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**EASTER
ANZAC DAY
FOOTSTEPS IN TIME**

**SATURDAY 15 APRIL
TUESDAY 25 APRIL
SATURDAY 20 MAY**

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COMING EVENTS

Our Society hosts various events during the year. All are for the benefit of our members. A nominal charge of \$1 is charged for group meetings which includes and a biscuit. Introduction and Advance Classes and any education classes are free of charge to members. Special events incur individual charges.

Check the Coming Events in your journal, *Rootes*, and updates that appear in *Saplings*, your electronic newsletter. Details are also published on our web site: <http://goldcoastfhs.org.au/events-calendar1.html>

INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY/ADVANCED CLASSES

Day time sessions are held at regular intervals. Contact **Pam Oldham** on 5594 0610 or email: pamillew3@gmail.com for upcoming classes. Bookings for these classes are essential.

SCOTTISH GROUP

Two very enthusiastic Scottish researchers host this group. Both **Margaret Collins** and **Margaret Shand** are incredibly knowledgeable about Scotland. Meetings for 2017 are Sunday 28 May, 20 August and 19 November. The meetings commence at 1pm.

LONDON GROUP

London research can be complicated and you do need to be familiar with the multitude of parishes found there. **Ann Metcher** was born there and so is very knowledgeable about the area. 2017 dates are: Sunday 7 May, 13 August, 12 November all at 1pm. Contact Ann at metcher@bigpond.com

IRISH GROUP

Julian Van der Veer has for many years had a research service but is available to assist our members. Irish meeting dates for 2017 are Monday 3 April, 7 August and 4 December all commencing at 9am. Julian can be contacted on genfindit@gmail.com

COMPUTER GROUP

This group meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 7pm to 9pm. The programs are wide and varied and suggestions for topics are welcome. Members with any level of expertise in any area of using computers for genealogy are sought.

The program for the first part of the year is as follows:

March 15 “Hints and Tips for Identifying and Dating Old Family Photos” (If you wish, you may bring along one old family photo for group discussion. Suggest photo be on a memory stick for projection on to a screen). **Peter Lenton** will host the evening.

April 19 A Look at the Legacy Software Program – **Sue McKenzie**

May 19 Google – learn to use it effectively to search for ancestors – **Carol Browne**.

June 21 Pizza and Popcorn night. Small charge to cover costs. Further details to be advised.

LEGACY GROUP

If you thinking of using a program to record your family history this group can help to make up your mind. If you are already using it why not find out if you are taking full advantage of it. This is a self-help group aimed at solving problems. Dates for 2017 are: Sunday April 2, June 4, August 6, October 1 and December 3 commencing at 1pm.

FAMILY TREE MAKER

This group was disbanded some time ago but **Gay Eunson** would be happy to give advice.

You can reach her on 5597 5365 or email: eunson5253@optusnet.com.au

WHY? WHY? WHY?

don't members submit articles to the journal? You all have interesting stories, so why not share them and it might give others new ideas.

Articles should be sent as an email attachment, single space, no paragraphs or indents, in Times New Roman.

Send to the Editor, Beverley Dwyer –
beverleydwyer@bigpond.com

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is my first report as the incoming President of the Society following the election of the new Committee at the September Annual General Meeting. I'd like to thank the out-going President, Ann Metcher for her significant contribution to the Society in that role for six years. Ann will continue to play her part as Room Assistant, supporting the London Interest Group and the Computer Groups.

We welcome Mark Pittaway on the Committee and thank him for volunteering his services. I'd like to express gratitude to all the existing Committee members as well as Gay Eunson, Pam Oldham and Sue McKenzie for their support as I gain comprehension of my new role. Many thanks also to Margaret Collins and Margaret Shand (Scottish Group), Julian Van der Veer (Irish Group) and Carole Browne (Legacy Group) for the great service they provide. Monthly Rosters ably undertaken by Margaret Elliott ensures our opening days are covered for which we are very appreciative.

State Conference: As host the Society is gearing up for the Queensland State Conference on family and local history to be held in Southport from 19-21 May.

Four of our Committee Members, Ann Metcher(Convenor), Fay Carbis (Treasurer), Heather Wort and myself are serving on the Conference Committee and have been working hard in the lead-up to the Conference. Library displays and presentations have been worthwhile in gaining Society recognition as well as igniting interest in the Conference. Early-bird registrations are open until 1 March and Registrations close 14 April. If you are considering attending please don't delay. The Committee is also requesting assistance from our Members to undertake tasks in the lead-up and/or during the Conference. Please contact me if you can help.

Cleaning day. I'd like to thank the Committee members who turned up before the Rooms re-opened early in January to do a thorough spring-clean. Great job and well done to all!!

We are always seeking material for our *Rootes* Journal and any stories are welcome. You might want to write about how you solved a problem while researching your family, how you managed to date a photograph, or perhaps how your parents or grandparents met.

I look forward to hearing from you if you have any ideas on how the Society can better meet your needs, or how we can improve our services at the Rooms.

Margaret Deacon – President

HEATHER WORT'S LIBRARY REPORT

Here we are well into 2017 already; hope you started the year with a renewed interest in your research.

At the end of last year we received a large donation of Danish parish registers. The dates are irregular but don't let that put you off. Places mentioned Vedsted, Oster-Logum, Bevtøft, Hoptrup and Jagerup and more, check out the new acquisition list for greater detail.

Work has begun photographing Rookwood Cemetery (Sydney) walls and garden plaques by an enthusiast couple Bruce and Betty Shepherd, Liverpool Society members. They have worked tirelessly over many years recording cemeteries to make sure this information is not lost and help others with their research. The CDROM is now installed on the network computers.

The precious books housed in the glass fronted cupboard near the entrance have been given a tidy-up and as always we realise the gems hidden there. Just because they are behind glass there is no restriction on you opening the cupboard and taking a book or books out, just remember to wear the white gloves provided. A New Zealand directory for 1904 is the latest to be added, even though you can see it on line, nothing like handling the real item.

Looking through some of our less used records the Asylum items we have in the library took my attention. I had a great aunt in such an institution and was able to get her comprehensive records. Included was a list of her visitors which told me my grandmother who lived on the Tweed had made several visits to her sister in Sydney, no mean feat a hundred years ago taking a ship from Byron Bay. We have records of the Randwick Destitute Children's Asylum, Liverpool Asylum, New South Wales; Melbourne Benevolent Asylum, Kew Asylum and Bendigo Benevolent Asylum, Victoria; Dunwich, Queensland; Adelaide Asylum, South Australia and more. Most of these records are on microfiche but don't be put off, a quiet session on the microfiche can be very rewarding.

Have you attended any of our specialist groups? We have members of our society who conduct these groups with enthusiasm, putting in time to help you with your research and alerting you to new records available.

Over Christmas I took a trip to England and managed to put in some worthwhile time at Kew Records and the Society of Genealogists making use of my membership which I have held for many years, but more of that another time.

Don't forget to backup your work if using a family history programme on your computer; also make sure you are keeping an eye on it working if you have updated your computer. My Relatively Yours which I have used since the early 1980s no longer works on my new Dell Inspiron so I have to nurture my Note Book and gradually train myself using Legacy. Old habits die hard and I must say I have to work hard on myself to be happy with the new programme.

Hope you enjoyed the Christmas break, looking forward to hearing about your latest break through or knocking down that Brick Wall.

Heather Wort
Librarian



Conference Registration will close on the 14th April 2017

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to all our new members – we hope that you enjoy your research and do please ask for help from the Room Assistants.

3441	Pamela Pullen, Pacific Pines 4211
3442	Marina Schubert, Southport 4215
3443	Not for publication
3444	Elaine Croker, Carrara 4211
3445	Jen Brooker, Hollywell 4216
3446	Joan Kennedy, Labrador 4215
3447	Not for publication
3448	Not for publication
3449	Jen Lewis, Ashmore 4214
3450	Cathy Stafford, Nerang 4211
3451	Douglas Kennedy, Labrador 4215
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3453	Maureen Daniels, Mudgeeraba 4213

GROOM'S DARLING DOWNS ALMANAC 1885

Recipe for Rumbled Eggs:

Beat up three eggs with two ounces of fresh butter or well-washed salt butter. Add a teaspoonful of cream or new milk. Put all in a saucepan and keep stirring it over a fire for nearly 5 minutes, until it rises up like soufflé, when it should be immediately dished on buttered toast.

Recipe for Boiled Tongue: Soak it for several hours, put it into cold water with a faggot of savoury herbs, bring it gradually to the boil, and then simmer for two or three hours till quite tender. Serve with a frill around the root.





**PRIMARY SOURCES ARE NECESSARY
BY BEVERLEY DWYER**

Room Assistants sometimes are unable to convince members to look at primary sources. They will accept index entries or family trees on Ancestry etc. and not check the information is correct. Blindly accepting information you find on the internet is a recipe for disaster.

We are all aware that when you get back in time with your research and have to use parish records that they will not be as detailed as a certificate. This is not always true because you could have a very conscientious parish clerk who added little anecdotes to his entries. Solution: order the film for your parish from FamilySearch and thoroughly check it out. You will probably find other family members.

Non-conformist churches quite often prove to be a wealth of information. The FamilySearch index for the baptism of my Frances Fox just gives the date and her parents' names but the actual parish entry is a gem. It took place in the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion which was a break away from the Methodist church. It reads:

Baptised 12 March 1823 Frances daughter of John & Elizabeth Fox of Cradley, Herefordshire, a Farmer.

This is to certify that Frances daughter of John Fox and Elizabeth his wife, who was the daughter of Richard Bennett was born in the parish of Cradley in the county of Herefordshire the 13th Day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty two at whose birth we were present.

On the other hand, Frances' husband, George Nicholls was also baptised in a non-conformist church but a different one – the Shortwood Baptist church in Horsley and his parish entry is just a basic one. So it's the luck of the draw. Non-conformist religions were extremely popular and people changed from one to another quite regularly. Bear in mind that they couldn't marry in most of these churches, the exception being Catholic and Quakers.

Early marriage entries for England and Wales can be very simple but once again you just never know. For instance when you look at the original and discover that the couple married by licence rather than banns, you can go further by sending for the marriage licence, bond and allegation. These documents will mostly be found at County Record Offices unless you are lucky enough to find them online.

The licence gives names, places of residence, occupations, whether single or widowed, ages, parish and in the case of minors, fathers/guardians and their consent and the place whether the marriage was to take place.

Bonds (assurances by bondsmen) were usually friends or relatives (one usually the groom) so could be useful.

Allegations were an intention to marry but were kept by the Diocese so have usually not survived.

Australian certificates are for the most part, very detailed. Take for instance death certificates. People often say they don't know when their ancestor arrived in Australia. Ask them do they have the person's death certificate and they invariably say, "no". Some Australian States have provision on their certificates for time and place of arrival in Australia. Unfortunately this does not include South Australia, Western Australia or Tasmania. While death certificates are only as good as the person who provides the information, they can be a wealth of information. You have to take the plunge.

Now, what about obituaries? My Ann Campbell was born on the voyage to New South Wales in 1817, daughter of Lewis and Mary nee Gordon. Ann's obituary in 1852 (by this time married to Thomas Cave) was very detailed:

On Tuesday morning, at half-past seven o'clock at the Sydney Dispensary, the beloved wife of Mr Thomas Cave, of this city, and daughter of Schoolmaster-Sergeant Lewis Henry Campbell, late of the 48th Regiment, leaving an affectionate husband and six young children to deplore their loss. This lady was born coming out here, off St Paul's Island, on board the ship Dick, with troops, and was sincerely respected by a large circle of friends who had the pleasure of being acquainted with her. Aged 35 years.

The one item missing of course is that there is no mention of her name.

Lastly – Wills. Whatever you do, don't forget to check to see if your ancestor left a Will. Just because they didn't have much money doesn't mean they wouldn't leave one. People left their best coat or in the case of one of my ancestors, he left the buttons off his coat. Wills can be a mine of information, mentioning relatives and friends.

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ANN MORSE'S HOT WEB SITES

A new year to find our ancestors, possibly in the most unlikely places, write some stories for the journal or even write your own story. You will be totally surprised what you remember if you start that exercise of writing your own story.

Leicestershire: One of our members provided this wonderful website, if your ancestors came from this area you might get lucky. There are some interesting links to check out.

http://www.Quornmuseum.com/quorn_village_graves.php

It is sometimes quite amazing where we find our ancestors and you may discover ancestors in Malta. This is an interesting guide to the island of Malta and their genealogy records. The Family Search website also has quite a lot of information about available films.

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Malta_Genealogy

Federation of Family History Societies. A good place to find out what is happening in UK family history and finding a family history society in your area of research. Quite a lot to be found here about the latest happenings in family history and societies you could join to further your research.

<http://www.ffhs.org.uk/>

Old Bailey Sessions Papers. The proceedings of the Old Bailey 1674-1913. You never know who you might find here and a lot of detail in most cases.

<http://www.oldbaileyonline.org>

The World Gen-Web Project is run by volunteers and is another avenue worth checking especially if you think your ancestor may have come from Europe.

www.worldgenweb.org

Cenotaph Database – a biographical database of more than 120,000 deceased New Zealand service personnel. An ongoing project.

www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph

Angus Archives is a vast collection of items covering 800 years of history. If your ancestors came from here you are sure to find lots of information to add to the story of your family.

www.angus.gov.uk/info/20369/archives/215/angus_archives

Historic indexes for Births, Marriages and Deaths in Ireland. Not all years are covered but you might get lucky and find what you are looking for.

<https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/>

For something different - Long Melford – is a large village and parish in the county of Suffolk. Formerly known as one of Suffolk’s “wool towns” and former market town, there is a lot of history here dating back to prehistoric times in 8300BC as well as Roman history. During World War II Long Melford was a location for American and Allied service personnel who flew aircraft from two large bomber stations and as well injured troops were treated at the large 136th Station Hospital. German and Italian prisoners were also interned in this area.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Long_Melford

People’s collection Wales – stories of Wales, its county and people, database to search. You could be here for a while.

<https://www.peoplescollection.wales>

Images of England – a photographic library of anything English from lamp posts to historic houses and churches, you may be here a long time.

www.imagesofengland.org.uk

This website contains just about all the information you need to find out about your soldier, unit, regiment and battles in the British Army in the First World War. Also articles on how to research and find even more information.

www.longlongtrail.co.uk

A brief guide to Medieval Genealogy. We would all love to reach this far back to find our ancestors and some are lucky but it takes a lot of work. It is an interesting website to check out now and again just for curiosity.

www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk

The Original Record – this website has been around for quite a while and good for a day when you are not having much luck with your research. There are supposedly 10 million entries here to search. Good luck.

www.theoriginalrecord.com

National Library of Australia – Trove Website. If you are researching your ancestors in Australia you need to check out this fabulous website. The library have digitized thousands of newspapers, mostly up to about 1954, and there are all kinds of announcements to be found as well as articles on thousands of different subjects. For example, if you sat for a Sunday School exam for the Methodist Church in New South Wales during the 1950s you may find your name mentioned in the results. If you find your entry has spelling mistakes you are also able to correct these errors as well.

www.trove.nla.gov.au

General Register Office, England. The online website to order your UK certificates. Use the Free BMD Site to find the Volume, Page number and Quarter and then order online.

www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/

Queensland State Archives – if you have research in Queensland then you should visit this website, they are adding online indexes quite often. You can also visit the Archives to check out all the resources. Take your lunch and spend the whole day investigating what is available. They are located in Compton Road, Runcorn.

<http://www.archives.qld.gov.au>

Western Australian online indexes to births, marriages and deaths for various years.

<http://www.bdm.dotag.wa.gov.au/apps/pioneersindex/>

Auckland Council Archives – Searchable indexes on various subjects and in most cases it is possible to get a copy of the entry if successful.

<http://www.aucklandcity.govt.nz/dbtw-wpd/CityArchives/FamilyHistory/ACC333/searchindexes.htm>

Mt. Thompson Memorial Gardens, Holland Park Brisbane. It is a massive place and if you find the person you are looking for you also get the location of the memorial plaque.

<https://www.heavenaddress.com/restingplace/mtthompsonmemorialgardens>

Enjoy these websites and hope they help you with your research.

Ann Morse

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CONFESSIONS OF A HOARDER

My son-in-law is a psychologist and tells me that my hoarding is quite normal for post war babies who grew up when times were tough. Me? I think it is just sensible to save decent wrapping paper and bits of ribbon. It has certainly paid off with my genie research.

Many of us are self taught researchers; early on when we were young racing up trees to get to the next branch, leaving a trail of notebooks and print outs. I have always kept everything I gleaned, and have made it a job to go back and revisit my research from time to time.



This studio portrait of my grandmother (Ellen (Nell) Francis Jackson) was found in her estate. I kept (hoarded) it for about twenty years, became interested in family history, and looked at again. Seated was her lifelong friend Ada Jay, but the stranger back right was named Kate Brackenbury on the back of the photo. Perhaps the Brackenbury family would like a copy I thought, whoever they were. I posted onto the Brackenbury Rootsweb page, but got no result. So I kept it 'hoarded'.

Posted to Rootsweb again six months later, and got a reply saying: "Yes – and there is Great Aunt Nell". The Brackenburys were a family branch I knew nothing about. I also learnt that Ada Jay was nee Brackenbury, and gained branches to my tree that I already had photos of. Eureka! Nell, Ada, and Kate were cousins

If you have not used the free Rootsweb site, go try it out.

<http://lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>

Their pages come and go: the Brackenbury page has had no activity for a while now. Good Luck.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

President Margaret Deacon found the following on Ancestry and thought it might be an interesting exercise for members. Some of the questions are quite quirky.

Talking to your oldest living relative is always a great way to add to your family history research and the answers to questions will reveal a different insight into that social part of your family's history.

Family Questions

Do you have a family legend or story that has been passed down for generations?

What traditions do you look forward to during family get-togethers?

What is unique about your family background or ethnicity?

How did your ancestors change your life?

Do you have any advice for future generations?

What is the most important thing you learned from your parents?

When was the best time in your life and why was it great?

What are you most proud of about your family?

How do you want to be remembered?

What is your favourite thing about being part of your family?

My Family

What quirky personality traits run in your family?

What physical characteristics run in your family?

What is/was your favourite activity to do with your mother or father?

How would your family spend a typical day together?

How would your mother or father punish or reward you as a child?

What things did you do with your brothers and sisters when you were growing up?

How have your brothers and sisters influenced your life?

Fun Family Questions

Who is the biggest troublemaker in your family?

Who in your family would you want to be stranded on a desert island with?

Which family member do you think could be famous?

Who do you most want to be like in your family?

Who has the best sense of humour in your family?

World Questions

What do you think was the biggest problem facing the world when you were growing up?

What do you think is the biggest problem facing the world today?

What do you think are the discoveries and inventions that changed your life?

What do you think the world will be like for your family's future generations in 100 years?

What is your wish for the future generations of your family?

<https://blogs.ancestry.com.au/ancestry/2012/01/09/family-questions/>

And these are a few more when you are planning to interview relatives. Don't be demanding when asking questions, particularly older people as they can be suspicious as to why you are asking the questions. If you feel you would like to record the interview do ask permission and respect their wishes if they are not comfortable with this.

What is your first memory?

Who is the oldest relative you remember (and what can you recall about him or her)?

How did your parents meet?

Tell me about your childhood home.

How did your family celebrate family occasions when you were a child?

How did you meet your husband/wife?

Tell me about your wedding day.

Tell me about the day your first child was born.

What school did you attend?

What were your favourite school subjects?

Can you remember your favourite teacher?

Tell me about some of your friends.

Describe your first job and the company you worked for.

What did you do with your first pay?

What was your favourite job and why?

Who are some of your heroes?





JAY'S MOURNING WAREHOUSE

Death in the early 1800s became a large enterprise and later on when Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert died it escalated.

Jay's London General Mourning Warehouse was founded in 1841 and went from strength to strength.

Mourning went on for a long period of time so the need for suitable clothing was paramount. Widows, for instance, were expected to wear full mourning for two years. Everyone else presumably suffered less – for children mourning parents or vice versa the period of time was one year, for grandparents and siblings six months, for aunts and uncles two months, for great uncles and aunts six weeks, for first cousins four weeks.

Men had it easy – they simply wore their usual dark suits along with black gloves, hatbands and cravats. Children were not expected to wear mourning clothes, though girls sometimes wore white dresses.

For deepest mourning clothes were to be black, symbolic of spiritual darkness. Dresses were trimmed with crape, a hard, scratchy silk with a peculiar crimped appearance produced by heat. Crape is particularly associated with mourning because it doesn't combine well with any other clothing. After a specified period the crape would be removed – this was called "slighting the mourning". The colour of cloth lightened as mourning went on, to grey, mauve, and white – called half mourning. Jewelry was limited to jet, a hard, black coal-like material sometimes combined with woven hair of the deceased.

Given that Victorian families were usually large ones one could spend a lot of time in mourning clothes. Furthermore it was considered bad luck to keep mourning clothes in the house after mourning ended. That meant buying clothes all over again when the next loved one passed. Mourning was a lucrative business.

The following advertisement appeared in *The Illustrated London News*, August 31, 1844.

MOURNING – Court, Family, and Complimentary.

The Proprietors of the London General Mourning Warehouse, Nos. 247 and 249 Regent-street, beg respectfully to remind families whose bereavements

compel them to adopt mourning attire, that every article (of the very best description) requisite for a complete outfit of mourning may be had at their establishment at a moment's notice. Widows and Family Mourning is always kept made up; and a note descriptive of the mourning required will ensure everything necessary for the occasion, being sent (in town or country) immediately. Ladies requiring Silks – either Satins, Satin Turcs, Watered or Plain Ducares, and Widows' Silks, are particularly invited to a trial of the new Corpeau Silks introduced at this house, as they will be found not only more durable, but the colour will stand the test of the strongest acid, or even seawater. Black and Gray, and Fancy Mourning Silks of every description. The Show Rooms are replete with every novelty that modern taste has introduced in mourning millinery, flowers, collars, head-dresses, bugle berthes, trimming. &c. &c.



MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Have you submitted your members' interest list to be published on our web site?

Enclosed with this journal is a form for you to fill in – why not do it? You might just make contact with someone researching the same family.

On the reverse side of the form is a listing of the Chapman abbreviations. Do use these. They were developed many years ago to make it easier to write a county name eg. Staffordshire= STS.

Please leave your completed form at the rooms or post it to Post Office Box 2763, Southport BC, 4215.

REPRESENTATIVE MEN – XV
Mr Isaac James Dennis, Loganholme

Mr Isaac James Dennis, who was born at Bulimba in 1867, is a splendid specimen of a farmer, trained under the conditions of Queensland life. He represents the second generation of farmers at Loganholme, has been all his life on the land, and has never been out of the State. His father, who died some years ago, was among the leading men on the land in this district, and the sons, both here and in New South Wales, are filling big places in the industrial activities of the community.



Mr Isaac James Dennis has been at Loganholme since he was 5 years of age, and farming on his own account since he was 20 years old. From many standpoints his farm is a model, and his methods, are in some respects, the reflex of those of his father. As an object lesson, it shows what can be done by intelligence, attention to details, and the utilisations of the waste from the piggery, cow yard and stable. "Your farm, Mr Dennis, is a small one," "Yes," came the reply. "but I take off it three or four times more than some men with three and four times the acreage".

"The last time you were here there was growing on that block a crop of maize; this I made into ensilage, and see, I am now cutting green feed (oats) from the same land and feeding it to stock." The key to the situation here, and certainly that to Mr Dennis's prosperity, is constant cultivation, heavy manuring and the rotation of crops.

The plough is always in use, and not a pound of waste is lost on the farm. "You will burn these corn stalks, wont you?" he was asked. "No," replied Mr Dennis, "I shall gather them; they are fine mulch for my fruit trees." This farmer has the happy knack of turning everything into dollars.

But it is in small things, or what might be described as accessories to farming that Mr Dennis excels. The nearness of his farm to Brisbane makes this possible. He is well known in the South Brisbane market, and probably takes more to that market than any other farmer on the Logan. The possibilities of farming on the lines followed by Mr Dennis are not sufficiently appreciated by the Logan farmers, and yet there is more money here than in growing maize, potatoes and other heavy kinds of produce. "From this bit of land," said Mr Dennis, "less than half an acre, I made, by cabbages, during the last

year of the drought, £50 in the market, and last season from the eighth of an acre: £18 in tomatoes.” His crops rarely fail, as barn yard manure, supplemented by bone dust, is always in use.

Mr Dennis was the first to collect cream and milk in Loganholme and make it into butter. This was less than ten years ago and was practically the beginning of the industry in the district. Now Loganholme ranks among the big dairying centres on the Logan. Mr Dennis’s herd numbers about forty head, chiefly of the Jersey breed, and many of them pure blood. He sends no cream to the factory, as the whole of it is made into butter on the farm, and sold in the South Brisbane market, usually realising 2d per lb. more than factory quotations. “The demand,” he says, “for this class of butter is greater than the supply.”

Mr Dennis does not rely on the natural grasses; his cows are fed night and morning; everything is chaffed, even green feed, and the maize is always cracked. The ration consists of maize, bran and green feed chaffed, and the consequence is that his supply of milk never falls off. Probably more butter is made from his herd than any other herd of the same size on the river. This is the result of feeding and attention.

Some years ago Mr Dennis commenced bee farming. He was then only a lad of 18 years, and he began with half a hive. He now has 250 hives, and they are located at Loganholme, Coomera, and Logan Village. “Yes, there is money in bees,” said Mr Dennis. “I will always have them. My biggest output for one season was 15 tons, which represented £210.” His average output is from 10 to 12 tons. Bees seem to Mr Dennis the coin of the realm, the medium of exchange, and a standard of value.

They certainly throw a sidelight on his character.

Mr Dennis is a hard worker. He rises early and works late. He is the type of farmer that is bringing the producing interests of the State into Prominence.

From Brisbane Courier 3 August 1907

HOW TO KILL BEDBUGS IN 1777

Spread gun-powder, beaten small, about the crevices of your bedstead; fire it with a match and keep the smoke in; do this for an hour or more and keep the room closed.

HOW TO PREDICT BAD WEATHER IN 1470

When you see a cat sitting in the sun in a window licking its behind and rubbing its ear with its leg, be sure that it will rain that very day.



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If you can volunteer some time to help, please email.

Thank you

Ann Metcher Conference Convener

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A FLEET MARRIAGE 1747

The painting depicts a brisk young sailor and his landlady's daughter, stepping from a hackney with two Fleet parsons in attendance and the following poem was influenced by the painting.

Scarce had the coach discharg'd its trusty fare,
 But gaping crowds surround th' amorous pair;
 The busy Plyers make a mighty stir,
 And whisp'ring cry, D'ye want the Parson, Sir?
 Pray step this way – just to the Pen in Hand,
 The Doctor's ready there at your command:
 This way, (another cries) Sir, I declare,
 The True and ancient Register is here:
 Th' alarmed Parsons quickly hear the din,
 And haste with soothing words t' invite 'em in:
 In this confusion jostled to and fro,
 Th' inamour'd couple know not where to go;
 Till slow advancing from the coaches side,
 Th' experienc'd matron came, (an artful guide,)
 She led the way without regarding either,
 And the first Parson splic'd 'em both together.

During the medieval period, all that was required to marry was that a man and a woman declared themselves bound to each other in front of witnesses. No priest was necessary, although it was generally accepted that a wedding blessed by the church was beneficial. As time progressed, this old-fashioned way caused problems, the main one being women and young people, both boys and girls being coerced or forced into marriage for the profit of their families, or future spouses.

The Marriage Act of 1696 made it impossible to get married without banns or a special licence, except within the Liberty (or Rules as it is sometimes known) of the Fleet Prison. This included the pubs and inns, some which specialised in services and had their own marriage certificates printed up.

The Fleet was a debtors' prison, and had many noble and famous inmates during its long history. Various by-laws made prosecution of Fleet clergy impossible, and so the Liberty of the Fleet became the Elvis Chapel of London. It was possible to walk in off the street and be married legally, at very little cost. By the 1740s more than half of all London weddings were celebrated within the Fleet's boundaries. It was possible to be in, sign and get out in less than fifteen minutes and most of these people were not impulsive children as the average age for a man was 29 and for a woman 23.

Many were immigrants arriving from all over Europe but who had not established connections to a congregation but had met a nice girl from the same community. The Fleet was also handy for soldiers and sailors with limited time in which to get married and group weddings were common amongst ship mates or poorer regiments. Lack of parental consent must also have been a driving force behind some of the Fleet weddings but the Fleet priests did conduct services for abductors and their captives, for an inflated fee.

An important factor in these weddings is that people did separate from partners and spouses and so it was easy for a person to lose their identity by moving to elsewhere in the country. It was possible to leave a place and life behind and start again. A man arriving in London from Lancashire, Staffordshire or Cornwall for instance, would be completely untraceable provided he did not disclose his parish of birth or marriage to anyone and that he was not recognised in the street. Therefore, he would be free to marry and start over again.

If you have an ancestor who seems to have vanished from the face of the earth do consider that he may have done a disappearing act and could be somewhere else in the country.

Ancestry.com has Fleet marriages so it could be well worth checking them.

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USING YOUR USB IN OUR ROOMS

In all the years I have been using a computer I have been taught to and advocated strongly that when using a USB (flash drive) it should be removed safely when you have finished saving files to it.

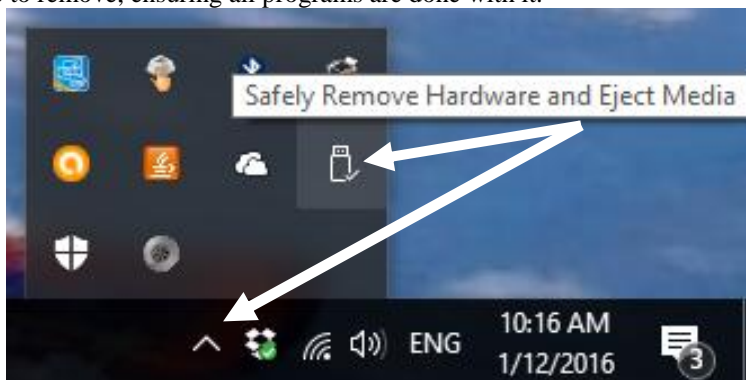
Some people disagree with this practice and continually remove their USBs without doing it safely.

Have you ever tried to remove your USB safely and been shown the message below?

“This device is currently in use. Close any programs or windows that might be using the device and then try again”

If you unplug your USB device while data is being written to it, for example, while you’re moving files to it or while you’re saving a file to it, this can result in data corruption. You should ensure that your USB device isn’t in use before unplugging it. Some USB sticks may have lights on them that blink while they are being used.

However, even if the USB device doesn’t *appear* to be in use, it may still be in use. A program in the background may be writing to the drive so data corruption could result if you unplugged the drive. If your USB stick doesn’t appear to be in use, you can probably unplug it without any data corruption occurring; however, **to be safe** it is still a good idea to use the Safely Remove Hardware option. When you eject a device, Windows will tell you when it’s safe to remove, ensuring all programs are done with it.



The Safely Remove Hardware icon is in the notification area on the right side of the taskbar as shown on the preceding image. Click the icon and you'll see a list of devices. Click the device that you want to remove. Windows will display a notification telling you it's safe to remove the device.

The error can also be caused if your anti-virus is actively monitoring or scanning the USB drive. Normally, when removing a flash drive from a USB port, Windows should stop all the read-write operations on the drive so that it can be safely removed. If not, the flash drive can be damaged or data may be lost or corrupted. However, if Windows determines a file is in use, then it will provide the message which indicates the USB cannot be safely removed. So, before ejecting or disconnecting your USB device, make sure that you have finished the download and that the USB drive is closed before ejecting.

The reason for this item is that just this scenario occurred in our rooms.

A USB had been removed while still open and the computer shut down. When the next person came to use the computer it showed the file still open but the drive, USB, was not in the port. Without the USB being relocated the file did not want to close. After much difficulty the file was closed but the computer was not happy.

It showed an error message requiring it to shut down. When it shut down and was re-booted all icons were missing from the desktop and the Documents folder was empty. Shock horror!

The long and the short of it was that it took a call-out from our computer technician, Kelvin, to sort out the problem. The files were not lost but it was quite a scary time to find that Documents folder empty.

I can be a bit pedantic at times but 90% of the time it is for a good reason.

Please remove your USB safely when using it in our rooms.

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THE BIGAMIST
BY
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The following was taken from a copy of *The London Post or The Tradesman's Intelligence* dated "from Friday Nov 22 to Monday Nov 25, 1717.

On Friday night one Arnold, Deputy Clerk of St Andrew's Holborn, with his Accomplice, a Footman, were sent to New-gate for villainously tearing a Month's Leaves out of the Parish Register-Book. The Occasion this: A fellow who had been marry'd about six years ago at St Andrew's Church (where the said Marriage was Registered) had occasion for another Wife, before the other's Death; And to prevent being found out in his Roguery of having two Wives, he agreed with Arnold, for 10.s in hand, and a note of 5 more, to tear the Month out of the Book; by which his first Marriage could not be proved; But the Matter being found out, it's not doubted but they'll meet with due Reward for their Villainy.

The trial was held at The Old Bailey on 4 December 1717 and an account of it follows:

Jasper Arnold and William Goddard, of St Andrews Holborn, were indicted for a Trespass in tearing 2 Leaves out of the Register-Book for Marriages belonging to the Church of St Andrews Holborn. The Evidences depos'd, that Goddard having been marry'd there in the Month of June, 1711 to one Rachel, and afterwards marry'd to another, his first being alive they were employ'd to take out a Certificate of the Marriage, and finding it entered in the Register, did so; and that going about a Fortnight after to search the Book, found no such entry: Upon which they apply'd themselves to Mr Hopley, Doctor Sacheverel's Clerk, acuring to know what was the Reason, that whereas there was but a little before in the Register-Book an Entry of the Marriage of the said Goddard with Rachel Small in the Month of June, 17th, there could none be found now. Mr Hopley, Doctor Sacheverel's Clerk, depos'd. That upon this Occasion he examin'd the Register-Book, and could find no such Entry, but observ'd that there was a Vacancy in the Book from the 30th May to the 1st of July, and so that it appear'd that a whole Leaf had been taken out, and that the Leaf that answer'd to it was gone also, and made a Vacancy from the 21st of February to the 27th March; which making him very uneasy, he acquainted Doctor Sacheverel with it. He depos'd, that Jasper

Arnold was his Deputy, and under Clerk of the Temple, and us'd to have free recourse to the said Register-Book at all times, to enter or fill up, in his Absence, and that he questioning him about it, he deny'd it with Oaths and imprecations. The Doctor sent for Thomas Herring, who told him, that Arnold had told him he had tore out the Leaves, and had a Note of Goddard's Hand of 5s. That Goddard had given him, and said that Goddard had burnt the Leaves. Another Evidence depos'd, That Goddard had own'd Arnold came to him several Times and solicited him to employ him to do it; that he had given Arnold a Note of 5s, to tear out the Leaves; that he had done it, and that himself was by at the doing it. The Prisoners both deny'd the Fact upon their Trials; and Arnold pretended that he had lent Goddard Money at several Times, and that he gave him the Note upon that Consideration. But notwithstanding their Evasions, the Jury found them both guilty of the Indictment.

Old Bailey trials are online at: <https://oldbaileyonline.org/> It is a free site and you can download the actual document or a transcript. The period covered is 1674-1913.

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St Andrew's Holborn

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