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DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON MORE THAN EVER, OUR THOUGHTS TURN GRATEFULLY TO THOSE WHO HAVE MADE OUR PROGRESS POSSIBLE. AND IN THIS SPIRIT WE SINCERELY SAY THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.





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EDITORS COMMENT

Unbelievable, it's time for our Christmas edition. I hope I've succeeded in making it full of Christmas goodies and that your own festive celebrations are full of love and family. A big thank you to everyone for their help throughout the year especially the multi tasking Di.
Lyn Fleming

MEMBERSHIP: WE CURRENTLY HAVE 58 MEMBERS**PRESIDENTS REPORT;**

Welcome all members—Another month has gone by—what a month!
On the 11th we had our mystery tour, what a day it was—wonderful.
First to Murgon Dairy Museum for morning tea and a tour of the various buildings, bringing back memories of days gone by. Then on to another homestead, Boondooma that certainly has a lot of history, had a lot of information to take in, so we have to thank the organisers for a wonderful day.
Our back room is as busy as ever, never a dull moment but seem to be getting a lot done. A lot of birthdays have been celebrated so must have been something in the air around New Years' Eve the year before. We have had quite a lot of people in after information so that makes our job interesting when we can help. Joyce is off to Norfolk Island next week so have a good time and look after your foot as we need you on the move. Val B. has had a big birthday so has had a big celebration. We shall have to have a discussion about how we are to celebrate our Christmas break up so let us have all your suggestions. That's about all for this time. MARGARET (PRESIDENT)

RESEARCH -

**Gwen Cochrane Re—Robert Cochrane and Barbara Reid Smith
Headstone Photo and Information**

Nancy Edwards Re—Rankin/Sharp/Garrick Families

Visited Rooms 10th September

Gary & Elizabeth Heilbronn Re—Thomas Illidge Heilbronn

Circa 1900-1919 Visited rooms 29th September

**Suzanne Plowman Re—Frederick Joseph Bennett & Susan Campbell
Lang. Info for friends birthday 26th October**

Warren Perry Re—John & Margaret Dodd & Daughter Mary Ann

General Inquiry fee schedule sent by email

Jenny Mullins Re—Deacon Family Tree

Visitor from Mackay paid membership

Denise Juler

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 (at our discretion)

Mail & Internet Inquiries

\$30.00 Australia

\$35.00 overseas

For Research Requests:

email c/- gfh@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 \$30 (or \$35 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 re-searching 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: BSB 633000 Account# 153118963 and is with Bendigo Bank. We ask that you confirm by email to gfh@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 Denise JULER

NEW www.gfhs.com.au Check it out!!

**OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY SHOW AND TELL WILL BE HELD
ON SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2016 BETWEEN 1 AND 4 PM
AT THE RESIDENCE OF DENISE JULER— 42 BELVEDERE ROAD
(OFF SANDY CREEK ROAD AND NEAR PISTOL CLUB)**

**ANAFTERNOON OF FRIENDSHIP AND FUN.
PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD,
& ANY SHOW & TELL ITEMS IF YOU WISH.**

RSVP : 20th NOVEMBER 2016

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THE TWELFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS. Warren Job

On the twelfth day of Christmas,
My true love gave to me,
Twelve census searches,
Eleven printer ribbons,
Ten e-mail contacts,
Nine headstone rubbings,
Eight birth and death dates,
Seven town clerks sighing,
Six second cousins,
Five coat of arms,
Four GEDCOM files,
Three old wills,
Two CD-ROMS,
And a branch in my family tree.
MERRY CHRISTMAS



LIBRARY HOURS

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

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE {Please note that some prices have changed}

- **MINING ACCIDENTS SERIES** by Betty D'Arcy, information on mine accidents from the annual reports of the Mines Dept. (Qld) Volumes 1-14 (1878-1945). Cost per volume \$13 plus p&h **B**, order whole set add p&h **E**, order 5 copies add p&h **D**
- **PIONEER REGISTER** of families of Gympie and Surrounds (pre 1900) \$30 plus p&h **B**
- **PIONEER HEADSTONE BOOK** of Tozer Park & King Sts Gympie \$30 plus p&h **B {updated}**
- **A GOLDEN FUTURE 1867-1967** Stories, reports & photos of Gympie (photocopy version) \$15 p&h **B**
- **HISTORIC SKETCH OF GYMPIE 1867-1927** Stories & photographs of people & events of that period, includes index. (photocopy version) \$15 plus p&h **B**
- **The Gympie Chinese Vol 1** Stories of the early Chinese people of Gympie. \$15 p&h **B**
- **COOLOOLA COAST CEMETERY** (Tin Can Bay & Rainbow Beach) transcribed 2001. Headstones, burial register in date order. Cost \$15 plus p&h **B**
- **GYMPIE FUNERALS Cooloola Crematorium— funeral notices transcribed from their website**
 1. **2010 part year** \$10 plus p&h **A**
 2. **2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015** \$15 each plus p&h **A**
- **GYMPIE CEMETERIES**
 1. **Headstone Transcriptions to 1995** \$25 p&h **C**
 2. **Burial Register 1866-1994.** King Street, Tozer Park Road & Two Mile cemeteries \$35 p&h **C**
 3. **Burial Register 1995-1999** Two Mile Cemetery, Cooloola Coast Crematorium register of burials in other towns \$15 plus p&h **A**
 4. **Burial Register 2000-2004** Two Mile Cemetery, Cooloola Coast Crematorium register of burials in other towns \$15 plus P&H **A** **(Set of all 4 books) \$90 plus p&h D**
 5. **Cemetery Crawl on Tour #1 (Tiaro, Munna Creek, Miva & Gunalda)** \$15 plus p&h **B**
 6. **Cemetery Crawl on Tour #2 (Kenilworth, Brooloo, Bollier, Gheerulla)** \$15 plus p&h **B**
 7. **Cemetery Crawl on Tour #3 (Kilkivan, Woolooga & Boonara)** \$15 plus p&h **B**
 8. **World War 1 Crawl August 2014** \$10 plus p&h **B**
 9. **World War 1 Crawl April 2015** \$10 plus p&h **B**
 10. **World War 1 Crawl November 2015** \$10 plus p&h **B**
- **GYMPIE TIMES SERIES**
 1. **1868-1874** Births, deaths and marriages, funerals and miscellaneous
 2. **1875-1884** Births, deaths and marriages, funerals
 3. **1885-1889** Births, deaths and marriages, funerals
 4. **1890-1894** Births, deaths and marriages, funerals & in memoriam
 5. **1895-1899** Births, deaths and marriages, funerals & in memoriam
 6. **1900-1904** Births, deaths and marriages, in memoriam, wills/probates
 7. **1905-1909** Births, deaths and marriages, in memoriam, inquires/court**(Set of all 7 books) \$95 plus p&h D or each book \$15 plus p&h A**
- **GYMPIE CEMETERY CRAWL BOOKLETS** Presentations of headstones by our members. Approximately 10 names described per booklet. Includes some photos of headstones. Cost \$5 each plus p&h **B** for 3 booklets (we are up to book 40 now) (see website for a list of names)

Postage codes: A=\$4 B=\$5 C=\$8 D=\$10 E=\$16 to any part of Australia

OUR MYSTERY TOUR.

On the 11th September a bus load of members and friends set off on our Mystery Tour. Each person was asked to write down where they thought we were going, we had offers of The Black Stump to Timbuktu, as well as areas close to home, a few people did select the right direction which was the South Burnett. Our first point of call was The wonderful Murgon Dairy Museum. This Museum is a credit to the town and the volunteers who look after it. A lovely lady Cynthia Hatchett was our host for the morning and even made us some butter which we ate on Jatz biscuits. After morning tea we set out on a tour of the houses and

buildings scattered around the museum grounds. The Museum display is housed in the former Bank of N.S.W. building, other buildings include the first home built in Murgon and Trinity House. (circa 1893) An early 20th century church has been set up as a chapel and is still used for weddings and funerals. A fun time was had by all and many have asked for us to make a return visit in one of our future excursions. Photos : Our host making butter, Wes and Alex headed to the dairy, while Dawn and Val T. (plus a few others) had fun at the picture cut outs. A lazy susan to house all your cooking needs.



Our next port of call was Boondooma Station, situated on the Durong Road, 23 km north of the township of Durong. Our host for the afternoon was Buddy Thomson, who was bought up on the station and has spent a lot of time restoring the out buildings. The station is sited close to the Boyne River, and was established in 1846 by the Lawson Brothers. Like most of the stations of that period wool and tallow were their main income. This photo shows Buddy explaining the tallow process. The homestead and surrounding land was built with the basic necessities similar to a small village, the stone store to store and dispense supplies, the post office with a letter posting slot through the door, the cookout providing shelter for the preparation of meals, and the self explanatory cool shed. So after a sausage sizzle lunch we all set out to explore our surroundings with host Buddy telling his stories along the way. The post office, and the trolley used for wheeling the meals on



rails from the cooks house to the homestead were of great interest . A look through the homestead before a tranquil wander through the gardens. One could imagine how lovely it would be when all the roses and fruit trees bloomed.



Looking through my photos from our trip, the words “ a picture tells a thousand words “ came to mind. Being close to Christmas I thought Margaret and Del wouldn’t mind us having a little fun with the pictures. While we all walked from one building to another I looked around to see our much loved President sitting in a buggy with a big smile on her face. Another much loved member Del also saw the buggy and she too had a smile.



A little later I noticed a bigger buggy and look who got the front seat while our dear President was relegated to the back. (smiles gone) We proceeded on to the Homestead and after looking around the rooms we walked outside to the gardens and who should be hurrying up the path but our President and her mate Del, both heading in the direction of the buggy.

Our Margaret has a good start but my money is on the roughly coming up the rear. Sure enough look what happened Del got there first and claimed the front seat and Margaret had to settle for the back seat again.



I hope everyone will keep supporting our bus trips, they are a wonderful way of socializing and our area is blessed with some great historical places to see and explore. *Lyn*

ALBERT JOSEPH SCANLAN.



Albert Joseph “Ginger” Scanlan was born in Brisbane on Christmas Day 25th December 1880 but was not registered until 1881, to parents Martin James Scanlan and Johanna O’Connor both Irish migrants. He was one of 8 children, a newspaper article from 1899 tells a sad tale of his mother’s death: *Queensland Times 4th March 1899: A Peculiar Occurrence. WOMAN’S STRANGE ACT. On the evening of Wednesday, the 1st instant, a married woman named Mrs. Scanlon, who resides with her husband in Ann Street, Valley, was coming from Bulimba in one of the open summer tram-cars when a little on the town side of the Bulimba ferry, and while the car was travelling at a fair rate of speed, she suddenly stood up and stepped from the car to the ground. As a result she was thrown violently down, sustaining severe injuries, from which she succumbed this morning. The Doctors in attendance on the case refused to give a certificate of death, and a post-mortem examination has been ordered to be held.* Ginger was a miner in Gympie before enlisting in the Boer War in 1901, sailing on the ship Victoria on the 4th April 1901. He served in South Africa for 15 months with the 6th Queensland Imperial Bushmen Unit. He received the Queen’s South Africa Medal with Transvaal, Orange Free State, SA 1901 and SA 1902 clasps. After returning to Queensland he worked as a shoeing smith for Cobb and Co. Between 1907 and 1914 his occupation was middle weight boxer, fighting in London as well as Australia.

On the 15th September 1914 Ginger enlisted for the 1st World War, as a driver and shoeing smith with the 3rd Field Artillery Brigade. He served in Egypt and France and his service number was 2319. Albert was 5 feet 51/2 inches tall weighed 170 lbs with a fair complexion, grey eyes and reddish (ginger) hair.

He embarked on the HMAT A22 Rangatira on the 25th September 1914 (His surname on the embarkation roll is spelt Scanlon.. He was not the best behaved character, often being charged with drunk on duty, absent without leave, breach of discipline, his punishment usually a fine and loss of pay. On the 27th August 1918 he made Bombardier (Farrier Corporal) before returning to Australia on the 13th October 1918.

On the 16th June 1925 he married Elizabeth Day, they had 4 children. Albert passed away from natural causes on Christmas Eve the 24th December 1931, aged 50.

His obituary reads: *The death occurred yesterday morning of Albert Joseph (Ginger) Scanlan, who will be remembered by old time patrons of boxing in this city as a pugilist of more than average merit. Born and reared in Brisbane, Scanlan first won his spurs in the Lempen square as an amateur. Later he entered the ranks of the professionals, and, as a middleweight, he figured in many thrilling battles at the old Edward Street stadium (his first contest there being in opposition to the clever coloured Sydney middleweight, Joe Wallcott) At the Albert Street stadium he appeared in contests against Dave Smith, Bob Whitelaw, Mark Higgins, Rudie Unholz, Joe Shakespeare, and the aboriginal champion, Jerry Jerome. Despite the fact that Scanlan possessed only an elementary knowledge of boxing, an abnormal stock of stamina and pluck always made him popular with boxing patrons. He was a member of the A.I.F., and the Waterside Workers Union.*

Lyn Fleming source: RSL Virtual war memorial, Boer war memorial, ancestry, trove

CLARENCE SAMUEL TRUDGION

GYMPIE BORN ACHIEVER

Gympie Times 22nd December 1939.:

“CHRISTMAS PARCELS DISTRIBUTED.

GOODWILL THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS



Was exemplified yesterday when the Brisbane City Mission and the Central Methodist Mission distributed gifts of good cheer to those in need. The State Treasurer Mr. F. A. Cooper who opened the distribution at the Brisbane City Mission said that the organisation was making a bold endeavour to assist people who were unable to help themselves.

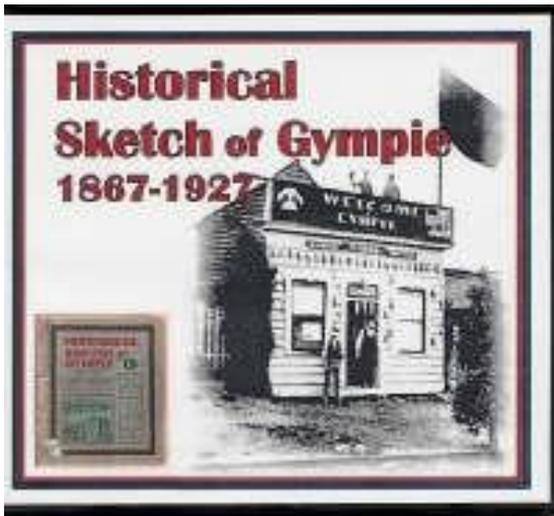
Throughout the week a band of willing workers assisted the Superintendent of the mission (The Rev. C.S. Trudgion) in preparing parcels for distribution to 400 families representing 2300 people. Each parcel contained a pig's cheek, plum pudding, custard powder, tins of fruit, flour,

tea, sugar, potatoes and onions. Mr. Trudgion explained that in addition to the Christmas cheer gifts, the mission, throughout the year, had assisted many families whose incomes were inadequate to purchase foodstuffs. This year children belonging to these families had been given a fortnight's holiday at the Mission's home at Palm Beach. Food and clothing also had been distributed to hundreds of people and approximately 600 meals a week had been served to men in need. Twice each week song services had been held for men who had no social life.



All this work, Mr. Trudgion said had been made possible by the kindness of many subscribers and by the action of café proprietors, butchers, merchants and other business enterprises in making donations of goods.”

Clarence Samuel Trudgion was born on the 2nd March 1896 at Gympie, Queensland, fifth of seven children of David Trudgion, a miner from Cornwall, and his London born wife Jessie Mary, nee Dick. Clarrie was educated at One Mile State School, Gympie. At 14 he began work as an office boy and shop assistant in a hardware store. Tutored by his elder brother Edward, he passed the post office examination and became a telephonist. After further evening study at the Gympie School of Arts and Technical College he was promoted to telegraph operator. Influenced by his mother, he was involved in the local Church of Christ as a Sunday School teacher, youth leader and lay preacher. Having been active in the Citizen Military Forces, Trudgion enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force on 31st August 1915 and was commissioned the next year. In 1916-18 he served on the Western Front with the 42nd Battalion. Assuming leadership roles easily, he held the temporary rank of Captain in June–October 1918. His comrade Jules Tardent described him as ‘alert, highly intelligent with a great capacity for work.’ Trudgion won the Military Cross for fearlessly leading his company in an attack and then reorganising it to beat off a counter-attack near Peronne, France on 31st August 1918. Returning to Australia in the troop ship ‘Themistocles’, he performed the duties of education officer, arranging many activities as alternatives to drinking and gambling. He was demobilised as a lieutenant in September 1919.



Trudgian returned to Gympie and worked in real estate. He then managed a newsagency but surrendered the lottery licence because of his strong opposition to gambling. In 1921 he became fulltime secretary of the Gympie sub-branch and secretary of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia. He enrolled in theology at the Churches of Christ College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Melbourne, in 1923. Due to ill health, he returned to Gympie and completed the course by correspondence. On the 11th March 1924 at the Church of Christ, Gympie, he married Ivy Annie May Alder, a shop assistant. (Ivy died in 1952) They

had 4 children Joan Adeline, Iris May, Valma and Bruce. He took an active part in local affairs and helped to organize the 'Back to Gympie' celebrations and its publication Historical Sketch of Gympie, 1927.



In April 1939 Trudgian was appointed Superintendent of the Brisbane City Mission. Soon after he was ordained a minister of the Churches of Christ. Setting about reforming and expanding the mission, for the

first ten years he accepted no salary, maintaining his family on savings and money earned from selling flowers that he and his wife grew on land at Sunnybank. His guiding text was 'the Lord will provide'; he described himself as a 'bit of a wowser' and as a person 'who didn't do much believing, just a lot of praying'. He assiduously ministered to the residents of the Peel Island leper colony. A successful administrator, he built up the mission's volunteer base and in 1978 moved the enterprise to larger premises, Trudgian House at Fortitude Valley. He claimed that the 'sun was never allowed to set on unanswered mail.'

On 30th July 1954 Trudgian had married with Congregational forms Dorothy Lena Leggett, a welfare worker at the mission. He was appointed MBE in 1966 and AM in 1979. Failing health and diminishing critical faculties prompted him to resign in 1980. Survived by his wife and three daughters and one son of his first marriage, he died on 23rd March 1981 in Jerusalem and was cremated.

Lyn Fleming sources:- Trove, Ancestry and Dictionary of Biography

SIR CHRISTOPHER SHEEHY.



By L.R. Humphrey Australian Dictionary of Biography
 Sir Christopher Sheehy, dairy industry administrator, was born on Christmas Day 1894 at Gympie, Queensland, third of six children of Irish born parents Jeremiah Sheehy, goldminer, and his wife Kate, nee O'Driscoll. Educated at the Christian Brothers College, Gympie, Christopher studied accountancy in Brisbane and joined the Department of Agriculture and Stock as a clerk on 9th January 1911. On 7th February 1920 at St Patricks Catholic Church, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane, he married Ruby Maria Bridgett Barlow, a Sydney born clerk. She was to be a powerful force in the family.

Sheehy worked with the Queensland Wheat Board (Secretary from 1920) and the Queensland Council of Agriculture.

(Secretary from December 1926 to December 1938) and commenced his long association with the dairy industry in 1923 when he was Secretary to a special Committee of Investigation. Dairying was suited to land development and soldier settlement, but the small holdings carried an average of only 25 cows in 1922; this figure was to double by 1956 (and to increase six fold by 2000.)

In 1928 Sheehy became Secretary of the Queensland Butter Board, a position he combined with that of State secretary (1928-1934) for the 'Thomas Patterson Plan' which levied butter production to pay a bounty on the exported product. In 1937 he became general Manager of the Commonwealth Dairy Produce Equilisation Committee Ltd., retaining the post until his death. A voluntary arrangement, the scheme compensated butter factories with a favourable export ratio. The committee needed to accommodate the working factions of Producers from different regions and of processors, retailers, exporters and regulatory authorities. Its success rested greatly on Sheehy's personal skills. Sheehy suffered from headaches after the removal of an abscess and his medication exacerbated a duodenal ulcer; therefore, he abstained from alcohol and tobacco, but drank dry ginger ale into the night with his colleagues.

Manpower shortages and drought meant that dairy output decreased during WW2 when Australia had special obligations to Britain and to feeding troops. The commonwealth Government appointed Sheehy controller of dairy products under the new food plan in 1943 and he worked to enhance production of powdered milk and condensed milk and cheese until the scheme terminated in 1946. For this he did not accept a salary. He helped to obtain substantial Government subsidies and to maintain price support. As Chairman of the Australian Dairy Produce Board from 1952 he continued an involvement in British purchase of Australian surplus butter, the maintenance of quality control and the acquisition of new markets. He made several trips overseas to study the sale of dairy foods.

Sheehy was a kindly man and mentor to young dairy technologists, appointed OBE in January 1951 and knighted in June 1959, Sir Christopher was reappointed chairman of the ADPB in June 1960. He died of a ruptured Duodenal ulcer on 31st August that year in hospital in Brisbane. After a Requiem Mass in St Stephen's Catholic Cathedral, he was buried in Nudgee Cemetery. His wife, son and 2 daughters survived him.

Photo: Sir Henry Able Smith (L) Sir Christopher Sheehy © Source : Dictionary of Biography

(Santa's Map courtesy of Activities Digest)



REINDEER PROVISIONING DEPOTS

Christmas Island
Import hay from Fremantle

Christmas Creek
Hay From Emerald Or Mackay

Christmas Hills
Check supplies at Smithtown

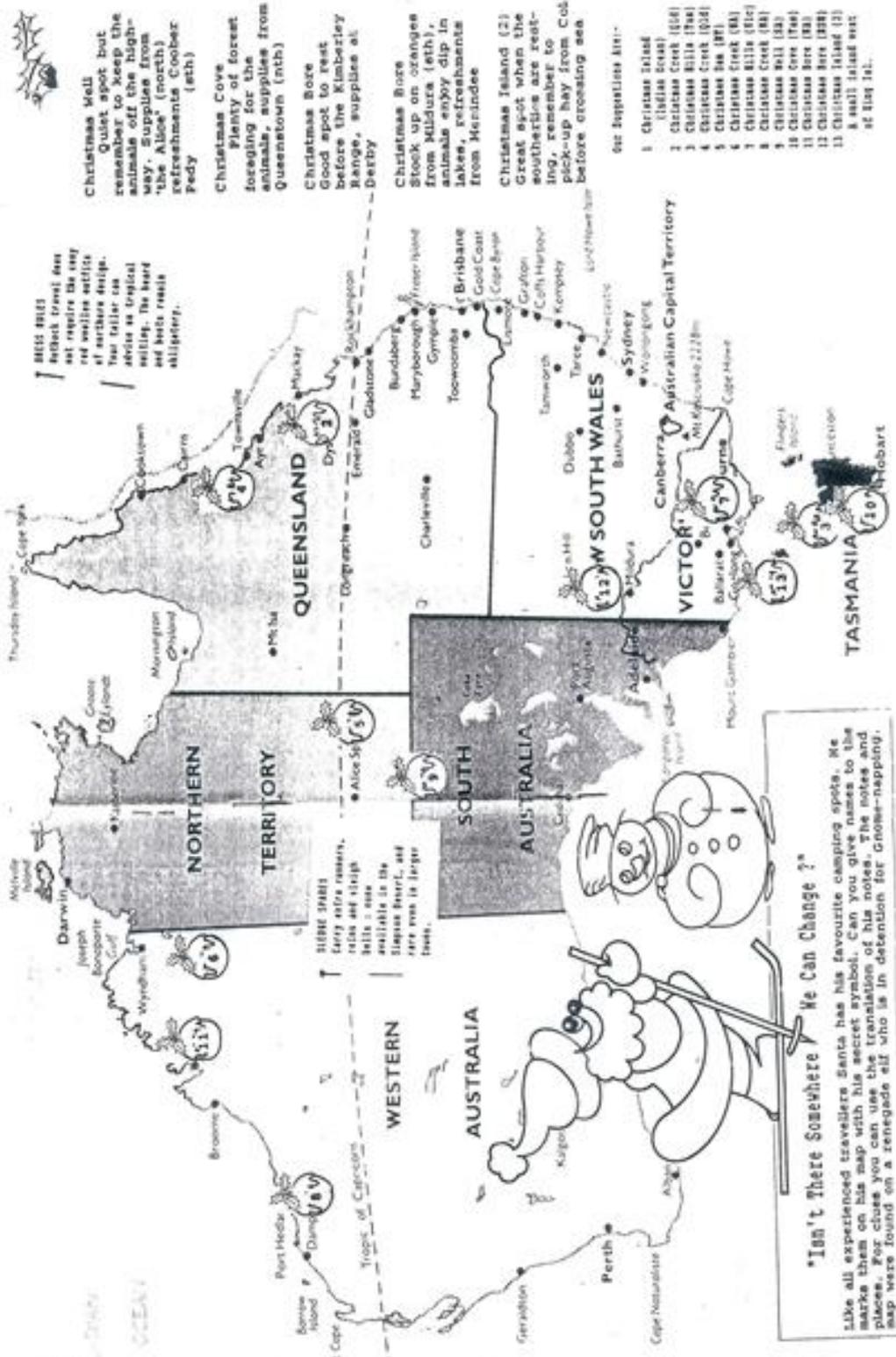
Christmas Creek
Abandoned homestead, grazing, supplies from Townsville

Christmas Dam
Water before crossing the desert, emergency supplies at 'Moonlight Outstation' 50km south-west

Christmas Creek
Spell here after doing the mines. Supplies from Halls Creek

Christmas Hills
All services including hay, see Postal Manager

Christmas Creek
Great spot on the banks of the Fortescue



Christmas Hill
Quiet spot but remember to keep the animals off the highway. Supplies from 'the Albee' (north) refreshments Coober Pedy (eth)

Christmas Cove
Plenty of forest foraging for the animals supplies from Queensland (nth)

Christmas Bore
Good spot to rest before the Kimberley Range, supplies at Derby

Christmas Bore
Stock up on oranges from Mildura (eth). animals enjoy dip in lakes, refreshments from Merindie

Christmas Island (2)
Great spot when the southerlies are zeeting, remember to pick-up hay from Col before crossing sea

our suggestions are:-

- 1 Christmas Island (tidias 504)
 - 2 Christmas Creek (66)
 - 3 Christmas Hills (104)
 - 4 Christmas Creek (104)
 - 5 Christmas Hill (104)
 - 6 Christmas Hill (104)
 - 7 Christmas Hill (104)
 - 8 Christmas Hill (104)
 - 9 Christmas Hill (104)
 - 10 Christmas Hill (104)
 - 11 Christmas Hill (104)
 - 12 Christmas Hill (104)
 - 13 Christmas Hill (104)
- A small island west of Hill 14.

BESS BILLS
Webbed breast less and require the way of webbed breast. Four taller in area as tropical and bills really shilligier.

SIBERIAN
Siberian extra rarer, bills are sharp. available in the Stepan forest, all rare was in large trees.

"Isn't There Somewhere We Can Change?"
Like all experienced travellers Santa has his favourite camping spots. He marks them on his map with his secret symbol. Can you give names to the places. For clues you can use the translation of his notes. The notes and map were found on a renegade elf who is in detention for crimes-napping.

GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN.

Good wishes, family history buffs,
Where ever you may be,
It's time to close that PC down
And raise a glass with me;
We've done our best the whole year through
Our ancestors to find :
So let's drink to that ever growing tree,
(This round's on me!)
Let's drink to that ever growing tree.

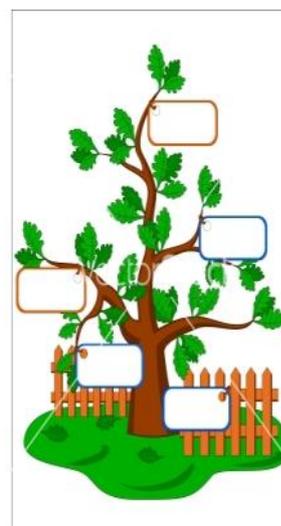


We know it's not an easy task
To trace Great Uncle Jim,
Who went to Burma, married Thrice,
And lived a life of sin;
He ran off with the Parson's daughter -
She was number three—
So let's drink to that ever growing tree
(This round's on me!)
Let's drink to that ever growing tree.



Alo-ysius Finkelbaum
Is not a common name,
You'd think he'd crop up somewhere
But he's hiding just the same;
Tried IGI, the Census, FRC and BMD -
Hell, let's drink to that ever growing tree,
(Thish roundsh on me!)
Let's drink to that ever growing tree

Tom Gadsden was a mariner—in 1691
He hopped the twig in Nevis
After too long in the sun,
But how to find his resting place
Will be the death of ME!
Let's drink to that ever growing tree,
(Da de da dee)
Let's drink to that ever growing tree.



Though brick walls may confound us
And our eyes are growing dim,
We'll never stop our searching
For that one elusive limb -
We're addicts and we're proud of it
As anyone can see,
So let's drink to that ever growing tree -
(Hic—no more for me!)
Let's drink to that ever growing tree.

Author John Cairns

A LITTLE CHRISTMAS CHEER.



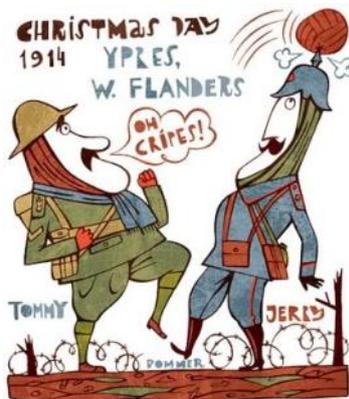
A selection of Christmas stories from the Gympie Times

26th March 1914:-



On Christmas Day they saluted the happy morn by salvos of shells. The first two that fell into the camps of the Carbineers and the imperial Light Horse did not burst. When the shells were picked up it was found that wooden plugs had been inserted in place of the fuses, and inside the shells were plum puddings. On the outside were the words, "with the compliments of the season."

5th January 1915:-



COMBATANTS FRATERNISE.

Soldiers letters recount that English and Germans fraternized at several points on Christmas Eve. They ceased firing, left their trenches, met in the open, and exchanged souvenirs and wine, chocolates and puddings. Two regiments established an informal armistice, and spent Christmas day without hostility. At night the Germans from the trenches shouted to the Englishmen, "Sing to us,;" and they cheered the Britishers when they sang, 'While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks,' 'Lead, Kindly Light,' and 'Abide With Me.' The Germans concerned in this exhibition were mostly Saxons.

7th January 1915:-



THE MEN IN CAMP

In connection with providing New Year's cheer for the men in the camp at Enoggera, it became known that they had no Christmas cheer, the vice president of the Gympie r Red Cross Fund, after consulting with as many members of the committee as possible, decided to forward £5 worth of supplies.

8th April 1916:-

SAVED THEIR CHRISTMAS DINNER.

How a respirator preserved a pig is described in a letter written home by a Thatchman (England) soldier. The writer says:- 'We are having pork for dinner. It was like this, a comrade caught a little pig a few days ago. Afterwards we were gassed, so had to don our respirators. We also put one on the pig, it was the most comical thing I ever saw, and it caused no end of fun. One of our fellows stayed with it all night to keep the respirator on, but it was worth the trouble. It saved the pig's life and also our Christmas dinner.'





14th November 1914:-

A well known resident of Cooroy has for many years past made it a point of taking his family for their annual Christmas vacation to Tewantin. This year he has gone in for dairying in rather a large way, and difficulties presented themselves for carrying out the holiday, as the cows could not be neglected. Not to be defeated he has hit upon a rather novel plan. He intends to take the dairy herd, separator, cream cans, etc., etc., with him, and will erect a set of bails at the seaside.

22nd December 1894:-

A QUEER CHRISTMAS BOX:-



Some queer Christmas boxes are sometimes presented, and sausages may be considered as among the queerest, yet a Minister was once the recipient of such a present, and a very awkward fix it got him into. On his way to preach a funeral sermon in the country he called to see one of his parishioners, an old widow lady, and wish her the compliments of the season. She had a great contempt for the cakes and puddings etc., which are usually connected with the idea of Christmas, but she liked sausages, and at Christmas time she always took care to manufacture some unusually splendid specimens. When the minister called she was hard at work at the sausages, and she felt proud of them—they were so plump, round and sweet. Of course, she insisted on her Minister taking some of the links home to his family. He objected on account of his not having his portmanteau along with him. The objection was overruled, and the old lady, after wrapping them in a rag, carefully placed a bundle in either pocket of the preacher's capacious great coat. Thus equipped he started for the funeral. While attending the solemn ceremonies of the grave, some hungry dogs scented the sausages, and were not long in tracking them to the good man's overcoat. Of course, this was a great annoyance, and he was several times under the necessity of kicking these whelps away. The obsequies of the grave completed, the minister and congregation repassed to the church, where the funeral discourse was to be preached. After the service was finished the minister halted to make some remarks to his congregation, when a brother who wished to have an appointment given out ascended the steps of the pulpit, and gave the minister's coat a hitch to get his attention. The Devine, thinking it a dog having designs upon his pocket, raised his foot, gave a sudden kick, and sent the good brother sprawling down the steps! 'You will excuse me, brethren and sisters,' said the minister confusedly, and without looking at the work he had just done, for I could not avoid it—I have sausages in my pockets, and that dog has been trying to grab them ever since he came upon the premises.



PLACE: A local Primary School Nativity Play

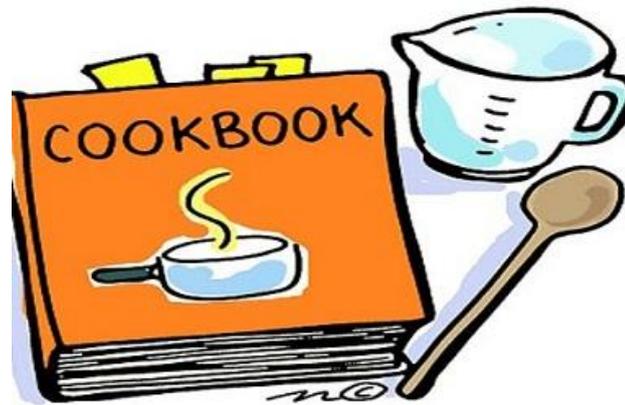
SCENE: The Inn at Bethlehem on Christmas Eve.

JOSEPH: Do you have any room at the inn?

INN KEEPER (overplaying his roll) YES, plenty, come in.

JOSEPH: (Jaw Drops) SPEECHLESS!

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE



Calling all Cooks

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feel free to include a photo that relates to
your family or the memory it creates.*

- Old family secret recipes*
- Savoury or sweet*
- Biscuits, slices, pies, quiches, desserts etc*