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Cover Photograph: Ipswich Hospital taken in the 1920's - postcard

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From the Editor: Welcome to a New Year and hopefully success with your research. It has not been a good start for many, with floods in parts of the country not once but twice within weeks, and fires in others. Our thoughts are with those affected, and we extend our best wishes to them for things to return to something like normal.

The Society needs a helping hand with the gardens at Brigg House please. We have lost the three people who worked in the garden and as most of our members are elderly, the weeds are taking over. If you have any time at all could you please contact the president on 3282 3067. It is possible to access the grounds of the Heritage Centre from 8am to 5pm during the week and on Saturday morning. Your help would be appreciated.

Irma - Editor



NEW MEMBERS: We welcome our new members and wish them success with their research: Michael Pick; Donna Parkes, renewing member.

Ipswich General Hospital 1930 (postcard)

George DOWDEN

George DOWDEN (a) married Bridget KERWIN 17th February 1857

George DOWDEN (b) their son was born 13th May 1860;

George DOWDEN (b) married Margaret FUCHS 16th October 1895

George DOWDEN (c) their son was born 16th January 1899



DOWDEN - George c.1820 – 1875

. (From “Stories Behind the Tombstones” John Rossiter)

George **Dowden** was born in Berkshire, England, c.1820; came to Australia on the ‘Argo’ in 1854 destined for Adelaide, and soon moved on to Ipswich. He married Bridget **Kerwin** at St Mary's, Ipswich on 17th February, 1857 with Rev William **McGinty** officiating. They had a family of ten children.

He was one of the earliest, if not the earliest, cabinet maker in Ipswich. His advertisement in the Moreton Bay Courier on 22nd December, 1855, advised the public that he had set up business in Brisbane Street, Ipswich, as a cabinet, chair and sofa maker, and upholsterer.

Furniture specimens produced by George **Dowden**, are today highly sought after as items of special interest from this early period. A couple of these examples of his craftsmanship may be seen at the Ipswich Art Gallery.

On 2nd June, 1857, he announced in the North Australian that he had expanded his business by adding an undertaking business for which he had furnished himself with a very neat hearse, to give to the naturally solemn funeral ceremony a spirit of Christian-like respect and regret. Prior to this, bodies were taken to the cemetery in the back of a firewood cart. This announcement heralded some refinement into the solemn burial service for the dead.

George **Dowden's** business was located in a single-storied wooden building on the corner of Brisbane and Ellenborough Streets, but as the business grew he had to seek larger premises. His original site was where in 1887, the new Queensland Times building, designed by the local architect Samuel Shenton, was erected.

On 31st December, 1875, while conducting the funeral of John **Drysdale**, the proprietor of the Royal Mail Hotel at Goodna, he became alarmingly ill and

had to stop at Ebbw Vale, at the house known as Ross's old hotel, for a drink of water. The weather at the time had been extremely hot for several days. He was unable to resume his seat on the hearse and was rushed back to Ipswich by Mr John **Carroll** of Redbank Plains. On the way he lapsed into a delirious state and it was with difficulty that he was kept in the buggy. Doctors **Kennedy** and **Rowlands** were called in but he died within an hour from the time he was seized with the illness. The doctor's report stated that death was from apoplexy induced by the extremely hot weather. He was 52 years of age and left behind a wife and eight children; Two other children having died in infancy

Telegraph (Brisbane, Qld. : 1872 - 1947), Wednesday 19 January 1876, page 6

OUR ABSURD FUNERAL CUSTOMS

The absurdity of our funeral customs received a very painful illustration a few days ago. Mr. George **Dowden**, of Ipswich, was conducting the funeral of Mr. **Drysdale**, of Goodna, and as the cortege was en route to the cemetery Mr. **Dowden** was taken suddenly ill, and after procuring a drink of water, was unable to resume his seat. Mr. John **Carroll** undertook to drive Mr. **Dowden** home in a buggy. Before reaching home he became delirious, and in spite of medical attention died within an hour from the commencement of the attack. The symptoms were those of apoplexy induced by the extreme heat of the weather.

The question arises: — How far were the professional # habiliments responsible for the illness? Black is a powerful absorbent of heat, and undertakers unwisely adhere to the customs of the Antipodes. It is more than ridiculous, it is dangerous, in such weather as we have lately had, to sit on the box of a hearse or coach for several hours with the head covered by a black silk hat wrapped round with a heavy black silk band. Let us be courageous enough to adapt ourselves to circumstances, and discard a style of funeral and memorial clothing wholly unsuited to the climate. # *Clothes*

Queensland Times 16 July 1908

DEATH OF MR DOWDEN (b)

The death occurred on Saturday night last, of Mr. George **Dowden**, a native of Ipswich, who, for many years past, conducted an undertaking business in Brisbane-street. He had been ailing for about a couple of years, the final cause of death being chronic bronchitis.

Mr. **Dowden** was born at the corner of Brisbane and Ellenborough Streets, where the "Queensland Times" Building now stands, his father having conducted the business of an undertaker in premises, then situated on this site. Deceased, who was well known and highly esteemed

throughout West Moreton, leaves a widow, one son, and one daughter.

The funeral on Sunday last was very largely attended, the members of the Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society marching in front of the hearse in procession.

The ceremony at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. W. **Cashman** of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.



George DOWDEN & Mary Ivy Pauline POMMER 26th January 1922

Courtesy Picture Ipswich – qips.2008-09-30-0012

Queensland Times 11 June 1927

Mr. George **Dowden**, undertaker, Ipswich, notifies the residents of Brisbane and district, by advertisement that he has established a branch in Brisbane. The premises are situated at Bridge Buildings, Stanley Street, opp. Cremorne Theatre.

The Courier Mail 11 June 1927

GEORGE DOWDEN, -UNDERTAKER,
Stanley Street (opp. Cremorne) also at Ipswich.
(Established 1854)
ALL MOTOR SERVICES

TAKE NOTE - GOOD ADVICE*John Rossiter*

“If at first you don’t succeed, try – try – try – again ----and again ---- and again.”

Yes! This is an old proverb but it rings true, especially when you are chasing your family history.

Remember that no one person knows all the answers. This is why being a member of a society such as ours, it opens up the field to learn from each other. We each have an area where we have operated and the best knowledge probably comes from practical experience.

If, on your first visit to our society or other research areas, you go away disheartened by not finding the answers you had hoped for, go back again on a different day and you will probably meet a different assistant who may have knowledge in that field. Some of us have skills in computer operations. You may find a member who has done research into German families – someone who excels in Scottish information – someone who negotiates census records – or someone who knows the local area. You will find somebody who will be of assistance. Remember that **all brick walls** are able to be broken, but it often takes considerable time and effort.

It is surprising just what information can come out during a chat over a cuppa.

Bounce off one another and you too will gain from the experience.

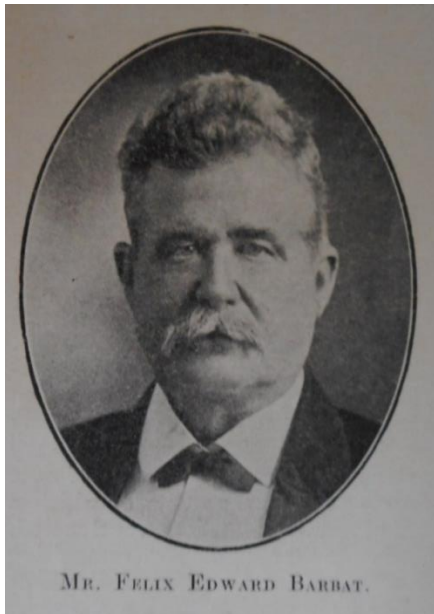
Beware! Not all of the information you may find on some on-line resources is 100% accurate. Use this as a guide and check it out for yourself to assure yourself that it does apply to what you are researching. Sometimes, you will need to purchase birth, death or marriage certificates. Yes, they can be costly, but if you want accuracy they can be important. With death certificates, some of the information can be questionable as the person who would best know the correct information is the one who was buried. You may find on some certificates where corrections have been made in a side column many years later. These can include items such as spelling, ages, parents’ names or even a name changed by deed pole. These adjustments can be quite enlightening and provide the answer to that long-held question.

“Happy researching.”

The following resources are to be found in “John’s Room” at “Brigg House” in the Map Drawers.

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Scottish Census Info Poster	Scottish County Boundaries pre 1974
Scottish Parish Maps	Shetland / Viking Island Poster
Shoreditch Map	Solent & Isle of Wight 2002
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Tourist Map of Britain 1988	Tourist Map of Scotland
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Waterloo & Southwark Map	
Whitechapel Map	



F.E. BARBAT & SONS Manufactures of North Ipswich

History of Queensland It's People & Industries Vol 1 (page 499)

Felix **Barbat** was born in France c1820 and came to Australia as a 30 year old in the 1850's. He was a sawmiller and general contractor, and established a carrying business between Melbourne and the Ballarat and Bendigo goldfields before opening a number of general stores in the scattered towns of the state. (*Felix died in Victoria in 1889 aged 70*)

Eldest son Felix Edward **Barbat** was born in Maryborough Victoria 7th November 1858. He had very little schooling and at 17 years of age began work with contractors Miller & Sons working on the Port Augusta to Charlotte Springs railway for 4 years, then later as assistant engineer. Felix Edward moved to Sydney and set up as an architect and one of his buildings was the Randwick Hotel. For a number of years he was a general builder and contractor working on Circular Quay, the Petersham Viaduct and a number of railway stations.

After a failed gold mining venture at Temora, Felix E. went to the Western Australian Lake Way district and the timber industry. The next move was to Ipswich and working on the steel construction of the Railway Workshops at North Ipswich.

In the 1870's an engineering company had been started in Ipswich by F.G. **Springall** and J. **Frost** as iron and brass foundry and bolt manufacturers, and later became the Phoenix Engineering Company. When the company was put up for sale about 1900, Felix E. bought it and he, and his seven sons had at one time up to 120 employees working on two shifts.

Felix E. was very involved in community affairs, stood unsuccessfully for a seat in Parliament, was a J.P., and on the Committee of Pastoral and Agricultural Society, and for three years was president. He was one of the founding members of the Ipswich Chamber of Commerce, and was also one of those who founded the Ipswich and West Moreton Mutual Accident Insurance Company, and was chairman until it was wound up.

In 1883 Felix E. married Maria/Myra, the daughter of John **Carr** from Ireland and they had four sons. After the death of Maria, he married Cecilia, daughter of Pierce **Blanchfield** in 1892, there were three sons born to the couple. Both marriages were in Victoria.

Queenslander Thursday 13 December 1928, page 63

Mr. F.E. Barbat - A wide circle of professional and personal friends will learn with sincere regret of the death of Mr. F. E. **Barbat**, at Hongkong, on November 23, news

of which has been received by cablegram. The late Mr. **Barbat**, who was 74 years of age, left for the East some time ago on a health trip, which, unfortunately, did not prove successful, and one of his sons left Mackay for Hong Kong recently for the purpose of returning to Australia with his father. The deceased gentleman was formerly managing director of F. E. **Barbat** and Sons Ltd., of Ipswich. He carried out engineering contracts at Tully River Sugar Mill and at the Power Alcohol works at Sarina, and he had resided in the Sarina district of late years, supervising the work at the plant. A large employer of labour, he was widely known in Queensland, and his ability as an engineer and his fine personality earned him a host of friends both in and out of the business. He is survived by six sons.

Queensland Times (Ipswich, Qld. : 1909 - 1954), Tuesday 1 May 1917, page 4

Death Of Mr. A. Barbat. Yesterday the Mayor (Ald. P. W. **Cameron**) received from the military authorities a message conveying the melancholy information that



Arthur Barbat

Mr. Arthur **Barbat**, who had been on active service at the front, had died on the 16th instant from a gun-shot wound. The deceased is a son of Mr. F. E. **Barbat**, of the firm of F. E. **Barbat** and Sons, foundry proprietors of North Ipswich. The Mayor communicated the information to the Rev Father **Lane**, of St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, who proceeded to the house and broke the sad news to Mrs. **Barbat**. The deepest sympathy will be felt for the members of the bereaved family. The message received by the Mayor requested him to express to the parents of the deceased the sympathy of their Majesties the King and Queen and the members of the Federal Government in their bereavement.



Percy A.



August J. (Albert)



Reginald Christopher

Photographs of the sons- "History Queensland It's People & Industries Vol 1 - 1919"

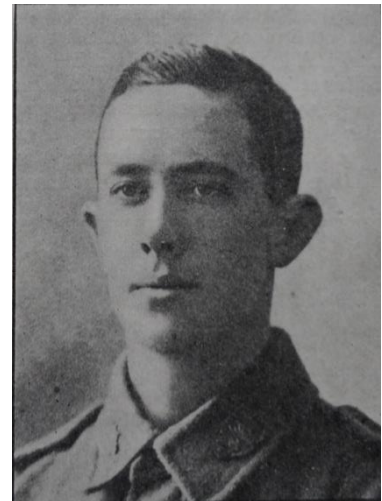
(Information in these volumes was given by the families)



Vincent Pierce



Felix John



Leslie Lawrence

IPSWICH AND WEST MORETON EMPLOYERS MUTUAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

This article by Beryl Johnston "Times Past" Queensland Times 8th November 2015

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The prospectus for the Ipswich & West Moreton Employers Mutual Accident Insurance company Limited appeared in March 1906. Provincial directors were to be Messrs F **Barbat**, J **Bottomley**, F **Goleby**, Oliver **Perry**, H **Pommer**, W **Tunstall** jnr and J **Wigfull**. This company was to be formed for the purpose of providing the employers of Ipswich and West Moreton with facilities for insuring liabilities that may incur under the employees Liability Act of 1886 - The factories and Shops Act of 1900 and the workers Compensation Act of 1905.

Queensland Times, Ipswich Herald and General Advertiser 28 April 1906, page 13
INSURANCE COMPANY'S OFFICE. We have been requested to state, in connection with the Ipswich and West Moreton Employers' Mutual Accident insurance Company, Limited, that offices have been taken in Brisbane-street, a few doors past the Queensland Times' Buildings, where the secretary will be in attendance to effect insurances and give all necessary information.

Queensland Times Ipswich, Qld. Thursday 12 October 1916, page 4

IPSWICH AND W.M. INSURANCE COMPANY An extraordinary general meeting of the Ipswich and West Moreton Mutual Insurance Company, Limited, was held in the rooms of the secretary (Mr. G. W. **Allen**), Bell-street, last night. In the absence of Mr. F E. **Barbat** (chairman of directors), Mr. J. P. **Bottomley** presided. He moved "That this company be wound up voluntarily under the provisions, of the Companies Act. "This was seconded by Mr. T. **Dangerfield**, and carried. The directors -Messrs. **Barbat**, **Bottomley**, and **Dangerfield** were appointed as liquidators for winding up the company.

OF LOCAL INTEREST

Queensland Times, Ipswich Herald and General Advertiser 06.01.1876 page 3

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT] Great excitement was caused here on the 24th December last, by the receiving-officer refusing to deliver the mail, because, as he stated, the Postmaster-General had changed the name of the district from ** One-eye Waterhole. In consequence of this shameful proceeding on the part of the receiving-officer, the inhabitants of this locality were deprived of their usual letters and newspapers from the 17th December to the 1st January, on which date the mail was delivered by Mr John Campbell, the Postmaster-General having marked his disapproval of Mr Nelson's conduct by dismissing him, and appointing Mr Campbell in his place.

Mr Nelson ought to be thankful to the postal authorities for acting so leniently towards him, as he rendered himself liable to a heavy fine. This ought to be a warning to receiving-officers in general, not to allow their petty jealousy and spite to interfere with their public duty. Mr Campbell's residence is not more than ten minutes' walk from the Primary School and is convenient to the whole neighbourhood having a road front and back, and cross roads within a short distance on either side.

Unfortunately for this district, there are a few who seem determined to oppose everything brought forward for the benefit of the inhabitants in general, unless they themselves derive some special benefit by the same. It is no doubt in the remembrance of most of your readers that a public meeting was held at the residence of Mr W. Alcorn, on the 13th of October last, for the purpose of taking steps towards the erection of a place of worship in this neighbour-hood. At that meeting it was stated by the chairman-the Rev. D. Mossop, that the only land available for building a Congregational Church upon was Mr John Campbell's, and as Mr Campbell kindly offered one acre for that purpose, it was resolved by a large majority of the congregation that Mr Campbell's offer be accepted, and that the church be built upon the said piece of land.

A committee was appointed to carry out the object of the meeting, and collectors chosen to canvass the several districts for contributions in aid of the same. Another meeting was held on the 13th of November to report progress. In the meantime Mr Campbell transferred the acre of land to the Congregational Union of Queensland. At this second meeting some objections were made to the proposed site for the church, although it had been previously confirmed and carried by a majority at the first meeting. Mr Baines, the chairman, was most certainly out of order in bringing the subject a second time before the committee, and as the secretary persisted in adhering to the original resolutions, the meeting was adjourned to the 11th of December. At this third meeting the malcontents mustered in force, and brought with them some half-dozen more, most of whom were

strangers to the congregation - men who have never given one farthing towards the erection of the church, nor towards the support of either the minister or Sabbath school.

These they get appointed committee-men, and then carried a resolution to the fact that the church be built on the Government Reserve - a distance of one mile and a half from the original site: a spot nevertheless very convenient to the Cameron Flatites. Not content with having obtained ten acres for a school, they must now have ten acres more for a church. Surely the Minister for Lands will not perpetrate so gross an injustice on the poor scrub farmers, who are struggling so manfully to gain an honest livelihood, and who have only this small reserve of thirty acres whereon to graze their horses and cattle. Again, this reserve is the only camping ground for a considerable distance on the Dugandan and Coochin road, and for this reason alone ought to be kept entire. If the Government would grant as an additional reserve the dummied selection adjoining it, they would confer a great boon on the inhabitants of this district.

The early crop of maize is not looking so well as it was a short time ago; it needed rain very much, and I am afraid it is too far gone for rain to be of much benefit to it now. We had a heavy downpour on Saturday evening, and a steady rain Sunday evening, which lasted for about three hours. The cereal crops have turned out splendidly, and I believe they will yet prove to be the best paying crops that can be grown in this district ; the average yield this season is wheat fifty, oats sixty, and barley forty bushels to the acre. This is not so bad for Queensland. I send you samples of the above, which I feel confident will bear comparison with any grown in the colony. Messrs J. Campbell and J. G. Maddox have grown wheat, oats, and barley on the same land for three years successively, and have always had a good return.

Christmas is now over with us, and I suppose, Mr Editor, it is with you too. Anyhow, what with social gatherings, picnics, & it glided pleasantly enough by. May the year 1876 be one of continual prosperity, and may you, dear sir, be long spared to us, for you have ever been on the side of truth and justice.

**** BLANTYRE** *8 miles from Boonah and 1 mile north of Roadvale. One-Eye Waterhole mail receiving office opened 1874; changed to Blantyre in 1875, closed 1879. Blantyre State School formerly One-Eye Waterhole School House changed to Milbong.*

8 miles about 12.8 klms; 1 mile about 1.6 klms;

MEMBER'S INTERESTS

We are once more collecting names to share with other members and groups, with permission from the researcher. Sharing is the best way to advance your research.

Please return the completed Member's Interest form, which has been emailed or posted to members. Your research names will spread all over Australia, and as our magazine is online, can be read by anyone at all. The names below are entered by current members.

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CLARK	Cavan Ireland	1829 +
BYRNE	Enniscorthy Wexford, Ireland	1815 +
KARL	Bavaria	1832 +
GLANVILLE	Devon England	Pre 1827
HOUSTON	Ayr Scotland	Pre 1810
HALPIN	Belfast Ireland	Pre 1826
DUCKETT	Berkshire England	1819 +
MAGENNIS	Belfast Ireland	Pre 1849
NEIL	Ayrshire Scotland	Pre 1838
EDWARDS	Devon England	1809 +
CHILD	Berkshire England	1828 +
PEARCE / PEARSE	Devon England	1809 +

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LINNING	Kirchheim/Haigslea, Marburg, Gatton	1865 +
DUHS	Kirchheim/Haigslea	1862 +
BOUGHEN	Rosewood	1857 +
SMITH Charles	Rosewood	1875 +
SCHMIDTCHEN	Walloon, Rosewood	1860 +

Sally Hetherington Member No. 101 sandn92@bigpond.com

Bridget MADDEN Portumna Galway Ireland b. 1821
Immigrated 1842 Ship 'Agnes Ewing'?
Married: Henry Joseph ENGLAND Hartley NSW 1844

Bridget MADDEN 'Off Flats' Hampton NSW d. 17 April 1901

Henry Joseph ENGLAND Walworth, Surrey, UK b. 1816 Convict to Australia 1835 Ship "Henry Porcher" assigned servant at 'Liddleton' Hartley NSW Ganbenang NSW d. 26/07/1897

Carmel Bell Member No. 38

REDDY John & Catherine(O'Keefe)	Ipswich & Rosevale	1855 - 1902 +
ALFORD Charles & Caroline (Weedon)	Ipswich	1857 - 1899 +
ASHBY John & Sarah (Harris)	Brisbane	1862 - 1915 +
CLARKE Charles & Emma (Lowe)	Gatton	1874 - 1937 +
GRAY Walter & Eliza (Garrett)	Mutdapilly	1873 - 1930 +
LOWE William & Mary (Pearce)	Gatton	1874 - 1900 +
SOLWAY William Marie (Wilmont)	Ipswich & Mutdapilly	1872 - 1890 +
WHITEWAY Edmund & Sylvia (Rundle)	Gatton	1862 - 1910 +
KNEHR Michael & Mary (Treffe)	Warwick & Ipswich	1855 - 1900 +
KELLY Patrick & Isabella (Reilly)	Ipswich	1849 - 1900 +

Lyndall Elliott Member 104

Caroline Norris Ipswich Pioneer's Cemetery d.1868
 John Norris (her husband) d.1884 Woogaroo Asylum
 The family lived in Flint St North Ipswich c1858 – 1884?
 John, Caroline, and children Caroline, Ann, Thomas, arrived Sydney on
 "Boangeres" 1857

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 John Norris (jnr) may have had land on Pine Mountain 1854 - ?
 Susanna Norris (his wife) - family had moved to Sydney by 1878
 Arrived Moreton Bay on "General Hewitt" 1854

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 Daughter Charlotte Tilley (Norris) and Thomas Tilley 1863 - ?
 Arrived Brisbane on "Norman Morrison" 1863
 With children William, Caroline; Thomas born 1865, Ipswich

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 Daughter Caroline Norris married Francis William Ironmonger
 1859 / 10 children Ipswich and Pine Mountain

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 Daughter Ann Norris married Frederick Orme St Paul's Church Ipswich
 1863

Husband Frederick goes missing Pine Mountain
 Children Frederick (1864-1865), Emily (1866 – 1931)
 Ann remarries Matthew Gadd Brisbane 1870
 Children Caroline, Matthew, Alice born Ipswich 1872 – 1876
 Matthew Gadd dies Ipswich 1877

.....
 Son, Thomas Norris very little known

CHINESE MARKET GARDEN

John Rossiter

There used to be a Chinese market garden in Cyprus Street opposite the junction of Liverpool Street in North Ipswich in the 1930's/40's. The operator was known to everyone as "Georgie Song". He had good alluvial soil and a string of water holes ensuring a constant supply of fresh water. A small shack was erected on site in which he lived and stored everything. He started with a hoe and fork to till the soil and carried the water in two buckets attached to a yoke placed across his shoulders in the traditional Chinese way. When he reached the area to be watered, the buckets were lowered to the ground by bending his knees and the water was tipped into a watering can to spray over the vegetables. These buckets of water were heavy and involved considerable effort going up and down the rows. The ground was divided into drains and pathways to make his access easier.

Early in the morning he'd be up picking and preparing his produce for sale, which was taken to town with his horse and cart. A long, thin, sharp knife was attached to his belt. This was used to cut the lettuce, cabbage and other similar vegies off at ground level. All off cuts were recycled through the compost pile to be reused as mulch. A story circulated that the night-soil man didn't need to call as this was also used as fertilizer. However, someone who knew Georgie very well, strongly refuted this as purely a myth. This young friend to Georgie said that he used to help Georgie with planting the seedlings and had a good working knowledge of his operations. He stressed that this story was totally incorrect.

As Georgie became more financial the horse and cart was replaced by a small blue ute. With the help of his friends in the area a small petrol driven pump was set up near one of the water holes and the buckets on the yoke across his shoulders were replaced with an irrigation system. A petrol driven rotary hoe was also added to his work shed. This item was sometimes a worry to Georgie as it used to get away on him. He was probably happy with his conventional system of tilling the soil. Those who visited his garden to purchase his fresh vegies, have all commented on how crisp and tasty everything was. One of his customers recalled how he always called the turnips "turnie-ups" and the lettuce was "lettis-ee" - hence, "TURNIE-UP and LETTIS-EE". He was described as being good hearted and a thorough gentleman.

He sold his garden and moved to Sydney for a short time, before coming back to Queensland and renting a market garden in the Kuraby area. When George was unable to continue with this work he entered the Salvation Army Men's Eventide Home at Riverview. George Wong Song died in the Ipswich General Hospital on 25 January, 1964, aged 82 years.

(With thanks to Len Price and others for these stories.)

HELPING HANDS

In Ipswich we are fortunate to be able to access information quite easily. Below are two options for those who would like a helping hand with research or those electronic devices which can be frustrating for some of us.

*The following information has been supplied by the **Ipswich Libraries**:*

Ipswich Libraries aims to build healthy and connected communities by supporting all kinds of literacy, at all stages of life. One of the ways this is accomplished, is by providing a variety of free programs which encourage lifelong learning, build literacy skills and a sense of community.

Be Connected is a program aimed at older Australians to help build self-confidence, embrace technology. Ipswich Libraries runs these programs at several branch locations weekly and can assist with solving general tech troubles. Using the Be Connected resources we can help with using their new computer, phone or tablet, through to informing of current scams and finding up-to-date and accurate information online.

Chasing Our Past has been developed to maintain engagement with our history and heritage community and people interested in the history of Ipswich and surrounds. Chasing Our Past covers a wide variety of topics and event information can be found on the Ipswich Libraries website.

Explore Local & Family History

Join our local Digital Archivist and Historian to explore Picture Ipswich's archived images and develop digital skills and research tips and tricks. Discover photos and stories that capture the lifestyle and history of Ipswich. Research your ancestors and unravel your history through online resources with our Library Branch Service Librarians.

The URL for the Library: <https://www.ipswichlibraries.com.au/whats-on/adults/>

Senior Net Ipswich - If you are 50 plus years and would like to know more about using your mobile phone, tablet, Ipad or your computer or the internet, the Ipswich Senior Group may be of assistance.

The Group may be contacted at North's Ipswich Club, 29 Pelican St, North Ipswich. Web: www.seniornet.com.au ,

This friendly Group is managed entirely by volunteers, and was established in 1996. Members enjoy meeting socially on the first Friday of the month for coffee and a chat. (*information from their brochure*)

Margaret-anne Jensen 0417 965 122; srnetmembership@gmail.com

John McVeigh 07 3281 8548 email: training@seniornet.com.au

Please do not forget, the Ipswich Genealogical Society, (Genies) are on hand to help and guide you, and have many records that will probably never be found on the internet.

THREE WEDDINGS – ONE GROOM

Henry **Heinemann** &

Mary **Duhs** married 12.09.1888

Henry **Heinemann** & Wilhelmina

Catherine **Zerner** 25.05.1892



Henry / Heinrich **Heinemann** married Mary Jane **Willard** 14.05.1884

One daughter Catherine Mary Jane b 22.03.1885

Mary Jane **Heinemann** died 16.04.1885

Henry **Heinemann** married Mary (Q. BDM Caroline) **Duhs** 12.09.1888

Catarina Caroline b 07.09.1889;

Twin girls Emma Elizabeth & Fredericka Sofia b. 20.08.1890

Maria b. 04.10.1891 (QBDM **Hanemann**)

Mary **Heinemann** died 31.10.1891

Henry was left with four daughters, and married Wilhelmina Catherine **Zerner** 25.05.1892. (*'Mena' was a niece to wife number 2 Mary/Caroline Duhs*)

They had Friedrich Heinrich 22.03.1892; Eliza 13.11.1898; Alma Henriette 10.06.1895; Edmond George Henry 10.08.1906; Estelle Doreen 30.03.1915;

MORE IPSWICH FIRSTS – Ipswich City Council

1973 - The first Primary School Library built in Queensland was opened at Goodna State School by Keith Hooper MLA;

1977 - The first Genealogy Society in Queensland was formed in Ipswich.

1979 – Ipswich can also lay claim to the first woman recognised as a builder in Queensland. Jeanette Horwath attended her first Moreton Shire Council meeting as a Councillor in April 1979. At the meeting she learnt that she was granted registration as a building contractor;

1982 – Ipswich was the first city to declare itself 'Nuclear Free' in December, 1982;

1984 - Australia's first Medicare Office was opened in Ipswich, by Mr. Bill Hayden, the nation's first national health scheme instigator;

1995 – Ipswich City Council became the first local authority in Australia to provide access to the Internet. Global Info Links was established as part of Information Technology led Economic Development Strategy for the Ipswich region;

1997 – Ipswich became the first local government in Queensland to have a Master Planned Area Structure Plan approved under the Integrated Planning Act 1997 (IPA);

2006 – Was named as the first city outside the USA to be part of the Liveable Communities Partnership which promotes quality of life, economic development and social equity;

2007- Ripley Valley became the first area in Queensland to be declared a Master Planned Area under the Integrated Planning Act 2007 (IPA);

2009 - First local government in Queensland to prepare an Enquiry by Design under the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 (SPA);

2010 – The first successful confirmed pregnancy through Ipswich's first IVF clinic (Ipswich Day Hospital);

2010 - Ipswich was named as one of the world's smartest communities by the International Intelligent Community Forum. Ipswich was the only Australian city listed among the 21 global finalists.

2010 - First-ever virtual cooking class was held in Ipswich when Jamie Oliver broadcast live to d'Arcy Doyle Place in the Ipswich CBD. The celebrity chef brought his Ministry of Food Australia to the big screen in his first-ever virtual cooking class.

DONATIONS TO THE SOCIETY

To help cover the Society's expenses could you please donate your small change? – This was once “A Mile of Pennies” now perhaps could be called “A Kilometre of Cents”. All coins will be accepted with thanks.

Irma Deas President

NOT A MILE OF PENNIES BUT A KILOMETRE OF CENTS

**SUPPORT YOUR SOCIETY BY DONATING
SMALL CHANGE - ALL COINS ACCEPTED**



A Donation Box is at Brigg House or talk to the Library Assistants on duty

AN ENJOYABLE AFTERNOON

On Wednesday 22nd November 2023 the Genies hosted a BBQ for Cleanaway at Cooneana Heritage Centre. This brought together the nine community and school groups of the area who had successfully applied to Cleanaway for a Grant in 2023. The recipients were:

The following information from the Cleanaway Web site

Bushrats Soccer Club Dinmore, Training Equipment Renewal - \$4,000

Every Nation Riverview - Funding for a Music Production and Mentoring program for Ipswich Teenagers - \$5,600

Ipswich Basketball Boys U 14 – Booval – Travel expenses for 3 boys to compete in Townsville June 2023 - \$3,000

Ipswich Genealogical Society New Chum – To purchase and install 2 reverse cycle air conditioners in Brigg House - \$3,800

Murri Taipans Sports Association Booval – Funding towards cost of uniforms for netball and softball uniforms. \$10,000

Queensland Youth & Family Support Services – Riverview – To fund a Breakfast Club and provide lunch to help struggling families of the area - \$4,000

Redbank Plains State High School Redbank Plains – Cover the cost of PrepL-Permits for 159 year 12 students for Learner Drivers' Licences - \$4,600

Riverview State School Riverview – Purchase of musical instruments for a students' band - \$10,000

Skate Synergy Roller Sports Club Bundamba – To cover the cost of insurance and subsidise 24 weeks of training with an accredited coach who will volunteer his time. \$ 5,000



Before the Event

COONEANA HERITAGE CENTRE NEW LOGO

Extract from Ipswich Historical Society Newsletter February 2024



A mascot or icon to represent Cooneana Heritage Centre has been planned for some time and discussed during member's meetings. "Nea" the ringtail possum has been adopted as the Cooneana Heritage Centre mascot, acknowledging the meaning of the word Cooneana (Where the ringtail possum sits).

T-shirts and other items featuring "Nea" the ringtail possum are planned and samples will be available soon for inspection.

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'YOUR DASH'

Author unknown

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend,
He referred to the dates on her tombstone from beginning to the end –
He noted that first came her date of birth and spoke the next with tears.
But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years

For that dash represents the time that she spent alive on earth
Now only those who loved her know what that time was worth.

For it matters not how much we own, the cars, house the cash.

What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our Dash.
So think about this long and hard - are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left that can still be re-arranged.

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real
And always try to understand the way that others feel.

And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives, like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile,
Remembering that this special Dash might only last awhile,

And when your eulogy is read, and your life's actions rehashed,
Would you be proud of the words of how you'd spent your Dash?

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

INDEX TO IPSWICH CEMETERY BURIAL REGISTER 1847 – 2014
Over 36,000 records giving full name, age, death and burial dates where available 1 CD - \$20.00 + \$5.00 P&P

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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