



And Baby Makes Three Generations!

CONTENTS

Reference Library's Hidden Treasures	2
Coming Events & SIGs	3
Committee News	4
New Members	4
Explore the Catalogue	5
The keepers of the gate	5
Unusual Occupations	6
How a simple family tree reunited a long-lost family member	7
Gold Coast Hospitals	
Ludoma Private Hospital	8
Early Health Care	9
Web Explorer	10
Crossword	11
Members Notice-Board	12
Meet the Dream Team	13
Who's on the Committee	13
What's New in the rooms	14
Journal Information	15
Discover what's where	16



Holiday Dates - Rooms Closure

- **Australia Day Holiday:** Tuesday, 26th January 2021
- **Easter Holidays:** Friday 2nd, Saturday 3rd, Sunday 4th, Monday 5th April 2021
- **Anzac Day Holiday:** Monday, 26th April 2021

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 for 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

Joining fee for all new members \$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 1 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.

Members with an **ID number after 6370** please add **\$5.00** to your membership fee if you wish to receive a print copy of the Society's Journal 'Rootes.'



Our Library View recently added additions to our rooms in the 'New Acquisitions' on page 14.

Did you know that you can borrow books, DVD, and magazines for up to two weeks at a time from the Society? Included are Journals from other Societies around Australia and other countries.

LIBRARY 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>

THE REFERENCE LIBRARY'S HIDDEN TREASURES

Our reference library is a treasure chest of items, from books, maps, newspapers scrapbooks, along with a host of cemetery records.

Some things are just not available on the internet or on Ancestry, FMP etc.

One such set of records is the **1993 Australian Commonwealth Electoral Rolls**. They are on microfiche in our rooms. These are a great resource to confirm if someone was still living in 1993 or if they had children. They are arranged by State and then alphabetised by surname, with full Christian names.

There are also **numerous phone books** in the reference library worth looking at.

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

Cover Photo: Myrle Evelyn Hinsch (Mother) - Amy Hind nee Dickson (Myrle's Mother) & Baby, Beverly Hinsch

The photo was taken in early 1940 in Cairns. Myrle and her husband Des had married in late 1939 in Brisbane and moved to Cairns to live with his parents. Amy had gone to Cairns for the birth of her first grandchild. Myrle and Des returned to Brisbane in late 1940 and in 1943, Des who did his bit by signing up for the RAAF during WWII, by which time they had three children under the age of four. They went on to have five children, countless grandchildren, great-grandchildren etc. Baby Bev married and had four children and is now the proud great grandmother of five.

Special Interest Groups

A number of 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 participate in the sharing of 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 just turn up. All groups cost \$1.00, which includes a cuppa and a biscuit.

COMPUTER GROUP

17 Feb, 17 Mar, 21 Apr, 19 May, 16 Jun 2021

3rd Wednesday of each month from 7pm to 9 pm

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

Full details of each meeting will be provided each month, via our e-newsletter, Saplings and the website. For more info contact: Ann Metcher, goldcoastfamilyhistorysociety@gmail.com

SCOTTISH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

21 Feb, 16 May, 15 Aug, 21 Nov 2021

Meetings are held on Sundays from 1 pm to 4 pm

The two ladies who host this group are very enthusiastic and extremely knowledgeable about Scottish research. Contact:

Margaret C. on 5593 1773 or email cjm7cjm@bigpond.com or Margaret S. on 5538 1423 or email rinnes@onthenet.com.au

LONDON SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

14 Feb, 13 Jun, 14 Nov 2021

Meetings are held on Sundays from 1pm to 4pm

London research can be very complicated as there are so many parishes in a relatively small area. Ann is a 9th generation Londoner, has half her family research in London, and is happy to help. For more info contact:

Ann Metcher, metcher@bigpond.com

DNA GROUP

28 Feb, 28 Mar, 30 May, 27 Jun 2021

4th Sunday of each month from 1 pm to 4 pm

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

LEGACY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

7 Feb, 4 Apr, 6 Jun, 1 Aug, 3 Oct, 5 Dec 2021

Meetings are held on Sundays from 1 pm to 3.30 pm

Thinking of using a software program to record your family history, then this group may help you to make a decision. If you are already using Legacy, and feel there is more to learn or understand, then this group is for you. The co-ordinator is Sue McKenzie, who is well versed in the software. For more info contact:

Carol Browne, cbrowne@onthenet.com.au

INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY CLASSES

26 February 2021 - Friday 9.00 - 11.00 am

Free to members

This class is suitable for both beginner and intermediate researchers, and you will leave inspired and motivated to continue your family history quest.

Learn how to compile a family tree and how to 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 5594 0610 or email pamllew3@gmail.com

MINI SEMINAR

17 April 2021 - Saturday 1.00 to 4.00 pm

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

Guest Speaker: Dr Hilda McLean

Subject: 'Australian Death and Burial Practices'

Visit website for full detail -

<http://www.goldcoastfhs.org.au>



Committee News

February 2021 — President - Fay Carbis

Late last year the committee decided to revert back to an annual single membership year. All renewing Dec/Jan members will now come into line with the rest of the June membership.

With the ever-increasing cost of producing the Rootes Journal, it was decided to introduce an annual fee of \$5.00 for all new members (only) who choose to receive a printed copy of the Journal. Members who have already elected to receive a printed copy of the Journal will continue to do so. The Journal will now be published three times a year instead of four in an effort to save on costs.

As we know, 2020 proved to be a challenging year. Covid-19 tested many an organisation throughout the country, including our Society. There was an enforced closure, then cleaning protocols, physical distancing and the restriction on member numbers. The committee would like to thank all members for their support and observation of the restrictions we endured. Like the Spanish Flu in 1918, Covid-19 will become part of our history, and as researchers, we need to record it.

Gold Coast City Council - Grant Approval

The Society applied and gratefully received a grant from the GC City Council Divisional Donation (Division 5) Councillor Peter Young. The grant will enable us to update at least one or perhaps two of the older internet computers.



Colleen Yuke – RIP 1939 – 2020

The sudden death of Colleen in late November has saddened many across the history and family history community. Colleen wore many hats during her time at the Society. She was a former member of the management committee and a room assistant. She resigned to take on the role of library volunteer twice a month, working with the library books, microfiche, and indexing.

Colleen indexed a multitude of the Society's scrapbooks and the Queenslander newspaper pages. As a long time resident of the Gold Coast Colleen's knowledge and assistance was enormously valuable when it came to the Society's cemeteries projects.

As a dear friend, I will miss our shared interest in family history, the library and our times spent in cemeteries near and far. To read Heather Wort's full vale to Colleen [click here](#)

Welcome to our New Members

A warm welcome to all our new members. Please feel free to ask for assistance regarding your research. Our Room Assistants are there to help and teach you.

3660 **Travis** McNamara, Helensvale
3661 **Allen** Hemsworth, Clear Island Waters
3662 **Jenny** Bowdon, Nerang
3663 **Cheryl** Ware, Mermaid Beach
3664 **Lynette** Mayer, Coombabah

3665 **Ron** O'Neill, Oxenford
3666 **Annette** Meehan, Robina
3667 **Bryce** Leader, Burleigh Heads
3668 **Jeremy** Fraser, Carrara

Position Vacant

The Society is looking for new Library Assistants.

Our library is open for 26 hours per week.

To maintain these hours we require more members to become Volunteer Library Assistants.

It is not necessary to have much research experience and it is an excellent way to broaden your knowledge.

Volunteering one day per month would help immensely.

'Your Society Needs You'

Have you ever wondered if we hold info on XY or Z?

The chances are we do have something - But how do you find it?

Check the Catalogue - But how and where is it?

The General Catalogues are kept below the room clock, and the Film Catalogue is above the film drawers. Everything in our research library is listed in one of these catalogues: every book, microfiche, film, map, CD, phone book and scrapbook, etc.

The Catalogue reads from RIGHT to LEFT

Image A. starting from the right column [7] Australia, Queensland, note that the column 5 is empty. This indicates that all the records listed relate to the entire State of Qld. **Start Here** ◀

	1	<<< 2	<<< 3	<<< 4	<<< 5	<<< 6	<<< 7
A		Queensland Civil Service Index 1930 (2)	Microfiche	Civil Service		Queensland	Australia
		Queensland Civil Service Index 1948 (5)	Microfiche	Civil Service		Queensland	Australia
	E570	Guide to the Records of Colonial Secretary's Office 1859 - 1896	Book	Colonial Secretary		Queensland	Australia
	E505	Guide to the records of the Colonial Secretary's Office 1859 - 1896	Book	Colonial Secretary		Queensland	Australia
	E950	The Queensland Countrywoman (CWA). 21 irregular editions May 1996 to Oct 1998	Journal	Country life		Queensland	Australia
	ARCHIVE BOX 04	White Mercantile Gazette Queensland 23 June 1984 to 7 July 1989 Court Records	Archive Box	Court Records		Queensland	Australia

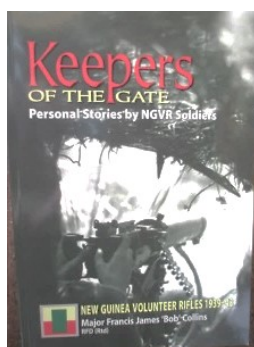
Image B. starting from the right column [7] Australia, Queensland, note column 5 has an entry. This relates to that place, e.g.; *Somerset Hills – Queensland – Australia* **Start Here** ◀

	1	<<< 2	<<< 3	<<< 4	<<< 5	<<< 6	<<< 7
B	E032/586	Silver Jubilee 1966 - 1991 Somerset Hills State School	Book	School History	Somerset Hills	Queensland	Australia
		QFHS South Brisbane Cemetery Monumental Inscriptions	CDROM	Cemetery	South Brisbane	Queensland	Australia
	E000/518/CEM	Removed Headstones Dutton Park Cemetery (South Brisbane)	Book	Cemetery	South Brisbane	Queensland	Australia
		South Brisbane Cemetery Old Monumental Inscriptions (8)	Microfiche	Cemetery	South Brisbane	Queensland	Australia
	E535	1982 General Electoral Roll No. 62 for South Brisbane	Book	Electoral Roll	South Brisbane	Queensland	Australia
	310/LEW	Lewin's Quality Sweets Lockhart Street South Brisbane	Book	Family History	South Brisbane	Queensland	Australia
		Index to St Mary's Roman Catholic South Brisbane Burials 1945 - 1963 (1)	Microfiche	Parish Registers	South Brisbane	Queensland	Australia

Columns 2, 3 and 4 are self-explanatory, and column 1 gives you the location of the record in the library.

We hold some wonderful and truly unique records that can help you climb your tree. Happy hunting.

Note: NOT all records are online and some resources will never make it to the World Wide Web.



The Keepers of the Gate

A Book Preview by Margaret Collins

"Who were the Keepers of the Gate"? They were mainly Australian ex-pats living in Papua New Guinea when the Japanese invaded in WWII and who formed the New Guinea Volunteer Rifles (NGVR). With aggressive patrolling and reconnaissance, because of them, the gate to the New Guinea Goldfields and central range to Port Moresby remained closed to the enemy.

Men of the NGVR were among the first Australians to oppose the invading Japanese Army on Australian controlled territory. Within days of the first Japanese air attacks, Rabaul had fallen to the Japanese. Many NGVR men were taken as POWs and later died at the Tol Massacre and when being transported on the unmarked Japanese naval prison ship 'Montivedeo Maru' which was torpedoed by a US submarine.

This book tells the stories of thirty-seven NGVR soldiers, why they were in New Guinea as civilians at that time, their wartime and post-war experiences. The stories were written as told to Bob Collins, who served in PNGVR, the post-war CMF unit in Papua New Guinea who met many ex-NGVR men and saw many areas where NGVR operated on the frontline. He said, "We are grateful to this small band of courageous and adventurous men, the Keepers of the Gate – our front line of the Pacific War – and these stories are a legacy these outstanding men deserve". The book is indexed and is in our library – Shelf No. A580.117.

Unusual Occupations

When the First Fleet landed in 1788, the convicts were skilled in more than 80 different trades and occupations. Some of these trades were useful in starting a colony from the ground up, others not so much. Some occupations stayed in existence, but many are no longer in use.

Here are five of the more unusually named occupations that have been practised in Australia.

1. The 'Knocker-upper'

What did people do before iPhone alarms to wake them up in the morning?
They employed a 'knocker-upper'.
The knocker-upper was paid to wake people.
They would use a truncheon to tap on the door or, if on an upper floor, a peashooter to send these little missiles to tap on the windows.
The activities were repeated until the person was up for work... there was no snooze button!

2. The 'Tweenie'

Employed as a 'tweenie'? Then you're a maid who works 'between stairs' to help the older housemaids and cooks in their duties. And on the subject of domestic servants, you really didn't want to be a 'vassal' – they were the lowest ranked servant in the house.

3. The 'Battledore Maker'

Often the word to describe the occupation gives no clue at all to its meaning. Take for instance a 'battledore maker'. This job had nothing to do with battles or doors, but was the art of making beaters, usually from cane or reed, to remove dust from cloths or floor mats. It appears to have been a seasonal job undertaken around the time of a spring clean.

4. The 'Scourger'

In the 1822 muster, (which is available on Ancestry.com.au and in our reference library), there were five 'scourgers' working in the colony.

Their role? To wield the whips over any misbehaving colonist sentenced to receive the lash.

There was one for each district in New South Wales at the time: **John ROACH** worked in Sydney, **William REYNOLDS** at Windsor, **William YATES** at Liverpool, **James WALTON** at Parramatta and **William EDWARDS** at Argyleshire.

5. The 'Pettifogger'

The origin of some surnames harks back to our ancestors' occupations.
Surnames such as 'Taylor' (a spelling variation of the occupation of tailor), and Cartwright (a maker of carts) are fairly simple and self-explanatory. However, you may not be so happy to have the surname 'Pettifogger' – it meant you worked as a dodgy or shyster lawyer.

From an email from Ancestry – 27th Sep 2020
by Cassie Mercer compiled with the assistance of Michael Flynn, Carol Baxter and Gay Hendriksen.

Website to help you search Old Occupation

<https://www.familyresearcher.co.uk/glossary/Dictionary-of-Old-Occupations-Index.html>



The secrets behind Florence Nightingale's name

"Florence Nightingale's father was **not** born a Nightingale. He was originally named William Edward Shore. Florence Shore does not have quite the same ring to it, does it? Her father only became a Nightingale when he inherited from the estate of his great uncle Peter Nightingale in 1815, taking the surname and the coat of arms at the same time."

Click on the link to see the full story from FindMyPast regarding this famous name.

<https://www.findmypast.com.au/blog/discoveries/florence-nightingale-name>



How a Simple Family Tree Reunited

A Long-Lost Family Member

by Carolyn Carruthers

This is a simple tale of how having a family tree on the Ancestry website was able to reunite a family that had been separated for 50 years.

My tale begins back in the 1950s when my mother-in-law, Carol and her older sister, Sylvia, were placed into care. I did try to locate records of Carol's stay in the care system, but they were supposedly destroyed during the 1974 flood in Brisbane.

Carol and Sylvia were raised in a local orphanage in Brisbane called Silky Oaks and I managed to help her obtain what records we could from that orphanage. She always remembered that she had a younger brother but never had much contact with him during her time in the orphanage as he was placed elsewhere.

The last time that Carol actually saw him was in December 1966. Carol and her boyfriend (her future husband) drove to Brisbane to pick him up and brought him back to the Gold Coast for two weeks to stay at his great grandparents' house in Ridgeway Ave, Southport. Carol was about 17 years old and her brother was about 13 years old. Sadly, this was the last time that she was to see him.

Fast forward to around the late 2000s when I started to get back into researching my partner's family. I was looking to clear up some family myths. So I started a family tree on Ancestry and thought little about it subsequently. I kept on trying to gather as much information as I could with what little I had to start with.

During this time, we found records about Carol's father. He was adopted in 1924 in Bundaberg at about 16 months of age. I was able to get both his biological birth certificate as well as his adopted birth certificate after producing his death certificate to QLD BDM.

On 17 October 2016, I received an email via Ancestry from a person named Lachlan from the organisation, Lotus Place in Brisbane. Their aim was to reunite families who had been separated within the care system.

All the information Lachlan had to go by was that this gentleman remembered he had two sisters named Sylvia and Carol, as well as a couple whom he called his parents, by the name of Rupert and Constance. Lachlan's job at Lotus was doing the genealogy research to help join the dots. It was during Lachlan's research on Ancestry that he came across the family tree that I had posted.

Lachlan informed me that the gentleman had changed his name back in the early 1970s from Eric to Peter, thus making it hard to trace him. His son made contact first and he then sent us a photo. We showed this photo to Carol and asked her if she knew who he was. As soon as she saw the photo, she said that it is Eric. Many more phone calls were made before a reunion was arranged. Carol was finally reunited with her brother after 50 years separated.

The unfortunate part of this story is that we are unable to obtain a birth certificate for Eric because he had changed his name and never kept his supporting paperwork. I have contacted QLD BDM who did confirm that there is birth registration matching the details given in the records. So, our next job is to now try and prove who he was before the name change so we can obtain his birth certificate and any documents from his time in the care system. This is easier said than done.

So, the moral to this story is if I had not put the family tree on Ancestry all those years ago Eric would have remained lost and never been reunited with his sister, Carol.



Gold Coast Hospitals

Ludoma Private Hospital

Surfers Paradise

by Margaret Deacon

I was prompted to write about this Hospital/Hotel following a chat with fellow-bushwalker and new member, Annette NELSON who told me that she was born there. A little searching on Google, Trove and the Gold Coast Local Studies Library threw up a lot of interesting information.

Ludoma Guest House was built in 1938 in Cavill Avenue, Surfers Paradise and operated by Mrs Lucy HAUENSCHILD. According to the South Coast Bulletin the business had become known throughout the eastern states. The name came about from the first two letters of Lucy's name, and the first two letters of the names of two of her daughters, Doreen and Marjorie.

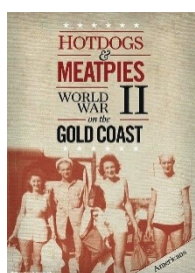


From November 1942 when *Ludoma* was still a small guest house, it was used by the U.S. Military to accommodate American officers on sick leave. From the start conditions were 'spartan' for convalescing men, and the hot water system was not adequate at Ludoma until 1944¹.

A claim for £568 per year for the two years that the Army had taken over the Guest House was paid to the proprietress, Mrs L.M Hauenschild (The Telegraph, 7 Dec 1945).

It soon became a hotel and then converted to a hospital. Mrs/Matron Hauenschild had some level of nursing experience. Ill health intervened due to the strain of running the business and she handed it over to another of her daughters, Matron Vivienne Hauenschild on 1 May 1950. After renovations, the hospital was re-opened on 19 June 1950 and Lucy assisted her daughter with office work. They advertised for local girls who were interested in nursing and of obtaining preliminary training and experience to contact Matron Hauenschild at Surfers Paradise, Phone 116.

The hospital closed on Sunday 10 June 1956. The small public notice inserted by L. M. Hauenschild in the South Coast Bulletin on 23 May 1956 announced the closure and thanked people for their support.



A copy of this book is available in our library Reference: E215/580

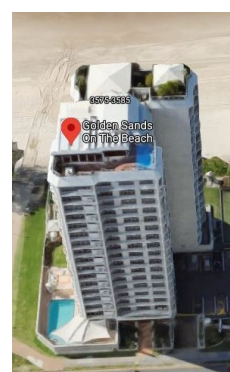
¹. *Hotdogs & Meatpies, World War II on the Gold Coast*, Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, Qld, undated.



↑ Hotel Sans Souci, Main Beach

The Golden Sands on the Beach →

← Sandown Private Hospital, Southport, circa 1900



Images courtesy of the GCCC Local Studies Library & Google

Gold Coast Hospitals

Early Health Care

On the Gold Coast

by Margaret Deacon

In the early 20th Century, a number of hospitals were established in Southport including **Sandown** where Australia Fair now stands, **Numbanah** in Scarborough Street opposite the current RSL and **Nurse Cowderoys** in Nerang Street. **Seabank** in Short Street was an army hospital during WWII. In late 1940 the **Southport Private Hospital** was built on the corner of High Street and Johnston Street, Southport.

Sandown began as a guest house and became **Sandown Hospital** which was purchased in 1921 by Matron HIGMAN and her sister. A park at the south end of the Esplanade near Short Street opposite the old Sundale site is named after the nurses and now stands as a tribute to them. According to the *South Coast Bulletin* in 1931 it was '*charmingly situated on the Esplanade, overlooking the Pacific Ocean, and equipped with the most modern medical and surgical appliances...*'. Misses N. and B. HIGMAN held certificates for general and obstetric nursing. It was hailed as an 'ideal institution for the care of the sick and suffering' and its location optimised those seeking convalescence and a 'rest cure'. All local doctors attended. Fees for adults were £4/4/- per week. The HIGMANS retained the property until 1946.

The **Glen Pacific Private Hospital** was originally a private home called *Sans Souci* and opened as a private hotel in 1938, owned by L.P. QUINN. During WWII the **American Red Cross Sans Souci Officer's Club** was located in the Hotel Sans Souci at Main Beach Parade, Main Beach, Southport. Officers of the Special Intelligence Service based in Brisbane spent their R&R there. John VANCES who owned the Hotel Sans Souci after the War remodeled it in 1956. It later became the Glen Pacific Private Hospital which was demolished about 1981. The Golden Sands on the Beach was built on that site and still stands today.

(Special Intelligence Service in the Far East 1942-1946, an Historical and Pictorial Record)

Pic of Hotel in the 1940s – Facebook. And <https://www.ozatwar.com/locations/sanssouci.htm> and <https://www.queenslandplaces.com.au/exhibit/postcard/pc0873 - c1935>

As early as 1931 proposals were being made for a 'cottage' hospital at Southport but lack of funds in the State Treasury prevented progress. The Queensland Minister for Health and Home Affairs, Mr E. M. HANLON reported that a 'new modern hospital containing between 60 to 70 beds' will be constructed at Southport at a site 'well back from the seafront' in Nerang Street. The Minister visited Southport and informed Mayor PROUD and the Town Council that serious consideration was being given to establish a hospital following submission on the urgent need for medical facilities in the area. A site had been set aside which was ideal for 'water and drainage'. It was noted that two existing private hospitals were functioning at capacity levels.

The priority, however, was in establishing a maternity hospital and foundation stones were laid in December 1948 with construction costs about £60,000. The 18-bed facility was open for business in January 1952.

The official opening was not until July 1952 during which time there had been 156 births at the hospital.

Southport General Hospital opened as an extension on the same site in April 1960. It was not until 1976 that the new Public Hospital was built around that site.



Southport Maternity Hospital

References:

The Gold Coast Hospital 1952 - 2001: A story of the first 50 years by Alistair Dick, Chapter 2. www.queenslandplaces.com.au
Stories of Southport: History and Development <https://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/documents/bf/southport-stories-part-3.pdf>





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.

FamilySearch Research Wiki – Maps & Locations

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page

The FamilySearch Research Wiki is a **free**, online genealogical guide created and maintained by FamilySearch, a non-profit organisation. It contains links to genealogy databases, websites, other resources, research strategies, and genealogical guidance to assist in the search for your ancestors. You can find locality pages for countries around the world and topic pages that include pertinent genealogy record types explaining how to use the record, what it contains, and how to find it.

The Wiki does not contain specific individuals but instead lists genealogical resources that may list an individual, browse by country or content. There are six 5 minute videos on how to use the Research Wiki and how to use it for genealogical research. Use the link below to view them:

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Wiki_Wizard_Videos#How_to_Use_the_Wiki (Site by Fay Carbis)

Irish Genealogy Toolkit - www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com

If you are new to Irish research or even if you want to learn more, then this website is worth taking a look at. Claire Santry, a journalist, created the website in 2008 and her blog, IrishGenealogyNews.com in 2011. The site gives tips and information on how to research - Irish Emigration, Civil Registration (BDM), Church Records, Census Records, Townland of Origin plus general county information, free forms & charts, and traditional Irish names. (Site by Diane Steedman)

Eden/Monaro Pioneers



The Eden/Monaro Pioneers database contains over 400,000 names - all the currently identified individuals and families from the Eden/Monaro region and surrounding areas as well. Search the database to see if you can trace your ancestors and make a connection between families. <http://www.monaropioneers.com/index.html>

The histories and/or family trees of over 2100 Eden-Monaro Pioneering Dynasties have now been listed on this site as well. Many of them have been contributed by people who have visited the site and others have been transcribed from old books

like 'Back to Cooma' Celebrations. For links to all the families visit the [Pioneers' Index](#) (Site by Diane Steedman)

Google Newspapers - Sydney Collection 1807 to 2009

Do you have Sydney research? Did your people come from Sydney originally? Then this is a must view resource whether you are looking for a Family Notice or an event that is relevant to your family.

[The Sydney Mail](#) - 3,170 issues 29 Jun 1807 to 28 Dec 1938

[The Sydney Morning Herald](#) - 38,755 issues 3 Apr 1830 to 31 Dec 1989

[Sydney Herald](#) - 71 issues 1 Jan 2006 to 15 Apr 2009

To view what is available use the arrows to scroll through the years and or months, then click on the View All link under the title. Not all day dates are listed.

A good tip is to always check the Index to find where the Family Notices are located. If they are on the last page they may be included in the next date range, this is due to the scanning process of doing two pages at a time.

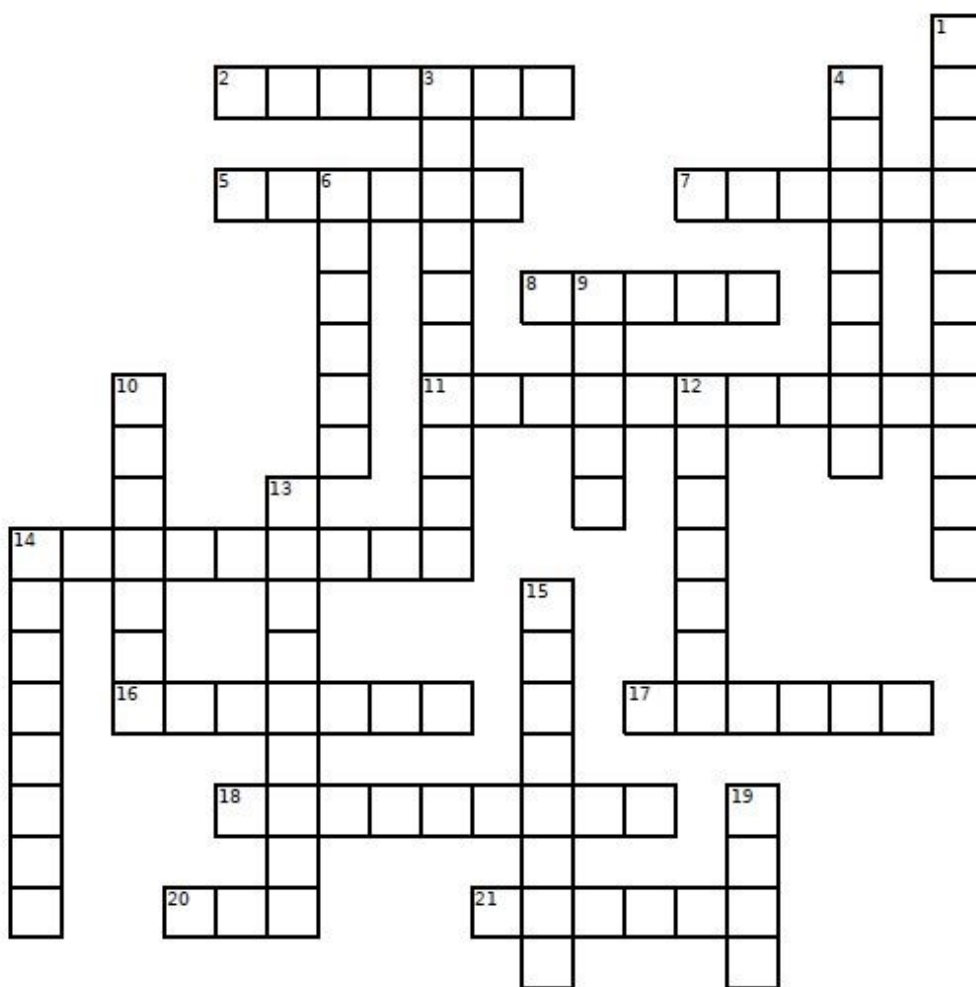
<https://news.google.com.au/newspapers> - scroll down to the 'S' and the links are on the last line.

Use the above to complement your find in the **Ryerson Index** - <https://www.ryersonindex.org/>
Trove - Newspapers, as we know are a great resource; however, their editions of The Sydney Morning Herald only go up to 1954. <https://trove.nla.gov.au>



FAMILY HISTORY – CROSSWORD NO. 2

Coffee Time Fun with Paul Dinniss



ACROSS

2. Person in military with authority or command
5. Our Society's suburb
7. File format for recording genealogical information
8. Our Society (acronym)
11. Practice of forcing men to serve on a navy ship until 1815
14. Sources
16. Brother or sister
17. Inherited money. Also genealogical records passed to later generations
18. Legal agreement committing an apprentice to work for a master for a specific period of time.
20. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
21. Child whose parents have died

DOWN

1. Process of counting people
3. Who has the longest family tree in the world
4. Stored information and records related to current and past generations
6. Widow of a particular individual
9. Approximate date
10. Major divisions of country of Switzerland
12. Family Name
13. Rugged and barren land covering two-thirds of Northern Scotland
14. System for organising periods of the year
15. Death notice containing biography
19. Document obtained by engaged couple prior to marriage affirming no moral or legal reason why they could not be married

February 2021

*Find crossword answers on the Members Notice-Board page



Members Notice-Board

Stay up to date with the latest news

Members Interest List - Update

The Members Interest List contains family names currently being researched by members of the Gold Coast Family History Society. There are over 660 family names listed, so perhaps your family name is listed. To view the list or add your research names to the list visit the website: **Membership Tab > Members Interest List**, and download the PDF or form. You can also download the list by clicking on the link:

If you find a name that interests you: send an email to either one of the facilitators who will forward your email to the relevant member. It is then the responsibility of the member to respond.

The facilitators are: Paul, pauldinn@bigpond.net.au and Ray, rwsuckling@bigpond.com

Below is an example of what the PDF looks like.

MBR No. = membership No.

FAMILY	TOWN	COUNTY/	COUNTRY	PERIOD	MBR
BARTON	WINDSOR	BKM	ENG	1766-2010	1726
BASSETT	BIRMINGHAM	WAR	ENG	1780-1840	599
BATCHELOR	BRADFORD ON AVON	WIL	ENG	-1878	3019
BATCHELOR	SYDNEY	NSW	AUS	1878+	3019
BATES	HALIFAX	YKS	ENG	1894-1956	3328
BATTEN	THAMES DITTON	SRY	ENG	1820-1870	127

Subscription Automatic Renewals

Did you sign up for an annual paid subscription website during lockdown?

If so, be mindful that some websites will automatically renew your subscription without notification.

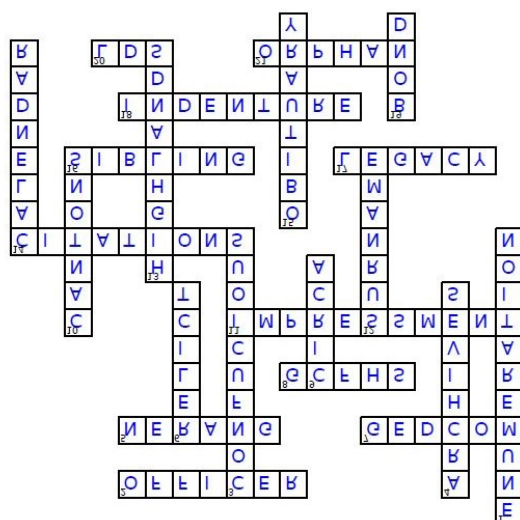
To ensure this does not happen, you must cancel your subscription up to two weeks before the renewal date. It is a good idea to check what the terms & conditions are regarding an annual renewal.

Mini Seminars:

The next Mini Seminar is scheduled for 17 April 2021. Dr Hilda McLean will be talking about Australian Death and Burial Practices.

Renewal Reminder

December/January members are kindly reminded that renewal of membership was due on 1 January 2021. As the Society is moving to a single membership this year, you are requested to renew for six months to bring your membership in line with the new annual renewal date of 1 July. Thank you to those members who have already renewed their membership. Your membership card is available for pick up at the sign-in desk in the rooms.



Crossword Answers

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.

If by chance it is there, add the sender's address to your address book to ensure it reaches your Inbox each month.

LOST & FOUND

Don't forget to check out the Lost & Found box next time you are in the rooms.

Gold Medal to the Dream Team

Who and What Are The Dream Team in our Society?

Sporting Dream Teams have been named for their ability to rise to challenges and their ability to complete whatever was asked of them – and so it was that our very own Dream Team was named.



Originally volunteers to clean the rooms and maintain the microfilm readers, they managed to do whatever job we needed fixing or doing.

They were sincerely thanked at our recent AGM, and we felt that many members did not know about them, so let me introduce them: L to R, Carolyn Nordstrom, Mark Pittaway, Ray Suckling and Paul Dinniss.

I turned up to take a photo of them in action, cleaning our rooms and equipment and was met with them dressed in full cleaning regalia! Every month they clean, repair, maintain and do odd fix-it jobs for us all: everything from

changing bulbs in the microfiche readers to vacuuming the floor and we are all truly grateful for their dedication. Past members have included John Pascoe and Ted Airey.

Thank you, Dream Team.



GCFHS Committee 2020 -2021



Front Row L to R
Carolyn Carruthers, *Secretary*
Fay Carbis, *President*
Maree Alexanderson, *Treasurer*

Back Row L to R
Jenny Young, *Publicity Officer*
Margaret Deacon
Committee Member
Ann Metcher
Committee Member
Heather Wort, *Librarian*
Beverley Dwyer,
Membership Officer
Victoria Norfolk,
Committee Member

What's New in the rooms / Acquisitions

October 2020

Title	Media Type	Town	State	Country	Source - Donation	
Bourke District Directory 1893	Microfiche	Bourke	Qld	Aust.	GCLH Library	Yes
Cowie and Cowland's Central Queensland Almanac 1900 Rockhampton	Microfiche	Cowie	Qld	Aust.	GCLH Library	Yes
Eadie's Illustrated Bundaberg Almanac 1911	Microfiche	Bundaberg	Qld	Aust.	GCLH Library	Yes
Foreman's Rockhampton Almanac 1908	Microfiche	Rockhampton	Qld	Aust.	GCLH Library	Yes
Hopkin's Rockhampton Almanac 1878	Microfiche	Rockhampton	Qld	Aust.	GCLH Library	Yes
Ingham's Almanac 1887	Microfiche	Ingham	Qld	Aust.	GCLH Library	Yes
Ipswich, Toowoomba and Drayton directory and gazetteer 1885 1886	Microfiche	Darling Downs	Qld	Aust.	GCLH Library	Yes
Maryborough Almanac and Wide Bay and Burnett business directory 1874 1875	Microfiche	Maryborough	Qld	Aust.	GCLH Library	Yes
Port Curtis Almanac 1866, 1880, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1899	Microfiche	Port Curtis	Qld	Aust.	GCLH Library	Yes
Verney's Almanac 1899 Brisbane	Microfiche	Brisbane	Qld	Aust.	GCLH Library	Yes
Port Denison Times Almanac 1868 Bowen	Microfiche	Port Denison	Qld	Aust.	GCLH Library	Yes
Wide Bay and Burnett Directory 1887	Microfiche	Wide Bay	Qld	Aust.	GCLH Library	Yes
Willmetts's North Queensland Almanac 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1883, 1885, 1888, 1892, 1898	Microfiche	Townsville	Qld	Aust.	GCLH Library	Yes
Persons Employed in the Railway Service in Queensland 1897, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1913, 1916	Microfiche		Qld	Aust.	GCLH Library	Yes
Persons Employed in the Railway Service in Queensland 1924, 1926, 1922, 1932, 1940	Microfiche		Qld	Aust.	GCLH Library	Yes
Western Champion Almanac and Year Book 1891	Microfiche	Barcaldine	Qld	Aust.	GCLH Library	Yes
Depasturing licences and associated indexes 1837 -1851	Microfiche		NSW	Aust.	GCLH Library	Yes

November 2020

Shelf No	Title	Media	Town	State	Country	Source - Donation	
	Patrick Logan: Letter book (4)	Microfiche		QLD	Aust	GCLH Library	Yes
	Robert Dixon: Field Note Books, Moreton Bay (6)	Microfiche	Moreton Bay	QLD	Aust	GCLH Library	Yes
	Bollon Cemetery Qld	USB	Bollon	QLD	Aust	May Shackleton	Yes
330/RIC	An Anzac's War Diary The Story of Sergeant Richardson	Book			World Wide	Anon	Yes
A580.117	Keepers of the Gate. Personal Stories by NGVR Soldiers (New Guinea volunteer rifles 1939-43)	Book			Aust	Margaret Collins	Yes
C000/850	Gazetteer of Sydney Shipping 1788 - 1840	Book	Sydney	NSW	Aust	Gay Eunson	Yes
C000/940	Colonial Ladies Lovely Lively and Lamentably Loose (crime reports from the Sydney Herald)	Book	Sydney	NSW	Aust	Beverley Dwyer	Yes
COM/422	The Genealogist's Internet (Loan copy)	Book			World Wide	Gay Eunson	Yes
E555/710	The Palmwoods Story	Book	Palmwoods	QLD	Aust	Carol Furlong	Yes
NDBY/575	Chesterfield Workhouse Union	Book	Chesterfield	Derbyshire	Eng	Heather Wort	Yes
NDBY/940	Derbyshire Times 3 Jan 1880 to 25 Dec 1894	Book		Derbyshire	Eng	Heather Wort	Yes
NLND/700	London A Social History (Loan copy)	Book	London	London	Eng	Ian Wort	Yes
NYKS/940	Yorkshire Snippets Volume1	Book		Yorkshire	Eng	Beverley Dwyer	Yes



Gold Coast Family History Society Inc.

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

Patrons: Cr. Peter Young & A.J. (Lex) Bell OAM

GCFHS Committee 2020/2021

PRESIDENT:	Fay Carbis	COMMITTEE:	Margaret Deacon
TREASURER:	Maree Alexanderson		Beverley Dwyer
SECRETARY:	Carolyn Carruthers		Ann Metcher
			Victoria Norfolk
LIBRARIAN & PROJECTS:	Heather Wort		Jenny Young
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:	Beverley Dwyer		
PUBLICITY OFFICER:	Jenny Young	ROSTER SECRETARY:	Pam Oldham

AUDITOR: Leasa Arnett, Chartered Accountant **HON. LEGAL ADVISER:** Sue McLeod BA LLB Grad. Dip. Leg. Pr. TEP JP

ROOTES JOURNAL & SAPLINGS E-NEWS - Margaret Deacon, Sue McKenzie and the Editorial Team

CORRESPONDENCE: should be sent to goldcoastfamilyhistorysociety@gmail.com
or The Secretary, GCFHS, PO Box 2763, Southport BC Qld 4215..



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 goldcoastfamilyhistorysociety@gmail.com

Upon submitting material to the GCFHS *Rootes* Journal for publication, the editorial team will review and edit said material as required. The Editor reserves the right to edit articles.

Copyright - It is the contributor's responsibility to ensure that articles and material submitted do not breach copyright. If there is any doubt, then the editorial team reserves the right not to publish.

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.

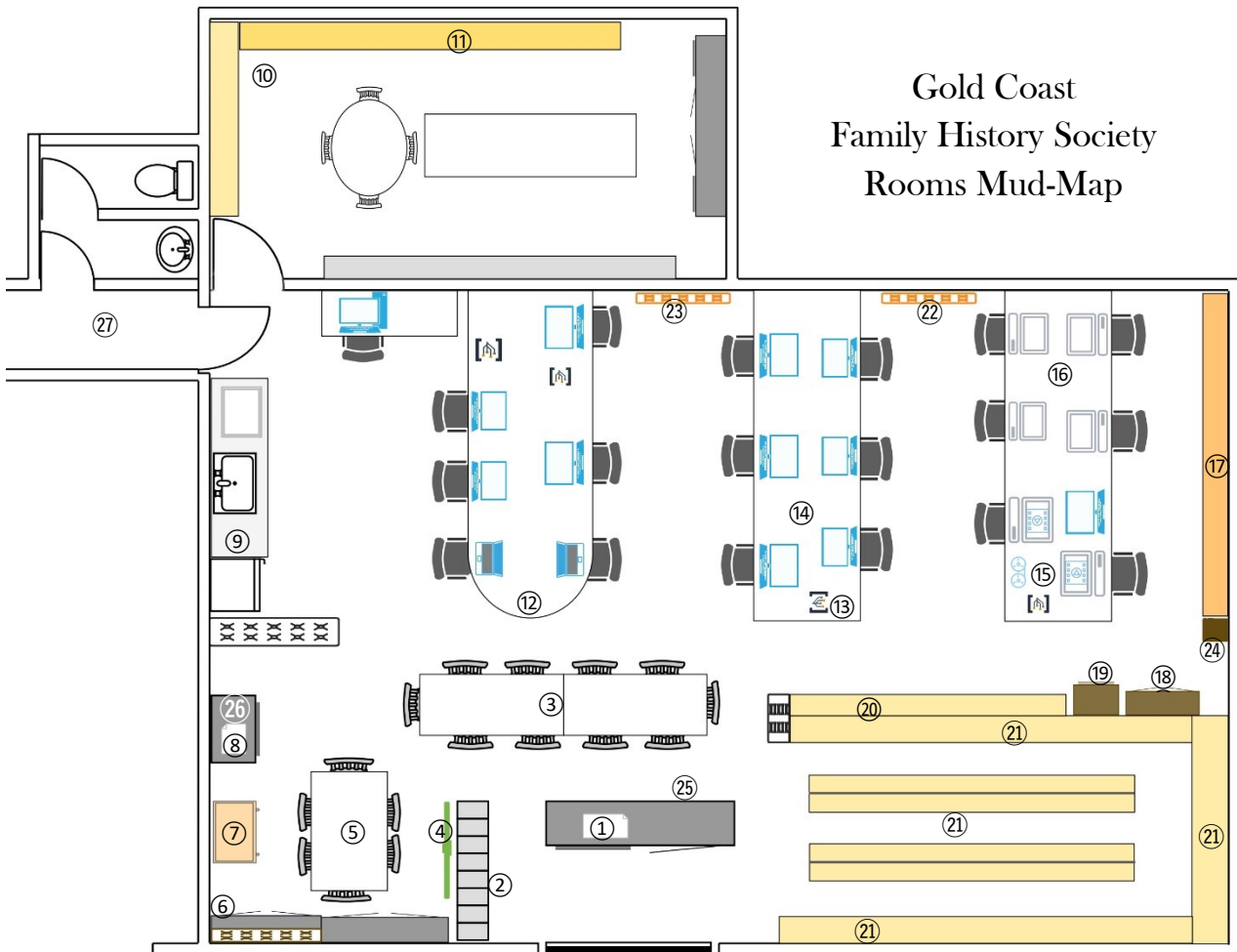
Images: should be a high-quality jpeg format and sent separately to the content. Embedding image/s in the body of content to show location is recommended.

ADVERTISING RATES FOR ROOTES JOURNAL: Full Page \$40.00 Half Page \$20.00 Quarter Page: \$10.00

The Gold Coast Family History Society Inc. does not necessarily endorse views expressed by the authors of articles in the Journal, nor can it vouch for the authenticity of advertisements

Rootes Journal is proudly printed by Don Kibble Plan Printing & Drawing Office Supplies – Southport, Qld, Australia

Gold Coast Family History Society Rooms Mud-Map



1. Sign in/out sheets - *plus the attendance fee tin (\$1.00)*
2. Lockers – *are for all personal items, phones, bags etc.*
3. Research Table - *for your convenience: no food or drink allowed on this table.*
4. Noticeboard - *society news and coming events*
5. Meals Table - *only food & drink allow (no papers, have a cuppa & biscuit 0.50c)*
6. New Acquisitions - *see the latest additions to the library*
7. Photocopier - *available to members 0.20c per copy*
8. Computer Booking Folder - *book yourself a computer for up to two hours*
9. Kitchen Area - *fridge, micro-wave, jug, toaster, cups & dishes*
10. Lending Library - *including exchange journals & magazines: borrow up to 3 items for two weeks at a time*
11. General Library Items - *for you to view*
12. Internet & Subscription Computers - *free access to Ancestry, FindMyPast, TheGenealogist, and others*
13. Printer/s - *printing is 0.20c per side*
14. Network Computers - *a host of records available from around the world, e.g. BDM's, Cemeteries*
15. Film Readers and computer + printer - *view, scan & save to a memory stick*
16. Micro Fiche Readers - *use to view & search a variety of microfiche*
17. Micro Fiche Records - *from England, Scotland, Wales, New Zealand, Australia and more*
18. Maps - *large collection of maps national & regional*
19. Film Collection - *convict records, immigration, early NSW BDM*
20. Family History & Biographies Collection - *books & stories created by members and others*
21. Reference Library - *a treasure chest of item. View the catalogue to see what's available*
22. Exchange Journals & Magazines - *the latest items*
23. Genealogy Self-Help Books - *from the experts*
24. LDS Micro Fiche - *covering every area in England, Wales & Scotland*
25. Australian Govt. Gazettes
26. **The Society's Library Catalogue**
27. Ladies & Gents