



People events

Life Begun

14 Jul: **Harrison Gregory Roy** born to Greg and Sue in Brisbane, Queensland

[Roy]

20 Jul: **Connor William Malcolm** born to Douglas and Casey in Marreba, Queensland

[Royes]

22 Aug: **Chloe Leigh Mattson** born to Dale and Amanda in Cairns, Queensland

[Royes]

Life Complete



2 May: **Averil (Rains) McFarlane**, wife of Ron, died in Cairns, Queensland, aged 72, after years of illness.

[Royes]



29 Jun: **Iris (Arnot) Russell**, widow of John Magee Russell, died aged 90 in Fish Hoek, South Africa - the last but one of that generation.

[Russell and Hogan]



21 Jul: **Angus (Gus) Livingstone Roy** died in Brisbane, Queensland - just over five months after wife Jacquie. His eulogy is on the web site.

[Roy]



19 Aug: **Sydney Christopher Royes** died in Brisbane, Queensland, 9 days short of his 93rd birthday. Formerly of Home Hill in North Queensland.

[Royes]

GENERATIONS...

During October, we hope to install Robin Young's monumental work on the Hougham family (which includes the Royes) at <http://hougham.royroyes.net/>. Because of this and the fact that interest in the family tree has extended beyond the Roy and Royes branches to include significant "parallel branches" of cousins such as the Hogans and the Weatherburns, the home page has been renamed "Generations..." It is a tad more complicated to change the domain name itself so it will remain as royroyes.net.

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Catching Up

This month marks twelve months since **George Roy** died. He was largely responsible for the establishment of this Roy and Royes research and our community network. He would have turned 64 on the 1st October. This newsletter is a response to the gap he left in the sharing of family news.

Two small ceremonies were held at two Mareeba (North Queensland) cemeteries in mid 2006...



In July the family of **Tom and Phyl Roy** erected a new headstone to cover both graves in the Mareeba cemetery. The photo shows four of their five surviving children in age order: Tom, Peney, Peter, and Louise - Anne, second eldest, is absent. (A close-up of the headstone is in the Headstones section of the web-site.) [Roy]

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Roy~Royes Family Links

<http://royroyes.net/genealogy/>

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Maurie, Marilyn, Ena and Bruce

George Roy's ashes were interred in his mother's grave in the Mareeba Pioneer cemetery on 9 August. His father Maurie, sister Marilyn, widow Ena and brother Bruce were present from Cairns, Laidley, Rosewood and Sydney, with a number of cousins from both the Roy and Royes branches, and close friends. A family gathering then took place at Joyce (McFarlane) Trimble's home.

[Roy and Royes]

Thanks for contributions: Ena Roy, Jack Hogan, Greg Roy, Irene Roy, Janine Boudy, Glenda Pollard

A new section has been added to the web site:

Most Wanted is a section designed to highlight where it would be good to get some clarification or new knowledge on a particular person, family or event. Any help you can give would be most appreciated, so get on to that web search or, if appropriate, check out your local family history society!

This section will eventually replace the Forum - an experiment that proved popular only with porn and drug suppliers!

First Australian VC

Colonel **Mark Sever Bell** VC CB was the first Australian-born winner of the Victoria Cross while serving with the Royal Engineers (British Army) in what is now Ghana in 1874. He was later awarded the Companion of the Order of the Bath. He has a page in his honour at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mark_Sever_Bell

I came across this information when following a lead on Emily Royes (his mother) that took me to the Australian Pioneers Club newsletter and an article on the Mark Bell Table. This article appears in Mark's file.



I searched for Mark on the web and discovered many references to him. The Wikipedia page also confirmed a suspicion I had had - that Emily and family had returned to England at some point. We can now nail that down to about 1847-1850.

Another son of Hutchinson and Emily Bell was Hutchinson Royes Bell, who became a successful London Harley Street surgeon.

[Royes]



Silver and Gold

The Hougham-Royes line has some eminent goldsmiths among its members. If you search the web for any of the names listed below, especially for images, you will find many pieces of silver and gold up for auction. Some of the pieces are featured in the Gallery pages on our site.

Charles Hougham seems to have been the first, registering his first "mark" on 1 Nov 1769.

He and brother **Solomon** became partners by at least 1785, since that is the year of Charles' will and he so refers to Solomon.

Another Hougham, **Henry** son of Henry, was apprenticed to Solomon in 1789 - is this Solomon's nephew?

Solomon did not register his first mark until after his brother died in 1793.

In September 1817 a joint mark in the names of Solomon Hougham, **Solomon Royes** (who had been apprenticed to Solomon Hougham) and John East Dix was registered. This is a famous partnership and it is surprising

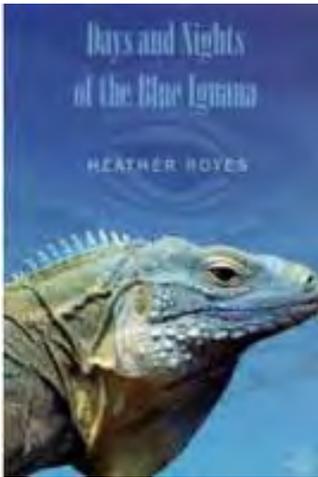
that their joint mark lasted just under 12 months, for Solomon Hougham died in August 1818.

Solomon Royes and John East Dix then established a joint mark and this partnership apparently lasted only 20 months when Solomon entered his own separate mark. Solomon closed his business in about 1824 and retired to Jersey in the Channel Islands. He died in 1842.

[Royes and Hougham line]



Check out the following site and its links:
<http://www.silversugartongs.com/london/London.htm>



Family authors

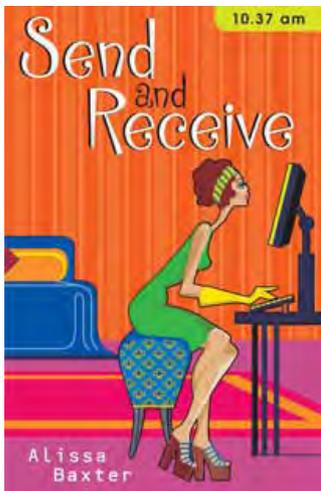
I thought it would be fun to identify family members who are authors:

The Royes sisters of Jamaica, **Heather** and **Gillian**, are a versatile pair. Together they edited *Jamaica Farmers' Guide* (1988). But that's not all!

Heather is a HIV/AIDS consultant and in that capacity has written or co-written at least a dozen published papers on homosexuality and HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean context. She is also a poet and has been publishing since the 1970s and many of her poems have been included in anthologies such as the Heinemann Book of Caribbean Poetry, Penguin Book of Caribbean Verse, the Oxford Book of Caribbean Verse and Seven Jamaican Women Writers. Prizes have included Silver and Bronze medals in the Jamaican Festival Literary Competition. Two volumes have been published: *The Caribbean Raj* (1996) and *Days and Nights of the Blue Iguana* (2005).



GILLIAN ROYES, PH.D.
and
CANDACE KASPERS, PH.D.



Gillian is an instructor at Georgia State University and does consulting on the side. She is known for her weekly column in the *Jamaica Observer* on the subject of stress and relationships. She is author of *Business is Good: A History of Canning and Company in the Caribbean* (2000), co-author (with Candace Kaspers) of *Sexcess: The New Gender Rules at Work* (2004), and is working on two other books - one with a colleague on immigrants in the workplace.



Heather and Gillian are Royes (and Hougham) descendants

Alissa Baxter was born in South Africa, and studied at the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, attaining a first class BA in Political Science and French, before furthering her French studies at the Alliance Francaise in Durban and the Eurocentre in Lausanne, Switzerland. She then



worked for Emirates Airlines as a flight attendant and was stationed in Dubai. Alissa returned home in 2001 to pursue her first love of writing, and *The Dashing Debutante* was published. She went to London to carry out research for her second novel, *Lord Fenmore's Wager*, which she wrote when she returned to South Africa.

These two books are available as e-books - download at <http://www.belgravehouse.com/>. (You can read the first chapter on line.)

Then in 2004, she branched out of the historical romance genre and wrote her first chick lit novel (popular fiction written for and marketed to young women), *Send and Receive*, which was published in 2005. *Send and Receive* is the first ever South African chick lit novel, and it is set in Durban.

Alissa currently works at M-Net - a South African pay TV channel, based in Johannesburg. She works as a content creator for International Shows for M-Net's websites. (M-Net channel and M-Net Series - <http://www.mnet.co.za>) *Alissa is a Russell descendant.*

Anne Phelan writes poetry - see <http://www.angelfire.com/pe/paramountpoetry/Phelan.html> - and short stories. Some of her work is on the Royes~Royes Family Links web-site - there are two documents listed under Histories, or you can click on her name and find links to the documents. They are titled: *Poetry by Anne Phelan* and *Wreck of the Sea Horse*. *Anne is a Hogan and Russell descendant.*



Colonel **Mark Sever Bell** VC CB has some published papers to his credit - two on the history, geography and culture of N.E. China (1884 and Jul 1886) for British Intelligence, plus what appears to be a presentation to the Royal Geographical Society on Russia and England in Central Asia. He travelled extensively through China and the East.



Mark Bell is a Royes descendant.

Finding Solomon Hougham Royes

Gillian West has an article "**Huffam and Son**" (which you can find in the Histories section) which sets out to show parallels between the characters in Charles Dickens' *Dombey and Son* and the family of his godfather Christopher Huffam. She refers to a Solomon Hougham Royes, son of Solomon Royes, who was a surgeon and died in Madras, India. There appeared to be no record of him anywhere else and since she had Solomon Royes' marriage wrong, I assumed her research was not reliable.

We have details of the baptisms of most of Solomon Royes' children, but there is none for Solomon Hougham Royes. Keep that in mind as the story unfolds.

I have been slowly plodding my way through my brother George's family tree data and discovered a one-off entry for a Solomon Hougham. George has a few of these one-off entries apparently designed as research notes for further investigation. He had a note in the file from the British Library East India Company Medical Services as his source. BUT - the source actually referred to "Rogers, Solomon Hougham".

Now, all the records at the time were hand-written, so - with Gillian West's reference in the back of my mind and various attempts to transcribe hand-written wills into print - I immediately thought that "Rogers" could be a misreading of the handwritten entry "Royes".

So, some more web research produced a site called *Families in British India Society* and this entry:

Surname: Royes

First Names: Solomon Hougham

Date: 23 Jul 1838

Entry: of Madras, Assistant Surgeon HEICS, bach., to Solomon Royes the father, £20, further grant 17 Mar 1843 to Benjamin Laurence & William Samgear the executors of the said father, d 11 Jan 1837, Lawrence of Old Fish St, London, gent., Sanigear of Lombard St, gent., entry at end of month,

Estate Duty Registers, Pts
Source Name: Prerogative Court of Canterbury and Related Probate Jurisdictions: Administration Act Books

Source Repository: The National Archives

Reference: PROB 6/214, 6/219, IR 26/257

Notice that the executor of Solomon senior's will is William Sanigear. He is married (1817) to Lydia Royes (b about 1801) but she cannot be the one listed as Solomon Royes senior's sister (b 1778). She is also mentioned in Solomon Hougham's will as Lydia Sanigear brother of Solomon Royes *junior* - but this Solomon Royes is distinguished from Solomon Royes, *nephew* of Solomon Hougham!

There is a record of a discussion on all of this: "**The Royes in London around 1800**". Make a strong cup of coffee and keep your Solomon's sorted out!

Nevertheless it does seem certain that Solomon Hougham Royes, surgeon with the East India Company, was indeed the son of Solomon Royes, goldsmith.



*Roy~Royes Family Links has its origins in the marriage of Maurie **Roy** and May **Royes** in Cairns, Queensland, in 1940. It has grown to over 8500 people including those from parallel branches such as the **Russells, Hogans, Logans, Givans and Wileys** on the Roy side, and the **Houghams** (or **Huffams** and several other variants), **Youngs** and **Theoffs** on the Royes side. It is not possible to list all branches here but you can check on all surnames at <http://royroyes.net/genealogy/surnames.php>*

The scope of the data is based on several guidelines.

- 1. The first is to concentrate on the Roy and Royes pedigrees.*
- 2. The second is to focus on those branches of the families that emigrated to Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Jamaica.*
- 3. The third is to include several areas of interest: the Houghams, especially in the USA; Normandy dukes; English royalty.*

If you are interested in the Houghams, you should be aware that Robin Young's site will give you a much wider coverage: <http://hougham.royroyes.net/>

If you cannot remember your R~RFL log-in details, you can ask the system to send them to you. Click login on the Roy~Royes Family Links home page. The log in window gives you the option of asking for your log in name and password by typing in your registered email address. If you cannot remember which email address you used, I can help you with that. And with your user name. However, I am unable to tell you what your password is since it is encoded.

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