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PLEASE NOTE: This is the last magazine before the AGM on 13th September 2022 and also Membership is due by 30th September 2022.

Cover Photograph:

Mrs Peter (Catherine) McInally, and her twin boys born at the Marburg Private Hospital in 1912 and Nurse Linning. See Page 18

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Morning on the Caboolture River Queensland



**NEW MEMBERS: We
welcome the following new
members and wish them
success with their research.**

**Julie Iverson; Glenda Lister;
Carol Berry; Debra Tabor;**

**Stephen Bird and Carol
Nutley Rejoined**

From the Editor: After the difficult times of the last three years with COVID restrictions for us in Australia, things are returning to normal. The same cannot be said for other places throughout the world. I am sure we all are shocked by the plight of the people of Ukraine, and pray they will find Peace; we are fortunate to live where we do.

Thank you to Brian Jeffrey – this is the third part of the story of his ancestor Robert Jeffrey, and tells of this man of many talents. Articles for Bremer Echoes are always welcome and thanks to those who submit them for inclusion; this edition Brian and Bernadette Stone, Kathy Boggan and John Rossiter.

We are looking forward to September and the Galvanizing Festival in Ipswich - Eleven days of special events in the city. More information on the Galvanizing Festival Website.

Unfortunately Claire Juler is battling cancer and will be unable to take on her role as our Vice President this coming year. Members send their best wishes to Claire and we hope to see her back with us soon.

This is the last magazine before the AGM on 13th September 2022 and all positions will be declared vacant, nomination forms are available from - secretary@igs.org.au or at Brigg House. All members are welcome to nominate for a position, so please give some thought to becoming a part of the working committee.

Irma Deas Editor

SAD NEWS; We extend our **Deepest Sympathy** to Bernadette Stone and family on the sad loss of her husband and their father Warren; page 8.

Deepest Sympathy also to our secretary Kathy Boggan and her family as sadly Michael passed away recently.



The Society Raffle was drawn on 12th June at “Time of Courage” Open Day at Cooneana Heritage Centre.

Thank you to all who supported the Society.

Crocheted Rug
Winner Jo King

Dressed Baby Doll
Linda Doherty

ROBERT JEFFREY – IPSWICH PIONEER

- Brian Jeffrey

Part 3: Timber Merchant

When the bridge across the Bremer opened for passenger and general traffic in November 1865, making his ferry redundant, it marked the end of a chapter in Robert Jeffrey's life. Almost immediately, another significant change occurred when, on 9 January 1866, Margaret, his 'beloved' wife of sixteen years, died aged 38. He arranged for her funeral cortege to move from the site of the old ferry, even though by then virtually all vestiges of it had disappeared. Robert drew on the King James Bible, Revelations 14:13, for the inscription on her headstone:

*Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord
from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit,
that they may rest from their labours;
and their works do follow them.*

He may well have intended the funeral arrangements - and the headstone inscription - as an acknowledgement of Margaret's support during the endeavours of their early years and her endurance in the face of so often seeing her and her husband's livelihood and possessions inundated by the Bremer's unforgiving floodwaters.

The marriage had been childless, and this may have influenced Robert's early decision to take a new partner with whom he might start a family: Margaret **McDonald**, a 24-year-old spinster born in Glasgow and niece of the first Margaret.¹ The couple's first child, Margaret Steen, was born four months after they married on 7 July 1866. Over the next eleven years the marriage would produce a further seven children.

Robert was now describing himself as a timber merchant. He had applied for and been granted a timber licence in July 1864, at a point where the end of his lease on the ferry was inevitable.² Initially, it seems, he continued to trade from the site of his former enterprise. Ipswich resident Alexander **Rollo** would recall how he and a mate had obtained from Robert Jeffrey weatherboards for a cottage they were building around that time, 'his timber having been stacked on the hill just above the ferry'. (Rollo also

¹ Marriage Register Entry 957, District Registry Office, Ipswich.

² *Queensland Timber Licences 1860 - 1869: Index to Applications in the Queensland Government Gazette*, compiled by Kevin Wallace, September 1998 - Qld Society Inc., Indooroopilly Qld, 1998.

punt Robert owned, suggesting that Robert maintained some connection with coal retailing.)¹

In early October 1864, Robert advertised for bullock teams to draw both pine and hardwood logs. The following year he placed advertising in the *Queensland Times* seeking to purchase 50 000 feet of 'first class cedar, in log – drawn overland'. The 'drawn overland' reference indicated that he wanted logs that had been hauled into Ipswich by bullock dray rather than floated down the river, whereby they might be water-affected.

In April 1866, Robert relocated his business. He placed a series of advertisements in the *Queensland Times* advising that, 'having removed from the Ferry, to Lowry Street, North Ipswich, opposite **Stupart's** store', he was prepared to supply 'the best hand-sawn, well-seasoned timber and fine shingles from the best splitters at the lowest market rates'. He added: 'Firewood and water at the shortest notice.' It is likely that Robert's son, John, was continuing to play some part in his father's latest enterprise: around this time he, too, was listing his occupation as 'timber merchant'. His obituary would refer to his having been a workmate of a local carpenter, Mr Richard **Beverley**, and engaging in the timber trade. The obituary would also make mention of how timber was rafted from the back of Pine Mountain down the Brisbane River, but leave unclear the extent to which John might have taken part in the rafting activity. Certainly, as a fit, strong man in his early twenties, he would have been capable of engaging in what was an arduous occupation.

On 12 February 1868, some eighteen months after his father's marriage to Margaret McDonald, John married her 17-year-old sister, Mary.² He thus found himself in the curious situation of having his stepmother Margaret also become his sister-in-law. (To make matters even more confusing, there is evidence that Margaret was herself sometimes known as Mary.) When, on 5 July 1872, John and Mary became the parents of twin boys, John's occupation was recorded as 'labourer'. A year later, in July 1873, he joined the railway workshops.

Meanwhile, Robert was continuing to prove himself a canny business man. The Municipality Rates Book for 1867 records not only the shop and two cottages he had established on his land in Lowry Street, but also lists him as the owner/landlord of two cottages on a block further along the street which were occupied by his father-in-law, Donald McDonald, and four cottages on The Terrace.³ He had also acquired a number of allotments within an area that would soon be sub-divided as the so-called Liverpool Estate in Tivoli. Some idea of his prosperity can be gained from the fact that when, in 1873, a fund-raising art union was organised with

¹ *The Queensland Times*, 21 October 1911.

² Marriage Register Entry 1174, District Registry Office, Ipswich.

³ Rate and Assessment books, Ipswich Municipality 1867 (transcripts held by Viva Cribb Local History Resource Room, Ipswich Central Library).

the aim of paying off the mortgage on St Stephen's Presbyterian Church, he donated an allotment of land as one of the prizes.⁴

Together with John, Robert was also a keen participant in activities of the Ipswich and West Moreton Caledonian Society, where a typical public gathering could include throwing the heavy hammer, tossing the caber, and putting the stone. At the first gathering, held at Macallister's Pocket (Woodend) during Easter 1873, then 28-year-old John, by this time well-known in Scots circles and the wider community as 'Big Jack' Jeffrey, was one of only two participants in a sack race run over 200 yards (about 183 metres). After several tumbles, he came first, winning ten shillings. According to a report in the *Queensland Times*, John attributed his success to 'the steadiness with which he ran, or rather hopped, his distance'.⁵ At the Society's Easter 1877 gathering, a sword dance, best piper in costume, and quoits were also on the twenty-three-event program. Robert judged the quoits - after donating ten shillings to raise the prizemoney to 'a respectable amount'.⁶

On 18 December 1877 he and Margaret welcomed a fourth son, whom they named William. He would be the last-born of their family, which now consisted of 4 sons - Robert, Donald, James and William - and 3 daughters - Margaret, Agnes and Elizabeth. The following year ended on a tragic note when 15-year-old Margaret died of meningitis on Christmas Day. Eleven-year-old Agnes also contracted the disease and died on 9 January. The girls were buried together alongside a sibling, Isabella, who had died in infancy some five years before.

The deaths came as a severe blow to Robert and, some would opine later, hastened his own demise. An 'internal complaint', identified on the death certificate as hepatic disease (liver disease) and chronic dysentery, caused him to become very ill over the final twelve months of his life. He died at the age of 59 on 13 May 1883 at his residence in Lowry Street. He was buried in Ipswich Cemetery next to his first wife, Margaret. An obituary in the *Queensland Times* described him as a man 'of a retiring disposition, [with] many friends who will learn of his demise...with regret...' The newspaper noted that the funeral was 'numerously attended'.

Robert's will appointed his second wife his sole executrix and trustee and bequeathed everything to her for the duration of her life. The will stipulated that following her death the whole of the remaining real and personal property should be divided 'in equal shares as tenants in common' among 'all of my children of my second marriage who shall then be living'. The words 'of my second marriage' effectively excluded Robert's first-born, John. Interestingly, they were introduced into the

⁴ *The Queensland Times*, 13 and 15 March and 17 May 1873.

⁵ *The Queensland Times*, 15 April 1873.

⁶ *The Queensland Times*, 3 and 12 April 1877.

will with a carat mark, indicating that the stipulation was either an oversight when the will was drawn up, or an afterthought. In fact, Robert's second wife would survive him by 25 years, passing away on 15 July 1908, aged 65. To add to the family's grief that same year, John's wife, Mary, died on 20 November, aged 77. John Jeffrey died on 22 August 1923, just weeks short of his 77th birthday.

From the headstones in Section 7 - Historical Graves - in the Ipswich Cemetery

Side 1: Sacred to the memory of MARGARET JEFFREY the beloved wife of ROBERT JEFFREY who departed this life 9 January 1866 aged 38 yrs "*verse hard to read*" Also of the above named ROBERT JEFFREY who died 15 May 1885 aged 59 years.

Side 2: Sacred to the Memory of ELIZABETH the Beloved wife of Daniel KELLY who died 14 April 1896 aged 24 years. *Side 3:* Sacred to the memory of ISABELLA the beloved daughter of Robert and Margaret Jeffrey who died 29 December 1876 aged 3 months Also MARGARET STEEN (*Jeffrey*) sister of the above who died 25 December 1881 aged 15 years also of AGNES BLACK (*Jeffrey*) sister of the above who died 9 January 1882 aged 11 years. "Not Lost but Gone Before"

In Loving Memory of MARY JEFFREY Beloved wife of JOHN JEFFREY died 20 November 1908 aged 32 years. Side 2. Also JOHN husband of MARY JEFFREY died 22 August 1923 aged 77 years. "At Rest. A Light is from our household gone a voice we loved is stilled. A place is vacant in our home which never can be filled". Also Private DONALD JEFFREY 25th Batt KIA 14 November 1916.



The Historic Graves at the Ipswich General Cemetery as they stand today.

These tombstones were relocated in the 1970s and at present the Ipswich City Council is planning to upgrade the area and there will be changes to how these tombstones are placed. *Work in progress.*

VALE

Warren Roderick STONE
First President of the Ipswich Genealogical 1977
(Extract from Warren's Eulogy with thanks to Bernadette Stone)

IN LOVING
memory



WARREN RODERICK STONE
 JUL 2, 1946 - DEC 16, 2021

Warren Roderick Stone (2 July, 1946 - 16 December, 2021) was the first President of the Ipswich Genealogical Society formed in 1977. Warren was extremely passionate about researching family history and helping others in tracing their own genealogy. It was a passion for him until the very end. He was always interested in understanding more about the history of his own family and how events came to pass that led to where our family landed. He travelled the length of Queensland in search of leads, a mission made much more challenging prior to the

Internet age. This may have driven him on even more.

He had a great passion for family history. He researched both the Stone and McMillan families. I now have the legacy of keeping all of this information in order. With 4 filing cabinets and about the same in bookshelves many of you would understand the enormous task! He would research all the information that came to him and would be upset if he let any information through that was not correct.

Warren was a diehard and fiercely proud boy of Ipswich, born on the 2nd July 1946 at Lyndhurst Hospital Ipswich, The youngest of 4 children born to Norman and Elizabeth Stone and at 36 Brisbane Road, East Ipswich. He attended Central Boys School for his primary education, and completed his secondary education at Ipswich State High School where he did commercial subjects. He enjoyed his time in the Cadets, and played hockey for the A grade team as left winger and was also a member of Hancock's Hockey team.

In his early years Warren began work as a spare parts clerk at John Marsh Motors, then some labouring jobs but soon realised that was not a career for him. He then became a clerk at United Packages at Rocklea.

Warren and I (Bernadette McMillan) met in 1966 at Ipswich. After that meeting he was a frequent visitor to the nurse's quarters in Ipswich. We were married in 1968 and rented a house in Frederick Street for just \$10.00 a week! Money was a little tight so Warren would hitch hike to and from work. Warren was delighted to become a father to our son Sean in February, 1969 and then we bought our home in Bundamba in 1970. By this stage we also had a car. So no more hitch hiking! We were really making our way in life. Our beautiful daughter, Renee, was born in August of 1971, and we now had a complete circle and Warren took great delight in being the third child. There was lots of laughter with the three playing all sorts of games.



Warren was in the CMF (Army Reserve) so he would take his 2 weeks holiday to go to camp, so that only left one week for family holidays. We enjoyed simple holidays, camping at Ripley Way on the creek (before all the development took over!) and many adventurous 4WD holidays.

Warren was always involved with Sean and Renee, and he took up coaching hockey when Sean began to play and we set up a girls' team which I coached. Our winter weekends were spent at the hockey grounds with Warren also coaching Hancock's E Grade and he started playing again so I thought I would also join in. He also enjoyed a very competitive game of squash.

Early in our married life he was a member of the Ipswich Lions Club and later a member of the Rotary Club of Ipswich North. He was Sergeant of Arms from 1985 to 1986. Then when we shifted to Brisbane he was a member of the Kenmore Rotary Club as well as Tattersall's Club from 1990 to 2005.

Our business ventures started with a small grocery store on Brisbane Road in 1974, then a stationary and office furniture business in 1976 at Brisbane Street in Ipswich, then later on Brisbane Road Bundamba. He could see the interest in computers around 1985. So that new journey began and he taught himself all that needed to be done, no courses back then. We were the first business to sell computers in Ipswich. The business was then located in East Street Ipswich.

Always a visionary, Warren realised that there was also an opportunity for wholesaling of computer equipment so we moved the business to Black Street in Milton in 1990, and we settled in Paddington until 2002. Computers were built and distributed throughout Australia. He developed software which was a CRM system and also traced all components within the computer systems we built. This software was showcased at the large computer exhibition which was held in Hanover Germany. We spent an incredible week with other Australian exhibitors.

Warren was always looking for new opportunities. In 1997, during this time of expansion and growth, Warren also managed to complete a Masters Degree in Technology Management and was subsequently offered work as a Lecturer in the subject. A man of so many talents.

Warren always had a love of photography and as such he upgraded his skills and was granted membership to The Australian Photographic Society. After our return to Ipswich he was a member of The Ipswich Photographic Society and took up photography professionally.

He loved a joke and was an expert at telling them. Music and reading were some of his favourite pastimes. Most of all his passion was for his family and the pure delight he took in the arrival of his grandchildren, Angus and Charlotte, who he utterly doted on. He had a connection with them and his love was unconditional. As was his love for all of his family. However, they were always taught that a win against him in tennis was not going to be easy!

Warren did not enjoy good health, and in 2000, endured 11 surgeries, and contracted Gillian Barea in 2002/2003 and was paralysed. He fought back with his usual determination. The last 3 1/2 years had not been kind to him health wise. It was a very frustrating time.

Warren and I enjoyed a great working relationship as well as a wonderful marriage of 53 years and 4 months. He was a much loved Son, Brother, Father, Grandfather, Friend and Uncle. Warren's passing on the 16 December 2021 has been a great loss to his family and friends. He will be forever celebrated and missed.



*Warren Cutting the 20th Anniversary cake for the Society in 1997 with
Eva MacPherson, Murial Titmarsh,
Gareth Gillott, Heather Preston, Betty Donald, May Willis, Robyn Steiler.*

WHAT BECAME OF ALLOTMENTS 12 & 21

John Rossiter

When looking at a plan of Ipswich streets, one may well ask the question – “What became of allotments 12 and 21 in Section 5?” Answer – “They were both cancelled and it happened like this.”

GRANTING OF CHURCH LAND

On 12th July 1848, His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales approved an application from the Bishop of Newcastle for a grant of land at Ipswich, on which to build a Church, School and Parsonage, in connection with the Church of England.

The Bishop had requested allotments Nos. 13 to 20 of Section 5, measuring 2 acres. The intention was to erect a Church on one acre of the land, and to use half an acre each for the erection of a School and Parsonage. Assistant Surveyor James Warner received an order to discuss the matter with the local clergyman, survey and appropriate the relevant land, and forward a plan and descriptions to the Surveyor General for his approval.

Surveyor Warner realized that the allotments requested each measured 32 perches, and therefore the total was short of the two acres required, by two fifths of an acre or two additional allotments. When Section 5 was originally surveyed, it was bordered by Brisbane, East, Limestone and Ellenborough Streets. As was the case with Bell and Wharf Streets, Nicholas Street commenced at Bremer Street and went as far as Brisbane Street. After a discussion between Benjamin GLENNIE and James Warner on the matter, Rev GLENNIE communicated with his Bishop, and then forwarded a letter to James Warner on 31st July, 1848 –

“Sir, In the communication from the Surveyor General's Office which you kindly forwarded to me, I observe that His Excellency the Governor approves of the appropriation of two acres of land at Ipswich for Church purposes. But as only eight allotments were specified, and each allotment measures but one fifth of an acre, the eight allotments specified would amount to only two acres less two fifths, or two allotments.

“I beg therefore to propose (in conformity with the wish expressed by the Lord Bishop of Newcastle) that application be made for allotments Nos. 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 22 and to request that allotment Nos. 12 and 21 be converted into a street in continuation of Nicholas Street.

“If this request should be granted I beg further to inform you that the Lord Bishop is desirous of having the Church erected on allotments Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19. The Parsonage House on Nos. 13 and 20 and the School House on Nos. 11 and 22.

*I have the favour to be, Sir,
Your most obed't servant
Benj'n Glennie “*

This letter was then forwarded to the Surveyor General.

Rev Benjamin Glennie had charge of the area at that time on a visiting basis, as no permanent Priest was appointed until Rev John WALLACE in 1850. In reply to this letter, the Assistant Surveyor General, J.A. PERRY wrote;

"I have to inform you that I find no objection to your extending the area of the Church Lands of the Church of England at Ipswich in the manner desired by the addition of allotments 11 and 22 as desired and I have to request that you will proceed accordingly, transmitting to me a plan and description thereof."

On Plan C730.312, forwarded as requested by the Surveyor General's Office, James Warner wrote – "Plan of three portions of ground in the Town of Ipswich appropriated to the Church of England by order conveyed in Surveyor General's letter No. 48/310 14th August. (signed) James Warner, Assist. Surveyor, 2nd September, 1848."

This gave St Paul's the property on "Church Hill", surrounded by Limestone, Ellenborough, Brisbane and Nicholas Streets, which became known as Section 5a. The School House, which also acted as a temporary church until the permanent Church was built, was erected on allotment 11 on the opposite side of Nicholas Street. As it all ended up, with the extension of Nicholas Street and the change in plans as to where the church was built, this gave prominence to the church having the open foreground.

This all happened when we were part of the Colony of Moreton Bay, New South Wales. With the changeover to Queensland in December, 1859, it appears that no official deeds to the land were produced until No.23825 on 9th March, 1872, which was totally handwritten in beautiful copperplate writing.

It reads:- "To all to whom these presents shall come:- Whereas in order to promote Religion and Education in our Territory of New South Wales, we of our special grace with the advice of our Executive Council of our said Colony promised to grant to certain people called Protestants connected with the Established Church of England in the Colony of New South Wales, the land hereinafter mentioned and hereby granted as a site for a Church, School and Parsonage, and whereas upon our grant thereof could issue that portion of our said Colony of New South Wales and erected into a separate Colony under the name of Queensland. Now know ye that we of our special grace in pursuance of our said promise and with the advice of our Executive Council of Queensland have granted and for us our heirs and successors do hereby grant unto The Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane and to their heirs subject to the Trust's conditions, reservations and promises hereinafter contained." etc.

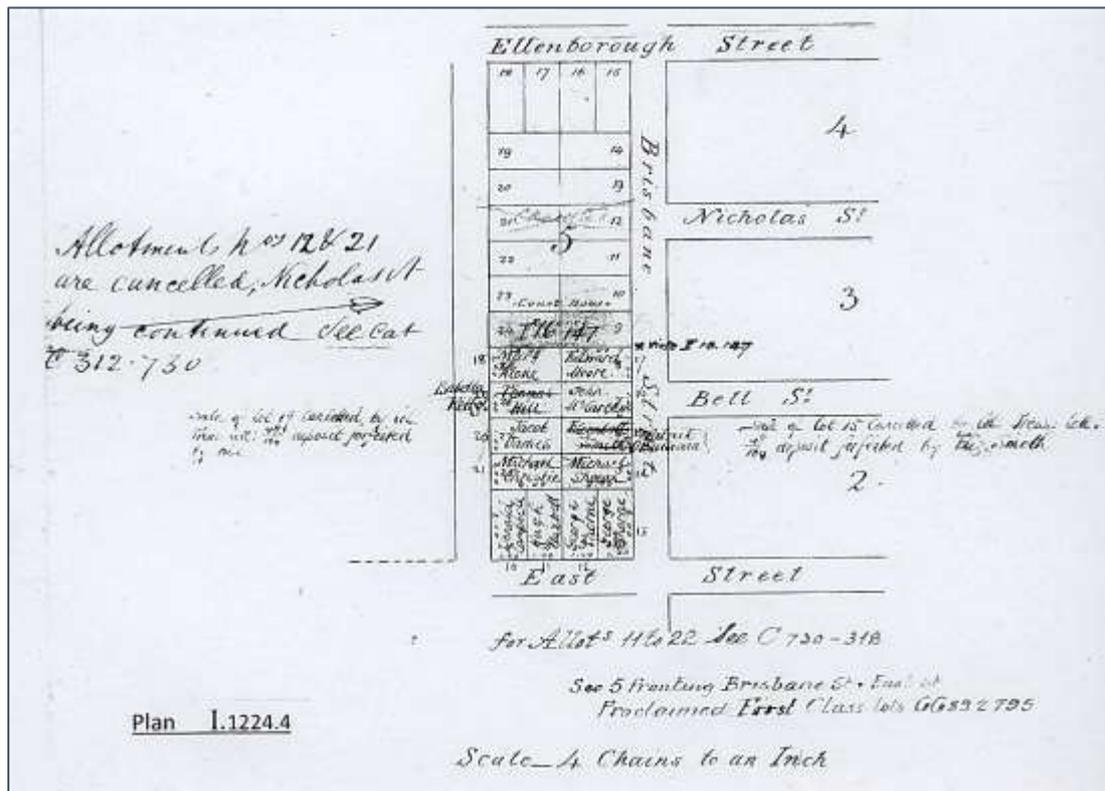
Even though several of the early maps of the area show the amended version of this part of Nicholas Street, this is how allotments 12 and 21 of Section 5 disappeared from the plans.

In the early days of St Paul's School this area has been reported as having been used as a village green where the pupils played.

D'Arcy Doyle Place



In more recent years that portion of Nicholas Street was closed to traffic and converted into a recreation area. On 10th October 1993 it was opened and named *d'Arcy Doyle Place* after the locally born and internationally renowned artist. As part of the night celebrations the Queensland Pops Orchestra entertained a huge crowd in the performance area. The Top of Town re-development was also opened and celebrated on that day.



Early plan of the Ipswich streets as it was when Nicholas Street did not cross Brisbane Street. The plan is dated 6th October 1847. (Plan used with permission of D N R M.)

FURTHER ON SECTION 5: Around the time that St Paul's application for the Land Grant to build their Church, School and Parsonage was being prepared, the first Court House in Ipswich was built. This was a wooden slab construction erected by William VOWLES.

That building was completed in October 1847 and the first sittings of Small Debts cases were heard there on 27th of that month. On the plan it was marked "Court House Reserve" which included allotments 9 and 10 facing Brisbane Street, and the adjoining allotments 23 and 24 in Limestone Street. Later the Court House location was changed to a temporary building further down Brisbane Street near Wharf Street, before moving to the stone and brick building erected in 1859 in East Street. The reserve was then amended to include the School of Arts and the Post Office.

The remaining twelve allotments in Section 5 were put up for auction on 22nd March 1848. Prices paid ranged from £12/16/- for two allotments in Limestone Street to £36/16/- for the corner of Brisbane and East Streets which was purchased by George THORN. On that block he built his home which was later known as the Palais Royale Hotel.

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THE PUMP YARD

(Extract from Ipswich City Council Planning Department Document)

The park in the Ipswich CBD bounded by Limestone and Nicholas Streets and next to the Soldiers' Memorial Hall is known as the Pump Yard.

There were springs in this area when Ipswich was established, and *"was noted on plans as a Water Reserve; in 1862 they were enclosed with bricks and slabs of timber to form a water tank. Later a pump was installed. Ipswich Municipal Council declared it an official water reserve and a lessee appointed to look after the springs and control their use"*.

Residents could take up to four buckets of water a day for free, but for larger quantities the cost was two pence per cask.

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ST MARY'S CHURCH RECORD SEARCH.

In the February edition of "Bremer Echoes" information was given on researching Catholic records at the Brisbane Archdiocesan Archive.

St Mary's Church in Ipswich [phone 07 3281 2133] will also check their records of Baptisms and Marriages if an email is sent with the request to:

ipswich@bne.catholic.net.au

Please be aware the reply may be sometime in coming as the search of the record books is done manually by volunteers.

The Ipswich Genealogical Society did at one time have the microfiche of the records, but unfortunately they have been misplaced. Editor

WEDDINGS FROM OUR COLLECTION

*28.04.1915 Colin ROBINSON &
Clevie SALISBURY*



*27.03.1913 Henry CARPENTER
& Lillian ROBINSON*





03.07.1906 George *STUBBINGS* &
Ellen *IVERSON*



20.10.1915 David *MALONEY* & Ellen
ALCORN

COVER PHOTOGRAPH DETAILS

In 1909 Dr Euchariste **Sirois** arrived in Queensland from America. He had been born in Canada in 1854, was French Canadian and studied both dentistry and medicine at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec Canada.

In 1912 he opened a Private Hospital in Marburg, half way between Brisbane and Toowoomba, and Nurse **Linning** who had trained at the Lady Bowen Lying-in Hospital in Brisbane became the Matron. [Until her death aged 90 in 1971 she was always known locally as Matron].

Peter **McInally** was the Station Master at the Marburg Railway Station in 1912.

A number of the diaries from the hospital are held at The Rosewood Scrub Historical Society and some are in a private collection.

06.06.1906 Peter **McInally** married Catherine **Reddy** *Q.BDM*

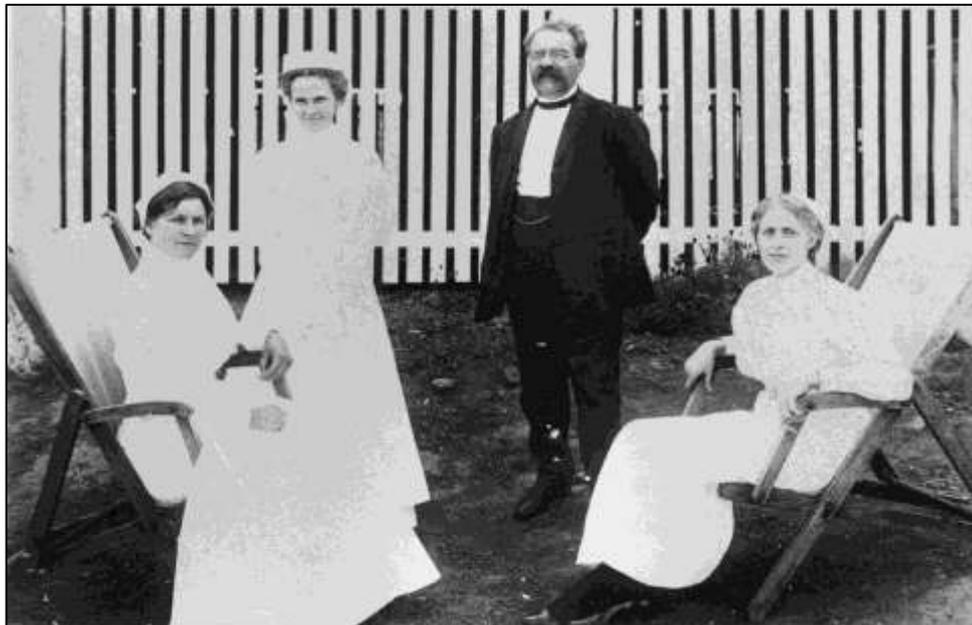
23.03.1907 Mrs Catherine (**Reddy**) **McInally** gave birth to a boy John Joseph who died **23.03.1907** *Q.BDM*

11.07.1908 baby girl Martha Mary *Q.BDM*

16.01.1911 twin boys Francis Patrick & *Thomas Joseph – *died **18.01.1911** *Q.BDM*

29.09.1912 twin boys – (*Hospital Diary entry - one at 1pm the other at 5.30pm 10lb 12 ozs & 11lb 2 ozs*) Michael Joseph and Leonard James *Q BDM*

02.05.1914 baby girl Marcelline Agnes *Q. BDM*



Marburg Hospital c1913 Matron Linning and Doctor Sirois with two unidentified nurses.

Finding Elsie

Elsie May **Franke** (nee **Stewart**) my maternal grandmother has been such a challenge to find. I started looking for her in the mid 1990's found her marriage to Wilhelm **Franke** (my grandfather) and subsequent divorce from him in 1941. Then trying to find her birth record was proving to be impossible using the details of her parents that were on her marriage certificate. I really wanted to find her for my mother who was brought up in foster care from a very young age, but sadly when Mum passed away in 2014 I still had no idea where Elsie went to. Then I got her father's death certificate which showed her mother's name was different from what she had on her marriage certificate. So using this new name I was able to find her birth record in the NSW records.

Over the years I made contact with a distant cousin who had some information about Elsie and we shared details as we found them. So it was a great surprise when she contacted me in 2021 with a possible new marriage for Elsie she had found on Queensland B M D. I went onto the site & downloaded the marriage certificate to see if it was her. I was so excited when I confirmed that it was indeed her, she had married a Horace Edmund **Crutcher** in Brisbane on the 13th December 1943. There was some interesting information on the certificate that stated the marriage had ended in divorce on 2 March 1956 in the Brisbane Supreme Court.

So off I went again on a new adventure trying to find her from this information. I use the Ryerson Index a lot when trying to find people to see if they had died, when I can't access official records. So now using the surname **Crutcher** I found a death notice which showed she had passed away 2nd July 1989.

I was rather stuck now trying to find where she may be buried and decided to put a query on a Facebook page I follow called "Genealogy in Australia". The wonderful people in this group were so helpful with finding the funeral notice, the place she was buried and a photo of her grave.

The funeral notice showed she had a daughter and grandchildren and great grandchildren, she died in Penshurst NSW.

So at last I know what happened to my grandmother. But now I have a new journey to commence by trying to find her daughter and grandchildren. But as her daughter's married name was **Brown** I think I have another challenge in tracking them down.

Kathy Boggan

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***In the midst of great joy, do not promise anything.
In the midst of great anger do not answer letters.***

FINUCANE SCRAPBOOK

Extract from "Bremer Echoes" February 2013.



Years ago our Society was given a very old scrapbook of newspaper cuttings and photographs, and it sat on the shelf and was more or less forgotten. It was falling apart, but the historic photographs were in beautiful condition..

Early in 2012 photographs from the Finucane Scrapbook, were copied by "Picture Ipswich", a part of the Ipswich City Council website. "Picture Ipswich" has thousands of photographs available for

viewing, on subjects pertaining to the Ipswich district, or associated with people or events of the area.

The scrapbook contained items of interest on the life of William Eugene FINUCANE who was born in 1844, the son of Colonel George Thurles FINUCANE at Corfu Garrison during the British occupation and was educated on the island. He spoke English, Greek, Italian, French and Spanish, was a good artist, sculptor and musician, and travelled extensively on the continent.

As a result of one of these photographs being seen by Redland Bay Museum staff, contact was made with our Society, and we were asked if it could be used in a proposed exhibition by the Museum in 2013, when The Redlands Museum was hoping to commemorate the Centenary of the South Sea Islanders being brought to Queensland to work in the cane fields. The photograph of interest is that of 'William FINUCANE and his Kanaka servant 'Gana'.

Our Society discussed the subject at a monthly meeting, and it was decided to offer the Scrapbook to the Redlands Museum, as William and his family lived in Cleveland, and a road in that area bears his name.

In 1865 William arrived in Queensland at the invitation of Sir George BOWEN the first Governor of the State, and came to Ipswich and in 1866 was part of the group of men who established the Ipswich "Punch", the first publication of that kind in the Colony.

Bremer Echoes February 2013 contains more information on the life of William Funicane. It is available at "Brigg House".

PANHARD RAILMOTOR

The Panhard on display at The Workshops Rail Museum (Source: David Mewes)



The Panhard was the only railmotor built from a Panhard road vehicle, and was constructed in 1918 at the Ipswich Railway Workshops. The name Panhard was adopted from the engine which was made by the Panhard and Levassor Company of France. It was built to carry ten passengers. Canvas blinds were rolled down in wet weather, and in fine weather, passengers enjoyed good views of the country.



In 1924 the Panhard was sent to the isolated Normanton to Croydon railway line and carried passengers and goods on a small track. The Panhard was officially withdrawn from service in 1941 and is now on display at The Workshops Rail Museum, at Ipswich Queensland.

Model Panhard by Malcolm Deas



PLEASE NOTE:

2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Annual General Meeting of The Ipswich Genealogical Society Inc.

Tuesday 13th September 2022 at 9.30 am

“Brigg House” Cooneana Heritage Centre

1041 Redbank Plains Road New Chum

The Monthly General and Committee Meeting will follow.

All welcome.

Nomination forms are available at “Brigg House”,
Cooneana Heritage Centre, 1041 Redbank Plains Road, New Chum, Q. 4303

email: secretary@igs.org.au

Please return the forms to: The Secretary 1041 Redbank Plains Rd, New Chum
4303 before 1st September 2022

AGM AGENDA

- Minutes from the 2021 Annual General Meeting
- Business arising from the minutes
- President’s Report; Treasurer’s Report;
- **Election of Officers:**
 - President; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer;
 - Appointments to other positions

Please inform the Secretary of any other business you wish to include
on the Agenda by Monday 1st September 2022

Irma Deas, President Ipswich Genealogical Society Inc

21st June 2022

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

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FROM RAIL TO WAR – QR Employees who enlisted in the Anglo Boer War 1899 – 1902 and the Great War 1914 – 1918 plus other information.

USB \$25.00 plus \$5.00 P&P [Australia]

PLACES OF WORSHIP – Ipswich & District Churches

Short history of churches in the area \$5.00 + \$2.50 P&P in Australia

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Over 36,000 records giving full name, age, death and burial dates where available
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INDEX TO IPSWICH GENERAL CEMETERY 1851 - 1992 &

Columbarium Wall 1949 - 1992. One microfiche \$6 includes postage in Australia. Over 15,000 entries with details of name, age and date of death.

BIRTH, DEATH & MARRIAGE EXTRACTS 1858 – 1865 from The North Australian & Ipswich General Advertiser. \$10 + \$10.00 P&P in Australia

CITIZENS OF IPSWICH - 1904 Names of Ipswich citizens in 1904 taken from Available Church Records - Baptisms, Deaths and Marriages, Electoral Rolls, Post Office Directory, Available School Rolls, Queensland Times Reports.

\$10 + \$10.00 P&P in Australia

IPSWICH & DISTRICT PIONEER REGISTER - pre 1914; Pioneer Families of the Ipswich, Gatton, Laidley, Boonah and Esk areas of Queensland.

Please note prices: Set Volumes 1 & 2 - \$10 + \$18 P&P in Australia

JUBILEE HISTORY OF IPSWICH 1910 Commemorates the Jubilee of Municipal Government. Reproduced on CD from the original 157 page book
\$19.50 (\$6.00 P&P)

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