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General Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month (excepting January) at the Library building in Kendall's Road, commencing at 7.30pm.

WE'VE GOT IT COVERED.

You may find errors in this publication. This is in line with our policy of trying to please everyone- especially those who love to find a mistake.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
To
One and All
Happy Genealogical Hunting

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear Members

With the Christmas season fast approaching it is now time for the last newsletter of the year. The year 2013 was a very difficult one for many in the Bundaberg/Wide Bay region. May the next year 2014 have many good things in store for all.

The Bundaberg Genealogical Association's most recent event was the annual trivia night to fundraise for new library resources. This had been postponed from earlier in the year due to combined circumstances after the flooding.

I would like to personally thank each and every member or supporter who contributed to the great success on the night in a multitude of ways big and small; before, during and after the event. There were very many generous donations of prizes, refreshments, money and time. Such an event does not happen without a huge amount of behind the scenes work in the planning, correspondence, phone calls, collecting prizes and then wrapping them all, preparing food, setting up the venue, preparing the questions, raffles, prizes and tickets, not to leave out the clean up and organization afterwards. Thank you sincerely to everyone involved.

Since the last newsletter we have had some interesting presentations and discussions at the monthly meetings. The topic about how some of our ancestors came to grief in various ways throughout the ages was well supported and inspired many and varied recounts.

At the September meeting yours truly gave a presentation about German immigration to Queensland over the past 150 years. It was a good opportunity to use the digital projector and screen to show enlarged images and information for all to see clearly.

At the November meeting Joan Johnson gave a riveting account of first hand writings about the First World War taken from letters from local soldiers. These letters had been published at the time in the local paper for the community to read of their accounts. Such a glimpse into their personal recollections was very moving indeed. Joan is to be applauded for stepping forward to share her many years of personal research. She now has five of her books in the collection of the Australian War Memorial. Congratulations Joan.

The only shame is that it is such a small band of loyal members who come along to the meetings to hear the presentations and take part in the discussions. New faces are always welcome!

If you have a suggestion for discussion or a request for topics in the New Year, please feel free to contact any of the committee members. We are on the outlook for more ideas of interest to involve others. All the better, if you are also willing to share some of your own research.

All the very best to everyone for a safe and happy Christmas break. If you can possibly make it to the library for the December meeting, it would be great to see you there. The meeting is followed by supper and a chance to chat to one another. Please bring a plate to share.

The library will then close over the holiday period and reopen on 28 January at normal hours. The annual clean up day is Monday 20 January 2014 from 8am. Hope to see you there.

Alison Kindt

EARLY MILLS

Infancy of Sugar Industry

A glimpse into the past of the sugar industry in the Bundaberg district reveals the big changes which have taken place at least on the manufacturing side

Interesting information of this is contained in one of two volumes of the Aldine History of Queensland recently acquired by the Bundaberg School of Arts The history was written by Frederic Morrison M A M D and published in 1888.

At the time Bundaberg boasted 11crushing mills attached to plantations Ten of the 11 plantations were situated in the Woongarra, the furthest apart being Pemberton, towards the Elliott and Woodlands, at the Burnett Heads end of the scrub. . The other mill was at Bonna up the Burnett River. .

Seven of the mills manufactured sugar the others produces only juice, which was pumped through the pipe lines to the Milliquin refinery.

While the daily capacity of the hummock mill was not shown its seasonal output was 2,000,000 gallons of juice equivalent to 800 tons of sugar; on this basis therefore 2,5000 gallons of juice were required in the 80's to make a ton of sugar.

Although some of the plantations possessed large areas, an aggregate of only 3,575 acres were under cane. Black labour was evidently more plentiful at the time as the plantations between them showed permanent employment figure of 154 Europeans and 646 Polynesians.

It would be interesting to know the quantities and quality of cane grown at that period but these are not given. Evidence, however of the primitive stage of the crushing end of the industry 56 years ago, is revealed in the horse power of the mills (varying from 14 to 150) and the daily capacity as shown below-- .

Ashgrove—Proprietors, Clark & Ford daily capacity 7,000 gallons of juice: acreage under cane 223.

Sunnyside - Edward Turner;3000 gals 200acres.

Woodlands—Chas. Faulkner, 8,000 gals., 250 acres.

Hummock - Farquhar and others. -, 600 acres.

Ashfield—Buss and Penny, 5 tons sugar, 200 acres.

Bonna—Bonna Sugar. Company, 3 tons, 200 acres.

Kalkie—Olsson and Grotherr, 3 tons, 200 Acres.

Pemberton and Glen Morris - Buss and Davidson, 5 tons, 400 Acres

Springhill—Noakes Brothers, 8 tons 500 acres.

Windermere—Nott Brothers, 50 tons. 650 acres.

Windsor—John Gaylard, 3 tons, 150 acres.

(Bundaberg Daily News and Mail 22nd September 1944)

“Bundaberg and District Buildings and Structures with Notes of Historical Significance”
compiled by Nev Rackermann June-July 1988. (Courtesy of Mary Cowdroy-Ling)

FINEMORE CARAVAN PARK. (Bounded by Quay and Mulgrave Streets; owner, Bundaberg City Council) Developed during the 1960's and named in honour of D S M Finemore, prominent dental surgeon and also president of the RACQ, Bundaberg Branch, during the 1930's The first permanent building erected on the south bank of the Burnett River, a home for captain Roberts, stood in this vicinity. During the early days this site was used as a TIMBER RATHSMEN' CAMP. Huge log rafts 'crewed' by raftsmen floated down the Burnett River to a point accessible to shipping. When not manning rafts these men lived in humpies and shacks; **one crude structure is reputed to have been a grog shanty, and as such, perhaps Bundaberg's first "Hotel"**. Later, the site was occupied by the IMMIGRATION BARRACKS AND ARMOURY. The Immigration Barracks was one of the first sights in a strange land for hundreds of immigrants arriving in Bundaberg. In 1878, **Bundaberg's first show** was held in the Barracks. During the following year **the town's first hospital was housed in this building**, which stood near where the caravan park caretaker's cottage is situated today. Further information: History of Bundaberg, J Y Walker: Bundaberg History and People, Janette Nolan.

Hotel Bundaberg: (Cnr Quay and Tantitha Streets). This site was purchased at the first auction of Bundaberg land,) which was held in Maryborough), on May 11, 1870. Purchaser John Foley. The first business erected was the **Customs House Hotel**, so named because the Government Customs House was located on the opposite of Quay Street. During 1917-1918 the old wooden hotel was demolished and replaced by the brick building which remains substantially in the same form today. During Bundaberg's early years the hotel also served as a coach depot for the Bundaberg/Maryborough run. Further information: History of Bundaberg, J Y Walker

Criterion Hotel: Perry Street, North Bundaberg. No longer trading. Ad 1874 states, "conducted by Mrs. E Baker." Suffered extensive damage to building and stock during 1875 flood. Peter Moah (possibly Moar) licensee 1878

Freemason's Hotel. According to an early report, "... being near the Maryborough bridge. " I interpret this as being in the vicinity of where Saltwater Creek crosses Maryborough Street. Ad 1876 mention N H Benwell as licensee. No further record of this hotel.

Steam Packet Hotel. Thought to have been on the corner Targo and Bourbon Streets opposite today's Grand Hotel.

Ad 1872 mentions G Butcher (ex Burnett Hotel and future railway Hotel) as licensee: followed by Fred Colman. An 1879 report refers to "Mrs Campbell's Hotel in Bourbon Street: and this was probably the Steam Packet Hotel. No other information available. License transferred or surrender

West end Hotel. Cnr Quay and Bingera Streets. Ad 1872 gives licensee as George Milner (also royal Hotel). The hotel was opposite Milner's landing stage for pine logs rafted down the Burnett River. During 1875 taken over by John Mc Shea and demolished by him in July 1887.

West End Hotel: Alexandra's Restaurant now occupies this site.

HOTELS BUNDABERG & DISTRICT

Custom House	BUCHBACH H C A	Bundaberg	1908
Melbourne	JORGENSEN Rasmus	Bundaberg	1908
Mulgrave	MARLOW Thomas	Bundaberg	1908
East End	PRESSLER Henry	Bundaberg	1908
Federal	ASHLEY William	Childers	1908
Palace	COPELIN Joseph	Childers	1908
Grand	COUZENS William	Childers	1908
Queens	KNOTT George	Childers	1908
Club	MEEHAN James	Childers	1908
Apple Tree Creek	PAGE Walter	Childers	1908
Belle Vue	POEPEL Fred	Childers	1908
Royal	SEXTON John	Childers (Cordalba)	1908
Royal	SIMS Alexander	Childers	1908
Doobli	WARWICK Henry	Childers	1908
Ascot	WOODMAN Margaret	Childers	1908
New Moonta	DAVISON Ernest Albert	Gin Gin	1908
Pioneer	PUNTER Jane	Gin Gin	1908
Custom House	ALLCHIN Christopher	Bundaberg	1907
Yandaran	HUNT Edgar Robert	Bundaberg	1907
Lighthouse	PIDGEON Henry	Bundaberg	1907
Ascot	MACKENZIE Annie A	Childers (Westgate)	1907
Royal	POTHECARY Mary	Childers (Cordalba)	1907
Palace	McCRACKEN Saml	Bundaberg	1911
Palace	McCRACKEN J	Bundaberg	1910
Metropolitan	CORRIGAN W J	Bundaberg	1911
Federal	EMERICK W G	Bundaberg	1911
Mulgrave	GLASS S	Bundaberg	1911
Custom House	GRIFFEN Ellen	Bundaberg	1911
Yandaran	McKIERNAN J	Bundaberg	1911
Gympie	McLENNAN G M	Bundaberg	1911
Prince of Wales	NEILSON R	Bundaberg	1911
Sandhills	RHOADES Catherine	Bundaberg	1911

WEDDING BELLS

RADFORD-BLACK

The marriage was celebrated recently at St Peter's Church, Southport, of Mr Arthur W J Radford (youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs James Radford, Yeulba) and Miss Lillian Ann Black (eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Gavin Black, Southport). The Rev W H Whitehouse officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was gowned in cream georgette, trimmed with cream lace. Her tulle veil was worn with a coronet of orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of dahilas and lilies, tied with white satin steamers and adorned with silver horeshoes. The bridesmaid, Miss Frances Black, was frocked in pink French volle, trimmed with guipere lace, and she also wore a white hat, and carried a bouquet of pink asters, tied with pink steamers. Mr Walter Ellis was best man.

After the ceremony the guests (who were limited to relatives) were entertained by Mr and Mrs Black at their home, Andrew Street, Southport. Subsequently the bridal pair left for Brisbane, enroute to Yeulba, western Queensland. The bride's travelling frock was a two-tone crepe de Chene in brown and blue and her hat was in a harmonious tone. (Bundaberg Daily News and Mail 16th March 1928)

SANKOWSKY - HOLZHEIMER

Our English Church at Gin Gin was the scene of a pretty wedding last Wednesday when Miss Clara Holzheimer, eldest daughter of Mr August Holzheimer of Maroondan, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr Sankowsky, of Laidley. Rev J Prankerd officiated. We hope the Rev gentleman did everything in the orthodox order, for this is his first attempt at tying matrimonial knots. Miss D Sankowsky and Miss Lydia Holzheimer, carried out the duties of bridesmaids, while the groom's brother Mr E Sankowsky, acted as best man. The bride was attired in a very becoming gown of white lawn, profusely trimmed with real torehon, with a veil and orange blossoms. The church was beautiful decorated by a number of young ladies, under the direction of Mrs David Walker, and it was thronged with spectators. At the end of the ceremony the guests, numbering over 30, drove in buggies to the residence of the bride's father at Maroondan, where a breakfast awaited them. This was a brilliant function, many speeches and toasts being given. The afternoon and evening were spent in games and musical items, the party not breaking up till a late hour. The bride and groom left by train next day for their new home at Laidley. A considerable number of presents were received, conspicuous amongst which those given by Mr and Mrs Holzheimer, Mr E Sankowsky, Mrs H Randel, Miss Flo Randel and Mrs Walker. (Maryborough Chronicle 27th April 1906)

WILSON - PRIEST

In the Ipswich Congregational Church, Vera May Priest, only daughter of Mrs C A Rens, Templin, and the late Mr J P Priest was married to James Graham, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J Wilson, Booval. Bundaberg Daily News Mail 4 Dec 1940

ACCIDENTS

The Isis Scrub Childers - October 8

Mr J Baines, of Knockroe, one of the best known and most popular men in the Scrub, had a very narrow escape from a fatal accident on Sunday morning. He rose early with the intention of shooting a regent bird, numbers of which visit his mulberry trees at this time of the year. It is not known exactly how the accident occurred, as there was no eyewitnesses, but while stealing on the birds he somehow or other got the gun caught in some vines with the result it went off. The charge entered his mouth, carrying away some teeth in the upper jaw, and the face was laid open from the eyebrows to the upper lip. His groans attracted the other inmates of the house, and a messenger was immediately despatched for Dr Challands, who soon after arrived at the scene, and did all he could for the unfortunate sufferer. An urgent wire was sent for Dr Garde, who arrived by the morning train on Monday and saw the case in consultation with the local doctor. The latest bulletin is that Mr Baines is progressing as favourably as can be expected after so serious an accident. His numerous friends will congratulate him on so narrow an escape from a terrible accident (Maryborough Chronicle 9th October 1895)

Shooting Incident-Mr C Sehmeider of Baffle Creek was the victim of an unpleasant experience whilst attempting to shoot a flying fox The 22 calibre rifle burst at the stock and struck him on the jaw but he fortunately escaped serious injury (Brisbane Courier 13 August 1926).

7th April 1897 (Bundaberg Mail)

A Chinaman was yesterday morning, teasing his horse & at last, threw a bucket of water in its face when the animal turned round sharply & kicked its tormentor in the face. The Chinaman has been having considerable sleep since.

FARM SALES

We (Isis Recorder)learn that Mr Hugh Henderson has sold his farm of 160 acres at Hapsburg to Mr Alfred Oakes for the sum of £3200, and intends to leave the district. Mr Henderson was one of the first settlers in the Isis, coming here in the old timber-getting days, and took part in vicissitudes of fortune that fell to the lot of early pioneers. May he spend the evening of life in peace and prosperity is a wish which we feel sure will be generally re-echoed by those among whom he had lived so long (Maryborough Chronicle 1st February 1906)

We learn that Mr A Walker of Bingera has sold to Messrs Robertson Brothers of Baffle Creek, 200 acres of his Barolin paddock for £1600 and that Mr M'Ilwraith of Gin Gin has disposed of 1000 stores - male cattle- to Messrs Moore and Henderson of Barambah and Tantitha. (4th November 1876 Maryborough Chronicle)

BUILDINGS

New Anglican Church At Bundaberg

A meeting of parishioners of Christ Church was held in Bundaberg last night, when it was decided to erect a new Anglican Church at the cost of £10,000. The warden Mr F W Payne, stated that there was about £4,000 in cash and promises, and the rector had received promises of £500 each from Messrs F Buss and H E B Young, and individual promises of £100 each

from three or four others. The meeting was very enthusiastic (Maryborough Chronicle 4th April 1919)

New Building Began

Last Saturday Mr T McLeod contractor for the two-storey shop one of which is to be occupied by Messrs Clark and Bauer, and the other let to another tenant, began putting in the concrete foundations. The design shows exceptionally handsome structure with oriel windows on upper floor, tiled fronts with marble facings on lower storey. The cornice and entablature are of very bold design. The original design had provision for a cantilever verandah but this had 14ft walls and the top storey 13ft. The building was designed by Mr P O E Hawkes, architect, of Targo street. Amongst other works in Mr Hawkes' hands at present is the designing of a large residence at Toowong near Brisbane (Bundaberg Mail 14th August 1911)

FIRES

Fire in Gooburrum

A house and furniture owned by Mrs Story, a farmer of Gooburrum was completely destroyed by fire on Thursday last, while the occupants were absent. The property was insured in the Guardian office for £500. Mr J A Simpson is the local agent for the Insurance Co. (Bundaberg Mail 31st May 1911)

Fire at South Kolan

A fire broke out in the Wrench Bros general store last night between 9.30 and 10 pm (writes our South Kolan correspondent under Friday's date). The building together with the whole of the contents were completely gutted. When the fire was discovered it had got such a hold on the premises that it was impossible to save anything. It took the combined efforts of all the available assistance to save the Hotel from catching fire. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The Messrs Wrench Bros were all absent from home and the shop was closed. I understand the building (£100) and stock (£300) were covered by United Insurance Coy (Mr F R Brand, Agent). Much sympathy is expressed for Messrs Wrench Bros in connection with their loss ((Bundaberg Mail 3rd June 1911)

Fire at Bucca

I regret to state that about – o'clock this morning, Mr Charles Bugden's residence at Bucca Crossing together with the whole of the contents were destroyed by fire. It appears Mrs Bugden had occasion to attend to one of her children who was ill and through some mishap the bedroom lamp was upset and broken. The kerosene escaping became ignited, and the room was in a blaze in less time than it takes to tell the tale. The family had barely time to escape the flames. The building which is quite a new one , was built on high piles. The building and contents were insured with the Patriotic Insurance Coy. For £225 (Mr J Hesse agent). The loss will be a heavy one to Mr Bugden as the insurance only really covered the loss (Bundaberg Mail 1911)

DO YOU KNOW

CHANGING OF GERMAN PLACE NAMES IN AUSTRALIA

The following German place and district names in Australia were changed during the Great War, as follows: -

New South Wales - Germanton to Holbrook, German's Hill to Lidster, German Creek to Empire Vale; **Victoria** - Germantown to Grovedale, Hochkirch to Tarrington, Mt. Bismarck to Mt. Kitchener; **Queensland** - Bergen to Murra Murra, Bergenside to Neuve, Bismarck to Maclagan, Engelsburg to Kalbar, Gehrkevale to Mount Mort, Gramzow to Carbrook, Hapsburg to Kowbi, Hessenburg to Ingoldsby, Kirchheim to Haigslea, Murden to Frenchton, Roessler to Applethorpe, Stegeht to Woongoolba, Teutelburg to Willa, Fahley to Kilbirni

Commonwealth Bank: Bourbong Street. Bundaberg: Erected on this site in 1978. The first Commonwealth Savings Bank premises were opened in 1915 near where the Regional Electricity Board premises are located. In 1921 the bank moved to the old Customs House on the corner of Barolin and Quay streets

PHOTOGRAPHERS BUNDABERG

Bowers and Boyd popular American photographers opening a branch. Studio in Bourbon St Bundaberg next to the Royal Hotel December 1890

(Peter Wimmelman Hyllested) Bourbon St 1895-1910 Peter Hyllested operated a studio in Stanley St, South Brisbane from 1891, before moving to Bundaberg on 21 March 1894 aboard the *Yaralla*. There was also a Vandyck studio at Mackay. The relation to the Bundaberg studio is unknown. Peter moved on to Beaudesert where he ran a studio until 1933.

Elite Studio (Thomas Bernard Harte) Bourbon St 1914-1921 Married 10 Nov 1914 to Sarah Emmeline Maynard

Donald Cameron 1896-1897 Previously in Maitland and then in partnership with Daniel Metcalfe in Maryborough. Cameron eventually left to set up by himself in Bundaberg. After leaving Bundaberg he set up a studio in Glen Innes, NSW

Robert Hyllested Bourbon St 1896-1908

Alex J. Casmer Bourbon St 1895-1904 School of Arts Studio

Charles Frederick Skyring Queen Studio

A R Fosbrooke Bundaberg from 1890-1893

(Taylor & Lionel E. Curtis) Bourbon St 1883-1892

Curtis & Lacy 1887

Hart & Curtis 1887

Peter McRorie Bourbon St 1887-1892 Married 24 Jun 1874 to Harriot Esther Hardwidge

ELECTORAL ROLLS

Have you considered electoral rolls as a very interesting source of information in your family research quest.

1. They have the place of residence – sometimes even a farm name and a portion number of the block. Helps when you are look to see where they may have been buried.
2. Ages and professions are other items recorded.
3. Who is living at the same address at that time. This often allows you to find children names

Some examples below for 1905 Queensland. Taken at random from the CD.

George Tyson - The Grange - Bingera Station
Carl Zahn – Cornhill Farm – Gooburrum
Christopher Culberg – Portion 1344 – parish of Gin Gin
Samuel Smyth Jnr – Down Hill Farm – Portion 26 – Parish of Kalkie
James Herbert Thomas – Portion 35 – Electra
George Vane – Millhall – Gooburrum
Frank Alexander Watson – Braemar – Portion 5 – Parish of Barolin
John Wessel – Rose Farm – Portion 25 & 26 – Parish of South Kolan
Herbert James Wigzell – Abbotford – Invicta
Edwin Whalley – Farm No 146v – Goondoon
Arthur James Clarke – Cambria Flats – Boolboonda
Walter James Bale – Lovat Farm – Comonju
Cameron Alfred Simpson – Forest Hill – Barolin
Samuel Sharp – Beenleigh Farm – Kolan River
George Barker – Rosevale Farm – Albionville
John Henrik Jappe – Agnes Vale – Albionville
Joseph Dixon – Walla Road – Portion 1108 – Parish of Walla
Ernest Albert Dawson – Killers Paddock – Portion 3v – Parish of Boolboonda
Olas Anton Stengord – Portion 18v – Parish of South Kolan
John Storrie jnr – Roslynn Farm – Portion 27 – Parish of Gooburrum
William Brighton – 33y – Maroondan - Portion 30v- Parish of Gin Gin
Daniel Royan – 32y - Earn Hill near Sharon Railway Station
Gustav Schmidt – Posen Farm – Freehold – Barolin – Portion 3 to 8 & 61
Henry Schliemann – Tantitha Street between Bourbong & Woongarra Streets – joiner
James Faragher – Lighthouse Hotel – Burnett Heads
Stephen Evan Foreman – Rose Hill Dairy – Kensington Estate – Bingera Road
Henry Short – 42y – Cemetery road near Grahams
Ludomir Staneig – 40y – Cordalba – Hotelkeeper – Freeholder – Bingera – Portion 9v
Richard Robinson Whitehead – 69y – Powder Magazine – Caretaker
William Wegert – 43y – Kolan Road – Freehold – Otto – Portion 20
John William Delley – 30y – Paradise – Freehold – No 1456 – Parish of Walla

There are parish maps on our map hanger in the rooms

We will let you decide correct or not
It is something that has been debated for years.

BOURBON or BOURBONG

Our old townsman, Mr John J Town, Electra street, writes : - "Bourbon or Bourbong" brings to my recollection a conversation I had with the late Mr Alexander Walker, father of Mr A C Walker; I asked him, why the street was named Bourbon?. He replied it is not Bourbon, it is Bourbong, meaning in the language of the natives "Dead Hill" pointing his finger to the Hummock. The question as to the correct spelling of the name of the main street has been the subject of a deal of discussion and the con-census of opinion is that Bourbong is correct. In the course of the conversation with an official of high standing in the town yesterday a representative of the "Daily News" was informed by him that some 25 years ago he made a special enquiry with reference to the origin of the name and the late Mr G N B Geary, Government Land Agent at Bundaberg : explained that the native name was "Bourbong" meaning Bour a hill and Bong dead; the Hummock, which at one hill was a live volcanic, had ceased and the street or road lead out to what natives called the "Dead Hill" hence the name. Old residents will remember the late Mr Geary took a particularly keen interest in the natives and their customs while in Bundaberg .

To the Editor

Sir; - As to the correct name of our principal street, there is not the slightest doubt, it was called Bourbon, and the g was added to it about ten or twelve years old. I think it was the time Mr stokes was town surveyor. I was well acquainted with the late Mr J C Thompson, who surveyed and named the town all into early streets. When I first came to Bundaberg I spent a night at Rubyanna at his home. He accompanied me from town and back again in a boat, as the roads where very bad after heavy rains about that time. When returning, I asked where he found the names Bundaberg and Bourbon; he said the former was half aboriginal and the other half German, Bunda being the name of the local tribe of blacks, and berg from the rocks in front of quay street, Bourbong he said was French, but he named it chiefly on account of the Bourbon cane, which was then being introduced into Queensland, and was believed to be the salvation of the sugar industry as it was supposed to be rust-proof. I wrote a letter in a similar strain to this the Bundaberg "Mail" some 12 to 13 years ago. Yours, etc James Drinan. (Bundaberg Daily News March 1909)

Monogorily School Opening Approaching Function

To mark the occasion of the official opening of the Monogorily State School on Saturday, September 19th, a dance will be held in the building . A large gathering is expected for the function and visitors from as far away as Kingaroy will be present. The committee responsible is straining every effort to make the night a most enjoyable and memorable one. Residents of the district are invited to be in attendance and are assured of a good time. (Burnett Advocate & Gayndah Gazette 4th September 1936)

NEW RELEASES – 2 NEW CD's

QUNABA SUGAR MILL EMPLOYEES FORTNIGHTLY PAY 19th April 1924 to 10th October 1931

The contents contain Surnames, Christian Names or Initials, Occupation, Starting and Finishing Dates.

The information has been extracted from the original handwritten fortnightly pay books of the Qunaba Sugar Mill.

They are in alphabetical order.

Both CD's are in PDF and are searchable.
Price for each CD is \$15 which including postage in Australia

BOOYAL DISTRICT BURIALS

This CD contains photos of available headstones, markers and obituaries, stories and information available for these. The CD has some burials that have no known burials sites. On Christensen's road it has the site of where the ashes were scattered of two of the previous owners of the property and their wives.

Extract from the data

William Kirchner was the son of Paul Kerman Kirchner and Marion Hedwig Schmidt and was aged 45 years 8 months and 9 days. He was born in Germany and had spent 40 years in Queensland. William was the brother of A H Kirchner and died on 6th February 1953

William Kirchner has a headstone in the Booyal Cemetery

Mary Ellen MARTIN

On Wednesday (say the Isis Recorder) Mr Clark, of Booyal, brought word into Cordalba that the bright little lass, aged 10 years, the daughter of Mr R MARTIN, had expired at the former place after a illness of only a few hours. (Maryborough 5th February 1901)

The above burial site is unknown

SCOTLAND WILLS & TESTAMENTS

What are wills and testaments?

Testament is the collective term used to describe all the documents relating to the executry of a deceased person. Every testament has an inventory of the dead person's property. This may be a brief summary valuation of the goods involved, or it can be a long list of individual items and valuations. In addition, some testaments (the minority) include a will, a statement by the deceased person of how they wished their worldly goods to be disposed of among their family and friends. Where there is a will, the document was known as a 'testament testamentar' (the equivalent of English probate). If there was no will, it was called a 'testament dative' (the equivalent of English letters of administration).

Did everyone leave a testament?

No. It may sound surprising, but very few Scots left testaments. One of the reasons for this is that Scotland was, until comparatively recent times, a relatively poor country. Even in 1961 only about 43% of Scots dying in that year left testamentary evidence of any sort. You may find for instance that very wealthy people left no testaments while apparently quite humble individuals left wills with full lists of their possessions. People are often surprised to learn that quite valuable family heirlooms can apparently be passed down the centuries without any testamentary evidence. Previous generations were just as averse to paying legal fees as they are today!

What testaments can tell you

For family historians wills can often provide a wealth of detail about family relationships, and about how people lived. You can hope to find names of family members, their relationships and details of everyday possessions. You may also find details of the debts that they owed at the time of their death. It is worth remembering, however, that the eldest son in a family will often not be mentioned, because he inherited the heritable property (land and buildings) of his deceased father.

Understanding testaments

Testaments before the early 20th century are normally handwritten. While Victorian copperplate handwriting is usually simple to read, the handwritings of the 16th, 17th and early 18th centuries can be much more difficult. Testaments are normally in English, or old Scots, and only a very few 16th century examples are in Latin.

Comprehensive guidance to understanding testaments can be found on the Scotlands People website. The Scottish Handwriting website gives help with reading older writing.

How to find testaments 1514-1925

Testaments for this period have been digitally imaged. Copies of these images are available for purchase on the Scotlands People website. The site contains a full index to these testaments.

Orkney and Shetland from 1902

The testamentary papers for Orkney and Shetland have been digitised up to 1901. Plans are in hand to include those for 1902 onwards.

Testaments less than 10 years old

These records are not held in the NAS. Instead you should contact the Commissary Department, Edinburgh Sheriff Court, 27 Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1LB

Probates resealed

Before 1858, if a person who normally lived in England, Ireland or Wales died owning moveable property in Scotland, the Commissary Court of Edinburgh was responsible for his or her executry, as it was, indeed, for those in the same situation in other parts of the world. From 1858, the procedure of 'probates resealed' was introduced. By this mechanism, the succession to the moveable Scottish property belonging to individuals normally resident in England, Wales or Ireland could be arranged by the English, Welsh or Irish court simply sending a copy of the local grant of probate or letters of administration to the Edinburgh Commissary Court. Up to 1901 these records are included in the ScotlandsPeople website. From 1925 onwards they can be found in the Calendar of Confirmations.

There were reciprocal arrangements in England, Wales and Ireland for those Scots residents who owned English, Irish or Welsh property.

Can a will be used to transfer land or buildings?

Before 1868, wills could transfer only moveable property (money, clothes, household goods etc), while land and buildings could be inherited either by the separate retour (or services of heirs) procedure or by the mechanism of a trust disposition and settlement (sometimes called a 'deed of settlement').

Between 1868 and 1964 a will could transfer both moveable and heritable property. Consequently if you are interested in the inheritance of land and buildings during that period you may have to consult both testamentary records and retours. From 1964, the bulk of inherited property passed through testaments.

Trust dispositions and settlements

The trust disposition was another form of testamentary deed that allowed an individual to ensure the transfer of landed property to his chosen heirs. In essence, a deed was drawn up transferring ownership of the land concerned to a group of named trustees. Certain powers were reserved to the granter, however, and this in effect meant that he (or she) effectively retained complete power over the property. Such a deed was normally recorded only after the death of the granter and this registration frequently included a settlement of the succession to the granter's moveable property. Collectively, the document was known as a trust disposition and settlement or 'TD&S'. Locating such documents is not always straightforward. They did not require to be registered to be valid and could be registered in a number of places. Most likely, if it were the settlement of a major landowner it would be recorded in the register of deeds of the Court of Session. For most other individuals, such a disposition could be in the register of deeds either of the local sheriff court, the local commissary court (up to 1809) or even the register of deeds maintained by the local royal burgh.

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We have been releasing CD's of employees at Qunaba Sugar Mill and their occupations. Below is a explanation of some terms used in the sugar industry

Glossary of Terms used or where used in Sugar Mills

Assignment An allocation of tonnage of sugar to be grown by the cane growers and granted from the Moreton Mill. The amount assigned was known as a sugar peak.

Bagasse The final crushed fibre from the cane after completion of the crushing. It is the main source of fuel for the furnace.

Billets The name for the chopped lengths of cane produced by mechanical harvesters. Usually 300mm long.

Bin out The process where the chopped cane is fed into stowage bins towed alongside the harvester by separate tractors that then tip fill the cane bins at the cane rail siding on the farm. Some farmers tow empty canebins on trailers alongside the harvester and then roll the full cane bins off the bin out trailers onto the tracks.

Bins Cane bins are the 4-ton cane rail wagons used to haul chopped cane.

Blitz An ex- military, four-wheel drive, 5-ton truck.

BSES Bureau Sugar Experimental Station.

POCS Pure Obtainable Cane Sugar from the cane.

CCS Commercial Cane Sugar. An estimate reached by empirical Formula, of pure cane sugar recoverable from cane, expressed as a percentage.

Centrifugal A perforated basket which spins at high speed inside a casing, used to separate the sugar (**fugal**) from the molasses. The molasses is spun off through the perforations, leaving the sugar crystals in the basket.

Chopped The current practice of harvesting cane mechanically that is chopped **cane** into lengths or billets about 300 mm long. Also known as chopper harvesting.

Clarification The separation of insoluble suspended matter from the cane juice to produce a clear(**effets**) juice. This is achieved by adding lime, then heating and allowing the suspended matter to settle in vessels known as clarifiers or effets.

Cobra worm A ravaging saltwater termite that infests timbers in estuaries and creeks.

Crystallisation The “growing” of crystals by boiling them with syrup in a vacuum pan crystallisation is achieved by “seeding” the syrup with a slurry of finely ground refined sugar at a critical stage of boiling.

Cush Cush Name given to the impurities extracted from the juice by strainers at the crushing mills. Current usage refers to the actual strainers as Cush Cush.

DPI Department of Primary Industries.

Eyes The joint in the cane stalk where new shoots will sprout upon planting.

Eastes' The raw or low quality sugar is dissolved, then clarified, and tempered

Process with 1 to 8 ounces of chloride of sulphur to the hundred gallons of liquor. After clarification, the liquor is allowed to subside, and is passed through the vacuum pan in the usual way.

Fergy Ferguson tractor.

Filter press Piece of equipment used to squeeze the last of the juice from the residue muds. The waste product is known as 'filter press mud' or 'mill mud'.

"F" Wagon A railway freight wagon of a certain size.

Green Cutting in the green is harvesting unburnt cane.

Juice Mill A crushing mill which extracts sugar juice from the cane. The juice was then forwarded to a sugar mill in casks for further processing.

Jump point A rail switching mechanism that allows rail lines to be merged and diverted to bring cane bins onto the main line from a temporary line.

Killer A single clarification of the mixed juice then a reclarification of the **Process** residue mud, which has been mixed with the required quantity of water. Lime is added in a continuous form. The mixture is heated and then sent to the subsider. The mud is run out to the drain.

Lab Laboratory, where crush samples are tested and the calculations are made for determining CCS.

Lodged When sugar is blown down, or pushed over by flood waters it is said to be "lodged".

Loft The location in the mill where excess bagasse fuel was stored for furnace operations.

Maceration Softening of the cane fibres by soaking with hot water to assist juice extraction.

Mulch The cane trash that is left on the ground after green harvesting and is raked up usually by machines into square or larger round bales.

Net Titre A measure of the commercial value of raw sugar for refining purposes. It is calculated by subtracting reducing sugar content and five times the ash content from the polarisation of the sugar. 94NT applies in QLD.

Peak The regulated amount of sugar that each mill could produce; when sugar cane production and sale - domestically and overseas - was governed by the State Government in conjunction with the Central Sugar Cane Prices Board.

Petree A double clarification of the juice, with the second mill juice clarified **Process** before being added to the first mill juice, then all sent to the subsider. The mud is flowed onto the megass with diluted juice added, or as it comes from the subsider. Because of the difficulty of separating the sugar solids from the mud, the sugar loss from this method is quite considerable.

PTO Power Take Off, the means by which tractor engines can be hooked up to mechanical devices such as winches and pumps.

Rakes A number of cane trucks/bins delivered in a grower's name.

Ratoon The regrowth of cut cane plant is known as a ratoon. Cane will regrow and produce sugar cane with a reasonable yield up to four times known as four ratoons.

Sets Length of cane stalk used as plant cane.

Standover Cane left standing at the end of the cane season for harvest the following year.

Stool The cluster of cane stalks arising from the germination of the setts, or the regrowth from the stubble after harvest.

Sugar peak The maximum amount of sugar that the mill would pay a grower for from an assignment.

Tache The container in which the sugar syrup was boiled in the early sugar mills.

Trash Cane trash is the unused cane leaf that is left behind after harvesting and used to keep weed growth down between the cane rows and stimulate plant growth and hold moisture in the ground.

Trucks The predecessor to cane bins, the cane trucks carried 1.5 ton of wholestick cane.

Wholestick Cane cut as a complete stalk and trimmed top and bottom. Sometimes called whole stalk or full stick.

Zero tillage A method of controlling weeds with no mechanical cultivation.

THE CITY OF BUNDABERG

Bundaberg was proclaimed a city in November 1913 so it celebrates it's centenary this year.

BUNDABERG A CITY.

The Town of Bundaberg has been created a city by a minute passed by the Governor in Council. A set of by laws passed by the Bundaberg Council was also approved yesterday. Brisbane Courier 21st November 1913

Bundaberg as a City.

The mayor (Alderman Dunn) held a reception in the council chambers to-day four Bundaberg correspondent advised last night) to mark the proclamation of Bundaberg as a city. Brisbane Courier 27th November 1913

There have been many celebrations in the week from 16th to 23rd November 2013 including cemetery tours.

Anyone who has missed these tours following are more dates for Bundaberg General - please book at the Cemetery office as numbers are limited. Saturday 23rd November 9am to 11am – Thursday 28th November 7pm to 9pm – Thursday 5th December 7pm to 9pm – Thursday 12th December 7pm to 9pm - Sunday 15th December 4pm to 6pm - Thursday 19th December 7pm to 9pm - Thursday 2nd January 2014 7pm to 9pm –

There is also a bus tour to the Gin Gin District planned for Saturday 4th January 2014 (Cost to be determined) from 9am to 3.30pm.

There have been 2 bus tours of the Childers district with morning tea at Apple Tree Creek and lunch at the Grand Hotel Childers. Cemeteries included Apple Tree Creek, South Isis, Childers Lawn and Cordalba. Interesting talks were given by Kellie Kemp on different graves in each of the cemeteries, which included how they met their maker. The bus driver on Saturday's tour being a local man gave us a history lesson as we toured some of the roads about the former inhabitants and places long gone from the area.

Definitely no ghost or ghouls in these tours only history lessons on the inhabitants. A job well done by a very young lady on these tours.

JOURNAL JOTTINGS
Contributed Glen & Karen Nelson

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The Warrnambool Family History Group Inc. [A 0056872 B]

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AND WE ARE NOT PULLING YOUR LEG

This really happened in Warrnambool, in the (18)'80's (district clergymen vouch for it).

A Miss Hand married a Mr Foot.

The officiating clergyman was the late Rev. E.O. Knee.

And the wedding reception took place in the home of a Mr. Walker.

[From: *AN ARGUS SOUVENIR OF
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**Burial records for 200 'lost' sites
from The National Archives**

A new range of records from The National Archives - Removal of graves and tombstones from disused and closed burial grounds and cemeteries - is being added to

www.deceasedonline.com

The first 105,000 records from nearly 200 sites across England and Wales are now available; tens of thousands more will be added over the next weeks

**From: Time Line GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY GLADSTONE DISTRICT Inc.
Maryborough Family Heritage Research Institute Inc.**

On 17th and 18th May 2014, we will celebrate the arrival in Maryborough, Queensland, of these sailing ships; the *Prince Consort* and *Sultana* in 1864, and also, the arrival of the *Great Queensland*, *Glamorganshire*, *Tim Whiffler* and *St James* in 1874. Descendants of passengers are invited to attend.

On Sunday 18th May, there will be a round trip on the Mary River following the pathway taken by the original passengers from River Heads, Hervey Bay to Maryborough. The first trip will commence at the Hervey Bay Marina at approximately 8.30.am and will arrive in Maryborough around 12 noon. Morning tea will be provided and lunch will be included at the Carriers Arms Hotel, Maryborough, after which the coaches will transport those people back to the Boat Club at Hervey Bay. The second trip will sail down the river from around 12.30pm on Sunday 18th May and afternoon tea will be

provided. A buffet dinner will be served at the Boat Club at night. Free coaches will take people back to Wharf Street Maryborough. Cost to be advised. Contact us by email; heritageresearch@bigpond.com.au

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Surname	Given Name	Year	BDM	State	Surname
PAULL	Eliza	1862	M	Vic	COSIER
PAYNE	Alice Melina	1886	B	Qld	COPE
PEARL	Christopher Joseph	1920	D	Vic	CORR
PEET	Clara Elizabeth	1863	B	Lan	COOK
POTTER	Robert	1837	B	Ayr	ABRAHAM
PORTER	William Henry	1868	B	Vic	A-CHU
RALBLIN	Elizabeth Mary	1893	M	Qld	ACTON
RADFORD	Dorothy Gladys	1924	D	Vic	ANDREA
READ	George Frederick	1850	B	Vic	KING
HONE	Francis Reuben	1909	B	Vic	KING
HONEY	Marion Ada	1870	B	Vic	KERR
HOOD	James Pascoe	1853	B	Vic	KIDD
HOOKER	Henry Harrington	1904	D	Vic	LALLY
HUNN	William	1874	B	Tas	LAMONT

SOUTH ISIS SCHOOL PUPILS

Surname – Christian Name – an a year they were in attendance

ANDERSEN	Dagmar	1896
ANDERSEN	Fanny	1902
ANDERSEN	Olga	1897
ANDERSON	Doreen	1918
ANDERSON	Doreen	1925
ANDERSON	John	1907
ANDERSON	Madge	1925
ANDERSON	Norman Wallace	1925
ANDERSSON	Alfred	1905
ANDERSSON	Gustav	1905
ATKINS	Ethel	1906
BEN	Arthur	1896
BEN	Beatrice	1896
BEN	Ellen	1896
BEN	Emily	1896
BEN	Henry	1896
BEN	May Pat'a B	1905
BEN	Walter T H	1899
BENSTEAD	Lizzie	1888
BERG	Albert	1887
BERG	Lawrence Edward	1914
BERG	Lena	1890
BERG	Matilda	1887
BERG	Peter	1887
BERG	Vincent Norman	1914
BOLTON	Annie	1887
BOLTON	Jeffrey	1921
BOLTON	Leonard P	1887
BOLTON	Marg Olive	1899
BOLTON	May	1896
BOLTON	Robert W	1887
BOLTON	Sydney	1890
BOLTON	Verne Ketchel D	1918
BOND	Elsie Rose	1917
BOND	John	1917
BRITTON	Vance Albert	1892

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