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In the small Cemetery at “Woodlands” Marburg Queensland
The cover photograph and those on page 17 from the Editor’s collection.

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From the Editor:

A New Year with Best Wishes, may it prove to be a happy and healthy one for us all. Good luck with your research.

Sadly Ipswich has lost a dedicated local history researcher and publisher with the passing of Robyn Buchanan. Our thoughts are with her family and friends. We thank her husband Bruce for sharing a little of Robyn's life and this appears on pages 4 and 5.

This Bremer Echoes without planning has the theme of the passing of loved ones, cemeteries and obituaries. This is a part of life, and something which comes to us all eventually, but not something to dwell on.

The new air-conditioning at Brigg House is proving to be a bonus, as Ipswich has experienced hot and steamy weather. We are all praying for rain, and our hearts go out to those who have to buy feed for their livestock, and endure all the extra hard work associated with its distribution. We know the drought will break - soon we hope, but it can be a long wait.

Ed.

ROBYN BUCHANAN

Contributed by Bruce Buchanan (Husband)

Robyn was born in Ipswich in 1943. She attended Blair State Primary School before going to Ipswich Girls Grammar School - where she was a Prefect and Dux of the School in 1961.

She then studied at the University of Queensland where she obtained a Science Degree with First Class Honours. After graduation Robyn worked at the Qld Department of Main Roads until the time of her marriage.

In the last years of her life, she obtained a Masters' Degree in Philosophy (History) at the University of Queensland, and her Thesis was "An Imported Railway - the Background to construction of Queensland's early railway".

In the 1980s she was also a Journalist and Features Editor at The Queensland Times. It was during this time she was joint Curator (with Bruce Buchanan) of the National Trust property "Claremont" in Milford Street, Ipswich. Her weekly articles in The QT included the popular "Lattice and Lace".

Robyn became a director of Bruce Buchanan Architects and was directly involved (with co-director Bruce Buchanan) in numerous heritage conservation projects across Queensland including the restoration of Parliament House, the Old Government Printery, the Brisbane Port Office, Ipswich Grammar School, the Childers Backpacker Memorial, amongst many.

For 10 years she compiled historical research information for Queensland Rail on their properties across Queensland. This led to the Queensland Rail Heritage Memorandum of Understanding with the Queensland Heritage Council for self-regulation of heritage rail properties - the only one of its type at the time, and which is currently in use.

Robyn was a Trustee of Ipswich Girls Grammar School for many years. She was a member of the Queensland Cultural Advisory Board and the advisory board for The Workshops Rail Museum, Ipswich.

Working closely with the Heritage section of Ipswich City Council, she was the author of numerous Heritage Trails Brochures about Ipswich and the surrounding region which remain popular through the Council and the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre.

Also with the Ipswich City Council Heritage Branch and Library, she compiled Oral Histories of numerous local identities and passed on much of her photographic library to The ICC "Picture Ipswich" Collection.

A passionate local historian, Robyn wrote a number of books on local heritage including (inter alia):

"Ipswich in the 20th Century";

"The Bremer River";

"An Imported Railway"

"The Bremer Catchment";

"Views from the Verandah" (with David Phillips)

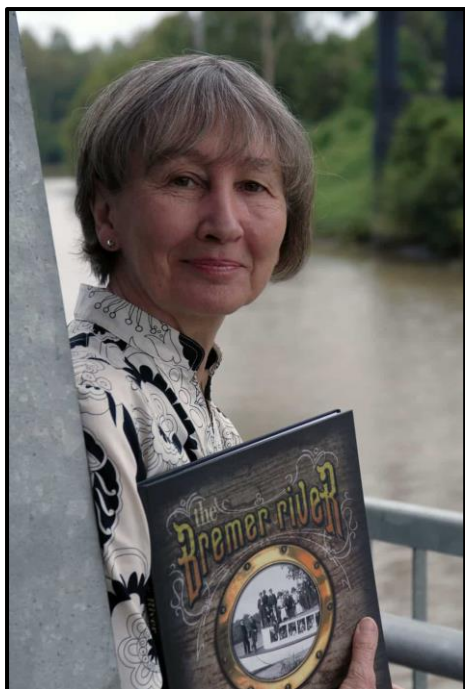
"Five Days at Claremont";

Robyn passed away in July 2018.

A GENEROUS DONATION

Robyn Buchanan devoted much of her time to recording and publishing the history of Ipswich its people and places. Her many books on library shelves both public and private will keep her memory alive into the future.

When Robyn passed away after a long battle with cancer on 26th July 2018, the city lost a well-known identity and local historian, and she is sadly missed by family and friends.



The Ipswich Genealogical Society was contacted recently by Bruce Buchanan, Robyn's husband, and as per her wishes, he has kindly donated Robyn's entire collection of photographs and files of historical research to the Society. The filing cabinets and set of map drawers and stand, a donation from Bruce, will now hold

"The Robyn Buchanan Collection".

The Committee and members of the Society thank Bruce for his kind donation which will add greatly to our resources, and will be a valuable addition to our Library.

Robyn Buchanan pictured with her book The Bremer River. (Ipswich First 21st Aug 2018)

Queensland Times Monday 7th May 1928 **PERSONAL**

Probate has been granted in the following estates:

Clement T. **Ladbury**, Brisbane, general manager, to Queensland Trustees, Ltd., Brisbane, £9016/10/1;

Frederick W. **Allen**, Toowoomba, retired railway auditor, to Margaret M. ALLEN, widow, £2561;

Dugald **Cameron**, Camlet, near Bollon, grazier, to William D. **Cameron**, near Bollon, grazier, and Bertram E. **Tovey**, St. George, shire clerk, £10,533;

Nathaniel J. **Howes**, Manly, New South Wales, merchant, resale of probate to Harriet V. **Howes**, James A. **Turner**, John F. **Howes**, and Harold J. A. **Howes**, £86,344.

Letters of administration were granted in the estate of George **Phillips**, Ipswich, fitter, to Frances E. **Phillips**, widow, £6927.

THE LAST RESTING PLACE

In the early years of Australian settlement, bodies had to be buried quickly, as there was no way of keeping them, and often the coffin was made by a family member, or a carpenter, and in some cases the body was wrapped and buried without a coffin; perhaps there was no one to make the coffin, or wood was not readily available. There are many lone graves throughout the country, as in remote areas many travellers were buried where they died, and in some cases no record was kept of the location.

Burial plots are found on many properties in the outback, and over the years some have been forgotten when the property changed hands, or all that is left are a few posts and rails to show the site.



This photograph was taken in 1997 just outside the gates of the Warrumbungle National Park in western New South Wales on the road to Coonamble. The graves are on “Gleneda Station”, which was first settled by Charles and Eliza (**Lemon**) **Colwell** in 1861 and called “Wombolong”.

(Charles and Eliza arrived in New South Wales in 1837 and were in the Warrumbungle area in the 1840s. When the area was open for selection in 1861 they took up “Wombolong” - there have been a number of spellings recorded over the years)

Now in the middle of a wheat paddock this little cemetery is the resting place of Charles **Colwell** who died 2nd September 1870 aged 57, his wife Eliza died 24th December 1880 aged 73 and two of their sons, Thomas died 1st July 1879 aged 40 and Edward died 9th August 1890 aged 38.

[The Editor is the great- great grand- daughter of Charles & Eliza] .

In a cemetery or church yard, there can be a variety of tombstones, also known as gravestones. Some are very ornate, while others just a metal marker. Over the years these markers can be misplaced or lost, and the actual burial site cannot be located. These markers are noted in the Burial Register, and in a separate column the associated grave numbers are found. This can show the number of people buried in the plot, and whole families or close relatives can be

found this way. It is said that in Britain the influential people are buried in expensive tombs on the south side of the church.



During the 18th and 19th centuries in Britain body snatchers dug up graves and sold the corpses to Universities to be used by medical students. Relatives with enough money would place iron railings around the grave.

An anchor on a headstone is for “hope”, a cross is “faith” and a heart is for “charity”. Bees or a beehive recall an industrious worker, and butterflies are for the Resurrection, while in some cases a broken column can be for a young life cut short or suggests the death of the head of the family. Daisies or a lamb can be found on the grave of a child, and also Lilies of the Valley are at times on the small gravestone. Ivy means lasting friendship, and swords can be found on the grave of a soldier.

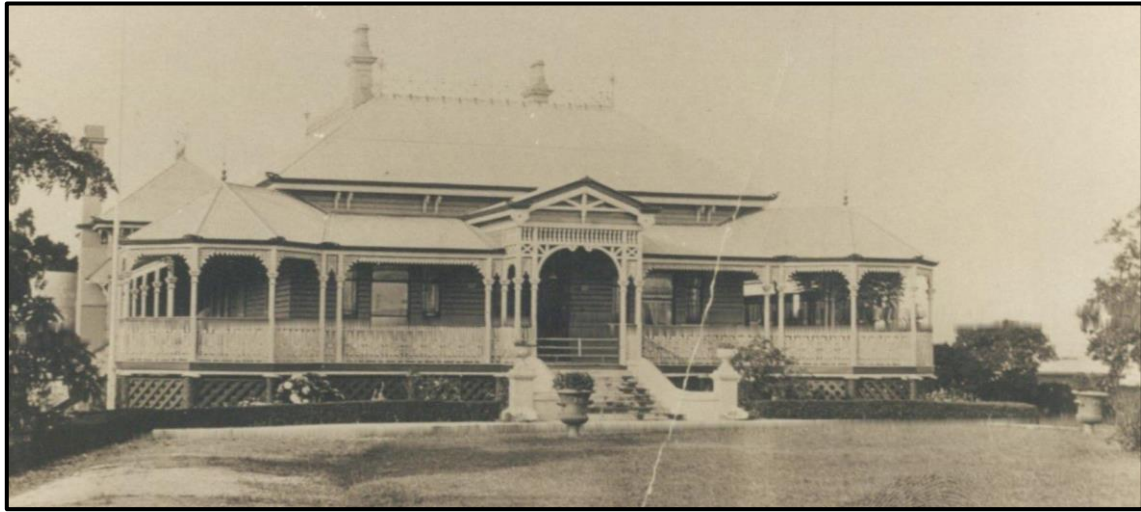
There are many other symbols found on older graves, but today most towns have a Lawn Cemetery, or many people are cremated and the ashes placed in a niche in a Columbarium Wall.



Wrought Iron - part of a grave surround at Haigslea Cemetery west of Ipswich.

Editor's Collection.

HISTORIC HOME AT BOOVAL



‘ELAMANG’ (an early photograph)

Queensland Times, Ipswich Herald and General Advertiser 22 Feb. 1898, page 2

Mr Watson's New Residence - A representative of this journal was recently shown over the villa residence of Mr. Richard **Watson**, lately erected at Booval. The house is built on the property formerly owned by the late Mr. J. W. **Daisey**, Mr. C. A. H. **Watson** having occupied the residence which was previously on the land until it was burnt down some eighteen months ago. Mr. G. B. **Gill** was the architect for the new building, and its beautiful design and its extremely artistic finish are highly creditable to that gentleman.

The contractor was Mr. T. J. **Humphreys**, the total cost of the structure being slightly over £1200. Thorough workmanship has characterised the efforts of the contractor, and also those of the sub-contractors, Messrs. **Cuthbert** (iron-work) **Catlow** (painting) S. **Langdon** (brick-work) and **Jamieson** (plastering). The residence is truly "beautiful for situation," standing in an elevated position, and catching the refreshing "sea breeze;" while the substantial nature of the house provides a snug and secure shelter when Boreas blows a ruder blast.

Mr. **Watson** intends to lay out the grounds in front of the villa, which stands a little farther back from the road than did the old house, and suitable fencing and entrance gates will, ere long, be constructed. The main building contains seven rooms, the dimensions of which are as follows:-Drawing-room, 18ft. x 15ft.; dining-room, 22ft. x 16ft.; bedroom No. 1, 18ft. x 15ft.; bedrooms Nos. 2 to 5, 15ft. x 11ft. and 14ft. x 12ft. The wing contains on the ground floor a large kitchen, servant's bedroom, pantry, bathroom, lavatory, &c.; and in the basement a spacious laundry and wash-house fitted with washing troughs and copper, as well as a large larder.

The apartments in the basement have a cement floor throughout. An octagonal work-room is built at the northern end of the eastern verandah. A fine

large verandah, 9ft. wide, runs all around the building, broken at the angles by octagonal bays, with hipped roofs finished with iron terminals. The approach steps, which are of brick cement rendered, are treated boldly, the brick walls finishing with circular sweeps against the cemented piers at the bottom steps.

The entrance porch, which projects 3ft. from the face of the verandah line, is a distinct and beautiful feature in itself. The sweeps supporting the framing, the turned balusters of freize panel, and the large boards and finial are bold in design. The entrance doorway is a fine one, and looks exceedingly well with its solid cedar door and richly-glazed upper panels, and the embossed glass, glass panels, side-lights, and fans are of particularly choice design. The hall is about 30ft. by 7ft. 6in. It is broken in the middle by a semicircular archway, finished with large embossed mouldings and bases, archivolts, and keystones, and panelled on the soffite. The passage in the rear is 22ft. by 5ft. 6in., and is shut off from the hall by means of a tinted glass door and side lights.

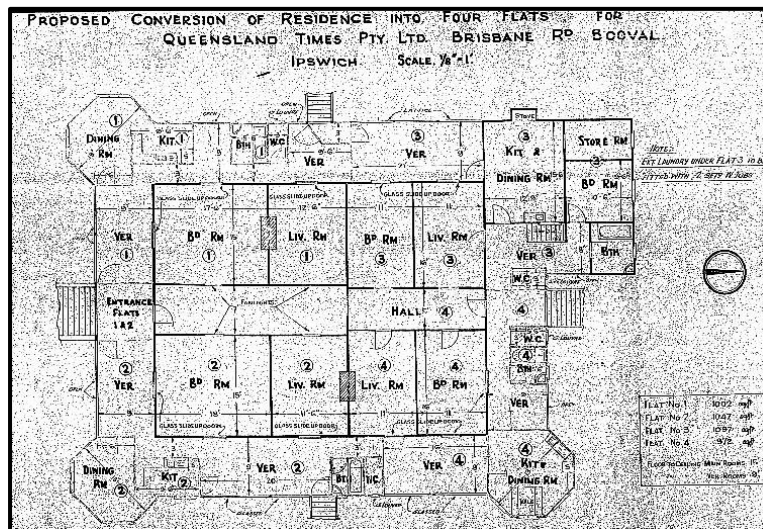
All the rooms are well furnished, the doors are six panelled, and the openings are embellished with handsome cedar architraves and turned bosses. The best rooms are treated with large compound cornices, giving a striking appearance to the apartments. The drawing and dining rooms and the two best bed-rooms are furnished with fine marble chimney-pieces and tiled grates. The walls of the hall, passage, and dining-room are varnished, and the other apartments throughout the main building are painted appropriate colours.

The roofs are of iron, and the ridges are surmounted with cast-iron crestings and standards. The projecting eaves of the roofs are carried on large framed pine brackets. The verandahs are finished with cast-iron freize work and palisadings of choice designs, and the roofs are lined and painted on the underside. Ample provision has been made for a supply of good water, there being six 1000-gallon tanks on the premises. The water is laid on from there to the bathroom, kitchen, wash-house, and pantry.

The chimney stacks are rendered in cement, and panelled out and fitted with cornices and terra-cotta pots. The windows in the main building are telescopic, the front one tripled and finished on the outside with archivolts stuck on moulded caps. There still remain a few finishing touches to be imparted to the structure, and when these are completed and the grounds laid out the villa will, without doubt, be a splendid ornament to the suburb in which it is situated.

Originally the property extended from the railway line to Brisbane Road and was bounded by Watson and Fox Streets, and included stables and tennis courts. With the coming of the motor car, a double garage is thought to have been added.

In 1924 Mr Rex **Cribb** and his wife bought "Elamang" and at that time there was a circular drive which led to Brisbane Road. Originally 22 acres over the years the size has diminished and is much smaller today.



[Information from Ipswich Heritage Study 1991]

In 1950 the property was purchased by the Queensland Times and converted to four flats for their employees.



“Elamang” as a block of flats

The house was bought by Mr. C.W. **Gorbul** in 1965, and between then and 1984 other owners were the **Pisasale** family and Mr & Mrs **Petersen**.

The house has been beautifully restored and is a private residence.



OBITUARIES:

Queenslander 8 March 1928, page 17

Mr. Richard Watson. *The death occurred at his residence, East Ipswich, on February 29, of Mr. Richard **Watson**, at the age of 79 years. For eighteen years the deceased was a member of the well-known butchering firm, Messrs. Watson Bros, and McLeod, retiring from the firm many years ago. For a lengthy period he was an Alderman of the Ipswich City Council, and in 1911 was unanimously elected Mayor, and he and the Mayoress carried out their duties with distinction.*

*He was also associated with the old Bundamba Shire Council for several years, and at one time was president of the Ipswich Traffic Board, the Joint Epidemic Board, and the Fire Brigade Board. He was a vice-president of the Queensland Pastoral and Agriculture' Society, and gave valuable help at the society's annual shows. He was also a member of the board of management of the Ipswich Hospital at one time, as well as being a member of the committee of the Technical College and School of Arts. His first wife predeceased him some years ago, and about fifteen months ago he married Miss Elizabeth **Beard**, who survives him.*

Brisbane Courier 12 October 1925, page 19

OLD RESIDENT'S DEATH

*IPSWICH, October 11. Ipswich has lost another old resident in the person of Mrs. Mary **Watson**, who died this morning at 1 o'clock, at the age of 77 years, after a brief illness. The late Mrs. **Watson** was the wife of Mr. Richard **Watson**, of the well-known firm of Watson Brothers, Ipswich. She was the daughter of the late Mr. Thomas **Fullelove**, of Basin Pocket, Ipswich, and was born in Leicester Town, Leicester-shire, England, in 1848. With her parents she arrived in Queensland in 1865 in the "Warren Hastings", at the age of 17 years, since which time she had resided in Ipswich.*

*The late Mrs. **Watson** was twice married, on the first occasion to the late Mr. Richard **Fox**, of Ipswich, and 40 years ago she married Mr. Richard **Watson**. She is survived by her husband, and three children from her former marriage-Mrs. S. S. **Hooper** (Wynnum), Mr. J. T. **Fox** (dentist, Ipswich), and Mrs. A. H. **Cory** (Wynnum). There are 22 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Her eldest son, Mr. W. F. S. **Fox**, the well-known chemist, of Ipswich, predeceased her three months ago, and her youngest son, the late Mr. G. R. **Fox**, died some 15 months ago.*

*The late Mrs. **Watson** always took a keen interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the town and district, and her loss will be keenly felt by her many friends. She was also a great helper in all church matters and charitable functions. The funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.*

Queensland Times, Ipswich Herald and General Advertiser 29 Sep 1904, page 3

Death of Mrs. Richard Watson, Sen. *Mrs. Richard Watson, one of the oldest residents of this town and district, died at Booval last Tuesday morning, at the advanced age of 85 years. About three weeks ago, up to which time she had enjoyed comparatively good health-Mrs. Watson fell, and injured one of her legs, necessitating her taking to her bed. Since then she has gradually failed, and died, as stated, at 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning.*

Mrs. Watson was born on the same day as the late Queen Victoria, in 1819. Shortly after her marriage she came out to Australia, with her late respected husband, by the ship "Alfred", landing in Sydney in January 1841. After remaining for two or three years in Sydney (where their eldest son, Mr. Samuel Watson, was born) Mr. and Mrs. Watson came to Moreton Bay and established themselves in this district. They were among the pioneers of the stock-raising industry of West Moreton, and were held in high esteem.

Mr. Watson died about 20 years ago, and since then his widow has been living with her daughter, Mrs. R. Burrell. She retained her faculties up to the end, and had much that was interesting to tell, of happenings in the days when Queensland was known only as Moreton Bay. The deceased lady is survived by two daughters and three sons--namely, Mrs. J. Savage, "The Prairie", near Hughenden; Mrs. Burrell, wife of Captain R. Burrell, of "Bellair", Booval; and Messrs. Samuel Watson and Richard Watson (of Ipswich and Booval respectively) and John Watson (of Tarampa) her eldest daughter, the wife of Captain R. M'Leod, of North Ipswich, died some years ago. There are also 20 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

The respect in which the deceased lady was held was evidenced by the very large attendance at the funeral. Most of the employees of the butchering firm of Messrs Watson Bros. attended the funeral in cabs or horseback and they also sent a very fine wreath. The service at the cemetery was conducted by the Rev. C. S. Hamlyn-Harris M.A., rector of St Pauls. Wreaths and other floral emblems of sympathy were received from Mr. and Mrs. W. F. S Fox, Mr M Bowers and Miss Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Hooper, Mr. and Mr W. R.B Burrell (Brisbane), Misses A. J., M. E. Agnes and Violet Watson, Mr and. Mrs. S. Watson, Captain R. McLeod and Miss McLeod. Mr. R. McLeod, Jun, Mr. and Mrs John Watson (Tarampa), Mr. and Mrs. R. Watson, Mr. and Mrs R. Burrell, Mr. and Mrs Hugh Campbell, Mr and Mrs. M. Real. Mr and Mrs. S.R. Watson (Toowoomba), Messrs. W. T. Watson, T. G. Watson and R. P. Watson, Mr. and Mrs D Shine, Mrs. Peter Brown, Mr and Mrs B.J.C. Foote, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Brown, Misses S. N., M. A., and B. Buckley, Major and Mrs. W. T. Deacon and family, the employees of the firm of Messrs Watson Bros., Mr and Mrs J T Fox, Mrs. A. W Foote and Miss Foote, Mr. and Mrs H M. Scott, and Mr. N. J. McLeod

QT Saturday 6 March 1937, page 41

OBITUARY. MRS. C. T. COLLYER

After a brief illness Mrs. C. T. **Collyer** died at her late home in Ipswich. She was the wife of a former railway stationmaster at Ipswich, Mr. C. T. **Collyer**. The last of the family of the late Captain Richard **Hall**, Mrs. **Collyer** was 72 years old. Born in Rockhampton, she spent most of her life in Northern Queensland, but 20 years ago she came to live at Ipswich, where she remained till the time of her death. Her father, Captain **Hall**, was a miner and explorer, and the first man to sail up the Endeavour River after Captain' Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. **Collyer**, were married on February 14, 1883. A happy gathering was held recently to commemorate the couple's 54th year of married life. The family of 12 were reared in North Queensland— at Hughenden, Charters Towers and Townsville- All are living except one son, who died about 18 months ago. The late Mrs. **Collyer** always spoke of her family as a northern family.

Mrs. **Collyer** leaves a widower and 11 children. They are: Messrs. George (Nambour), Charles (Hughenden), Bert (Beenleigh), Mrs. T. **Douglas** (Charters Towers), Mrs. A. E. **Anderson** (Ipswich), Fred (Tyrconnel), Mrs. **Mathewson** (Sydney), Alf. (Graceville), Clement (Warwick), Miss Beth **Collyer** and Tas. **Collyer** (Ipswich). There is one great grandson and a number of grandchildren

Charles Thomas COLLYER & Jane HALL Married 14.02.1883 Rockhampton

Charles Thomas COLLYER d 10.08.1955 age 96 s/o George Wright COLLYER & Adelaide ATTERSOL Buried Ipswich Cemetery C/E B
Jane COLLYER d 23.02.1937 age 71 d/o Richard HALL & Zilpah Elizabeth DEANE Buried Ipswich Cemetery C/E B

Children all born Queensland [QLD BDM]

George Hall	b 1884	d 1955	m 1908	Amelia Doris MOODY - Charters Towers
Charles Thomas	b 1885	d 28.11.1976	m 1913	Abigail Johanna Van Der ZWALM
Richard William	b 1887	d 1935	m 1915	Amy Georgina PERKINS - Mackay
Hubert Lewis Dean [Henry]	b 1889	d 1942	m 1915	Annie WHITTLE
Adelaide Allersolle	b 1892		d 24.05.1969	m 1916 Isiah DOUGLAS
Zilpah Pricilla	b 1894		m 1924	Arthur Edward ANDERSON
Frederick Basil Clarence	b 1897		d 22.01.1972	
Henrietta Jane	b 1899		m 1922	Henry Domney MATHEWSON
Alfred Adolphus Attersoll	b 1901	d 1969	m 1924	CatherineMonro STEWART
Septimus Clement Eustace	b 1902	d 1954	m 1930	Elizabeth Smith MONKS
Conseulo Annie Elizabeth [Elizabeth]	b 1904		m 1938	Charles TUCKER
Tasman Henry Octavius	b 1906	d 04.12.1988	m 1933	Sheila Doreen PALMER
Sarah Leah	b 03.12.1909	d 04.12.1909		

NEW RELEASE

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FROM RAIL TO WAR

**20.08.1917 Menin Road Ypres
Belgium – German POWs moving
Australian wounded to a motor
ambulance.** Courtesy The
Workshops Rail Museum Ipswich.
(Queensland Museum)

Queensland Government Railways Employees who enlisted in the Great War 1914 – 1918 & The Anglo Boer War 1899 – 1902

Also included are the Munition Workers, from the Rockhampton and Ipswich Railway Workshops, and those who sailed to the United Kingdom and worked in the Munition Factories to help with the war effort, and the men who reported for Garrison Duty on Thursday Island 1914 – 1918, the Australian Naval & Military Expeditionary Forces. [AN&MEF]

Extract from the Foreword written by the Chief Executive Officer of Queensland Rail Mr Nick Easy 2018, for this publication:

“This project is the first of its kind to provide an accurate insight into the Queensland Railway enlistments during the Great War. This information will be an invaluable legacy to our organisation’s rich history, but in particular in recognising the sacrifices of the railway workers throughout this challenging time in history, particular for their families who live on today.”

The information comes from the National Archives of Australia and the AIF Project for the Defence Records, and the Railway Staff History Cards, Railway Station Honour Boards, the Ipswich Workshops Memorial, Railway Commissioner’s Reports and the Queensland Government Gazettes for the Queensland Government Railways records. Newspaper articles on TROVE revealed the names of a number of men being given “a farewell when leaving for the Front’ and no other information was found.

This has been a ten year project by a group of four, Mervyn **Volker**, Steve and Val **Trill** and Irma **Deas**.



The publication of 452 pages with almost 3,000 records, [only available on USB or CD], contains information of interest to those researching family members who were employed by the Queensland Government Railways and also enlisted in the Anglo Boer War 1899 – 1902 and the Great or First World War 1914 – 1918, and the Munition

Workers and those who were part of the Thursday Island Garrison. It would also be of interest to researchers of Railway and Military History.

Note that as far as possible all employees who enlisted are recorded; many were not accepted for various reasons – too old, underage, did not pass the fitness test, or wives or parents objected, and there are a number who enlisted under a false name. Some did not leave Australia, and some deserted.

There is a full list of medal recipients, including one Victoria Cross (V.C.) one Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.) and one Companion of the Order of St Michael & St George (C.M.G.). Photographs of Railway Station Honours Boards are of interest.

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Extract from "The Queensland Railway Times" February 2nd 1914

THE BONUS SYSTEM

IPSWICH RAILWAY WORKSHOPS - AN EXPRESSION OF OPINION

A deputation from the Ipswich Railway Workshops Combined Unions to the Commissioner for Railways, asked for the "bonus" system which was paid for "piece work", be discontinued. The Commissioner suggested a ballot be taken of all men involved in the system.

The Ballot was taken and the details made known on 20th December 1913 with the following results:

	For Bonus	Against
Sawmill	3	33
Wheel Shop	8	3
Locomotive Shop	8	5
Yard	15	2
Tinsmiths	10	5
Carriage Shop	44	20
Blacksmiths Shop	1	93
Wagon Shop	34	25
Paint Shop	40	1
Moulding Shop	5	69
Machine Shop	6	28
Trimmers Shop	16	7
Total:	<u>190</u>	<u>291</u>

Informal **3;** Majority against the "bonus" **101**

The voting showed that in those shops where the work was extremely laborious the vote was solidly against the system. In the blacksmiths and moulders the hardest workers in the yard, the vote was 162 to 6 in favour of the abolition of the system, which it was vividly described as "making young men old, and old men older".

In the paint shop the vote was 40 to 1 in favour of the system; *"slap-dabbing" is by no means laborious work, and it is evident that the conditions in the paint shop are not nearly as distressing as in the blacksmiths and the moulders, where for several months of the year the thermometer registers well over 100 degrees.*

The shops where unionism was strong the vote went against the "piece work" system and the combined unions were very pleased with the result of the ballot.

“WOODLANDS”at MARBURG

Seminary Road Marburg



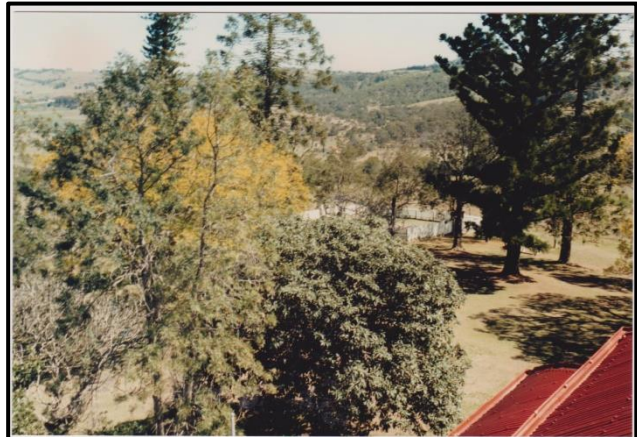
This beautiful old home was designed by George Brockwell **Gill** for Thomas Lorimer **Smith** and the home completed in 1891.

It was occupied by the family until the 1940's, and in 1944 the Catholic Church acquired the property, and it became a Retreat for the Divine Word Missionaries from war torn New Guinea.

The property was sold to the Ipswich Grammar School in 1986, and in 2002 was advertised as “Woodlands Corporate Retreat” and sold to the **Cooper** family. It is now a popular party and wedding venue as the extensive gardens with little wooden chapel are ideal for those special occasions.

In the small cemetery in the grounds, (*front cover photograph*) a number of Catholic priests and some local residents have been laid to rest.

The cemetery as seen from the verandah of “Woodlands”



“Woodlands” from the air 2011

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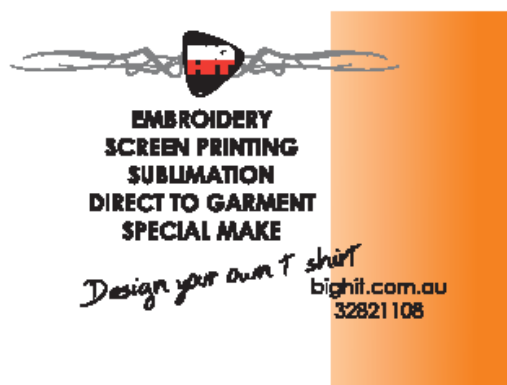
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