



Family Fun at Greenmount Beach - 1959

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Notice to Members

Renewal of Membership: Due 30th June 2022

Fees: \$45.00 Singles Membership & \$60.00 Family membership

OPEN DAY during NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY MONTH in August.

Please invite your friends, family and neighbours to our Open Day on Sunday 14 August from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Where they can see how we can help them find their family records & start a family history tree. All are welcome

Date Claimer - GCFHS Annual General Meeting will be held on **Saturday 10th September 2022** at 2 pm, Room 3 upstairs, Bicentennial Centre.

GCFHS Library Hours & Location

goldcoastfamilyhistorysociety@gmail.com | www.goldcoastfhs.org.au

OPENING HOURS & LOCATION

Tuesday/Wednesday 9.30am - 2.30pm
Thursday 11.00am - 8.30pm
Saturday 10.00am - 4.30pm

Phone: 07 5582 8855 – During Open Hours

Room 3, Nerang Bicentennial Building,
833 Southport Nerang Rd, Nerang Qld 4211
Nerang Council Chambers, Nerang Southport Road,
Nerang, Qld 4211

RESEARCH AVAILABLE

Limited research can be carried out by members who have difficulty visiting the Society Rooms. Non-members are required to make a donation of \$10 per enquiry. Please send your enquiry to goldcoastfamilyhistorysociety@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

The joining fee for all new members is \$10.00 plus \$45.00 Single Membership per year \$60.00 Family Membership per year. Family membership must have only one email and postal address.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Renewal Fees are due on the 1st July each year. Single membership \$45.00 Family Membership \$60.00

PAYMENT DETAILS:

Account Name: Gold Coast Family History Society Inc.
BSB: 638 070 Account No: 112 994 28
Bank: Heritage Bank

Life Membership: Single \$450.00 Family \$600.00
Available to all members after two years of continuous membership.



Welcome to our New Members

The Society would like to extend a warm welcome to all its new members. Please feel free to ask for assistance regarding your research. Our Room Assistants are there to help and teach you.

3698	Jane Menere, Reedy Creek	3710	Dane Francis, Mermaid Waters
3700	Rosemary Favell, Oxenford	3711	Bob Harrison, Coolangatta
3701	Dianne Taylor, Nerang	3712	Denise Reynolds, Surfers Paradise
3702	Robyn Perry, Mermaid Waters	3713	Elaine Booker, Pacific Pines
3703	Lorraine Morcome, Runaway Bay	3714	Don Booker, Pacific Pines
3704	Wayne Davidson, Paradise Point	3715	Helen Crestani, Tallebudgera
3705	Dot Davidson, Paradise Point	3716	Mike Renfree, Tallebudgera
3706	Jane Grennan, Broadbeach	3717	Tara Hart, Ashmore
3707	Theresa Hackett, Nerang	3718	Alex Hindle, Helensvale
3708	June Buckenham, Helensvale		

Our Library: View recently added additions to our rooms on the 'New Acquisitions' page 10. Did you know that you can borrow books, DVDs, and magazines for up to two weeks at a time from the Society? Included are Journals from other Societies around Australia and other countries.

Saplings E-Newsletter: Stay up to date with Society news each month. If you haven't received your copy, please check your Spam folder/box: it may be there.

The *Rootes* Journal is named in honour of Thelma & Thomas *Rootes*

Cover Photo: The Wilkinson sisters enjoying the sunshine at Greenmont Beach in 1959.
Backrow: Helen and Jean – Frontrow: Joanne, Bev and her son Shaun home for a visit from Melbourne.
A lovely photographic reminder that family members were once young and enjoy life much the way we do today.

Special Interest Groups

Several Special Interest Groups are held regularly where like-minded members have the opportunity to meet and develop a more in-depth approach to their research in a specific area.

The format varies with each group. Members are encouraged to share experiences with research, information, and ideas.

If you are a GCFHS member and would like to attend a Special Interest Group, please check the calendar and simply arrive. All groups cost \$1.00, which includes a cuppa and a biscuit.



COMPUTER GROUP

**20 Jul, 17 Aug, 21 Sep, 19 Oct,
16 Nov 2022**

3rd Wednesday of each month from 7.00 pm-9.00 pm

This very popular group covers a wide variety of topics, and any suggestions you have regarding subjects are very welcome.

Each month, full details of our meetings will be provided via our e-newsletter, Saplings, and our website. For more info, contact: Ann Metcher, goldcoastfamilyhistorysociety@gmail.com



SCOTTISH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

21 Aug, 20 Nov 2022

Meetings are held on Sundays from 1 pm to 4 pm

If you have Scottish research, then this is the group for you. Feel free to bring along your questions and research work to discuss with the coordinators on a one-to-one basis.

Both ladies are incredibly knowledgeable and enthusiastic about helping fellow members. Contact: Margaret C. on 5593 1773 or email mjc7mjc@bigpond.com or Margaret S. on 5538 1423 or email rinnes@onthenet.com.au

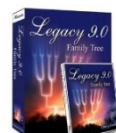


DNA GROUP

26 Jun, 28 Aug 2022

Bi-monthly on the 4th Sunday from 1 pm to 4 pm

This is a discussion and self-help group with Fay Carbis on fay@winshop.com.au



LEGACY FAMILY TREE MEETINGS

7 Aug, 2 Oct, 4 Dec 2022

Meetings are held on Sundays from 1 pm to 3.30 pm

Are you thinking of using a software program to record your family history? Then this group may help, even if you are already using Legacy and would like to learn more or have a problem. Come along and bring your queries.

This group is all about learning and helping each other solve problems and answer questions.

Coordinator, Sue McKenzie, is well versed in how to use the software. For more info contact: Carol Browne, cbrowne@onthenet.com.au

INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY CLASSES

19 August 2022 - Friday 9.00 - 11.00 am

Free to members

This class is suitable for beginners and intermediate researchers. Be inspired and motivated to continue your family history quest.

Learn how to compile a family tree and set out your information. Discover just how many ways you can track down your family. Find out which resources are freely available to help you in your search and how to determine which branch of the tree is yours.

Non Members Welcome: \$10.00 (is refundable if joining on the day,) bookings are essential.

To make a booking, please contact: Pam Oldham on 0447 715 593 or email pamllew3@gmail.com

MINI SEMINAR

TBA - Saturday 1.00 to 4.00 pm

Costs: Members \$15.00 | Non Members \$20.00



Committee News

June 2022 - President - Fay Carbis

FREE Wi-Fi in the Rooms

Free Wi-Fi is now available to all full members in the rooms. Members can connect to the Society's internet service using their personal device or laptop whilst in the rooms. However, you will still need to book a computer if you wish to access the Societies paid subscription sites, e.g., Ancestry, FindMyPast, British Newspapers etc.



The free Wi-Fi is available for a trial period of six months when it will be reviewed.

*While this is a complimentary service to members, please be mindful that the Society has limited internet access.

Volunteers Required

The Society is looking for new Library Assistants as well as members to assist with our scanning projects.

On the job training is provide for both postions. Volunteering for a few hours each month would help immensely.

The Society library is open 26 hours per week, so pick your time and day.

Notice To All Members - Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Gold Coast Family History Society Inc. will be held on **Saturday, 10 September 2022, at 2.00 pm** in Meeting Room 3 (upstairs), Bicentennial Community Centre, Nerang Southport Road, Nerang.

The AGM Guest Speaker is Stephen Weinstein from the Gold Coast Historical Museum.

The closing date for nominations is Saturday, 27 August 2022, and the form must be returned to the Secretary by this date. The postal address is Post Office Box 2763, Southport BC, Qld, 4215, or they can be left at the Rooms.

A complete list of nominations will be posted on the notice board in our Rooms. Any member not able to attend the AGM may vote by proxy by completing a proxy form which can be left in the Secretary's tray in the rooms. Forms will be available either in the rooms or via the AGM email notice, which will be sent out in early July.



GCFHS Annual Membership Renewal

Your membership is now due for renewal for the period July 2022 to June 2023.

- Single Membership renewal is \$45.00
- Family Membership renewal is \$60.00

Payment can be made online by bank transfer, cheque, or cash only in the rooms. You can either complete the online form and send your payment by bank transfer or download, print and return your renewal form by mail or in-person in the rooms.

<http://www.goldcoastfhs.org.au/membership-renewal-form.html>

Please post your renewal form with payment to our mailing address listed on the form.

*If you are paying via bank deposit, please quote your current membership number or surname as the reference.

A Most Welcome Surprise

Contact from Dorset, England

by Jennifer Rowe

Regarding My - Grand Uncle Ralph and His "Fancy Lady" Story

First published in the Rootes Journal in September 2014

The Maybee Society in the USA had copied the article onto their website and a descendant of Maud Taylor's in Dorset, Caroline Jay Ranger was drawn to it by the "Fancy Lady".

As Caroline read it, all the names her mother had mentioned were there and she realised the "Fancy Lady" Ada "Maud" Mabey nee Taylor, was most probably her Great Grandmother.

Previously we had no knowledge of Maud's first child. Frank Charles Edward Taylor, illegitimate, was born on 26 May 1902, at 19 James Street, Southampton, Hampshire and had been handed over to John Daly and his wife Eliza Alexandra Emms and raised by them. Frank later changed his name to Daly, but not until 2nd September 1949.

Caroline first contacted me on 17th and 18th August 2020. *We believe Maud may well have left Grandad as a baby with Mrs Daly to start a relationship with Frank Mabey whom she had George with a year later and married Frank three years after that.*

He always spoke highly of his mother though she left him at birth – his childhood was very, very tough but he was wildly funny, a great comic, laughed in the face of adversity and a loyal and brilliant father to nine children.



Frank C. E. Taylor-Daly
1949 - aged 58

We know she talked of Grandad to Maud his step (half) sister and brothers as when I met Great Aunt Maud in Sydney in 1990 - she told me all the stories of meeting Grandad in England and him coming to Australia to meet with his brothers / step brothers George and Freddie (all three continued to write and send Grandad birthday and Christmas cards till he died in 1976) after that Aunt Maud continued to write to my mum Maureen, so when I went to Australia in 1990 I turned up at her home and told her I was Frank's granddaughter and we had a great afternoon. Kept in contact until she died in 1996.

Frank married Phyllis Margaret Rose in 1922 at Christchurch, Hampshire.

The timing of this contact was brilliant as I was working on Maud's family history and Caroline contacted me just in time to include the Daly family. It was all proved by certificates and photographs provided by Caroline Jay Ranger.

My first book for Maud Taylor was *The Peverell, Honeyburn, Taylor & Mabey Family History*, 700 pages, the second became *The Taylor-Daly, Mabey & Scott Family History*, 800 pages, with hardcovers.

Those gut feelings we all get whilst researching are often proved to be correct. I believe that *Frank Charles Edward Taylor* was *Frank Charles Mabey's* son, carrying his first two names, with *Edward* after *Edward Steele*, Maud's step-father. That thought is reinforced with Mabey registering the birth of Maud's second son George Victor Mabey, claiming the child in his name, although he didn't marry Maud until almost three years later.

This is the proof that these articles are valuable and that sharing our research is beneficial.

jmay@onthenet.com.au

A Most Welcome Surprise Contact

From an entry in the Rootes Journal, September 2014 Edition



L-R:

Maud Melba Scott - aged abt. 23

Ada Maud Mabey nee Taylor - aged abt. 54

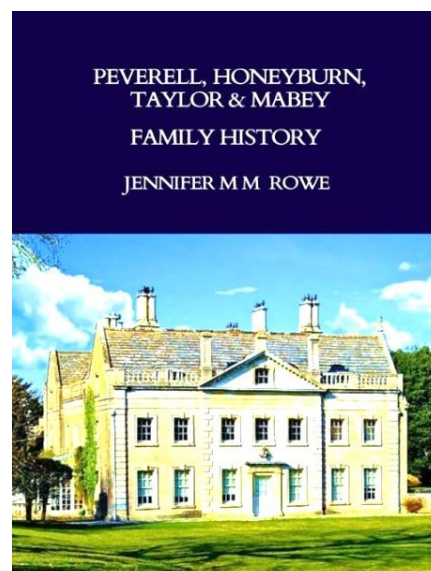
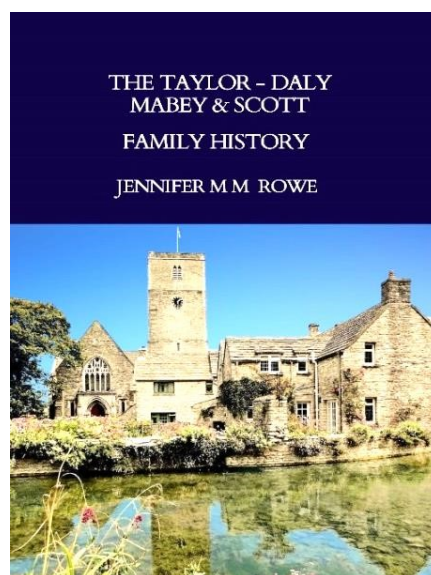
Freddie Scott - aged abt. 25

George Victor Mabey - aged abt. 33

This photo was probably taken c1936, Maud died in 1940

The Taylor-Daly, Mabey & Scott Family History
published 2022 – 780 pages

Peverell, Honeybur, Taylor & Mabey Family History
published 2020 – 800 pages



Postscript

If you would like to read the original 2014 story to which Caroline responded, please visit the GCFHS website and go to the Members Tab, >Rootes Journal >2022 June Journal; click on the link:

<http://www.goldcoastfhs.org.au/2022-june-journal.html>



Web Explorer

Do you have a favourite go-to website or blog?

If you do, send it, and we will publish it in the next Journal.

Quaker Research <https://newtrial.qfhs.co.uk/starting-with-quaker-registers>

Do you have Quakers in your family line? Not sure?

Then why not try this website? It has loads of information. The member who submitted the site was able to find her family name and was thrilled to locate information on the fines and the gaol sentences, plus the goods that were taken. My research is in Oxfordshire, and the names of those under Sufferings were particularly interesting to me as my family are mentioned with their fines, goal sentences or goods taken. A site submitted by Lee Oaks

Joseph Abbott

Was He Married Twice?

by Jenny Young

An interesting man - Joseph Abbot, or Joseph Alfred Abbott

My great-great grandfather, Joseph ABBOTT, was an interesting man. His date and place of birth remain a mystery however his life in New Zealand was well documented.

He married my great-great grandmother in 1873 and they had 10 children. The marriage took place in Cust in the South Island of New Zealand - Mary Ann Hutt was the bride. On viewing the marriage certificate print out I noticed that Joseph was recorded as Joseph Alfred Abbott, a bachelor of full age and Mary Ann was 17 years old. By 1884 the family are appearing in records in Otaki on the North Island of New Zealand, where Joseph is registered as a baker on the Otaki Electoral Roll.

Joseph died in Wellington Hospital on 12 August 1888. His death certificate does not mention the middle name of Alfred; records Mary Ann (nee Hutt) as his wife, and that he is the father of eight children. All this concurs with proven facts of that marriage - a daughter had died one month before his death and the 10th child was born in April 1889, after his death.

So, why the query about a previous marriage? While researching more information about his birth I found another marriage of a Joseph Abbott in 1863, South Island, New Zealand. Initially, I dismissed this as not being my Joseph but a few other facts started to emerge that showed it may indeed be. I located a Joseph Abbott who sailed back and forth between Lyttleton, New Zealand, and Sydney, NSW, on the "Heather Bell" as a cook and steward, my Joseph became a baker in later life. This employment appeared to end in 1863, the year of the reported previous marriage to Mary Ann Cosgraves. I was able to find documentation for three children of this marriage and then, sadly, Mary Ann's death from "exhaustion from protracted labour" in 1868. The child also perished. I have found no record of what happened to the two surviving young girls but in 1871 Joseph winds up in jail after stealing a cow!

Prison documents record Joseph as 'mulatto' having 'dark woolly hair' and being '5ft 3 ¾ inches' tall but give no indication as to his marital status. The description fits with the known family history of my Joseph and could well be the same man of the first marriage given the imprisonment is in Christchurch on the South Island of New Zealand and after the death of the first Mary Ann. Joseph is released in September 1872 and marries my great-great grandmother on 20 March 1873.

How do I prove there is only one Joseph Abbott? A careful check of New Zealand BDM records showed only one Joseph Abbott marrying in New Zealand between 1863 and 1873. All Abbott children born in New Zealand, between 1862 and 1889, where the father was recorded as Joseph have Mary Ann (e) as their mother and are my proven ancestors. I was also not able to find a death for Joseph Abbott between the demise of the first wife in 1868 and marriage to my great-great grandmother in 1873. Everything was pointing toward there only being one Joseph but I was still not convinced.



Then, whilst on my Ancestry account I came across a hint for one of my great grandaunts, Harriet Abbott born in 1884, sister to my great grandmother. This document had been attached to Harriet by a DNA match - a 4th proven cousin I had had previous contact with.

The article from the Salvation Army Archives in New Zealand talks about the 'Abbott sisters' in the Salvation Army.

These girls were in Wanganui, some 120km from Otaki and although born 23 years apart were happily regarding themselves as sisters. It could be surmised that the elder daughter, Mary, perhaps took the younger sister, Harriet, "under her wing" and was guiding her through life.

Was He Married Twice?

by Jenny Young

Further research (currently underway) as to where both Harriet and Mary were educated might shed some light on this.

Mary Elizabeth's mother was Mary Ann Cosgraves and Harriet's, Mary Ann Hutt; however, as reported in the Salvation Army document, they did regard themselves as sisters. I am happy I have proven, to my satisfaction, and after many years of research, that Joseph Abbott was, in fact, married twice



6 Degrees of Separation to 3 Degrees of Separation –

What Does That Mean For Us?

by Ann Metcher

The phrase 6 degrees of separation was tested by social psychologist Stanley Milgram* in the 1960's when he asked a few hundred people in Omaha and Boston, USA to send a letter to a complete stranger in Boston. They could only send the letter to a personal friend whom they thought was somehow closer to the target than they were. When he looked at how those letters had eventually reached that person he found that the most usual number of stops en route had been about six. Thus the notion arose that everyone can be connected by an acquaintance chain roughly six links long. Nowadays with the internet and social media, it is suggested that the degree of separation is 3, and that affects the way I research.

No longer do I stand on the edge of the pond and throw in my pebble hoping to find a clue amongst the ripples in six moves. Nowadays I throw my pebble directly into the middle of the pond where the clues are strongest.

WHAT IMPLICATIONS DOES THAT HAVE FOR ME AS A GENEALOGIST?

I used to write an article for my local family history journal and hope it eventually reached a fellow clue-giving researcher. I used to pay to add my name to the G.R.D. (Genealogical Research Directory) and hope someone sharing my research query would read it and contact me. Not any more. Nowadays I either post my research query into the social media site of the area I am researching, and invariably a fellow clue-giving researcher contacts me as we share the same interests, or I search the web for a relevant website for the surname, occupation or area and post directly onto their enquiry page. I am throwing my pebble into the middle of the pond.

WHAT IMPLICATIONS DOES IT HAVE FOR OUR SOCIETY?

The volume of written articles submitted for our publications has diminished as members throw their pebble into the centre of other ponds. Whilst they are still interesting to read, the likelihood of those journal articles advancing our own research is small. The role of our Society is changing. Although we hold an amazing collection of worldwide resources, some of which is unique and will never make it to the internet, we are not just holders of data – our role is evolving into educators and facilitators: how to structure your research, how to do good research, how to access the data that other people have, and how to assess the validity of data. Our library purchases have decreased: our Society funds directed at subscription internet sites rather than hard copy books.

The number of Societies we exchange hard copy journals with has significantly reduced and the time has come to consider the future of our journal as a contact point to reach out to other researchers and for us to consider writing our articles for our digital media – perhaps our blog.

*<https://hbr.org/2003/02/the-science-behind-six-degrees>



Members Notice-Board

Stay up to date with the latest news

JULY, COMPUTER NIGHT - 20 July 2022 - Wednesday from 7 pm to 9 pm

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The National Archives of Australia is currently digitising its collection of WWII service records. Cara Downes from the NAA has agreed to show us how to find these service records and the type of information contained within them, plus a few case studies.

Cara will be presenting this talk via Zoom (a virtual meeting via the internet) at the Computer Group meeting on July 20th. To participate, please register your interest in attending to help us with planning. Please [click here](#) to register or visit the website.

BULK PRINTING & SCANNING COSTS

The Society is now offering a bulk printing/scanning price for members wishing to print their family histories. The price for bulk B&W printing will be \$0.10 per page per side and \$0.05 per scan. A minimum of 50 pages applies. For further information, please get in touch with a committee member.

HOW-TO BOOKS

The committee has also decided to make the "How to Books", located on the wall next to the Admin computer, available for members to borrow and take home. These books, written by some of Australia's leading genealogists, contain a wealth of information covering many topics which we are sure will assist you in your research.

There are 36 books to borrow and must be checked out of the Library in the usual manner.



WANTED

Donations of books of interest to family and local historians that we can sell on our exhibitor stall at the State Conference in October hosted by History Redcliffe. Items can be left in the rooms. Thank you. <https://sandsoftime.org.au>



P.S. EARLY BIRD Registration for the Conference is now open. Save money and book now.

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New Acquisitions

Jan - April 2022

Shelf No	Title	Country	Source
320/CUN	Tom and Margret's Dozen. An outline of the lives of Thomas Cunningham and Margaret Burke	Australia	Maree Alexanderson
320/NEW	Bill Newton V.C. The Short Life of a RAAF Hero	Australia	Margaret Collins
ARCHIVE BOX 01.18	August 5 1945 Victory in the Pacific. 50th anniversary commemorative edition	Australia	Barb O'Keefe
BLACKFOLD 10	Tweed Valley School students and teachers 3200 entries 1991-2008 irreg dates (indexed)	Australia	Heather Wort
C300/710	"Beneath Tidal Water" The Story of Newcastle's Harbour Collieries	Australia	J. Eddy
C330/710	The Mountain Speaks. A Folk History of the Bulga Plateau	Australia	Ann Metcher
C650/519	Alan Harris Funeral Files Wagga Wagga NSW 27 January 1936 - 30 June 1965	Australia	Heather Wort
C782/700	The Blue Mountains Grand Adventure for All (Loan copy)	Australia	J. Eddy
E005/710	Reflections on New Farm	Australia	Kay Rowley
E215/586	Star of the Sea Southport. Commemorative Magazine 1900 - 1990	Australia	Chris Nolan
H220/700	Record Partnership. History of the Geelong Churches Cricket Association	Australia	J. Eddy
H340/700	The Bacchus Story. A History of Captain W H Bacchus of Bacchus Marsh and his son	Australia	J. Eddy
HANG:4350	Bulwell Nottingham 1883 - 1890 County Series 1:2500 (1) - Map	England	Pam Oldham
HANG:4351	Bulwell Nottingham 1883 - 1890 County Series 1:2500 (2) - Map	England	Pam Oldham
HANG:4352	Bulwell Nottingham 1824 - 1840 Old Series (3)	England	Pam Oldham
L700	More Wanderings in Westland. Trips Down Memory Lane	NZ	Lyndel Walton
M700	A Woman's Place. Illustrated history of women at home Roman Villa to the Victorian town house (Loan)	United Kingdom	
N830	The Canals Book 1978. Cruise more than 2000 miles of canals and rivers maps and cruising guides	England	Kay Rowley
N830	The Thames Book 1978 explore England's most fascinating river maps and guides	England	Kay Rowley
NLEI/518CEM	Belgrave Cemetery Roll of Honour Soldiers of Belgrave Remembered	England	Pam Oldham
OOSM/48F	Old Ordnance Survey Maps: Kentish Town & Camden 1913 London Sheet 38 – Map	England	Heather Wort

Library Collection

The Library holds over 18,000 items for members to access.



LIBRARY ONLINE CATALOGUE

The GCFHS Library Catalogue is not only available to look up in the rooms. It is also available to view online from home, making it the perfect tool to utilise before venturing out to the rooms.

Find the downloadable PDF version of the Catalogue under the **Resources Tab > Library Collection**.

<http://www.goldcoastfhs.org.au/library-collection.html>



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COPY DEADLINES:	FEBRUARY ISSUE	JUNE ISSUE	OCTOBER ISSUE
	7 December	7 April	7 September

Contributions should be original, and any sources used should be quoted. Please forward to E-Team at gcfhseditorial@gmail.com or to the society at goldcoastfamilyhistorysociety@gmail.com

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Acknowledgements - Many thanks to the members who have provided content and assistance with this Journal. If your contribution did not make it into this issue, be assured it will be used where possible in the next edition.

STYLE GUIDE

All contributions are to be in some form of a word document. Please **no** PDF documents. If you are submitting a website link or a snippet of info, sending via email is fine.

When submitting your Story, Article, Snippet of info or favourite website, please use the following guidelines.

Format: Text is to be 11 pt., Font - Arial, with a single space after full stops.

Name Format: e.g., great-great-grandfather Stephen Prosser BRETT.

Day/Date Style: e.g., 14 March 1950, Monday 14 March 1950 (no comma)

Titles: use minimal capital, except for titles of journals, magazines & newspapers.

Quoted Material: should be reproduced precisely.

Italics: are to be used for names of houses, stations, hotels, properties, ships, foreign words and phrases.

Images: should be in a high-quality jpeg format and sent separately to the content. Embedding image/s in the body of content to show location is recommended.

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MEMBERS PHOTO CORNER



Do you have a photo that tells a story? What does your photo have to say? Is there a particular reason for the people to get together? Where are they gathered? Feel free to submit your photo & short story (150 words min) to the Editorial team and see it published in our next addition.

Select a photo from your collection and write a short narrative to explain to the reader what story the photo is telling and what does it say about the people, their characters, the event, and the place. What can your photo tell?

Humble Beginnings

This photo of my family was taken by a travelling field photographer in 1919 at Flagstone Creek in the Lockyer Valley, Queensland. The family appeared to have been prepared for this photo shoot as they were not wearing everyday outfits.

My 2 x great-grandmother, Granny Duncan (82), seated on the left and her daughter, Elizabeth Ann Duncan (50) on the right, are both wearing high-necked long black dresses while my grandmother, Elizabeth Helen (26), was attired in a more modern light-coloured frock.

Her three-year-old daughter, my mother, looked fresh in a white dress and adorned with hair ribbons.



The family are photographed outside the slab hut where Granny Duncan lived since arriving in Australia in the late 1860s, which was located on her son's property. The hut had a dirt floor with a detached kitchen and an outside toilet which consisted of a 4-gallon drum and toilet seat. The all-important tank provided much-needed water supply at the hut. .

Photography in the early twentieth century outside of photographic studios involved the operator lugging his box camera and dry plates in his horse and dray on rutted dirt roads into the bush.

Once the photographer lines up and frames the subjects, a black cloth is placed over the operator's head to prevent light on the plate as the photo is then taken. They are instructed to remain perfectly still and expressionless. This may have been due to the long exposure times or that it was culturally inappropriate.

There is no knowledge of who the photographer was. Bain Studios in Ruthven Street, Toowoomba were in operation at that time. In Sandy Barrie's *Australians Behind the Camera*, A Directory of early Australian Photographers 1841-1945 did not reveal more local photographers. They were known to travel from their studios to local towns and small settlements for weeks at a time – staying with families who put them up or in their tents. After WW1, there were many door-to-door travelling photographers offering their services by making framed coloured enlargements of soldiers who did not return.

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