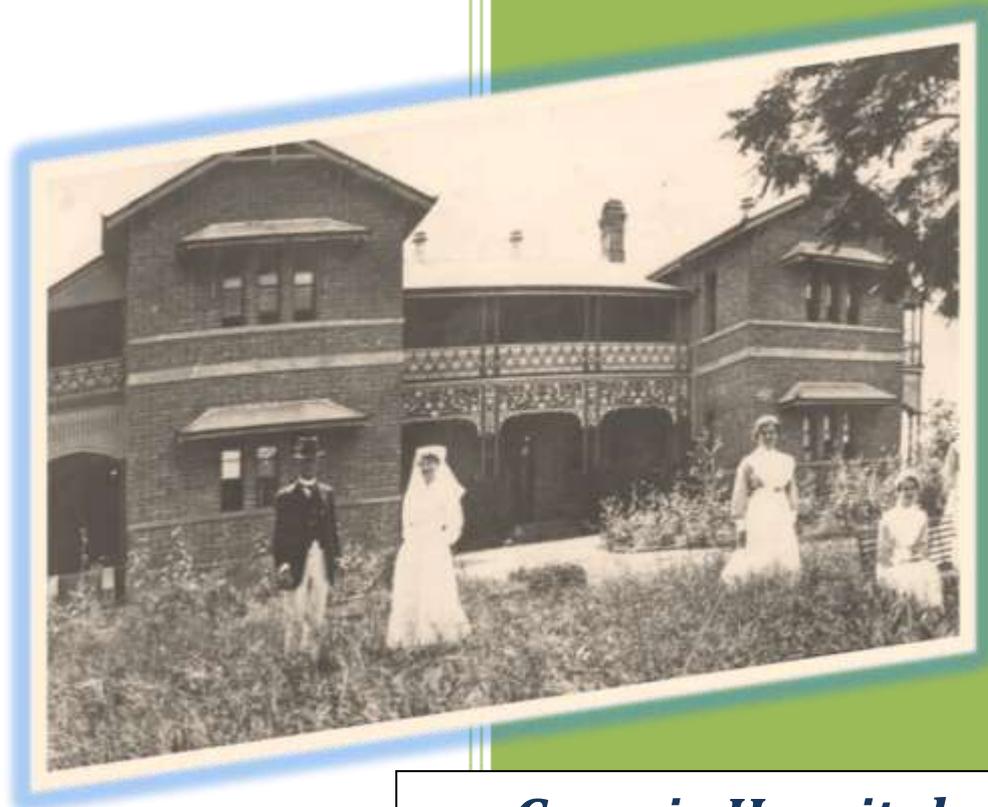


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***Gympie Hospital  
Celebrating 150 years  
1868-2018***

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**EDITORIAL** At last, a warm welcome to our first newsletter for 2018 New Editors and a new name. We hope you agree with our choice- "***Gympie Gazette***". We thought we would like to return to yesterday and take a clip from the early newspaper "***The Gympie Times and Mary River Mining Gazette***". The "Gympie Gazette" will be published three times a year instead of quarterly as previously. All contributions will be thankfully received- anything of interest will be welcomed. With the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Gympie happening this year, we will, from time to time, try to describe some of the doings of the old mining town. It truly must have been quite a town at the time when Gympie Hospital had its beginnings in a tent as a temporary hospital for miners in February 1868. Quite a few of our members I might add have spent some years walking the wards of our hospital. If only those walls could speak!. In those days we sprinkled sawdust on the floors before sweeping same.

We are introducing "Special Interest Groups" this year. Some of the topics of interest suggested were Convicts, Irish and Scottish research. Just let us know if you have any other particular interests you would like to follow. Our next Convict morning is on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. Hope everyone is available even though it is a public holiday. Also on the calendar is the "***Family Search***" presentation by Sandra Alsop from the L.D.S. Church on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. This promises to be a very informative morning, one we are all looking forward to.

Congratulations to the Society and especially those members concerned, on the launch of the second book in the series "***Gympie's Great War 1915***", held at the Old Gympie Railway Station on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Events like this do not just happen without considerable input by

members involved, from researching, through to presenting the finished product to the public. This is a wonderful, often personal lasting record of all the soldiers from our area who enlisted, and is available at our rooms for \$30. **Val Thomas and Val Buchanan.**

**LIBRARY HOURS: Wednesday 9.30-2pm**

**Friday 9.30-12pm**

**Saturday 1pm-4pm.**

### **Reports**

#### **PRESIDENT.**

These reports seem to come very quickly. 2018 is shaping up to be a very busy, interesting year for our society. The first few months have just rushed by with the ladies from U3A coming for a visit. I am happy to report some of these ladies are now family history converts and are regular researchers at our rooms most weeks. Our cemetery crawl was well attended despite being delayed one week because of our very unpredictable weather at the time and our bus trip to Brisbane visiting Newstead House was a real eye opener, bringing back memories of gracious living. The history of the house itself was so interesting and very well told. Denise has been kept busy with research requests and the library ladies have not been idle with Elaine numbering all the books, and Di. G. Very busy with accession numbers and W.W.1. research. We are looking forward to our second W.W.1 book launch which is being held on 21<sup>st</sup> April at The Old Railway Station, 3 till 5p.m. Many hours of research and checking have gone into producing this book, No.2 in our series of W.W.1 books. I think Robyn Dahl knows all the names very well. Members who have been involved with this book have to be congratulated for a marvellous effort. From the Back Room. **Margaret.**



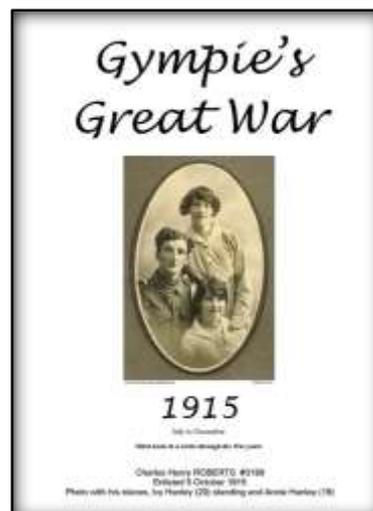
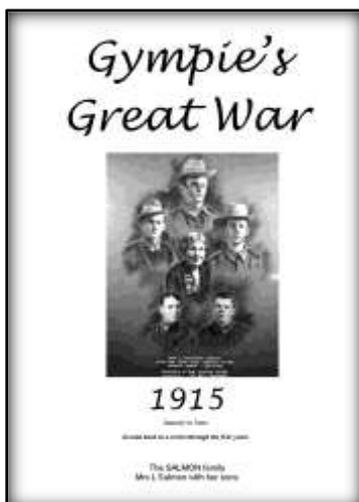
**LIBRARY REPORT** I read an article the other day that said a sign you have a positive workplace culture is laughter. Laughter is a good sign of positivity. Under these criteria our back room is a very positive workplace. We can solve the problems of the world over a cup of coffee but also take care of our collection and add to our local history items. We, in Gympie, are very proud of the extensive range of local material that we have. Our special interest group also provides input into the state of our collection. For example our special interest at the moment is Convicts and a gap here has led to our purchase of "The Convict Ships" by Charles Bateson. We have started our stock take and this is a large undertaking. Indexing is also a large part of our work being ongoing and time consuming. We are a small group who are very productive. **Dianne Grambower.**

**Welcome to our new Members. We are a friendly lot and we hope to see your smiling faces in the rooms or at an event in the near future. Our current membership is about 73.**

### Society News

The Society has been busy in the lead up to this newer version of our magazine. The continuation of Gympie's Great War series of books 1914-1918 is a work in progress, and following on from the launch in 2017 of the 1914 book, "Gympie's Great War 1915 book parts (1) and (2) was launched on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Old Gympie Railway Station. There were stories told, letters read, music played, (Christmas 1915 by Celtic Thunder) a slideshow presentation featuring photographs of the men who enlisted to serve in 1915, a Light Horse display and even a few tears shed. It was wonderful to see some of the families of those recorded in the books, come to celebrate the lives of relatives they honour to this day.

The venue was perfect, as it was from the Old Railway Station that the men and women left to enlist, and where their families waited for their return, often wounded and in need of family love and care. There are still descendants of some of these families living in our area today. We have honoured the memories of "their men and women" to the best of our abilities. More information is available at [www.gfhs.com.au](http://www.gfhs.com.au) or at GFHS rooms, 1 Chapple St. (Hours are Wed: 9.30-2, Fri: 9.30-12, Sat: 1-4) Ph: 07 54828211. Each book is \$30 and postage is available if required. The first book in the series, 1914 is available and also \$30.



The Society received an invitation this year from the Wolvi Hall Committee to attend their Anzac Day function and present some family history on the men whose names appear on the Wolvi Honour Board. Wolvi had the honour of conducting the last ANZAC DAY ceremony in Queensland at 7pm. A small group of G.F.H.S. members attended and a presentation of photographs along with the verbal stories were packaged as a slideshow that covered each of the fourteen men named on the board. A number of family members of those soldier's came along to hear about the relatives they never knew. Members of the Salmon family who are well known in the area and had five men on the Honour Board, added to the already strong attendance on the night. All of the people present were interested to learn about the men and commemorate their service and lives. The evening ended with a lovely supper and much talking. **Robyn Dahl.**



Our visit to Newstead House earlier this year was enjoyed by all despite the miserable weather earlier in the day. Just goes to show you can't keep these family history sleuths down. The guided tour of this wonderful old house was an eye opener to everyone. The stopover at the Ginger Factory for a late lunch along with the obligatory ice cream finished off a day filled with history, friendship, lots of laughs, and of course, ice cream.

The initial **lunch** time socialising session at the Kandanga Pub on Friday 27 April was so enjoyable it was decided to repeat at a different venue on the last Friday of each month.

**Date and venue for May 18<sup>th</sup>, 12.30pm, is "Hell Town Hotrods" at Kybong.**

**All Welcome – bookings required to Val Buchanan on 07 5483 6438 by 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Sandra Alsop from Gympie L.D.S. Church will be giving a **presentation** on how to access and utilise all the records on **the Family Search website**, at our rooms on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 9am**. This huge site is updated regularly, so knowing the correct way to navigate through all these records should be a bonus for all.

The first of our **special interest group** morning on Convicts was really a trial that was so successful, it will be repeated on **Monday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12md**. Web sites and ways of interpreting old hand writing plus laughter was the order of the morning.

The next **Cemetery Crawl** dates for your diary are at 6pm at the Two Mile Cemetery, Corella Rd.

**June 27<sup>th</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup>**

## **Gympie Hospital 1868-2018**

Just imagine Gympie c1868, or Nashville as it was then called with hundreds of men (and some women) prospecting for the elusive gold. Although in the early days the records state that people were reasonably law abiding, it was not too long before it was realised that a hospital of some sort was required. A public meeting was held at one of the local hotels in February 1868 (four months after the discovery of gold by James Nash) to discuss the erection of a temporary hospital for miners. At the same time, an application was made to the government for a grant of £100 for relief for pauper patients.

The hospital, called Nashville Miners Hospital, began life as two tents. One tent was used for fever and contagious patients. The tents were erected closer towards Commissioners Hill. (C. upper Mary Street). Later, c1869, tents were replaced by a paling cottage built behind the hospital. All cooking was done outdoors over an open fire until a kitchen was built in early 1869. One of the tents evidently belonged to Dr. Byrne- at a later stage, at a time when he was at loggerheads with the hospital board, he demanded it back unless they pay him the princely sum of £6. Eventually they bought it back off him. It had been used for contagious patients. Around this time, an add was placed in the local paper for a wardsman to take charge of the hospital, along with a Matron who was to nurse the fever cases.

In July 1869 the board decided a "ticket" system would have to be applied for admission as it became apparent that some friends of the wardsman were being provided with free overnight accommodation. The first temporary nurse was employed in June 1869. On March 23<sup>rd</sup> a new site was approved (approximately where the Masonic Lodge stands today), a government grant of £500 was received with the proviso that the old building be handed over for a school. This was agreed, the new building opened in 1870 and a bath was purchased for the patients. The hospital mostly relied on contributions supplemented with proceeds from police fines and some government grants money. Money had to be found for drugs, building costs, staff etc. Even though it was primarily for miners, these same miners were not very forthcoming with donations. A two story building was later built on the present hospital site and officially opened on 24<sup>th</sup> October 1889. By 1916, the Committee was considering installing electric lights. Right up until 1926, the hospital was being maintained by voluntary contributions which were subsidized by the government and a grant from the Golden Casket Art Union. Administration was handled by board Members right up to 1991 when it was handed over to the Sunshine Coast Region Health Authority.

In the early days on Gympie, the hospital was attended by two doctors, Dr. T.E.D. BYRNE, and Dr. S.J.BOURKE. Their work at the hospital was mostly gratuitous. These men were totally different in character, but both worked tirelessly for their patients. Dr. BYRNE was also known as the "jumping doctor"- the reason for this was he evidently jumped many claims, hence his reputation. He was also a regular before the courts for various reasons. Never the less these doctors had to attend many a patient on horseback and at any time of the day or night. In 1870, Dr. BOURKE moved to Melbourne. He was sadly missed in the town.



(perhaps an early photo of Dr. T.E.D.Byrne)

Dr. John Pennefather RYAN came to town in 1874 and continued his practice in Crescent Road until his death in 1927. In the early days on Gympie, he was Medical Superintendent at the hospital.

From humble beginnings in a tent in the rough and tumble of life on the Gympie goldfields in 1868 to the well-respected institution we have today servicing the fast growing Gympie district.

***Congratulations Gympie General Hospital on 150 years of service to the community.***



***Gympie Hospital Nurses c1900.***

Jean Lillian Davies (1884-1968) on far right and two unidentified nurses.



Edith Ann Alma Davies (1879-1963)

The Davies sisters were born and raised in Gympie, children of John Davies and his wife Sarah (Punter)

*(Photos courtesy of Liz Parkinson)*



## SAPPER JOHN DAHL

SERVICE NUMBER: 9445

UNIT: 11TH FIELD COMPANY AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS  
FIRST WORLD WAR, 1914-1918

### LIGHT LOSS

'OUR LOSS WAS LIGHT,' THE PAPER SAID,

'COMPARED WITH DAMAGE TO THE HUN':

SHE WAS A WIDOW, AND SHE READ

ONE NAME UPON THE LIST OF DEAD

- HER SON — HER ONLY SON.

By J. Le Gay Brereton<sup>(18)</sup>

John Dahl was born in Zurich, Switzerland in 1871 and he arrived in Australia aged 2 years and 11 months in 1873<sup>(1)</sup>. His parents were Bertel Christian and Caroline Dahl (nee Burkli). Records show that Bertel Christian arrived at Brisbane aboard the ship Lammershagen in January of 1873 and his mother Caroline arrived aboard the Friedeburg in August of the same year however there is no record of John aboard either vessel. Caroline & Bertel married in Queensland in the year of 1874.

On arrival in Brisbane, Queensland, the procedure was for immigrants to spend time in Ipswich camps and according to his mother Caroline she stayed 10 months in Ipswich before the family moved to Dalby presumably for work <sup>(2)</sup>.

In 1875 the family expanded and John became a brother to the first of three sisters Anna Wilhelmina followed by Caroline Julien (1877) and Sophie Louise Amalie (1881).

His early school years were spent at Toowoomba, Warra and Oxley State Schools while his father travelled for work as a labourer. By 1886 the family was living in the Oxley area and on the death of his father in Brisbane Hospital from Rheumatic Fever in 1887 <sup>(4, 5)</sup> saw his mother take on the role as Station Mistress at Darra station on the Ipswich line<sup>(6)</sup>.

In 1892, at the age of 21 years John was employed as a lengthsman & labourer in Southern Division maintenance branch of the Queensland Railway and by 1899 was living in the Railway cottage at Palmwoods, he was 28 years old<sup>(7)</sup>. He remained a railway employee until 1901<sup>(3)</sup>. His mother Caroline is also recorded as living at Palmwoods at this time<sup>(2)</sup>.

Although John was born in Switzerland he decided to become an Australian citizen and on 12<sup>th</sup> March 1898, at the age of 27 and while still living at Darra he took the Oath of Allegiance<sup>(8)</sup>.

The 1901 electoral records show John and his mother Caroline as living at Buderim Mountain with his occupation as a fruit grower on portions 184 & 185v<sup>(9)</sup>.

After the marriage of his sister Caroline Julien in 1909 to Henry J. Fletcher and her move to New South Wales the family was joined in Buderim by his sister Sophie. Records from 1905 – 1910<sup>(9, 10)</sup> show them as living in the same area, the ladies as having domestic duties and John as Orchardist.

Shipping records starting December 1904 show Sophie, at the age of 23 years, as being a female steward aboard the steam ship 'Woolowra' which serviced the eastern coast of Australia mostly between Sydney and Cairns and ports en-route<sup>(19)</sup>.

At one stage John was recorded as living at South Tiaro and census records around the same time record Grace and her sister May as domestic servant and housekeeper at Glengarloon Station south of Tiaro in Queensland. Glengarloon at that time belonged to the Scougall family however in 1896 the property went into liquidation. There is a family connection between the Scougall family when Adria Scougall Brand married William Sheridan Addison – brother of Grace Maud in 1911.

On 7 August 1912 at the age of 41 years he married Grace Maude Addison (1880 – 1913) and they lived in Jane Street, Toowong, Brisbane<sup>(11, 15)</sup>. Grace was one of seven children born to parents William Addison and Elizabeth Murphy Sheridan.

His son John Addison Dahl was born in Brisbane on 19 May 1913 and this event took the life of his wife Grace<sup>(12, 13)</sup>. Grace was buried on 21 May 1913 in Toowong Cemetery<sup>(16)</sup>. Following the death of Grace, John returned to the Buderim area with his young son and took up work as a carpenter.

The First World War had already started when John, aged 44 enlisted in Brisbane on 10<sup>th</sup> December 1915. Age and physical conditions had been relaxed by this time allowing men of his age to enlist. He was assigned to the 11<sup>th</sup> Field Company Engineers, Section 3 of the Australian Imperial Force<sup>(14)</sup>. The 11<sup>th</sup> Field Company Engineers was a newly formed unit in 1916 and on its first deployment.

Following basic training at Enoggera in Brisbane the company was concentrated at Mitcham, South Australia by 29<sup>th</sup> April 1916<sup>(17)</sup>. From here the company was posted overseas and embarked on 31<sup>st</sup> May 1916 aboard the 'Seuovic' from Outer Harbour, Adelaide South Australia arriving in Devonport, England, after a few problems with the ship, on 21 July 1916. The company, after more training left from Southampton, England aboard the 'Nirvana' on 24<sup>th</sup> November 1916 for France<sup>(17)</sup>.

While on deployment overseas his sister Anna became the guardian of his son John Addison. After less than a month in France and having endured the cold, wet and muddy conditions John was the first of the company to be killed in action. It was a high explosive shell that took his life while he was in the support line at Armentieres on Christmas Eve December 1916<sup>(17)</sup>.



## **Gran's Little Dress**

My mother, Leila Greenhalgh, was a very accomplished dressmaker who, during my childhood, spent many hours in her sewing room making clothes for herself and her two daughters as well as the constant mending of my father's work clothes. I remember one instance of her darning his name "Eaton" as part of a patch on the back of his work shirt and he being very upset about it being so visible.

Mum was an avid reader of the Australian Women's Weekly when she could afford to buy it and would make our dresses from patterns she would draft from ideas from the magazine. The idea for what is called "Gran's Little Dress" came about from the magazine as a momentous trip from our home in Gympie to Brisbane, was planned for the visit from Queen Elizabeth in February 1954. I can still remember as a four year old the excitement of the trip to Brisbane. Our family of four would have travelled in our Dodge truck and I remember leaving very early in the morning, having breakfast and changing into our good clothes at the Burpengary Rest Area, finding our way to the exhibition grounds by train and the feel of the huge crowds so close to a little girl from Gympie.



I had a studio photo taken by Murrays Studio in "Gran's Little Dress" as a five year old and this photo and my sister's photo were shown with pride on the walls on our family home until our parents passed on. I found the dress again when emptying out the linen closet after the death of our parents and bought it home with the studio photo. My husband, Ray and I had three boys so "Gran's Little Dress" was not looked at for many years, it just hung in the back of the wardrobe waiting for our grandchildren to arrive. We have the pleasure of having six grandchildren, four girls and two boys. "Gran's Little Dress" was discovered by our older granddaughters when playing dress-ups and so when they reached five years had the fun of putting on the dress and having their photo taken.



It is a wonderful feeling of connection for our grandchildren to know that a dress that their great grandmother has made in 1950's is still giving pleasure. Thank you. **Marilyn Mullaly**



# The Tale of a Bridge

Driving into Gympie along Brisbane Road, you cross over Pengelly's Bridge. This bridge with its predecessors makes for a fascinating tale.

When I was nine my family moved to a property of four acres, bordered on two sides by Deep Creek, and then fronted the main road which went over Pengelly's bridge as it is now. However, on the north-eastern corner of the property bordered by Deep Creek were the remains of previous bridges. This was always a fascination for me. On the left of the photo in the water, there remains a log, which possibly is the remains of the original bridge<sup>[1]</sup>.



Are these the remains of Queensland's first toll bridge?

This first bridge was built by Mr J. F Pengelly, possibly in 1868. Remember gold was discovered in Gympie in 1867. Therefore it was necessary to have a bridge over one of the water courses to transport the gold out. The bridge was built by felling two trees across the stream, and laying a corduroy decking of logs. Crossing it in a wheeled vehicle was a bone racking experience.

Now Mr Pengelly was an enterprising man as he charged a toll to cross the bridge.

The toll charges were: man on foot, one penny; horse, sixpence; horse and dray, spring cart or cab, one shilling and sixpence; bullock team of ten bullocks, two shillings and sixpence; each additional bullock, threepence; four wheeled vehicle and two horses, two shillings and sixpence; each additional horse, threepence; fat cattle, twopence a dozen; sheep threepence a dozen.

Though the bridge provided a useful community service, collecting the toll was not a popular way to make a living (things haven't changed!) and the time came when an irate miner met the demand for toll by throwing an axe at Pengelly's head. Pengelly ducked, received the axe handle across his back and fell flat on his face. The miner thinking he was dead, ran for his life and was never seen in Gympie again.

Later that year on 31 October 1868, a letter appeared in the *Gympie Times and Mary River Mining Gazette*<sup>[2]</sup>, written by Mr Pengelly, in which he stated complaints had been made of the tolls charged, although he had had authority to do it. He stated also that he had sold the bridge to the Government and that the tolls were now abolished.

As this bridge was so low and Gympie had many floods it was necessary to build a bridge that was higher. The previous photo shows the remaining timber structure which may have been the foundation for the second bridge. This photo shows the remains of what may have been the third bridge somewhat higher than the water. However in 1870 the flood height had been 21.61 metres so this third bridge would have been nowhere to be seen. Consequently the third bridge also was unusable during floods. We see here in this photo, that this structure had been built on the bank.



A bridge built on the bank still wasn't high enough to escape the flood waters

In 1887 a letter in the *Gympie Times and Mary River Mining Gazette*<sup>[3]</sup> stated, "The very great necessity for a high level bridge over Deep Creek will be admitted by all who have witnessed the many times all the bridges over the creek (there were three) have been submerged during the past three months; and no one can tell how often the same thing may happen, it would be wise to build a bridge at once."

An elderly citizen of Gympie stated, "There were many robbers in the area as they used to hide under the old Pengelly's Bridge, which was washed away many times in the floods."

It was not until 1931 before a high bridge was built<sup>[4]</sup>. Unfortunately even this high bridge did not cope with many of the floods in recent years as can be seen from this photo taken in 1974.



Pengelly's Bridge nowhere to be seen in the 1974 floods

In researching these bridges, which originally crossed on to our family property, and the ensuing road which crossed diagonally across our property, I have found some interesting facts.

It had quite a few names: Pioneer Bridge, Deep Creek Bridge, One Mile Bridge, and the new one finally was named bridge after Mr Pengelly. The most interesting fact was that it may have been the first toll bridge in Queensland. I also found that once it was owned by the

Government, Cobb and Co. coaches crossed it. Those coaches not only carried passengers, but had cargo of gold.

If I was still a child I could imagine all sorts of wonderful tales of bushrangers and robbers lurking in our paddock waiting for those coaches!!!!

What a tale to tell!

And my tale is not ended there. After the Government bought the first bridge from Mr Pengelly, a new road was built from Brisbane to Gympie, before that it was only a mailman's track. Now on this new road in January 1869, just south of Gympie two bushrangers, George Palmer and William Bond held up a Cobb and Co coach just south of Gympie on this new road. I wonder if they had been camping under the bridge!!!! **Joan Reik**

Ref.

- (1) Holthouse, Hector, *Gympie Gold, Angus and Robertson, 1973.*
  - (2) Gympie Times and Mary River Gazette, Saturday 31 October 1868 page 3
  - (3) Gympie Times and Mary River Gazette, Saturday 2 April 1887 page 3
  - (4) Brisbane Courier, Saturday 18 April 1931.
- (Taken from **Genealogical Society of Queensland Blog 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017.**)

### **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 [research@gfhs.com.au](mailto:research@gfhs.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.

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 633 000 Account# 153 118 963** and is with **Bendigo Bank**.

We ask that you confirm by email to [secretary@gfhs.com.au](mailto:secretary@gfhs.com.au) if possible when you have made the payment or simply put your name in the reference box. Then we can allocate your payment and get on with the research.



**Our research officer is Denise Juler**

### **‘Getting the measure of Tads and Smidgens’.**

So you’re in the back yard and your neighbour, a qualified carpenter, has popped over to give you a hand building the garden shed.’ great, he says eyeing off your handy work.’ just move beam a smidgen left’. Sorry? A smidgen? Confused? Well worry no more. Here’s a guide to those common backyard measurements and cooking ingredients so the next time a so called expert starts using them, you’ll know what they mean.

**A Tad:** 1.3 centimetres.

**A Smidgen:** 7 millimetres or 1.3 teaspoons.

**A Touch:** Two tads.

**A Bit:** Three Smidgens.

**A Little Bit:** 1.5 Smidgens.

**A Dob:** Two Smidgens.

**A Pinch:** Half a Dob and Half a Smidgen.

**A Splash:** 3-5 mls.

**Heaps:** 10 shakes of a pepper container or two squirts of chilli sauce:

**Stacks:** Five Heaps.

**A Squirt:** Half a Heap.

**A Dollop:** Two Smears or 24mls.

**A Country Mile:** 3,218 klms.

**As Thick as Two Short Planks:** 984 cms from beam to beam.

(Taken from the Maryborough District Orchid Society Inc. newsletter “The Oracle”)

**GFHS Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month at 2pm at the GFHS Rooms**

**All members welcome to attend.**

**Great laughs, good food and a raffle usually.**

**Come and join us.**

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

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