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"Tilly"

Cover Photograph *Courtesy Picture Ipswich*
Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints Ipswich 1970
Church on the corner of Burnett and Darling Streets, Ipswich, The Church was built by
donated labour between 1955 and 1957. Removed for a new road in the 1990's

Text from Picture Ipswich Website

A Few Words from the President and Editor:

Welcome to 2018 and hopefully a happy Christmas was enjoyed by all. It really is a time for families to get together and catch up with the news of the last 12 months, and perhaps some were lucky enough to learn something new about those who came before – the ancestors. The stories told by older members of the family, and have been handed to them by an earlier generation, even if not strictly correct, most times are partly true and will give a clue which may help break down a barrier. Ask those questions, you just never know. Good hunting.

“Brigg House” is in the middle of renovations, and as with all very old homes, fixing one thing always leads to something else. A job the men expected would take about an hour one Friday afternoon became a three and a half hour marathon. Amazing how a few stubborn screws can throw a spanner in the works. It was good management that suggested we would not start until 3pm, as it was a bit cooler, and I say “Thank you” to John Hertrich, John Rossiter, Eric Clarke and my husband Malcolm for all that hard work to take down 5 window hoods. We are fortunate that we have such willing workers, always there when needed. Much appreciated.

The Society is open as usual, but it may be difficult to access some records. Please bear with us as we work under adverse conditions. Things will improve.

Irma Deas President and Editor



*John Rossiter John Hertrich and Malcolm Deas
preparing to take down the window hoods
Editors Collection*

We welcome our new members and wish them success with their research

Bryan Marsden; Pam Churchman;

IPSWICH FESTIVAL EVENT
The 2018 Ipswich Festival will be held from 12th to 22nd April

AS PART OF THE IPSWICH FESTIVAL

VISIT THE IPSWICH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

AT “BRIGG HOUSE” TO FIND ANSWERS TO YOUR

FAMILY HISTORY QUESTIONS AND

LEARN WHAT IS AVAILABLE FOR RESEARCH

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VENUE:

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1041 Redbank Plains Road
New Chum
[Follow Blackstone Road]

WHEN:

Saturday 14th April 2018 12 noon to 2.00 pm
Tuesday 17th April 2018 10 am to 12 noon
Admission - \$5.00 with refreshments

RSVP 10th April would be appreciated but not essential.

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Minden Lutheran Church Choir 1920 Courtesy Picture Ipswich

Choir members: Back row: Albert Maroske, Bill Bork, Alf Voight, Dave Neuendorff, Arthur Kerkow, . ? , Albert Bunning, ? Manz, Gus Beduhn, Norman Neuendorff, Harry Haak.

2nd row: Alf Ruhl, Elsie Schulz, Meta Kerle, Emma Bachmann, Emma Holsworth, Yennie Hermann, Irene Breitkritz, Annie Hermann, Emily Hermann, Mary Strasburg, Edie Strasburg, Emma Itzstein, Ted Beduhn.

Seated: Winnie Voight, Elsie Voight, Ada Leschke, Lilly Beduhn, Pastor Lutze, Eva Beduhn, A? Beduhn, Eda Kerle, Anne Itzstein, Rosie Neuendorff.

LUTHERAN NOTES. *(First printed Bremer Echoes Nov 2000)*

From "The Queensland Messenger" (1930's); "Organ of the Qld. Dist. of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in Australia", Synodical Reports from the 1920's and 30's.

January 8, 1934. **MINDEN NEWS-** Brother Martin **QUINTEL**, passed away on 14 November 1933, aged 90 years 5 months and 30 days. He was born in Neckarhausen, Germany on 19 May 1843, and came to Australia with his parents when he was 11 years old. After many years as a shepherd in western Queensland he spent the rest of his life with his relatives the **MULLER** family at Tallegalla near Rosewood.

Immediately following the Confirmation Service on Sunday 10 December 1933, the funeral service was held for Eric Cecil, aged 1 year and 9 months, the infant son of Mr & Mrs G. **BUSSIAN** of Minden. The little child had died as a result of measles. His father also ill was unable to attend the funeral.

TOOWOOMBA NEWS - On Christmas Day 1933 Mr Gottlob Traugott **HAUSLER** died at Cawdor. He was born at Light's Pass, South Australia 16 March 1860, and came to Queensland with his family in May 1897, selecting land firstly at Crosshill, before moving to Oakey and the last five years were spent at Cawdor. He was buried at Cabarlah Cemetery by Pastor **UEBERGANG**, leaving a widow, five sons, three daughters, one adopted son and one adopted daughter, and their families.

IN MEMORIAM - In memory of Wilhelm Frederich **KERKOW** called to rest 9 Dec 1931 (*No other details given*) (*August KERKOW d 9 Dec 1931, Same person?*)

Jan. 29, 1934. **ROSSPARK** - Heinrich Ludwig Johannas **SIEMSEN**, 75 years and 3 months of Rosspark died 12 July 1933, and was buried at Pittsworth Cemetery on 13 July. He was born in Hamburg Germany on 1 April 1858 and lived in the Pittsworth district for 46 years.

AUBIGNY - Ernst Frederich **DARR**, died at Yargullen on 24 December 1933, and was buried at the Lutheran Cemetery, Aubigny. He was 89 years 2 months and 14 days old having been born 10 October 1844 at Maechtestadt, Prussia, Germany and married on 6 February 1872 to Margarethe **WIRTH** in Toowoomba. He was survived by his widow, 4 sons and 4 daughters, one brother and one sister and their families.

On 14 January 1934, Albertina Augusta **GIETZEL** died at Aubigny aged 53 years 2 months and 28 days. She was born in the district on 17 November 1880, and passed away after a long and painful illness. She left behind 2 brothers and 8 sisters.

24 Apr. 1934 - **BRIGALOW CONFIRMATION** On 11 February 1934 the following candidates were confirmed at the Lutheran Church, Brigalow. Herbert **SCHROEDER**, Frederick **KLEIDON**, Harold **LIESCH**, Henry & Charlie **SCHULTZ**, Alvina Daisy & Mary **SCHLOSS**, Esther & Olga **SCHROEDER** and Mabel **ZARNKE**.

MT SYLVIA - Mrs Friedericke **PLATZ** nee **KRUEGER** died 2 March 1934 at Mt Sylvia, aged 98 years and 7 months. She was born in Germany 24 July 1834 and migrated to Australia, where she married Peter **PLATZ** in Toowoomba where they lived for seven years. After the death of her husband, she moved to Left Hand Branch, (Mt Sylvia) with her two daughters. For the last thirteen years of her life, Mrs **PLATZ** was blind. She was buried at Caffey.

ROPELEY - On 6 March 1934, in the Gatton Private Hospital, Arnold Alwin Walter **KANTIM**, only son of Mr & Mrs Fred. **KANTIM** of Lower Tent Hill, died after a short illness, and was buried at Ropeley Cemetery. He was born in Gatton 19 September 1920.

18 May 1934. **MT WHITESTONE.** Mrs Maria Elizabeth **WAGNER**, died at The Home Of Rest in Toowoomba, on 6 May 1934, the widow of the late Carl August **WAGNER**, Mt Whitestone. (*He died in 1919.*) She was born in Germany 28 May 1848, and married there in 1871, arriving in Australia in 1884.

The family lived at Minden until 1892 when they moved to Mt Whitestone Mrs **WAGNER** was buried at Ma Ma Creek. She was survived by 3 sons, 3 daughters 2 brothers and one sister and their families.

ROPELEY. Mrs Wilhelm **JANKE** (nee **BORN**) died at Rockside on 21 April 1934. She was born in Germany 27 September 1862, married in 1884, leaving Germany in 1886, and arrived in Australia in January 1887. After some months at Sandy Creek, the family settled at Rockside. Mrs **JANKE** was buried at the Ropeley Cemetery on 22 April. She was survived by her husband, four sons and nine daughters, and their families.

GYMPIE - The first Confirmation Service was held at Gympie on 29 April 1934. The candidates were Douglas & Evelyn **KUSS**, Lawrence **DRESCHER** and Carl **WIRTH**.

10 July 1934 **ROPELEY;** William F.A. **LUTHER** died 26 June 1934. William was born in Germany 22 March 1870 and came to Australia with his parents when he was fourteen, and they settled at Ebenezer (*near Rosewood*). In 1893 he married Wilhelmina **JOHNSON** at Stone Quarry. Throughout his life he spent some time shearing in western Queensland, and farming at Willowbank, Ebenezer, Esk and Lake Clarendon. In 1909 he and his family moved to Gatton. William died in a Brisbane hospital after a serious illness and was buried at Ropeley, and is survived by his widow, three sons and six daughters and their families.

6 August 1934 - **AUBIGNY** - Mr Peter **CIESIOLKA** of Aubigny died suddenly on 13 July 1934. He was 68 years 5 months and 12 days old having been born at Walkowitz in Germany 1 February 1866. He came to Australia aged 25 working at Glencoe and Gowrie and spent some years in Rockhampton. He returned south and settled at Crosshill where he died, leaving his widow 4 sons and 3 daughters and their families. Peter was buried at Aubigny Lutheran Cemetery.

11 October 1934 - **AUBIGNY** - Martha, the wife of retired Pastor **HOLTERMAN** died at Aubigny on 3 August 1934, aged 65 years and 6 months. Mrs **HOLTERMAN** was born at Hermannsburg, Germany on 7 February 1869, and came to Australia when 21. On 4 December 1890 she married Pastor Friedrich **HOLTERMAN**, and they lived in Ipswich for seven years. After short periods at Douglas, Teviotville and Plainland the family moved to Springside and then Linthorpe. The burial took place at the Aubigny Lutheran Cemetery. The son and two daughters of the union all predeceased their mother.

31 October 1934 - **KUMBIA** Anna Maria Magdalena **ROEHOS** was born at Langeloh, Hannover Germany on 11 June 1860, and came to Australia about 1886 to be married to Mr G.C.F. **FRIEBOTH**, who at that time was working at the Hermannsburg Mission in Central Australia. The couple were married at the Mission by Pastor **KEMPE**. After 8 years working at the Mission, the family left in 1894, travelling to South Australia where they lived for a few years at Peterborough. Their next call was to Mary Yamba, North Queensland spending

another 5 years with the Mission. Laidley was their next home for six years and in 1908 the family selected land at Reid's Creek, Gayndah where Mr **FRIEBOTH** died in 1922. In 1926 Mrs **FRIEBOTH** moved to Kumbia to live with a daughter Mrs P. **WINTER** and her family, and while staying with Mr & Mrs J. **ZEUSCHE** (another daughter) in Crow's Nest she passed away. The burial took place at the Kumbia Lutheran Cemetery.

INGOLDSBY; On 11 October 1934 Adolf A. **REINKE** died aged 52 years 9 months. Adolf was born at Marburg 28 December 1881, and married Agnes **NOWROSKI** in 1905. The family lived at Ingoldsby and he was survived by his widow, 2 sons and 2 daughters and their families.

On 20 October 1934 the mortal remains of August F.W. **DAMROW** were laid to rest at Ingoldsby. August was born in Germany 24 November 1861 and married Elizabeth **NAUSCHUTZ** in 1884 a short time before coming to Australia. The family lived for a time at Hatton Vale then settled at Ingoldsby and about 1930 they retired to Gatton. He is survived by his wife, 3 sons and one daughter.

(27 November 1934) **GREENWOOD**. - A Golden Wedding Celebration was held at Greenwood on 13 November 1934 for John and Anna **NOLLER** who had married at Highfields (*Toowoomba*) in 1884. John arrived from Germany in 1860, as a child of three. Anna (**EISEMANN**), was born at Drayton in 1863. After living at Highfields until 1907, the family moved to Greenwood. There were twelve children born to the couple, four dying as infants, and the eldest dying aged 39.

(19 Dec. 1934) **ROSSPARK**; Walter **MUNDT** was born at Pittsworth on 22 September 1912, and died in Toowoomba aged 22 on 22 October 1934, from complications following an appendicitis operation. He was buried Pittsworth, and mourned by his parents, five brothers and two sisters.

AUBIGNY - Mrs Catherina **KRATZMANN** (nee **BERGHOFER**) died at Brymaroo, 1 December 1934 after being ill for some months. She was aged 69 years, born in Toowoomba on 19 July 1865. Her husband, 4 sons and 4 daughters, mourned her death.

IN MEMORIAM - STEHN - In sad and loving memory of our dear husband, father and grandfather who departed this life 21 December 1932. *(No other details given)*

November 23 1936 - On 17 November 1936 Mr E.B. **NOSKE** of Hamilton Victoria was killed in a level crossing accident. *(No other details)*

MARBURG - Mrs Wilhelmine Caroline **VOIGHT**, (nee **GERBER**) aged 89 passed away at the home of her son at Glamorgan Vale, and buried Marburg 18 Sep 1936. Mrs Wilhelmine Friedericke **MUCHE** (nee **KLEVE**) passed away at Marburg on 31 October and was buried there on 1 November. Mrs **MUCHE** was born at Brandenburg, Germany on 23 October 1859, and came to Australia in February 1866.

On 8 October Mr Albert Julius **MAROSKE** died age 85. He was born in

September 1851 at Pommerania, Germany and came to Australia in 1873 on the "Friedeburg". Mr MAROSKE leaves four sons and four daughters and their families.

AUBIGNY - On 27 September 1936 a Silver Wedding Celebration was held in honour of Friedrich Carl Wilhelm and Hermine Elizabeth (**PANNACH**)

KUMMEROW.

9 Feb. 1937. **NOBBY**; Mr Nickolaus **METZROTH** died, aged 71 years and 6 months on Christmas Eve, and was buried at Nobby on Christmas afternoon. The deceased was the son of Michael and Elizabeth (**APPEL**) **METZROTH** was born at Trechtingshausen, Rheinprovinz, Germany on 9 June 1865. After travelling from his birth place to England, Nickolaus and his brother Clemens left Plymouth on 25 October 1882 on the "Mackara" arriving in Brisbane in December of the same year.

He found work at Back Plains on the Downs, and worked for Mr **ROESSLER** for ten years, then with Mr **ERNST** for three. He purchased land in the Mt Kent district, and on 12 April 1895 married Margaret Elizabeth **DREIER** at Beenleigh. There were 5 boys & 2 girls.

Obituary - In loving memory of our dear husband and father Hermann **KLIBBE** who was called to rest 10 January 1926, Ropeley, Gatton.

1 March 1937 **CABOOLTURE** - Elizabeth (**SINAI**) **SVENSON** passed away in Woodford Hospital on 9 February 1937. Born at Capalaba 17 May 1879, she married Johann **SVENSON** on 14 May 1902, and lived at Fairney View. In 1922 the family moved to Mt Mee, and attended the Caboolture church. Five sons and three daughters survived their mother, two daughters predeceased her.

NEW PUBLICATION

Red Cross VAD [Voluntary Aid Detachment]

Recently the Society received an interesting booklet from the Australian Red Cross "**Maids of All Work. Red Cross Voluntary Aids in World War 1 and Beyond**" These ordinary women made a huge contribution to the war effort, and were given very little acknowledgement. Hopefully this publication will go some way to recognise their efforts.

"If you have a story of a Red Cross VAD in your family in the period 1914 – 1918 and would like to share, please contact the Red Cross Archives Team at:

gldarchives@redcross.org.au

www.redcross.org.au

or: Australian Red Cross Qld Office 49 Park St, Milton Qld 4064"

WONDERLAND BALLROOM, IPSWICH

QT 8 October 1966

Research by John Rossiter

The Ipswich 10 Pin Bowling Alley opened on the corner of Brisbane and Thorn Streets in 1962.



*Ipswich 10 Pin Bowling Alley 1963
Whitehead Collection Picture Ipswich*

By 1966 the building had become the Wonderland Ballroom, and on 7th October of that year, a Navy Debutant Ball was held. This was one of the highlights of Navy Week, with the largest crowd ever in attendance.

Fifteen debs were partnered by uniformed naval personnel and presented to **Rear Admiral & Mrs PERRY**. The Australian Flag and the White Ensign decorated the dais of the ballroom and a ceremonial cake in the shape of the destroyer Anzac was cut by one of the debutants, Margaret **ENGLISH** a serving member of the WRANS, who came from North Ipswich, and was on leave from Darwin before taking up duties in Canberra.

The debutants presented to the Rear Admiral and his wife:

Gwendoline **PRICE**; Rosalind **SMITH**; Catherine **MACKAY**;
Kay **HENDERSON**; Margaret **ENGLISH**; Caroline **DOLDES**;
June **GIBSON**; Loryl **BUCKLEY**; Susanne **FLEMING**;
Helaine **NAULTY**; Lynette **HINDMARSH**; Helen **CORRY**;
Irene **PECHENOK**; Carol **CUNNINGHAM**; Lyn **RICHTER**;

The alcoves set up for the ball were given names of naval ships with the "Melbourne" being for the official party.

The others were:-

"Tobruk"; "Arunta"; "Anzac"; "Parramatta"; "Supply"; "Hawk"; "Gull"; "Ibis";
"Teal"; "Oxley"; "Bass"; "Banks"; "Kimbla"; "Curlew"; "Snipe"; "Otway";
"Moreton"; "Yarra"; "Moresby"; "Paluma"; "Culgoa"; "Barcoo"; "Sydney";
"Stuart"; "Brisbane"; "Derwent"; "Duchess"; "Vampire"; "Perth"; "Vendetta";
"Hobart";

IPSWICH STREETS IN 1918 – Number 2

In the November 2017 Bremer Echoes, we walked around some of the streets of Ipswich using maps drawn in 1918. Today we explore more of the inner city area.

“We are back in town today, and have a little time before Father and Mother are ready to start for home. My Aunt Helen has promised to take us for another walk around the streets, and she has told my brother and I, that even though we always say “town”, Ipswich has been a city since 1904, when **Hugh Reilly** was the Mayor and the City of Ipswich only covered a small area.

Aunt Helen also informed us that it was in 1916, just two years ago, that big changes were made to the boundaries of local Government areas. Part of Brassall and part of Bundanba [*now Bundamba*] shires were added to the City of Ipswich and the new Shire of Ipswich was formed with the amalgamation of part of the Shires of Brassall, Bundanba and Walloon and all of the Shire of Purga.

That is all very interesting, but we are impatient and want to walk the streets and see the interesting buildings and the little laneways, before we have to leave to join Father and Mother and start for home,

At last we start on our way and leave our parents at the **Wilson’s** Produce Store on the corner of Bremer and Nicholas Streets. Today we will walk up the other side and there is **Mr F. Stanfield’s** very large North Australian Hotel with a verandah across the front, and down one side. As we pass we can see stables at the back and I am sure there is a fowl house attached. There is a bottle store and another shed with more stables. **Mr Stanfield** must have a lot of horses.

Another Produce Store and this time **Mr Barrett** and **Mr Risson** have Sale Yards and a store area for the Auctioneer’s buggies. I do not mind the smell of the produce store, but not the smell of the saleyards, let us hurry past. I almost missed seeing the stables in the back yard.

Mr G.J. Harding has Auction Rooms adjoining, with **Mr Boody** the Hairdresser and Tobacconist and **Mr P.A. Dowie** the Tailor and Mercer in the same building. I am sure there are storage sheds perhaps for fire wood and other bits and pieces behind the building.

We pass the furniture store of **Mr J.B. Colthur** [*as named on the map*] – I thought the name was **Colthup**. I must remember to ask father about that. On the corner of Union Street are the **Dalton Brothers** who are grocers and General Dealers. We walk down this very short street and pass the storage areas and the bulk stores for these two businesses, and I cannot believe there are pig sties; no wonder there is an awful smell.

We can see the railway goods shed with the Goods Office attached, and at the other end of the building there is a crane. I suppose there would be lots of things that would be too heavy for men to shift. It is possible to climb stairs and

walk over to the other side of the railway lines, but we are not allowed to go. Aunt tells us the railway lines cross over the Bremer River to North Ipswich and the Railway Workshops. My Uncle Jo works there, and as there is nothing else in this part of Union Street, we turn back to Nicholas Street.

As we walk, we realize we are above the railway lines and there is a steam train puffing black smoke into the air, and suddenly the driver sounds the whistle – I am sure he knows we are here and he is hoping we will get a fright. Beside the railway line there is a small building where the lamps are kept ready for the night. We can see people waiting on the platform, so there must be another train coming soon.



*Nicholas Street with
Whitehouse' Café on the
right and the street
crosses over the railway
line.*

*Picture Ipswich
Whitehead Collection*

A set of stairs lead down under the verandah of **Mr F.W. Whitehouse's** Refreshment Rooms to a building with a sign on it - "BATH". I wonder who would use it. Further along beside the railway line, there is a shed with a 5 HP engine used to power the mixer as **Mr Whitehouse** is also a baker and confectioner, and he has a kitchen and bakehouse in the same building. Those lovely smells make me hungry.

At the rear of the allotment which appears to extend right through to Ellenborough Street, there is a bread room, a flour room, stables with a loft, an abandoned laundry, a wash house, cart shed and a bag store.

Mr C.H. Fleischmann who is a saddler and harness maker works next door and you can smell the leather as we walk past. Behind the building there is a store room and a shed, I cannot see what is kept there.

Miss A. Hoare sells ladies and children's clothing next door, and **Mr McQueen** has his "Boot Palace" It seems there are rooms above, and we cannot tell who uses them, but there are blinds on the windows.

The next building on the block is the large **Cameron's Building** with a number of vendors; **Marsellos & Spathis** Refreshments and Oyster Saloon with kitchen at the rear, **A. Horsleys Ltd** Booksellers & Stationers, **A Harley Modern Steam Cleaning and Dye Works** and they have a steam presser

powered by gas, isn't that amazing? Steep stairs separate them from the drapers, **Australian Stores** [*later Hislops*] leading to more rooms above but no indication who occupies the area.

Another Hairdresser and Tobacconist, **F.W. Short** has a very small shop with the Auction Rooms of **Hughes & Cameron** beside him, and behind these three shops there are stables, a buggy shed and store rooms, with stairs leading upstairs. This is a busy area with a number of people coming and going.

Fronting Nicholas Street we come to **W.J. Berry Refreshment Rooms** and everything looks lovely, but no time to stop. We pass stairs leading up, and then pass the **Ipswich Gas & Coke Company**.

I stop to look in the window at display of **J. Schoenle** the Jeweller, but I cannot buy anything today. **Gow Brothers** the tailors is a little shop, but there are some lovely materials on display. Perhaps one day Father may come and buy a suit for a special occasion.

The corner of Nicholas and Brisbane Streets is occupied by the Boot Retailer **John Hunter** with **Reid & Greig**, grocers and **T.J. Geertz** another tailor in the same building. **Reid & Greig** have a large store room at the back of the allotment. *The Commonwealth Bank was to occupy this site for many years.*

We are now walking along Brisbane Street, and pass the display windows of **Richey & Co** Drapery Store, and **Stratigos & Co** who have an Oyster Saloon, with confectionary on display and a cellar. At the rear of the building are two small businesses, a dressmaker and a milliner, with a kitchen and an engine room for electric light behind the Oyster Saloon. *This building was later Bayards Department Store.*

The hairdresser **F. Wood** and a watchmaker and Jeweller **D. Goldstein**, and the **Singer Sewing Machine** shop, are side by side with **D.S. Carter** and **F.E. Duncalfe** who sell men's wear, and they are very small business premises fronting Brisbane Street. On the upper floor, **Mr W.H. Bennett** the Dentist has his rooms. There is only a small shed behind these shops.

Across the road we can see St Paul's Church of England which Aunt Helen says was built in 1859, the same year Queensland became a separate state.

Mr B. Martoo is a General Dealer and has lots of different things in his store which is beside the grand **North Star Hotel** on the corner. We walk around the corner into Ellenborough Street and can see there is a verandah across the back of the hotel and stables near the back fence.

The plumbers **Hanby & Dangerfield** have an office, a bulk store and large workshop, which faces Ellenborough Street. They must have lots of horses as there are a number of stables with a feed store.

The last building in the street is a small home with a verandah at the front and also on the back, and stables at the rear of the allotment. Between this and the railway line, is the rear of the block owned by **Mr Whitehouse**, which

extends back to Nicholas Street, and we had noted as we passed his premises earlier.

We cross Ellenborough Street and walk up the other side past a residence with a verandah across the front and a fowl house and shed out the back.

Mrs Aylott has a boarding House above the ground floor shops of the Palings Agent **W.T. Gray** where we could see a piano, and **J.F. Lobb & Co** Tea Merchants. I thought it was a funny little shop. **Mrs Aylott** has a bath house attached to the rear of the building, and a wash house, shed and stables down the back.

It is very busy next door at **Mr J. Cuthbert** the plumber, who has lattice across the front of his storeroom and office, and his workshop is very large. They must be manufacturing something as there is a lot of tapping as they shape a piece of tin. I wonder if it is a billy can like the one we have at home.

Mr H. Pilgrim the bootmaker has a very small shop next to **E. Bostock & Sons** Land and Estate Agents on the corner of Ellenborough and Brisbane Streets. In the same building but facing Brisbane Street, **Mr E. Blomgren** the Watchmaker has a strong room on his premises where I think he must keep his valuable stock. The Milliners **Aldridge & Lawson** are next door and there are rooms above but we have no idea what is up there. It would be nice if there was a sign, but perhaps people live there.

The sign on the next shop says **Devey Ltd Sample Rooms**, but we cannot tell what this means, and there is a short passage with stairs going up. **Mr A.E. Hastings**, watchmaker, has a nice shopwindow and he sells jewellery as well we think. **Wertheim Sewing Machine & Piano Depot** has all kinds of interesting things to look at, but Aunt Helen tells us we do not have much more time, so we keep going.

The next three shops are all small and narrow with stairs at the rear leading down. **Alf Scott** Hairdresser & Tobacconist, **J.S. Aspinall**, the Boot Retailer and repairer, and **T.H. Palmer's** Wine Refreshment Rooms, which is probably not a place for us to stop for a drink.

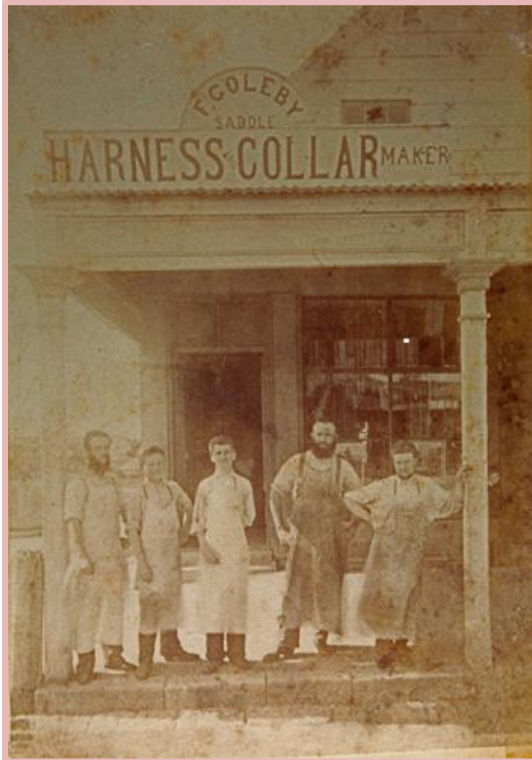
The Milliners **Misses J. & L. Raymond** have somewhat larger premises, and they have some lovely hats on display, which are not as fancy as those from before 1914 and the outbreak of war.

I love **Mr E. Ryan's** Fruit Shop as everything looks so nice, but Mother has done her shopping and I know she has been to see Mr Ryan today, so I will have to wait until we get home for a juicy orange. I am wearing my best dress, so cannot have juice down the front. Mr Ryan has a kitchen at the back of his shop, as he works very long hours and so does Mrs Ryan, and they have a run for the fowls near the fence.

Next door, **Mr Pratt** has his Jewellery shop on the ground floor and the Protestant Hall is overhead. There is a verandah across the back of the building, and stairs lead down to the ground level.

The smell of the pastries and cakes at **Langer & Parsons** Pastry Cooks make us wish we had time to stay a while and try them but we must keep going. This building is on three levels with the top floor occupied by **V.P. Wicks**, the photographer, the pastry cooks on the street level, and the cellar, where we are told, **F.Goleby & Sons** make the saddles for which they are well known. The main showroom for **Goleby's** is on the corner of Brisbane and West Streets, and as the ground slopes down, **Mr Goleby** has a hand lift to bring goods to the Brisbane street level. This is a very large shop.

Behind the saddlers, there is a vacant allotment and then a residence with



steps leading up to the verandah across the front of the house. This extends down the side, and here you could sit and watch the trains go past on the railway line to Rosewood and Toowoomba. There is a large shed on high stumps, and a fowl house in the corner of the block.

West Street ends at the railway line, but steps lead down to a subway which gives access to Darling Street.

On our next visit to town, we will explore as far as Waghorn Street and perhaps we will walk down the other side of Brisbane Street. There are some interesting buildings in this old part of town.

We thank Aunt Helen for taking us around the streets of Ipswich.

*Fred. Goleby first on the left was Mayor of Ipswich in 1906; others unknown
Thought to be c1885-1890*

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<http://slsa.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm>

LETTERS FROM THE PAST

Something to think about

In this age of everything instantaneous, we miss out on the written word. Emails are most often sent, and there are few people who sit down and write a letter to family members, with the result nothing is kept – or very little.

Many people use the telephone for convenience, so once again nothing is written. Years ago most homes did not have a telephone, telegrams were for emergencies and the only way to keep in touch was with a letter. These letters are often a gold mine to family history researchers, giving information on family members, and the day to day happenings which are things which will not be found in official records.

The address at the time the letter was written is often useful, and “grand-dad was staying with us when he passed away”. That may give a clue as to where he is buried if you cannot find his grave. Perhaps he was with a family member miles from his usual address, and passed away unexpectedly so was buried there. If you do have trouble finding a burial, try to find where the children lived; check cemeteries in that area. Often if Mum or Dad was alone, they would stay with one of their married children.

It is the small personal things you find in a letter – it was intended to keep in contact with loved ones and to pass on family news. The grand-daughter who obtained her first position away from home, and stayed with Aunt and Uncle during the week and returned home at weekends; the fact that great uncle fell and broke his leg and was in hospital; the prizes won at the local show. These all make up the family story and add the interesting pieces.

I have a letter to my grandmother from her cousin Lily, after the death of my grandfather in 1947 and she says – “I hope Lizzie you will excuse us not coming out, but Uncle Fred and Auntie Polly both have bad heart trouble, Uncle Louie has arthritis, and all are well enough to get around the house. I have had bronchitis which weakens me, and Uncle Louie heard of a new cure and it is 8/6 [*eight shillings and sixpence*] a bottle, but it did me good.”

At that time these family members only had horse and sulky, which made it difficult to travel a great distance to a funeral, and so the letter was written and it is a reminder of a different way of life.

Another letter tells of a friend who in 1932 was unable to find permanent work, and the day to day trials of looking for jobs and the different kinds of things he did, and he was – “in a Relief Gang and pleased to say a fairly good body of men, in fact some very decent chaps, and am finding a little to do at weekends”. [*This was during the Depression, and many were without work.*]

It appears from the letter that the family had lost their farm after 12 years and he tries not to think of the loss. They had gone to Brisbane to find work, and as he says it was a fifth of his life, he was not a young man but perhaps

about 60 years old. He continues "I get 3½ days a week £2.7.3. We are in a fairly comfortable house at 14/- a week rent. There is a nice back yard and we have vegetables growing". *[In today's money less than \$6.00, and almost \$1.50]*

His perseverance is recorded forever *[or as long as it survives]* in a letter. These are the snippets which if you are lucky enough to have old letters, bring to life another time in history.

Ask elderly relatives if they have old letters – amazing what may come to light. Write a letter, share some of your stories with other family members and perhaps someday a descendant will be lucky enough to have an exciting find.

Many children and adults today use computers for everything, but there is no more personal form of communication than the written word.

Editor



In the 1950s every school child looked forward to the day when they were given a Conway Stewart Fountain Pen. That was the time to get rid of the pen and nib, and no more dipping into the ink well.

It was a coming of age.

*Learn to tell a story; a good story well told,
is as welcome as a sunbeam in a sick room.*

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