except in January and December). Visitors are welcome, free parking.



For the dates of the meetings of the different **Special Interest Groups**, please refer to *p.156* or *Dates to Remember* on *p.158* of this issue.

2022

NOVEMBER 21
(10.00 am)

Note new venue

**QFHS Volunteers' Morning Tea, and
Presentation of QFHS Inc. Award for Services to Family History**
Kedron-Wavell Services Club, 21 Kittyhawk Dr, Chermside Q 4032

NOVEMBER 30 Topic:
(7.30 pm)

Note new date

Topic: **My Life Story**
Speaker: Dr Colin Dillon AM, APM, 2022 Queensland Senior Australian of the Year, and Australia's first Indigenous police officer
QFHS Christmas meeting / Christmas breakup.

Note new venue

Chermside BCC Library, 375 Hamilton Road, Chermside Q 4032

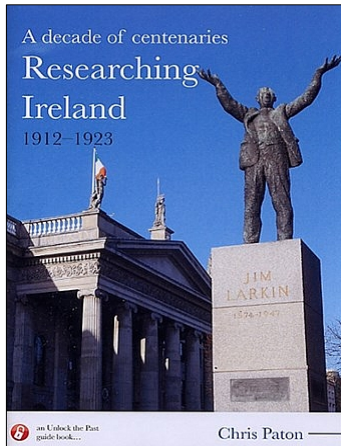
2023

FEBRUARY 15 Topic:
(7.30 pm)

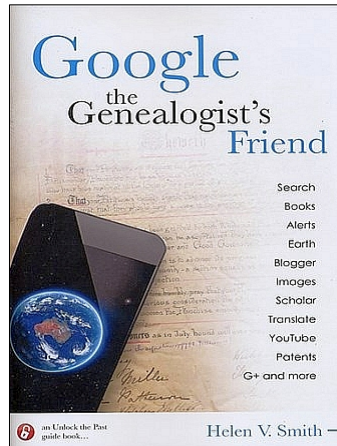
Topic: **Norwegian family history - further avenues of research**
Speaker: Dr Hilda Maclean, QFHS member

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