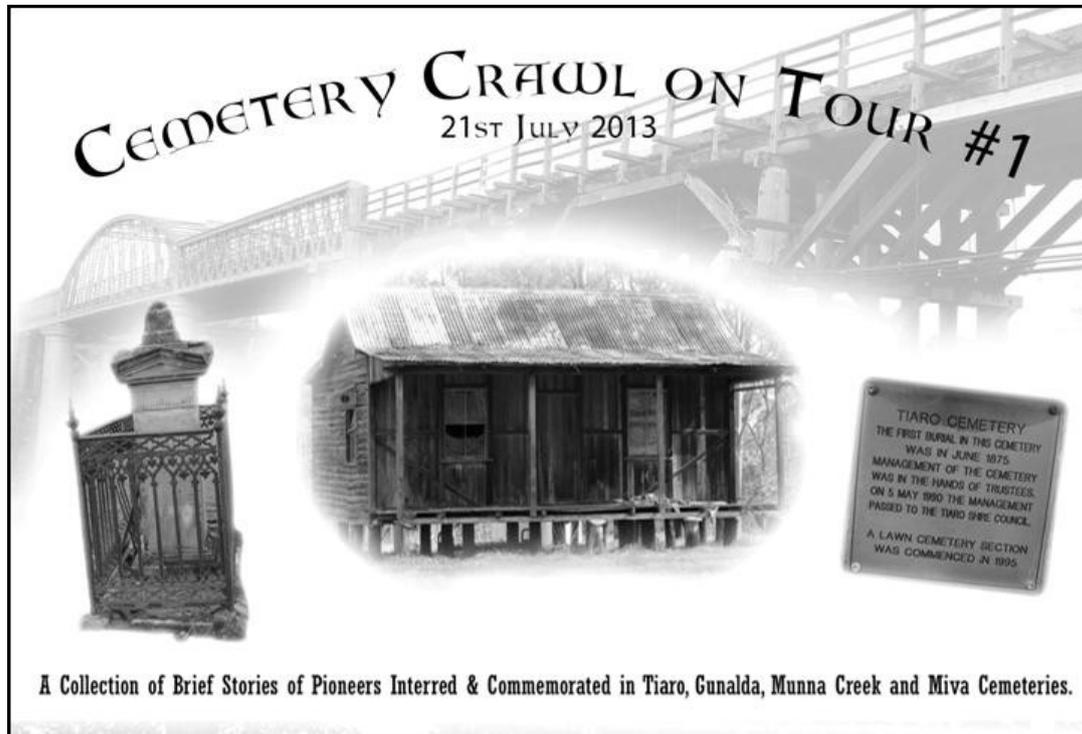




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18th September 2013

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EDITOR'S COMMENT

Our newsletter is published March, July & November.

Don't forget we are always looking for stories or maybe we can help you find who you are searching for : **di@magicality.com.au**

If you would like to share the trees you are looking for and maybe make contact with others who may even be connected, tell me about it so I can tell the rest of Australia about it. It is amazing who reads our newsletter from far and wide. We send this to over 120 other societies so maybe the right person will pick up the next edition , and find he or she is your "missing link". Its worth a try.....email me or ring me and I will do it for you.

PS—Don't forget if you would prefer to receive "The Researcher" by email—let me know and we are more than happy to do this as it is quicker—you can search for names easily and it saves us postage. - we will send it as a PDF file so it is smaller to download.

Di Woodstock

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome to our society:

Bruce Gray, Danielle Holden, Denise Juler, Robert Lister, Con Lucey,
The McCormack Family, Wayne Smith, Jean & Ross Smith, Janelle Brunner,
Stephen & Marion Brown & Teresa Ball.

There have been a few members rejoin recently after some time away including Val Buchanan and Cheryl Lowe. Val's name appears on many of our books and was instrumental in the earlier years of the Society. It is a pleasure to have them back with us.

LIBRARY HOURS

Wednesday 9.30am to 2pm
Friday 9.30am to 12pm
Saturday 1pm to 4pm

As always we invite people with a few spare hours to come down and learn more about our society.

Have a cuppa, a biscuit and a chat (often a laugh too).

Look through the amazing collection of items we have available.

RESEARCH FEES

Members Free (when visiting personally to the rooms and doing your own research although we are happy to help guide you or if you are from interstate and are not able to do your own research)

Non Members \$5 per visit to rooms (at our discretion)

Mail & Internet Inquiries

\$25.00 Australia

\$30.00 overseas

For Research Requests:

email c/- gfhs@spiderweb.com.au or mail to: GFHS, P O Box 767, Gympie QLD 4570

The Research Process Explained:

You make your enquiry, we then look to see what information we can find quickly—then we contact you to see if you wish to proceed and advise of the fees.

If you do, we ask for \$25 (or \$30 overseas—to cover extra postage). Once payment is received, we then investigate either your specific queries or start at the beginning and check cemetery records, BDM registers, local registers, school registers, pedigree charts, some shipping, local history books, Gympie Times records, previous cemetery crawl presentations, previous research requests, mining, electoral rolls and so the list goes on.

We hold a lot of various local registers and cuttings and basic items you would find in a local history library. We also have access to the internet and can often suggest websites and ways of searching that you may not have thought of.

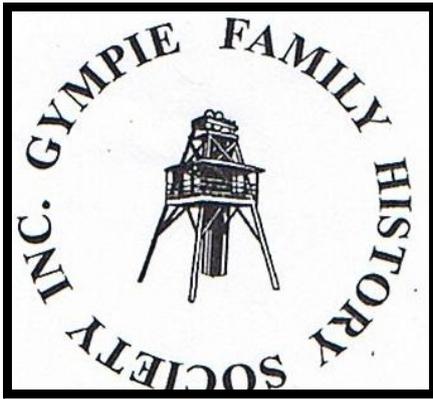
We do many hours of ongoing research and then either email the information to you as we go, or mail packets to you so you have the hard copies. We then also keep the information we have researched for you on file and it is then available to future people who may be researching your names too. Many times we have put people in touch with other searchers of their own trees.

Our research people do so much more work than you would realise to help you in your search for information. Please feel confident that everything possible is done by our volunteers to supply you with any relevant information we may have in our library.

The funds raised from your payments for our research, assist us with obtaining further records and to produce books and CD's for easy access of family details in Gympie and the surrounds.

Payment can be by either cheque sent to our P O Box as above or direct deposit into our Bank account is another option for those who feel comfortable with the method. Details of our bank account are available on request. We ask that you confirm by email to gfhs@spiderweb.com.au. if possible when you have made the payment. Then we can allocate your payment and get on with the research!

Our research officer is Faye Kennedy.



AGM

It is nearly that time of year again and this time we are again off to a great start. Many of our current committee members have expressed interest in staying in their positions although all positions will be declared open.

Of course everyone is more than happy for other people to step up if they would like to join the committee, but at least we know that we will have a working committee regardless.

WEDNESDAY
18th September 2013
At the rooms
10am start

All members are more than welcome and are encouraged to come along and join in, meet other members and maybe even get involved.

We will have refreshments afterwards and time for a little socialising.

ALL MEMBERSHIPS MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO THE AGM
to enable you to participate in any way

** AGM Nomination forms have recently been mailed out to all current members, together with their renewal forms for membership.

ALL memberships are due for renewal by the
1st September 2013
(this includes all recent pro-rata memberships too)

Business Arising from the July meeting:

- A “Digger” book is to produced for 2015, with details of all WW1 servicemen from the greater Gympie / old Widgee Shire area
- The Society will conduct a “Digger” Crawl to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Gallipoli in 2015

From this discussion we are beginning to gather information for both projects.

Lyn has begun putting together information on our local diggers, as well as other conflicts. We are looking for people interested in forming a group to assist with this ongoing project.

It can be done from home or in the rooms, but decisions need to be made as to the format, what information needs to be included, how to research that information, and how to allocate the research.

This is a perfect opportunity for anyone who is interested in the dossiers of the servicemen, has a few hours to spare and would like to be involved in preserving our war time heritage. - Come along to a meeting or simply pop in and have a chat to express your interest.

In regards to the “Digger” Crawl, we will locate persons from the above book who are buried in our cemetery and honour them with the Crawl.

Should Widgee Crossing, Gympie, really be Illidges Crossing?

This thought hadn't occurred to me until just now when I couldn't find the marriage of William Swain Roberts to Harriet Illidge in the NSW BDM register because Harriet's Illidge surname was wrongly entered as Widge.

src NSW BDM:1221/1864 marriage of WILLIAM S ROBERTS to HARRIET WIDGE district: CONCORD

The Illidge family farm in Gympie is recorded as being at Widgee Crossing. What I don't know but would like to know ... which came first the Illidges crossing the Mary River to their farm on the other side of the river from Gympie or the area name of Widgee Crossing.

I guess this is a question I should pose to the Gympie Family History Society. If anyone knows the origins of the name Widgee Crossing - please let me know.

Thanks, Stephen

This is a question from our website forum from 2012—can anyone help Stephen? Please contact me on di@magicality.com.au and I will forward it on to him and also include it in the next newsletter. Ed

NEXT GYMPIE CEMETERY CRAWLS



Wednesday 23rd Oct 2013

6.30 pm start

\$5 per person incl light supper & a booklet

Phone : 0419 224 628 (Di)

(bookings preferred for catering & printing purposes)

RAIN, HAIL or MOONSHINE—It is always on!

The supper is lovely and the stories are pretty good too!

*We now have a fruit & vegetable tray raffle as well, drawn on the night,
so bring a few extra \$\$\$ with you*

- *Meet at the shed at the Two Mile Cemetery*
- *Wear suitable clothing as it can be a little cool in the evening*
- *Wear good walking shoes as the area may be wet—dependant on the weather*
- *Bring a torch if you wish—but this is not necessary.*

Cemetery Crawl report

The next crawl is on the 23rd October and promises to be very interesting. Faye has been doing some research for various families recently and has mentioned that there are some very interesting ones for the crawl.

We are always happy to have people come and learn to research for the crawls and it is a great way to learn your way around the library and various web sites too. You don't need to present the story and I am happy to even write it if you wish but just having someone do the leg work for the information is a great help. Each crawl takes about 200 hours in total so any help is great. Perhaps it is time to get down into the Welsh and Jewish areas again—dependant on the weather.....

The June crawl was freezing weather as usual, but the night was lovely and although only about 20 booked, we ended up with 47 attendees. This was regardless of the State of Origin night being on—yet again! I asked for dates last year prior to booking in ours—but they could not confirm them until into the beginning of this year so we clashed again. Better luck next year. Thanks as always to the wonderful people who lend a hand on these nights. Margaret, Alex, Lyn, Val, Woody (YES, he loves me – he taped the Game!), and everyone else who makes the lovely food (especially the soups). The raffles come from Deb & Greg Hogan at Irwins Wholesale. Deb is the daughter of one of our past members so it is lovely to have their continued support.

If ever you think...its too cold, too wet etc, take a thought that June Lilwall, one of our most senior members at over 80 years of age, still does the whole walk with us every crawl. I take my hat off to you June, may I be as keen to go “Crawling” at your age. You are truly an inspiration. (PS: She also bakes for us on the night as well!!!)

A little question asked last newsletter was....Can you help???

Do you have access to a microfilm reader that is no longer needed? We could certainly use it..... THE ANSWER WAS YES WE CAN HELP!!!

We give thanks to the society in Brisbane who donated one of their readers to us and many thanks to Woody and Brownny for driving down to pick it up on a Saturday afternoon. These machines are huge and very heavy (as they are), however we appreciate the gift very much.

Having said this, if there is a society out there who has a handy man happy to tinker with our old microfilm reader, let us know. It works but is in need of some TLC. You will need to collect it from us in Gympie, but contact our secretary for further details.

General Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Gympie Family History Society rooms in Gympie at 9.30am.

All members are more than welcome to attend and in fact are encouraged so you can participate as well.

Our meetings are fun and now, comfy padded chairs to encourage people to stay awhile. (also occasionally food is offered)



**ALL MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE BY
1ST SEPTEMBER 2013**

Renewal forms have been recently sent, please complete and return with your payment. Bank account details are available for payments by direct deposit and then you can email your completed form to the secretary if you wish.

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If you are not renewing, please just let us know and we will take you off the mailing list. Thank you & we wish you well in your research.

Presidents report July 2013 meeting:

To our members:

I am very pleased to report that we have some new members who are also offering to help in some way, and that would be great.

The grant that we received has been put to good use, allowing us to upgrade computer systems, computer programs, chairs, and a new urn for the cemetery crawls.

Our library is still being overhauled with a lot of "discussion" (read laughing) – good luck Val.

Through the efforts of Marjorie Head we are now able to have an almost complete set of our Researchers, although we are still missing no 18.

From Marjorie herself and her getting in touch with Merlyn Burkhardt, one of our foundation members, we have been donated a large amount of research material. A big thank you to Merlyn. This material will require a large amount of sorting to make sure that it is accessible to members, and this has been started.

Faye Kennedy is still toiling along with the research requests, and earning money for the Society. Faye had a recent sadness with the passing of her father, and we pass on our condolences to Faye and her family.

Another member, Keith Parker, is currently unwell, and we are thinking of Keith and his family at this time.

Our recent Cemetery Crawl in June was a great success – although only 20 booked, we ended up with an attendance of nearly 50. As luck would have it we had enough soup for all!

We are eagerly looking forward to our first "out of town" Crawl on the 21st of July – it looks to be a great day out and the bus is nearly full.

Di has put a lot of effort into this day with the help of Lyn, Val , Alex, and a number of other contributors.

To our member Del Reid, you are in good hands for your upcoming heart surgery, we wish you a healthy recovery (at this point Margaret mentioned that the surgeon also did Kevin Rudd's recent heart surgery)

To all we remind you of our upcoming AGM in September – if you feel able to contribute, please make sure you put your hand up.

We all seem to get along very well, at times in the back room (library) it is very noisy, not at all quiet as a library should be, with lots of frivolity.

Thank you to all who keep us going amicably'

From President Margaret

Done your tree? Interested in research anyway?

We are looking for an assistant for the Research Officer. For a small society, we do receive a lot of enquiries for family research and this all takes time. Some societies only offer a very limited time on each query. However we are more than happy to spend more time so that the person gets as much information as we can find for their \$25. Some of it can be done at home.

Faye would love to help you learn. Email the secretary if you are interested.

“Gympie Gold”—by Hector Holthouse

(The need for a cemetery in Nashville becomes evident and is on pages 47 & 48 of this book)

The Nashville cemetery was started when the body of a man was found under a sheet of bark near the foot track leading out to a spot called the Two Mile. The Commissioner was informed and a court convened, without furniture, under a shady tree. A crowd of several hundred gathered to watch. A doctor was found dressed in moleskins and working on a nearby claim. He examined the body, was duly sworn, and gave evidence that the deceased had been dead at least two hours. Surrounding diggers were called on to come forward if they could identify the dead man or throw any light on his death. None came.

“Now we come to the matter of burial,” said the Commissioner. There was some hesitation, and then a digger spoke up. “I’ll put him away for a quid, Your Worship.” The Commissioner looked around the crowd. There were no other takers. “Done,” he said.

There was still no graveyard, so the Commissioner marked off four acres of land about two miles from the diggings and ordered that four posts be put in the ground and a notice on a sheet of bark nailed up to indicate a reserve for burial purposes.

Two sheets of bark were brought to make a coffin, and the unknown gold-seeker was laid to rest. The following week some diggers going to work at daylight found a man dead just outside Greathead’s shanty. Once again a court was convened, and medical evidence was that the man had died of “constitutional weakness”. This was corroborated by a digger who had said the man had been his travelling mate up to Nashville and was very weak from the track. He added, “But I reckon if he’d only had the strength left to get inside for a drop of brandy, a kick from a mule wouldn’t have killed him.” They put the body on a sheet of bark and carried it to the cemetery. Hundreds of diggers straggled along behind.

History Detective—by Carol Baxter

This is a newsletter that Carol has decided to send out and it is full of very interesting bits of information. Have a look at her website: www.carolbaxter.com

She is an author and historical researcher. Maybe she will inspire you to put together YOUR story in book form!

Where do I go from Me?

This is the title of my first public talk to be held in the Gympie Regional Library on Wednesday, the 28th August 2013 at 2.30pm.

It occurred to me recently that while many of us know how to research our trees, many people have the interest but not the foggiest idea how to actually start their search. This presentation will include basic charts, basic interview questions for living members, useful web resources, how to research and order certificates and a few other variants, dependant on time.

There is no cost involved and bookings are to be made at the Library on 5481 0859 or library@gympie.qld.gov.au

Wish me luck..... Di Woodstock

Attention all original members...

We have finally arranged all of the copies of our "The Researcher" magazine in folders in the library.

One by one, we found all of the back-copies except.....

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If anyone can help by looking through their old files and bookcases or perhaps asking other members that may have been involved with the society in the early years, we would very much appreciate your assistance.

Thanks to Margaret Long, Marjorie Head and Merlyn Burkhardt for their help in uncovering many of the old missing copies.

And you thought your family names were unusual!

When researching something on the Qld BDM CD's recently, this family popped up and tickled my sense of humour. I mean no disrespect to the family but the children must have had a tricky time of it I would think. The family appears to have been very Scottish. Joseph Taylor STEPHEN and Jessie BRUCE named their children born in Queensland: Daniel McKenzie, Elizabeth Simpson, Hibiscus Musa Textilus, Jessie Bruce, Mary McKenzie, Passiflora Quadrangularis and William Swanson.

{The Giant Granadilla, Barbadine (Trinidad), Giant Tumbo or Badea (Spanish pronunciation: [ba' ðe.a]), *Passiflora quadrangularis*, is the largest of the passionfruits, plants of the genus *Passiflora*. It is a perennial native to the Neotropics, has a narcotic root; scented flowers; and a large, oblong fruit, containing numerous seeds. The badea is sometimes grown in greenhouses. The juice of the badea is used as a beverage. A tea is made from the leaves which is used for high blood pressure and diabetes. A drink and ice-cream are made from the fruit. }



{Hibiscus species are often noted for their showy flowers and are less widely known as rose mallow. Abaca (*Musa textilis* Née) is closely related to edible banana and is indigenous to the understorey of the Philippines' tropical lowland evergreen rainforests. It is grown primarily for its fibres. }

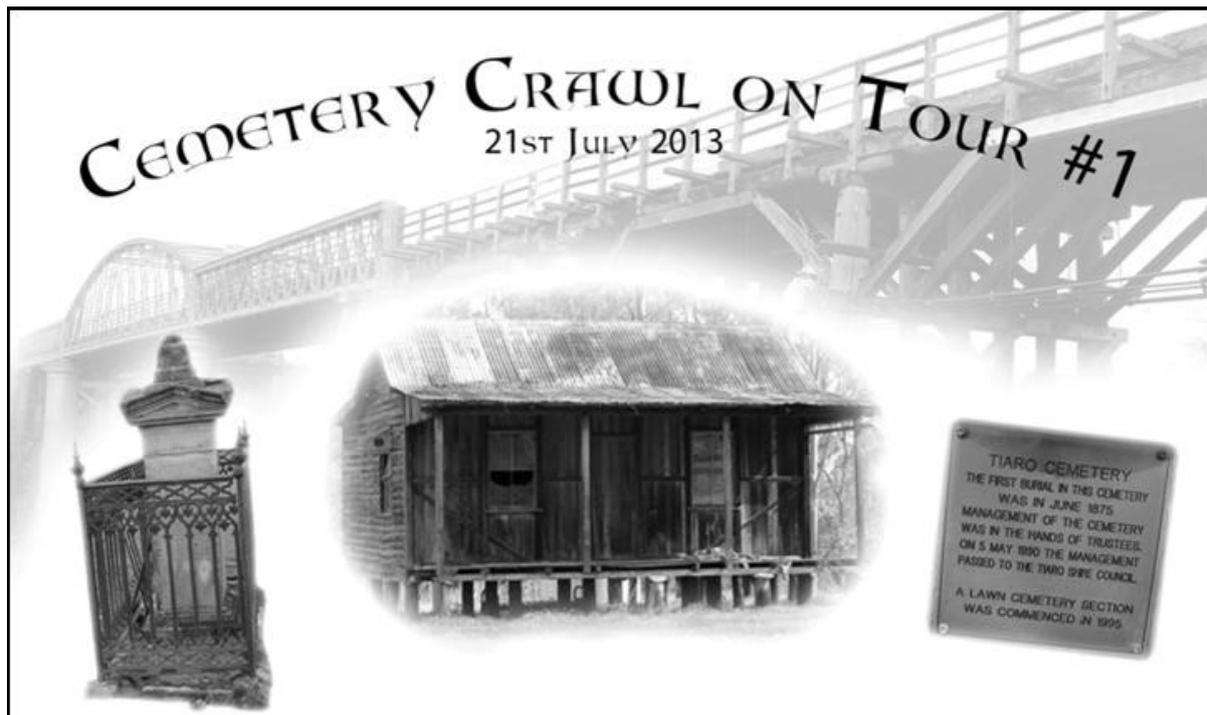
Hibiscus Musa Textilus was a son and sadly the coroners report in April 1919 in Redfern in NSW says that the cause of death was from "haemorrhaging from a wound to the throat, inflicted by himself, possibly while in a state of delirium". He was a returned soldier who had lost one of his legs while in service and was suffering from insomnia and influenza.

The flower and fruit names intrigued me and so I researched this family a little further. Joseph and Jessie were Scottish and they had other children with quite usually names. Joseph went bankrupt in Oct 1889 in NSW and was in debtors prison then. The family must have travelled to QLD soon after as their first Queensland child was born in 1891 when Hibiscus joined them. Perhaps they saw the beautiful hibiscus flower in the hotter areas of the country and when their child came along, they thought it was a good name. This boy went on to be a private in the 17th Battalion in the First World War. Their next child was a girl that they named Passiflora and then all of the children after that were "normal" names. The family went back to NSW after 1901 and Joseph died in 1909, with Jessie not following for some 50 years later.

Why the unusual names? That would be a family story I am sure..... Di

The Gympie Times 50 years ago (20th December 1991 = 20th December 1941)

"In the interest of National Security and in accordance with the Act there will be no late night shopping in Gympie over the Christmas period this year"



A Collection of Brief Stories of Pioneers Interred & Commemorated in Tiaro, Gunalda, Munna Creek and Miva Cemeteries.



Our first Cemetery Crawl on Tour was a huge success. The weather was lovely, the bus driver was pretty good (Woody), the food was great (a local catering company PicNic) and the Crawlers good fun. We left town at 9am and arrived at Tiaro in time for a wander, the first stories and morning tea. More stories, a trip to the loo in Tiaro, then to Munna Creek cemetery for some more stories, to Dickabram Bridge for lunch (where the bus developed a little problem, handled very well by Woody and Roundabout Tours), yummy picnic lunch then a rousing walk to the cemetery—far in the distance! More stories, shuttle buses to Gunalda Cemetery, late afternoon stories and home at a later hour than planned due to said breakdown. Everyone supported the raffles with a few gold coins, delight for the winners and a great day had by all. Some families reconnected, found their connections and created new connections. Lyn researched lots of interesting snippets too. Her son created this beautiful cover for the book for which we are thankful. Rowena Robertson at the Gympie Times supported us before, during and after with her reporting in the paper, her attendance on the day and a great write up after the event as well. Thanks to everyone who supported me on this harebrained scheme, we have done something we can be very proud off. To top it all off....we paid the bills and had a lovely bit left over for the kitty.

Where will the second crawl wander too I wonder! Di Woodstock {Crawl Co-ordinator}

Cemetery Crawl on Tour #1

Cemetery	Name	Researcher Name
Tiaro	Emery {Frederick & Barbara nee Steven}	Di Woodstock
Tiaro	Steven {Magnus & Robertina nee Gunn}	Di Woodstock
Tiaro	Stratford {John & Alma nee Inker}	Margaret Long
Tiaro	Willett {Arthur & May Alma nee Stratford}	Margaret Long
Tiaro	Herbener {Jacob & Sarah Jane nee Stratford}	Margaret Long
Tiaro	Gee {Hannah nee Hurt}	Di Woodstock
Tiaro	Rayner {Henry & Betsy nee Fincham}	John Rayner
Tiaro	Trasey {Alfred}	Di Woodstock
Munna Creek	Atherton {John & Frances nee Homer}	Di Woodstock & Lyn Fleming
Munna Creek	Cochrane {Austin}	
Munna Creek	Reat {William}	Di Woodstock
Dickabram	Gesch {Charles & Johanna nee Spann}	Alex Miles
Dickabram	Nahrung {Konrad & Wilhelmina nee Gesch}	Alex Miles
Dickabram	Jenkins {Moses & Ann Jane nee Wallace}	Jenkins family
Gunalda	Balderson {Benjamin & Elizabeth nee Bates}	Lyn Fleming
Gunalda	Lipsett {James}	Lyn Fleming & Di Woodstock
Gunalda	Dakin {Sarah}	Lyn Fleming & Di Woodstock

William Reat from Munna Creek

William Reat—died on the 27th September 1928. He was born in Scotland about 1847 but was not easily traceable on the available censuses. His parents were not listed on the registration of his death on the QLD BDM. He arrived into Brisbane on the “*Queen of the South*” July 1864 aged 17.

The Brisbane Courier 3rd Nov 1928 reads: “*The will of William Reat, late of Miva Station, Miva, retired labourer, Probate granted to John Henry Homer ATHERTON of Miva Station, Miva.*”

The Brisbane Courier: “*Probate granted 16/2/1929 William Reat, Miva, retired labourer, personality £534*”.

The Atherton family owned Miva Station and no doubt William worked for them. There is a story in the Courier Mail on the 3rd December 1978 about Miva Station and its history. There is mention in there of the colourful characters who called Miva Station home. “There was the Scotsman who worked solidly until he could work no more and was cared for by John Atherton the second. For posterity he left a truckle-bed patiently fashioned with his own hands”. This was possibly William Reat. The Atherton's would have placed the headstone. It is nice to know he was a member of someone's family here.



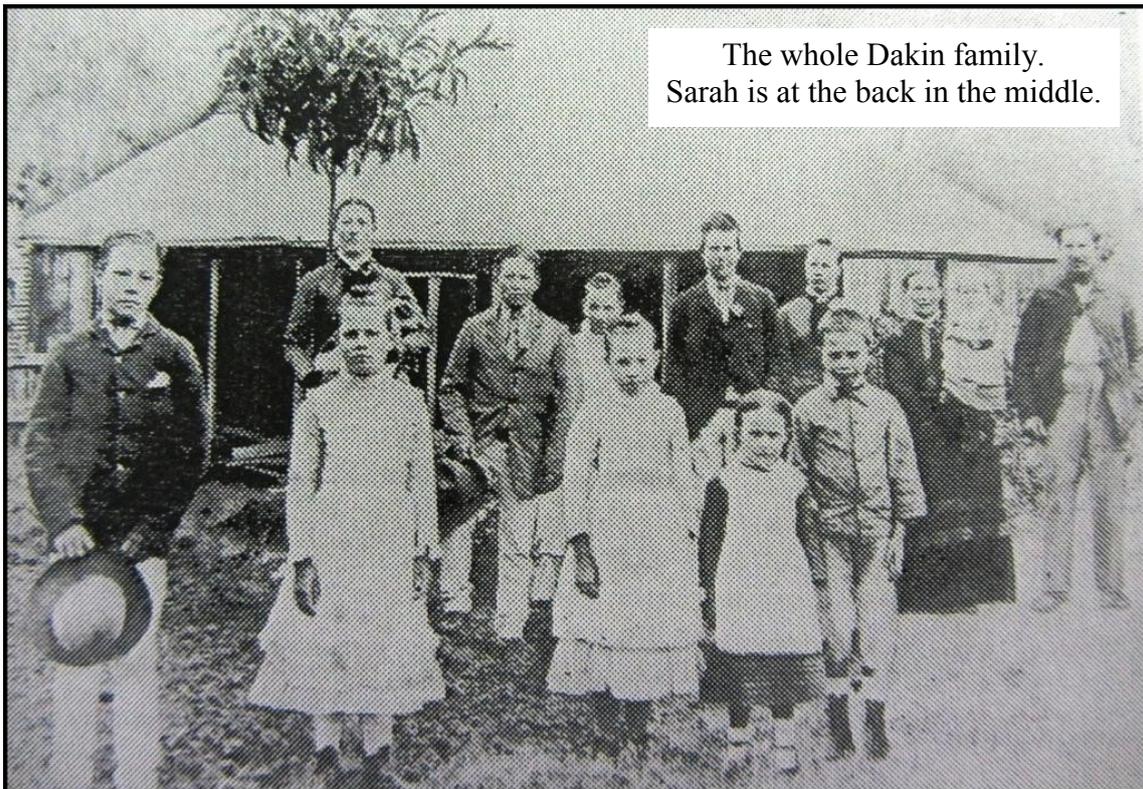
Why is there a saucepan on his grave??



Dakin Family of Gunalda.

Little Sarah Isabella Dakin was just 14 years old when she died on 4th March 1890. She was born on the 4th January 1876 to George Thomas DAKIN and Wilhelmina Frederika BOSEL in Qld. Her parents married in Maryborough in 1867.

Sarah grew up in a mixed marriage as her father was English and her mother was German. The Dakin family probably lived at Stoney Hill Farm at Tinana and most of the children were born while there. She had ten siblings including Mary Ann, Annie Alice, Charles Albert Edward Alfred, Arthur Herbert, Ellen, Martha, Robert, Lavinia and Emma. Sarah died from Erysipelas which is a streptococcus infection from a bite or scratch and, if untreated with antibiotics, swelling continues and death can result as happened with Sarah. One of the disadvantages of living in the bush.



The whole Dakin family.
Sarah is at the back in the middle.

“Erysipelas: Patients typically develop symptoms including high fevers, shaking, chills, fatigue, headaches, vomiting, and general illness within 48 hours of the initial infection. The skin lesion enlarges rapidly and has a sharply demarcated raised edge. It appears as a red, swollen, warm, hardened and painful rash, similar in consistency to an orange peel.”

Trasey Family of Tiaro

Actually Alfred is the only person in Queensland with the last name of Trasey so there is no family in this state, let alone Tiaro.

Alfred was passing through the area with work and died so is buried here. He was just 35 years old and was married and had at least one son. It is interesting that he has such an ornate, although very small, grave surround around this beautiful headstone. Alfred's story is as follows.

He was born in Sydney to Arthur TRASEY and a lady named Jane HUNTER. Arthur was born in about 1815, possibly in Ireland but was in Australia by 1838 which is when his third daughter was born in Sydney. They already had two older girls with Hannah {born before 1908} and Amelia {born before Frederick {1842-1866}, Alfred allowed by Jessie {1849-1873}, Ellen

Horatio. Arthur's mother died at 55 years of age and his father remarried a much younger lady and they had a further 6 children. In total, Alfred had 7 siblings and 6 half-siblings. His father and the rest of the family suffered much grief as out of the 14 children, 8 died under the age of 26 and 4 of those were under 3 years of age. The stepmother, Kate Healy, was 25 when she married 55 year old Arthur and died a month after the birth of her last baby when she was just 33. All of the Trasey family appears to have stayed in New South Wales.

Alfred had left Sydney by the time he was 20 and gone to Lawrence, near Grafton, and had paid a deposit for land as mentioned in the local newspaper, the Clarence and Richmond Examiner and New England Advertiser on the 5th July 1864 reads:

Alfred Trasey, Ashby, 100 acres, county of Clarence, parish of Ashby, measured square, commencing on a small flat on the south side of the hut, and including hut, yards, and ring timber paddock, at Tulbymorgan on the Ashby run, about seven miles from Broadwater station. Area selected 170 acres Deposit paid, £42 10s.

In 1870 he was listed as a Steward at the Boxing Day Horse race at Lawrence and he had his own business with a carrier boat which was called the "Diana". He was carrying maize for Samuel Davison who became his father-in-law when Alfred married Samuel's daughter, Diana, as the local paper on the 19th March 1872 announced:

MARRIAGE. TRASEY-DAVISON-At the residence of the bride's mother, Lawrence, Clarence River, by special license, by the Rev. C. R. CURREY, ALFRED TRASEY, of Richmond River, eldest surviving son of Mr. ARTHUR TRASEY, Pymont, Sydney, to DIANA ANN, only daughter of the late Mr. SAMUEL DAVISON, Tenterfield, New England.- No cards.



{born before 1837-1838-1860}. George rived in 1844, fol- {1851-1877} and

The couple became fearful that they were not legally married as the “Rev” who “married” them was charged with carrying out an illegal service as he was not technically a lawful minister in that year. He had been registered the previous year but his registration had not been re-newed. The Rev went to gaol and was fined but the court confirmed to Diana and Alfred that they were in fact legally married. The couple endeavoured to begin their family but each of their first three babies were stillborn, two boys and a girl between 1873 and 1876. The delight for their son Alfred Davison when he survived birth in August 1877 must have been palpable. Just over 12 months later, Alfred {snr} was buried in Tiaro. Three reports were found in various papers on the passing of Alfred Trasey:

The Sydney Morning Herald Thursday 3 October 1878 : TRASEY.-September 22, at Tiaro, Queensland, suddenly, Alfred, second son of Arthur Trasey, Esq., Sydney, aged 35 years.

The Brisbane Courier (Qld. : 1864 - 1933) Saturday 5 October 1878 : At Tiaro a young man named Trasey, in charge of a mob of valuable bulls from the south, died rather suddenly, from the effects of exhaustion brought on by over indulgence in stimulants.

Clarence and Richmond Examiner and New England Advertiser Saturday 5 October 1878 THE LATE Mr. ALFRED TRASEY.-We regret having to chronicle the sudden death of Mr. Alfred Trasey, who was well known in this district, and highly esteemed for his uniform geniality and kindness to all with whom business brought him into contact. The deceased was formerly superintendent at Tomki Station, but has since been in business at Lawrence; and at the time of his death was travelling with cattle for Messrs. Harnes and Smith Brothers. At Maryborough, Queensland, he was attacked by fever, to which he succumbed on Sunday last, leaving a wife and two children (at present in Sydney) to lament their loss. RR Express.

Further to the drama of Alfred’s death in the small township of Tiaro, the Brisbane Courier newspaper on the 1st October 1878 tells the following tale:

A most cowardly and brutal assault is reported (says the Maryborough Chronicle; September 35) as having taken place on the Gympie road on Sunday morning last, about a mile on the Maryborough side of Owanyilla. As Messrs. Bassett and Hutchins were proceeding to Tiaro for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late Mr. Trasey, they descried a man running in the bush covered with blood. They immediately stopped and jumped off to his assistance, when they found it was Mr. George Price, contractor, of this town, who had been proceeding into Maryborough in a buggy, and had been set upon by two ruffians, who, upon seeing Messrs. Hutchins and Bassett, slunk off into the bush. It was found that Mr. Price had been most unmercifully beaten ; three ugly scalp wounds were made on the head, the left eyebrow completely smashed as if from the kick of a heavy boot, and other injuries of a fearful character. The unfortunate man, it is feared, has also sustained severe internal injuries. The wounds were dressed with cold water, and as Price had fainted from loss of blood, Messrs. Hutchins and Bassett carried him to the buggy and conveyed him to the Owanyilla Hotel, where Dr. Harricks was shortly in attendance upon the sufferer. The origin of the assault appears to be a dispute which commenced at the hotel a short time previously, during which blows were exchanged, and on Price proceeding to town he was waylaid by two of the disputants with the result stated. The police proceeded to the scene on hearing of the affair, hut did not arrest the men, whose names are reported to be respectively Acton and Casey.

A machine-gun and crew in the Western Desert. This picture was taken soon after the Australians had repulsed a German attack upon a ridge at El Alamein. In the photo are Pte J Ireland and Pte J D Trasey. {James Davison Trasey is Alfred’s grandson} {Alfred Garner Trasey, PJ’s brother, also fought in WWII}



Upcoming Events

1st September 2013—memberships due

18th September 2013 - AGM

23rd October 2013—Cemetery Crawl at Gympie Cemetery

November (To be confirmed but probably 23rd) - Show & Tell at the rooms for the Xmas Party

Workshops and talks:

We currently have over 60 members—it is time to start doing some “sharing of the knowledge”

In 2014 please let us know what you would like to have planned to help you with your research:

Basic computer skills: Getting started on your tree: Scanning and storing photographs: Writing your story: Old occupations and what they mean: Census records and how to search them: Charts and how to use them:

We can do any of this BUT we need to know if you are interested. Please register your possible interest to the secretary by email, mail or phone.

Although we had 30 people on the Cemetery Crawl to Tiaro recently, many people expressed interest but were unable to attend due to other commitments on the date. I would be happy to run a repeat of the Tour (possibly on one of the first Sunday’s in November) if we could confirm enough people to cover the cost of the bus. The cost would remain the same at \$40 per person (inc book & morning tea) and lunch being an optional \$15 if required.

If you are interested, please send me your expression of interest and which one of the Sundays would suit you better (3rd or the 10th) and we will see if we can run it.

The book is available for \$20 as well. Regards Di Woodstock 0419 224 628

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