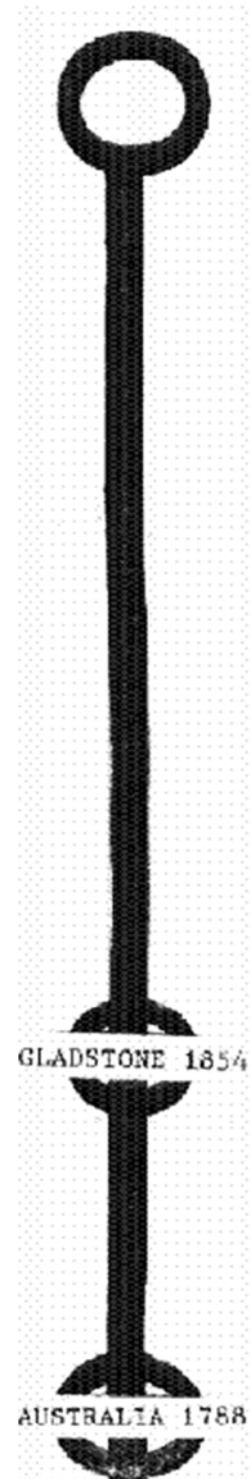


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"Wedding Bells"
Charles Leslie BYCROFT - Gladys Lillias Mercie STEVENS
From "The Gladstone Observer" 15th March 1933.



At St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Gladstone on Saturday last the marriage was solemnised by the Rev A. M. MacAllister of Charles L. Bycroft son of the late Mr. H Bycroft and Mrs. Bycroft, Kangaroo Point, Brisbane and Miss Gladys L. M. Stevens, only daughter of Mr. And Mrs. R. Stevens of Gladstone.

Mrs R. C. Ward presided at the organ and Mr. R. C Ward rendered a vocal solo "Because" during the signing of the register. Both the bride and bridegroom were members of St. Andrew's Choir and the choir sang "The Voice that breathed O'er Eden." The bride, who was given away by her father, was gowned in white crepe de chene made very fitting to the knees and falling very full to the ankles and, over which she wore a lace bolero. She carried a beautiful white bouquet. Her handmade lace veil (lent by a friend Mrs. Chas. Gill) was worn in Madonna style. Miss Ellie Schimke was bridesmaid. She wore a frock of floral chiffonette and a cellophane straw hat to match and carried a pink bouquet. Mr. W. R. French, of Brisbane friend of the bridegroom, was best man.

The church was artistically decorated by the bride's friends with ferns and flowers and from the arch, hung a beautiful bell made by Miss D. Stevens, cousin of the bride. The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The decorations were carried out in pink, lemon and white, and the main feature of the breakfast was the beautiful three-tier wedding cake. The usual toasts were honoured, the Rev. MacAllister presiding. Mrs. R. Stevens, mother of the bride wore a crepe de chene frock relieved with mastic and wore a mastic sailor hat and carried a bouquet to tone. Leaving for the honeymoon, which is being spent on a motor tour of Brisbane and the South, the bride wore a frock of navy suedella with hat, shoes to match. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a crystal cut glass dressing table set and to the bridesmaid a string of crystals.

The “Bulow” Family’s 100-year Reunion at Rosedale

5th May 1985

Rosedale is a rural town and locality split between the Gladstone Region and the Bundaberg Region in central Queensland, Australia. It is 59.0 km NW of Bundaberg CBD and 127 km south of Gladstone CBD.

On 5th May 1985 a Reunion was held at the R.S.L. Hall Rosedale for the descendants of Johanne Marie NIELSEN and Conrad Peter BULOW who were married in Herlufmagle, Denmark on 21st May 1885.

There were nine children of this marriage. The youngest, Frank, was born soon after their arrival in Rosedale in August 1901. The other members of the family had sailed to England and then left London on the “Duke of Westminster” in June 1901 and sailed into Thursday Island, Townsville, Rockhampton and then to Brisbane.

The family lived on a property outside Rosedale owned by Johannes's sister and brother-in-law, Sophie and Frank LISTER.

The second eldest son, Hartwig, was bitten by a snake in 1906 while helping in the orchard. As the parents did not know what a snake was, they did not know what had bitten him or what to do for him. He died six hours later.

Johanne and Peter later moved into Rosedale and lived there till their deaths - Peter on 25 March 1926 and Johanne on 21 August 1941 and are buried in the Rosedale - Tottenham Cemetery.

Children of the marriage were: -

Kate married Thomas MILLET. Children - Thomas, Marie FRANKS of Bundaberg, and Elna BROWN of Brisbane.

Ada married Percy NEUMANN. Children - Fred, Alice BUCKLEY of Gladstone, Florence died in Infancy, Joyce UNIE of Redcliffe and Ethel VANBERG of U.S.A.

Frederikke married Anton OLSEN. One daughter died in infancy.

Erna married Jack WILLS. Children - Evelyn WILLS, Jessie LOWE and Bill WILLS, all of Bundaberg and John WILLS, Lucy RYDER, and Nancy MORGAN, all of Gladstone.

Elna married Sam MUNCKTON. Children - Pearl died in infancy, Colin and Ray of Gladstone.

Peter married Petina ALCOCK. Children - Alan of Sydney and Jean MORGAN of Gladstone

Hartwig died at 11 years from snake bite.

William married Edna SCHULSE. Children - Herbert, Ruth BAUER, Harvy BULOW all of Bundaberg, Noel of Rosedale and Eric of Sydney

Frank married Violet CROSS. Children - Florence died in infancy, Don, Dorothy O'SING, Elsie BLACKMORE, Ron, Jeanette O'DWYER of Gladstone and Gwen DAGOTT of Bundaberg.

The hall was decorated with Danish Flags, red and white streamers, a picture of the King and Queen of Denmark, a map of Denmark showing areas where the family lived prior to coming to Australia, old photos etc., I had drawn up the family pedigree chart dating back to the Von BULOW'S in 1711 in the form of a circle. This was eight generations in Denmark.

As each descendant arrived he or she signed the Registration Book and received a "name tag" - a different colour for descendants of each of Johanne and Peter's children. Their names were highlighted on a pedigree chart to show who was in attendance.

Chairman, Mr. Tom CALLAGHAN, a former Rosedale resident, spoke of the BULOW family and can remember the day Peter died in 1926, of Johanne, he spoke of a loving and kind old lady who was very well loved and respected by her children and grandchildren, the hardships of coming to Australia, to learn English and the sad loss of Hartwig etc.,

A cake decorated in red and white was cut by the eldest granddaughter (Alice BUCKLEY) and grandson (Colin MUNCKTON). A gift was given to the eldest descendant (Alice BUCKLEY) and the youngest (Katrina ONIONS, daughter of Jennifer and Mick ONIONS and great granddaughter of Frank BULOW) who attended the Reunion.

Family photos were taken and some descendants went to the cemetery while others left for home. Descendants came from Sydney, Brisbane, Emerald, Mackay, Gladstone, Bundaberg and Rosedale areas.

There were 128 in attendance. Some first cousins had not seen each other for over fifty years. Others did not know they were related until that day.

**The “Bulow” Family’s 100-year Reunion at Rosedale
concluded**

A breakdown of statics received on the day.

Johanne NIELSEN married Conrad Peter BULOW.

9 children

33 Grandchildren

98 Great-grandchildren

95 Great-great-grandchildren

1 Great-great-great-grandchild

5 sets of twins

Ema Wills (BULOW)& Elna MUNCKTON (BULOW)

Garin THOMAS & Andrew THOMAS

Karl HILLS & Sonya HILLS

Rueben BAUER & Laura Lee BAUER

Penelope JOHNSON (BULOW) & Peter BULOW

23 Males descendants to carry on the name of BULOW.

Total number of descendants 256

I have now finished the second Bulow Pedigree Chart and have a total of eleven generations.

The time and effort put into this reunion was worthwhile when I saw so many people enjoying themselves. Many new friendships have come out of this Reunion.

Patience is a Virtue.

The day after the Reunion I learned that Johanne’s Father had been buried under a tree on Sophie and Frank LISTER’s property- 42V, Tottenham. Hartwig was buried there also. How do I go about finding out if this is correct?

On Johanne (NIELSEN) BULOW’s death certificate it states that her father’s name was Niels HANSEN. Could this be correct when his wife was Mrs. NIELSEN?

I obtained a copy of the marriage certificate of one of Johanne’s sisters which also states that his name was Niels HANSEN.

On a visit to the Court House in Bundaberg, I was told that all registrations for the Rosedale Area are held in Gladstone, (Oh if only I had thought of that before). With fingers crossed and not banking my hopes too high I applied for the certificate and imagine my joy when the records were there in Gladstone.

Johanne’s Mother, Stine NIELSEN, was buried In the Rosedale Cemetery in 1916 and has a headstone but her death was never registered. So, you can imagine the excitement of getting the certificate of death of Niels HANSEN in 1905 and buried out on a property outside Rosedale. This certificate gave me lots of information about the family to the early 1837.

My patience was well rewarded, Jean BULOW.

Did you know these facts about the Crimean War?

The Crimean War started in 1853 when Turkey declared war on Russia after Franco-Russian disputes over holy places in Palestine.

The war was best known for such epic battles as those at Balaclava, Inkerman and Sevastopol and, of course, for the way in which British nurse Florence Nightingale revolutionised hygiene in military hospitals. The war ended with the treaty of Paris in 1856.

Source: The History Factfinder, first published by Ward Lock in 1977.

Tracing our beginnings

How many of us residents really know much about Gladstone's beginnings?

For instance, do you know who Gladstone's first citizen was?

It was, Joseph Willmott, who arrived here on a small boat from Maryborough and who set up the city's first general store. Willmott was accompanied by two friends, Jack Allport and Joseph Trundle. They arrived here on **June 30, 1853**.

The settlement of Gladstone was first opened in the late **1840's** by a group of officials from Sydney.

Gladstone was originally suggested as a place for emancipated convicts.

Residents celebrated the town's Centenary at Barney Point in **1954**.

Gladstone was approved as a Port of Entry for shipping on **February 4, 1860, and on April 1, 1863**, the Government granted an application by residents to have Gladstone declared a municipality.

The city's first civic chambers were erected in Goondoon Street in **1869**, at a total cost of 480 pounds. The Customs House and Post Office combined were erected on the corner of Goondoon and Lord Streets in **1871**.

Two of the city's old established businesses the Port Curtis Dairy and the Gladstone Meatworks, commenced around the turn of the Century, the Meatworks in **1896** and the dairying in **1905**.

In **December 1916**, the Tondoon Dam broke its banks and the completed price for the dam and water mains was 33,000 pounds.

Goondoon and Auckland Streets were the first to be bitumenised in Gladstone - that milestone was reached in **1929**.

The construction of a new water supply for the city from the Boyne River was completed in **1945**.

In **March 1971** the first work began on the Gladstone Power Station, and this month, **August 2026** it is celebrating 50 years of operation.

Short History of Calliope Shire

Extracted from the book "Calliope Shire Centenary 1879-1979" published .by Calliope Shire Council

Dec 1853	Government Geologist, Professor STUTCHBURY, discovered alluvial gold.
17th April 1854	The Governor, Sir Charles FITZROY, visited Gladstone to install Sir Maurice O 'CONNELL as the first Government resident. FITZROY named the river the Calliope after the vessel in which he had sailed to Port Curtis. The river had earlier been named the Liffey by Mr. WILMOTT, Gladstone's first resident.
26th May 1863	Calliope was the first goldfield to be gazetted by the Queensland Government. The area was approximately 24 square miles, the main field being the "Nuggety Gully".
1864	Diggings were at their peak, with some 800 men working on the goldfields.
Early sixties	The first hotel, the Diggers' Arms, was opened by Frank PUJOLAS
1867	The first Catholic Church was built, of dressed slab with a shingle roof, and of a size to hold 30 people.
1868	A private school for 35 pupils was run by a Mr. WALKER who had been an assistant at Ballarat Grammar School.
2 Sep 1872	Calliope State School was opened. Forty-three students enrolled in the first year
14 Mar 1880	The first meeting of the Calliope Divisional Board was held at the Gladstone Court House
1881	The first Protestant Church was opened, again a slab hut
1885	The gold miners had dwindled to 20. The alluvial gold was worked out, and little reef mining was done, probably due to lack of power to control the water. Smelting was not introduced. The price of gold at that time was £3 17s 6d per ounce.

Town of Many Peaks was in the local newspapers in 1922

The Boyne Valley sits north of the Many Peaks Range. It is one hour from Gladstone, the valley stretches along the Boyne River and links the small townships of Nagoorin, Ubobo, Builyan and Many Peaks.

There was a mining boom in Many Peaks in 1922. Sawmills also emerged along with the Dairy industry. A new railway was being constructed from Many Peaks to Monto. There were still four hotels and an active race club which supported the hospital.

The Bundaberg Mail (Qld. : 1917 - 1925) Mon 23 Jan 1922 Page 6 MANY PEAKS

Bad as things are in the district, the sawmills are keeping their end up. There are two actively working at present, one at Cannindah (Messrs. Hunting), and the Boyne River Sawmilling Company at Builyan. Central Queensland Plywood Timber Co. also has its mills located at Builyan.

The Many Peaks General Hospital contains twelve beds, but the average admissions amount to one per week. Financially, the hospital is as sound and impregnable as the rock of Gibraltar. There is a race club in the town, known as the Many Peaks Hospital Benefit Club, and this organisation sees that funds are always plentiful for the work of the institution.

The matron (Nurse Maloney) is, of course, qualified under the A.T. N.A. She is a Rockhampton General Hospital trainee and is giving every satisfaction. Financially, the hospital is as sound and impregnable as the rock of Gibraltar. Its current account is in credit to the extent of about £200, whilst it has a fixed deposit of £390 in the Commonwealth Savings Bank.

Reverting to the sawmilling industry. It is without doubt now the backbone of the district; and the few and devoted men who so conscientiously keep it alive deserve the undying gratitude of those whom they enable to make a living, inclusive in these are the butcher, baker, storekeeper and the publican. There are still four hotels in Many Peaks, one store, a butcher, baker, a couple of fruit shops and the inevitable picture palace.

At the Soldier Settlement at Ubobo where 62 families are at present tilling the willing lands and incidentally converting the settlement into a land of milk and honey. Until about 12 months ago registered dairy men in this district was just about as scarce, illusive and shy as a bunyip, but now there are about 30 or 40 scattered about mostly in the vicinity of Ubobo and Nagoorin. Central Queensland Plywood Timber Co. has also its mills located at Builyan.

The Morning Bulletin (Rockhampton, Qld. : 1878 - 1965) Tue 18 Apr 1922 Page 5 MANY PEAKS.

Excellent progress is being made with the construction of the new railway from Many Peaks to Monto. There are now over 200 men employed on the works and construction has been carried out a distance of six miles from the present railway station. The engineer in charge, Mr. T. J. BASHFORD, can certainly be complimented on the excellent manner in which the work has been commenced.

It is anticipated that a further batch of men will be engaged at an early date, and there seems to be every intention to push this line on rapidly. There is a general impression these days that the railway workers do not over-exert themselves. However, this is not the case at Many Peaks, as the employees are a fine body of men, and are doing splendid work. Business is decidedly brisk, and this is quite a change since the mine closed years ago. The hotels are doing a wonderful trade, whilst billiard saloons, shops, and dwellings are being erected all around.

It is anticipated that the line will take at least three to four years to complete, and the businesspeople are satisfied that Many Peaks will always be a good business place now that the line has moved. Three of the four hotels have changed hands already, and there is a keen demand for properties of all descriptions.

History of the journals produced by

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In 1984 we started to produce a monthly journal, it was called "Happy Rock", Genealogical Society of Queensland, Gladstone Branch Newsletter.

In late 1986 it was renamed "Ancestor" Genealogical Society of Queensland, Gladstone Branch Newsletter.

In August 1988, it was renamed "Timeline" Genealogical Society of Queensland, Gladstone Branch Newsletter and was re-sized to a size A5 booklet.

The first Timeline was Vol.1 No.1. August 1988, Genealogical Society of Queensland, Gladstone Branch.

The journals did not have numbers, but this first one is now known as Number 029. Numbers allowed us to easily manage the journals and to later, produce them on a computer.

In Feb 2001 our journals were produced by Genealogical Society Gladstone District Inc, and the first one was Timeline Vol.7 No.5 Feb 2001 and numbered 079.

Our late Life member, Don KERR, was the amazing person who bought us into the computer age.

Don produced them on a computer as "Publisher" documents and then converted them to PDF- (Portable Document Format).

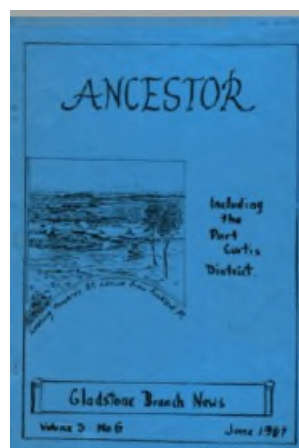
In March 2008 the journal was again redesigned as an A4 page booklet. 107 Timeline Vol.11 No.1 Mar 2008

It could now be easily read on a computer and/or posted.

By eliminating the work involved to print and distribute the journal, our valuable volunteers were freed up for other tasks. It also saved on paper and postage.

In 2026, most of our members and the societies with whom we exchange journals, receive them by email. We are compiling digital copies of all of our existing journals but it is taking longer than anticipated as the current editor ends up reading all the interesting stories in them.

The next issue, No.152 Vol. 29 No3 is due in November 2026 and the editor would like to have some of your interesting family stories to include in our upcoming Timeline journals.



Obituary MR GEORGE FERGUSON (1877-1941)

The death has occurred of Mr. George FERGUSON, fourth son of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. FERGUSON, Castle Hope Station. Born at Canberra Station in 1877, he married Miss Ellen Jane WILLIAMS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. WILLIAMS of Monal, in 1904. The couple lived at Tableland and Targinnie and came to live at Calliope 28 years ago. Deceased was a keen prospector and followed mining for many years. He is survived by the widow, two sons, Messrs. A. V. FERGUSON, Calliope and C. L. FERGUSON, Railway Department, Gladstone, and two daughters, Mesdames Stanley BROWN and R. E. BROWN, both of Calliope. He also leaves four brothers and three sisters. George died on 5 July 1941

Bundaberg News and Mail 23rd July 1941

THE TIGHE Family

Mullingar Westmeath, IRELAND to Many Peaks, Queensland, AUSTRALIA



The barque "Gauntlet" sailed from Belfast Ireland on 4th October 1874 and after an arduous journey experiencing storms, strong winds, sail and mast damage and icebergs finally on 1st January 1875 docked in Maryborough, Queensland.

On board was the TIGHE family of Mullingar Westmeath, Ireland. Parents Michael TIGHE and Cecelia (CARROLL) and seven children; from 18 year old Joseph, through Patrick, Anne, Mary, Michael, Thomas down to one year old James. Michael TIGHE was a carpenter and saw sharpener and gained employment straight from the ship with Ramsay & Co. owners of the Mary River Sawmill near Mungar west of Maryborough.

Michael and Cecelia remained in the Maryborough district until Michael passed away in 1907. Cecelia moved to family in Gympie and passed away in 1919. Thomas was only four years old on arrival and celebrated his fifth birthday in Maryborough on 22nd May 1875.

Photo is Thomas Tighe and wife Jane (nee Humpries)

After some education Thomas gained employment as a stockman on Miva Station, a property situated on the Mary River southwest of Maryborough.

Surveys for new railway lines were approved by the Queensland Government in October 1878, one being from Maryborough to Gayndah via Gootchie and Kilkivan. The Dickabram Bridge was designed to give above-flooded level access for trains across the Mary River. Road access in the area was prone to flooding, and the community approached the government to include vehicle access on the bridge. However, when the bridge was completed, there were no approaches for vehicles at either end of the bridge. A lot of arguing ensued between the community and government as nobody wanted to take any responsibility or do anything to solve the problem.

Dickabram Bridge from Gympie Heritage trail.com.au



Dickabram Bridge (Miva)

ERECTED 1884 - 1886

ARCHITECT Henry C. Stanley (Chief Engineer)

ORIGINAL USE Rail and road transportation across river



The Dickabram Bridge is the major bridge that crosses the Mary River on the Kilkivan Branch line. The contract for construction of the bridge was awarded to McDermott Owen & Co in August 1884. The casting of the cylindrical piers for the central spans delayed the construction in 1885 but the bridge was finally tested in November 1886 and the line opened to traffic on the 6th December 1886.

There were several attempts to have crossings over the Mary River before the construction of the current bridge. The first which was built in 1878 was gradually washed away in the floods of July 1879 and February 1880. The replacement was washed away in the October floods of 1882.

The bridge has stayed more or less the same since it was built, with only some minor modifications as the trains became heavier. The line to Kilkivan was closed in February 2005 and the last train to cross the bridge was on the 18 May 2008, when it was sent to retrieve spare wagons stored on the branch line.






www.gympieheritagetrails.com.au

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A petition was presented to the government on 8th April 1887 to help break the deadlock. One of the signatories on the petition is Thomas TIGHE, stockman, Miva Station. The approaches were eventually completed and is well worth a country drive to have a look at this one-of-a-kind bridge.

Jane HUMPHRIES was born on 28th November 1866 in Ardley Oxfordshire. The 10th child of farm labourer Robert HUMPHRIES and his wife Elizabeth (BUTLER). Jane's younger brother Joseph whose occupation was given as "starving the crows" thought to better himself and decided to travel to Australia.

Robert and Elizabeth said he was too young so Jane, who was all of twenty-one years, volunteered to travel with him. They boarded the "SS MERKARA" leaving Gravesend on 7th February arriving in Maryborough on 4th April 1888. Joseph HUMPHRIES celebrated his 16th birthday during the voyage.

It is here in Maryborough that **Jane HUMPHRIES and Thomas TIGHE** met and consequently married on 12th December 1889. During the next few years, as the children started arriving, Thomas worked as a stockman and labourer, moving to find work.

Eveline Mary, Winnifred Amelia and Helen Elizabeth were born in Maryborough, Camilla Regina in Biggenden, Allerina Catherine and Thomas James back in Maryborough and Joseph Michael in Gympie. Thomas had a change of pace becoming a travelling salesman selling sewing machines and later a Commission Agent.

The four eldest children received all their education between Maryborough and Tinana before the family moved in 1908 to the Miriam Vale district.

They became share farmers with Jack MOSSMAN on his dairy farm, "Emu Hill", Polmailly south of Miriam Vale. The older children worked on the farm and the four younger children travelled on their horse daily to the Polmailly School.

Early 1910 the family were living on Turkey Station in the Rodds Bay district before moving into Gladstone later in the year. On the move again and this time to Many Peaks where they took up residence early 1912.

Thomas gained employment in the mine and Jane became the town midwife, as she had learnt the practice from Thomas's sisters. They established a home in Seal Street and the younger children enrolled at the Many Peaks School.

At this time Many Peaks was a thriving community with a population larger than Gladstone.

As time went on Thomas became afflicted with epilepsy and could no longer work in the mine. The Calliope Shire Council gave him a job lighting the gas lights in the streets of Many Peaks

Thomas and Jane lived in Many Peaks for many years until they moved to Gladstone and spent the rest of their life living with their daughter Winnifred.

Thomas passed away in the Gladstone Hospital on 20th December 1941 aged 72 years. Jane survived him for another five years, passing away at home on 23rd April 1946 aged 79 years. Both are buried in the Gladstone Cemetery.

Thanks to Judy Spencer for this interesting story.

Death of old Gladstone Pioneer - Mr. Joseph Mark KIRKWOOD (1855-1941)

The Morning Bulletin (Rockhampton, Qld, Thursday 20 Feb 1941)

One of the best-known pioneers of the Gladstone district, Mr. Joseph Mark KIRKWOOD, died on Friday 12 February 1941 in the Blairgowrie Private Hospital, at the age of 86 years. Born in South Brisbane on 7 Nov 1855 when the Capital was then part of New South Wales, he left home when 12 years old and worked on stations from Brisbane to Rockhampton.

Mr. KIRKWOOD took up droving and from 1880 to 1886 had many trips to Adelaide and Melbourne with fat cattle. On one trip to the Victorian capital in 1882 he arrived just in time to see The Assyrian win the Melbourne Cup. On 22 Jul 1887 he married Miss Harriet Harbourne, daughter of the late James '("Brummy") HARBOURNE, who was Works Manager at Laurel Bank Meat Works, owned by Berkelman and Lambert, and later at Lakes Creek Meat Works.

Deceased was connected with the early days of Mt. Morgan, hauling timber and machinery up Razorback with bullock teams. He arrived in the Gladstone district in 1890 and worked at sawmills on the Calliope River where bullock teams were used to haul the logs.

In 1900 he selected the property known as "The Glen", Beecher, and went in for cattle. He also had selections on Double Creek. He is survived by his Widow and family of five, consisting of three sons, James, Joe and Tom, and two daughters, Mrs. A. F. BROWN ("Riverview") and Mrs. C. H. KING (Beecher). They are all settled in the Beecher district. There are 24 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

The late Mr. KIRKWOOD had a fine personality being a typical Australian. He took a keen interest in early racing in the district and was an active citizen, being one of the first suppliers to the Port Curtis Dairy Association. He was a prominent mason being a member of the Port Curtis Lodge No. 2235 E.C. for 40 years.

Rev. A. M. MacAlister officiated at the graveside and read the Masonic service. Many expressions of sympathy were sent from old friends in various parts of the State.



Editor's note: Gladstone now has a shopping centre in a new suburb named Kirkwood and a new major road, "Kirkwood Road" which connects the Dawson Highway to the Gladstone-Benaraby Road, (Highway 58).

A Tragic Tale from our recent Gladstone Cemetery Walk

John Alfred NORRIS



John Alfred NORRIS was born to Robert Sutcliffe NORRIS, affectionately known as Bob or Nobby and Eileen NORRIS nee GENT on 7 September 1933, not in 1932 as is written on his grave. With the trauma of his passing for his family, a mistake was made on the headstone.

He attended Gladstone Central State School, along with his older brother, Brian, and later his sister June, who had been born deaf. They actually lived next door to the school. That house has since been moved to 33 O'Connell Street, Barney Point. Their grandparents lived next door to them in Auckland Street and ran a boarding house.

John was known to be a superb cyclist as a youngster, as was his father, competing in the Rockhampton to Gladstone 100 miles race, and winning it in the late 40s.

He was also a piano player, a scout, a hockey player, a lifesaver and a swimmer, like his brother. He was a bit of a larrikin but never really in serious trouble with the police. During World War II, Brian and John were evacuated to Monto for a time and cared for by their Auntie Ivy. Brian and his family remained in close contact with his Monto relatives for the rest of his life. When John finished high school, at 15, he got a job as a bike deliverer for Gladstone Cash and Carry. He was known for his singing while he delivered goods all over town.

Sadly, John's life was cut short on Friday 3 March 1950 at the age of 16 years.

He was on holidays in Bundaberg, staying at his maternal aunt and uncle Joyce and Bert KIRBY. He had become great friends with the neighbour, young Thomas RABNOTT who was just 2 years older than him. John and Thomas were always up for adventures, and that Friday they decided to go on a shooting expedition for wallabies.

They had just headed off on their bikes from out the front of the house in Kensington Street, Bundaberg. They both had their .22 rifles on their handlebars. For some strange reason, and I'm sure he lived to regret it, Thomas had loaded a bullet, and, as he rode his bike over the gutter, the gutter collapsed and, in the resulting fall, the rifle discharged and a bullet entered John's abdomen.



John was immediately transported to hospital and operated on to remove the bullet but sadly lost his fight two days later, on the evening of Sunday 5 March.

His distressed parents, Bob and Eileen, had caught the mail train to Bundaberg on the Saturday, and were able to be with him when he died. His body was brought back to Gladstone the next day by train, and he was immediately interred on Monday 6 March 1950.

A Coroner's court was held in June of that year, looking into the death, but Thomas was not accused of any wrongdoing. The death was deemed an accident. The Norris family was left to mourn the loss of their son, of a life lost unnecessarily.

John was Interred in the Old Gladstone Cemetery, on 6th March 1950 in Methodist Section C Row 5 Position 46.

Serious Helicopter Accident at Gladstone Airport 30 October 1969

By Paulette Flint ©2020

51 years ago, a serious accident occurred at Gladstone Airport when a Sikorsky helicopter crashed on take-off. Grab a coffee and read all about it!



Fourteen people ran for their lives recently at the Gladstone Airport to escape a holocaust of flame, fuel and white-hot metal when their Sikorsky helicopter crashed on take-off.

(From the Observer, 2 Nov 1969)

Eye-witnesses said that the helicopter was reduced within 30 seconds of the crash to a smouldering mass of wreckage. Several of the people had to jump through spurting flames to the tarmac before running about 50 yards to safety.

Firemen who raced to the airport immediately after the accident were powerless against 1120lb of blazing

aviation fuel.

An eye-witness, Mr Barry Reynolds, said that the helicopter took off, and moved about 10 yards forward. It had only risen about two or three feet off the ground when the engine coughed into silence. It then dropped back to the tarmac and slewed around, breaking off the rear wheel. "It just went up in a huge sheet of flame", he said. Pieces of the exploding helicopter were scattered in all directions over a wide area. The helicopter had been back in service less than a year after a similar accident in June 1968 in which it was extensively damaged.

ACCIDENT REPORT issued by ATSB (Air Transport Safety Bureau) on 18 August 1970:

Following a signal from the cabin attendant that all was ready for take-off, the pilot applied power and lifted the helicopter into hover. After a momentary check of power and trim the pilot began to move the aircraft forward along the line of the taxiway towards the runway. At a height of less than 10 feet and with a forward speed of some 5 knots the aircraft engine coughed and lost power.

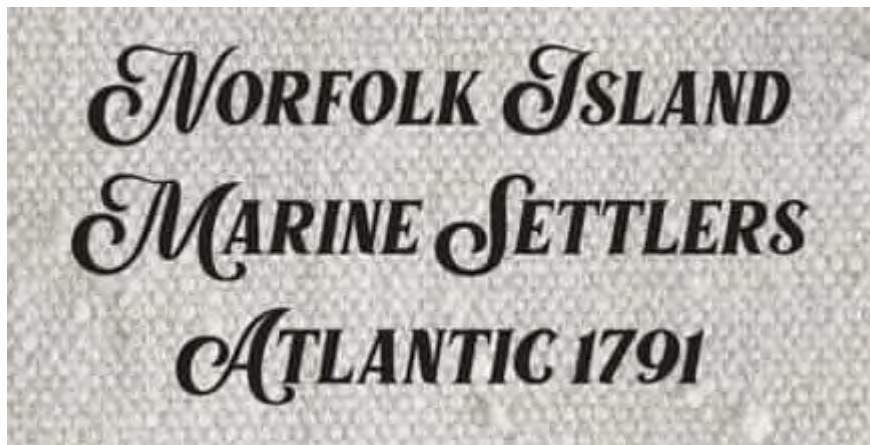
The pilot noticed a drop and fluctuation in engine fuel pressure and the fuel booster pump low pressure warning light illuminated. He reduced power and landed and as the aircraft touched and rolled forward, ground resonance commenced. The pilot endeavoured to lift the helicopter back into the air in order to terminate the ground resonance, but this was unsuccessful owing to the lack of engine power.

The severe rocking motion, as ground resonance developed, bounced the aircraft to the left and the pilot then applied the rotor brake. The main rotor blades struck the ground, the undercarriage failed and the helicopter came to rest having rotated more than 180 degrees from its original heading. The pilot carried out an engine shut down check and he vacated the aircraft through the right-hand cockpit window.

All the other occupants vacated the aircraft through the main cabin door under the direction of the cabin attendant. Fuel was seen to be pouring from the lower forward section of the fuselage and this ignited whilst the passengers were still evacuating the cabin, forcing the last persons out to leap through the flames.

General Details Date: 30 Oct 1969	Time: 13:30 EST	Location: Gladstone	State: Queensland
Occurrence type: Hard landing	Aircraft manufacturer: Sikorsky Aircraft	Aircraft model: S-58	Aircraft registration: VH-UTF
Type of operation: Charter	Destination: Heron Island	Damage to aircraft: Destroyed	

If you like me, have recently discovered some ancestors who spent time on Norfolk Island, you may be interested in this new publication from Australian History Research.



It features each of the 29 "First Fleet" discharged marines who travelled to Norfolk Island per *Atlantic* in November 1791 as marine settlers. **These include John BARRISFORD; Thomas BISHOP; Thomas CHIPP; John FOLEY-FOLLEY; John GOWEN; John McCARTY; James McMANUS; John MUNDAY; Thomas O'BRIEN; Thomas SPENCER; Daniel STANFIELD; William STANLEY; William TUNKS; James WILLIAMS.**

It outlines the terms offered to them such as 60-acre grants and early conditions on the island.

It also explains that the disputes over land grants, resulted in many of the marine settlers abandoned their pending land holdings and farms, whilst others remained on the island and concludes with a dated list of their final departure from Norfolk Island.

The marine settlers' individual profiles also include the details of the next generation.

The publication can be purchased online from <https://www.australianhistoryresearch.info/marine-settlers-norfolk-island-atlantic-nov-1791/> at a cost of \$26.50 includes Australia wide postage

Obituary Sarah REYNOLDS (nee KIRLIN)

Taken from Gladstone Observer 5 Jan 1994. Thanks to Val Buchanan

Sarah Agnes KERLIN was born at Rochester, Victoria, on August 18, 1896, sixth child of Dennis and Catherine KERLIN. Her mother was born of Irish parents on the Bendigo goldfields, and her father was brought out from Ireland by his two elder step-brothers, who were farmers in the Rochester district.

At the age of 15 Sarah was apprenticed to a dressmaker, earning two shillings and sixpence a week for the first year. During her apprenticeship she was often ill and was advised by doctors to move to a warmer climate. At the age of 20 she came to Taroom, Queensland to live with her elder brother William and his family who had taken up land at Bottle Tree Park, 12 miles from the township, where her health improved.

Here she met William "Bill" REYNOLDS, eldest son of Dennis and Hanorah, who were storekeepers and carriers, and grandson of Owen and Anne, who had taken up land at Gayndah in 1865 and later moved to Taroom.

Bill and Sarah were married in Chinchilla on Oct 19, 1919, by Father Dennis KELLY. They settled on the family property 3 miles west of Taroom where Bill had been born and where later their eldest daughter Katherine was also born.

They worked the property until the prickly pear Infestation made it impossible to run cattle and moved into town. The original homestead from this property is now the Taroom and District Historical Society Museum.

In the mid-20s Bill made a living contract fencing and ringbarking, installing electricity in outlying cattle stations and was at times the town's clock and watch repairer. Sarah was often left alone for months at a time with the young family.

They lost their second son, Leo, 1928 as the Dawson River was flooded and he was unable to get special treatment. Leo Charles REYNOLDS (25/09/1925- 25/04/1928).

In 1930 when the Depression was at its worst, Bill, with two friends, Bill RYAN and Charlie LAMBERT decided to try prospecting in the Cracow area as an Aboriginal named Johnny NIPPS had found a small amount of gold there years before.

The prospectors left in an old T Model Ford loaded with axes to cut through the scrub but returned as there was no water.

They left again on Feb 23, 1931, for the second try. Then just eight days later as Bill was prospecting further afield, he found the reef known as The Surprise. Results of the washings proved satisfactory and on March 4, Bill RYAN and Charles LAMBERT travelled to Roma to register the find under the name The Surprise.

As so often happens the original prospectors did not peg the richest reef; that was left to Bill RYAN's relatives Barney RYAN and Johnny MOHR who pegged Golden Plateau.

The prospectors worked their claim for several years, crushing their own ore. Sarah remained in Taroom so four children could go to school.

Historians state that in 1960 Cracow was the second largest producer of gold in Queensland.

About 1935 Bill sold out his interest in the mine and in 1939 moved to Biloela for better educational and employment opportunities, as they now had many children.

During World War Two the three eldest joined the services. It was during the war years that Bill's health began to decline and on May 8, 1946, he died of cancer.

At the time there were four children still at school and, faced with the problem of having to provide for them, Sarah sold the family home in Biloela and leased a cafe in Goondoon St Gladstone, about 3 doors up from the Post Office. Daughter Mary left her bank job to assist her mother in this venture.

As these were the days before counter lunches, each day Sarah cooked a hot, country style luncheon and the menu changed daily.

The meals were popular with the professional people in the office nearby. Mary managed the milkbar, which was popular with the young folk walking up from the dance at the Trocadero.

Truckies knew where to get a hot breakfast of bacon and eggs in the early morning.

The two youngest children, Colleen and John, were among the pupils sent home just before the cyclone of 1949 blew the Convent school down.

After several years, the long hours told on Sarah, and she went to work at the Meatworks in the potting room. She often joked about how many tins of Swift's meats she must have filled. She worked there until she was 65.

After that she took in boarders in her home in Derby Street.

In her later years *Nana* was always there for the younger members of the family.

She was special to them and would listen to their problems and take pride in their achievements. On Mother's Day they filled her home with flowers, and her birthday was always a big family event.

William and Sarah left 150 direct descendants, including two great-great grandchildren. On November 18, 1993, she died peacefully at home surrounded by her family, aged 97 years.

Here is an opportunity to obtain a Diploma of Family History through a Scholarship.

(Also how to enrol to obtain a Diploma without a scholarship)

The University of Tasmania is again partnering with the Society of Australian Genealogists to offer the **University of Tasmania / Society of Australian Genealogists 2027 Scholarship**.

This scholarship was Awarded for the first time in 2021 and covers the full tuition fees for the UTAS Diploma of Family History.

Applications are now open to current members of the Society of Australian Genealogists for the **2027 Scholarship**.

The Diploma of Family History is taught by a team of academics who are passionate about family history research and education. As expert historians, writers, interviewers and creative artists, and with years of experience in teaching Family History, they work together to equip their students with the skills and knowledge to research, create and share stories about their ancestors' lives.

Further information about the UTAS Diploma of Family History is available at <https://www.utas.edu.au/courses/cale/courses/r2h-diploma-of-family-history>

The Diploma of Family History is fully online and consists of eight units that each run over seven weeks. All that is needed to study online is regular access to a computer and the internet. Units are offered in four intensive 'blocks' across the year, and students study at their own pace to complete the course. Most students choose to study one unit per term.

The 'Introduction to Family History' unit is next offered in Block 1, commencing Monday, 22 February 2027, which is when the scholarship winner will need to commence their studies.

To apply for the 2027 Scholarship, you should submit your application at <https://www.utas.edu.au/study/scholarships-fees-and-costs/domestic-scholarships>. You will find the Scholarship under 'S' for 'Society of Australian Genealogists'.

Applications close 8 January 2027.

Applications will be reviewed by Dr Kate Bagnall (Senior Lecturer in History, UTAS) and Vanessa Cassin (Manager Education and Standards, Society of Australian Genealogists).

Please address any inquiries about the scholarship application process to course.info@utas.edu.au or 13 8827 (13 UTAS).

Boyne Valley Cemetery Index:

Includes Nagoorin, Builyan/Many Peaks, Norton burials in cemeteries.



This Boyne Valley Cemetery Index was put together by Life Member, Paulette Flint, from death records originally held at Gladstone Court House and extracted by Life Member, Melva Bensted.

This index incorporates burial records for the three cemeteries in the Boyne Valley district of Gladstone Regional Council, **Nagoorin Cemetery**, **Norton Cemetery** and **Builyan/Many Peaks Cemetery**.

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

The **Many Peaks Cemetery** is erroneously entitled **Builyan Cemetery** both on the signage at the cemetery and on the Gladstone Regional Council website. Originally, it was the Many Peaks Cemetery, although some burial records in the index state Builyan Cemetery.

It should be more correctly named, **Builyan/Many Peaks Cemetery**, or **Many Peaks/Builyan Cemetery**. It is situated in the Builyan locality.

Some 186 burials are listed in the index which was taken from the original death records of the Gladstone District Court House. The records include **Surname, First Names, Sex, Age, Occupation, Death Date, Death Place, Burial Place and Parents' names**.

Parents' names were taken from the Queensland Birth Death and Marriage Index online and thus may include their transcription errors. Where no parents were mentioned, the records annotate "Unknown" or "Unnamed".

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

Postage of a USB stick is much cheaper than the cost of a printed copy.

It is \$20, plus postage and packing.

Enquiries: Email gladgen@hotmail.com

The following 3 books by two of our members can be purchased at the Gladstone City Library in Goondoon Street.

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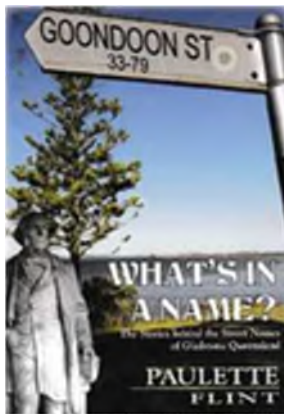
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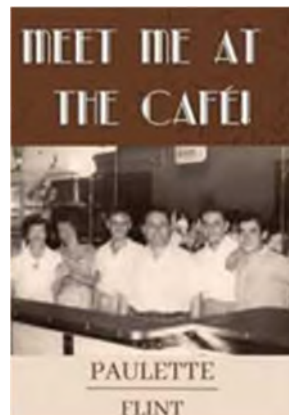
The Stories behind the Street Names of Gladstone Queensland
by Paulette Flint



"What's in a Name?" affords a fascinating glimpse into the stories behind the street names of the city of Gladstone. From the untimely death of Richard Hetherington, the first Mayor and highly esteemed Postmaster, who stumbled into the hold of the 'SS Queensland' when delivering the mail at night, to the downfall of William Edward Hilliard, the Sub collector of Customs, these stories open up windows to the past and give the reader a unique insight into what Gladstone was like in the early days.

MEET ME AT THE CAFE!

The stories behind the cafes of Gladstone 1900-1970
by Paulette Flint 2022

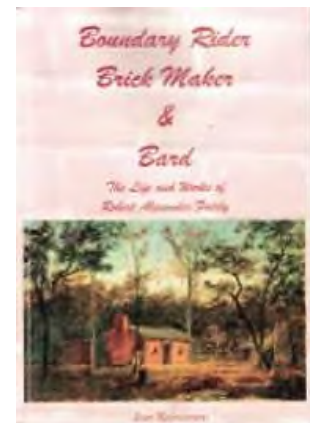


"Meet me at the Cafe!" combines photographs and stories of the cafes, tea rooms and milk bars in the town of Gladstone from a time before television, computers and online dating. Nothing compared to a hearty burger from Mick Coronas at the Niagara Cafe, or a cold milk shake with shards of ice from Percy at the California Grill Bar. After a night at the local picture theatre, young people would meet at the local cafe to turn on the juke box and jive to the latest tunes.

BOUNDARY RIDER,

BRICK MAKER & BARD

The life and works of Robert Alexander Fairly.
Compiled by Jan Koivunen



Australian Bush Poetry from the late 1800s by poet, Robert Alexander Fairly who lived for a time on the Milton gold field at Norton, via Gladstone Qld, then at Burua near Gladstone, where he is buried.' Fairly's verse is varied and often humorous, but his obvious forte was in the mode of the bush ballad in which he conveys an optimistic spirit. (This Review was written by Robyn Sheahan-Bright, Kookaburra Shells 2006).

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