



News & Notes

Happy 90th, Lottie

Lottie (Charlotte Wiley) Gillespie reached her 90th birthday on the 23rd August. She is in great health in both body and mind, reads books, does crosswords and loves to talk history especially family history. She is hoping that I will be able to come and visit her when I get to Larne (Northern Ireland) in October - which I will be doing about the 8th or 9th!



Lottie lives just a few doors from where **the Russells** lived in Bank Road. Jane Russell married Thomas Roy and she migrated to Cairns with her son and his family. Her sister Mary married Hugh Wiley. They and their two youngest children migrated to Cooktown, and a further son was born there. The four older children remained in Northern Ireland and Lottie is a daughter of Hugh, son of Hugh and Mary.

Isabella Weatherburn

By coincidence, this newsletter was just about ready so far as the centre feature on the Weatherburns

was concerned when I had an email from Cindy McLeish giving more information about **Isabella Weatherburn's** marriage to Daniel McLeish in 1905 in Newcastle, and their subsequent move 3000 km north to the Atherton Tablelands in 1917.

That makes three Weatherburn siblings who moved to the Tablelands from the Newcastle area at the turn of the 20th century. Another two moved to Western Australia. That still left five in the Newcastle area (although there is no information about one).

Hostess supreme

Joyce (McFarlane) Trimble, now 80, had severe pain in her legs yet still managed to host a large family gathering at her place in Mareeba QLD in early August, with family from Cairns, Malanda, South Queensland and Sydney as well as Mareeba. In fact, her place is the mecca for such family events. She has since had her stay in hospital and is back home less the severe pain.

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SIR ISAAC NEWTON'S GREAT, GREAT, GREAT, GREAT, GREAT, GREAT GRANDSON.

Handwriting in old records is often transcribed incorrectly - like Roger for Royes..

Berwyn sent in a copy of her official birth certificate to the Melbourne Herald Sun's Black & White Column on 7 Aug 2008. It has four errors.

Berwyn was spelt Merwyn.
Her mother's maiden is Harmer - not Mariner.
Her parents were married at Waikerie not Maikerie.
Her sister's second name was Loris not Loius.
And her son's certificate has two siblings spelt incorrectly.

People events

- § 28 Aug: **Chloe Nicole** first child born to Trevor Roy and Nicole Knight in Townsville, QLD [Roy]
- § 19 Aug: **Liam Tomas** first child born to Benjamin and Yolanda Cade in Melbourne Victoria [Roy]
- § 16 Aug: **Rae Morse** died in Nambour, QLD, aged 93. [Green-Cooke]
- § 23 Jul: **Mordaunt Herbert Royes**, eldest surviving son of Thomas and Ellen (Crossley) Royes, died in Rockhampton QLD aged 95. His sister Agnes is the last surviving child of eleven. [Royes]

😊 No men

I was doing family tree research at the Salt Lake Family History Library -- against a "brick wall" and leafing through books to kill time while waiting for a friend. I found the following in a book of wills.

A woman had requested that all the pallbearers at her funeral be female, no men, because:

"They wouldn't take me out when I was alive and they aren't going to take me out now!"

*Karen Sanders in
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The Royes-Weatherburn Connection

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My mother **Ethel Ruth Royes** married **John William Weatherburn**, in Mareeba on 1st November 1933. In the bridal party are, Eddy Ganley, Mary Weatherburn, Will and Ruth, Bert Royes, Joyce McFarlane and Edna Royes. This information I received recently from Joyce Trimble nee McFarlane.

Will Weatherburn was the eldest son of the Royal Hotel Mareeba publicans, Joseph and Bertha. Ruth had met him while working there in the dining room. They had come to Mareeba from Pearamon where they also had owned the Pearamon Hotel. While they were living in Pearamon Joe, along with his brother in Law, Jesse Gardener, two friends and an aboriginal guide where the first



Dave Imry, Jesse Gardener, Joe Weatherburn, Charlie Civry and Mosie

white party to **cross over Mt Bartle Frere**. It took two attempts to even leave from Boonjie, due to the weather being misty and inclement, then 3 days to get down to Babinda, where they

spent the night. The next day they caught the train to Cairns, and then went over to Green Island for a bit of a fishing holiday.

I have traced back the Weatherburn family to David or John c1590. This is not totally verified as yet, as a lot of my information was gained from other branches of the family going to Scotland and looking for ancestors 15 – 20 years ago. Two separate family tree books were printed, *The Gardeners*, (Bertha Weatherburn's Family) printed c1980 and *The Weatherburns* from Joe's family printed July 1997.

This is where I correlated the information I now have on my family tree. I have recently had more additions and information come from people on *Genes Reunited*. One source of information has spent a lot of time visiting Berwick area to gain more information as not a lot is yet recorded on the net. This was largely because Berwick is on the border of Scotland and England, and over the years it has been English or Scottish, and while Scottish, it has not been part of the census information gained.

The Weatherburns, Wedderburns, Weatherbournes – a number of different spellings - seem to have



mainly come from around Berwick area. John Weatherburn, 1679 and his siblings where born in Alnwick Northumberland, Henry c1745, born in Chatton, Christopher, 1807 was born in Loanend Norham and his children where born at Hutton or Horncliffe. Their third and youngest son migrated to Australia, they were living in Dipton, County Durham before they left. They were Primitive Methodists and could read and write well. John was listed as a stonemason on the shipping manifest. They departed from England 25th July 1878, with their 2 small children, Elizabeth, 2, and Christopher an infant.

They settled in Adamstown, NSW, where a further 8 children were born. A Mr J Weatherburn was a Minister in Adamstown, 1908-1910, and I have recently found that Joe Weatherburn sold a couple of blocks of land to the Methodist Church in Mareeba, in December 1939 for One Hundred Pounds. Later on Will and Ruth Weatherburn lived just 2 doors up from the Ministers house, (finished 1941) which was beside the New Church on the corner (finished 1960), and around the corner Old Church (finished 1957), which is now

Some Weatherburn web links:

The Wedderburn Pages - <http://pagesperso-orange.fr/euroleader/wedderburn/>

Meaning of the Wedderburn surname: <http://www.ancestry.com/facts/wedderburn-name-meaning.ashx>

Search result for "Weatherburn" at Genes Reunited

- http://www.genesreunited.co.uk/search.asp?relation_forename=&relation_surname=weatherburn&qsearch=1

On Roy~Royes Family Links:

Weatherburn-Royes family - http://royroyes.net/genealogy/familygroup.php?familyID=F32&tree=rr_tree

Christopher Weatherburn, emigrant to Australia

- http://royroyes.net/genealogy/getperson.php?personID=I1288&tree=rr_tree

The Antecedents of the Weatherburns - <http://royroyes.net/genealogy/showmedia.php?medialD=885&medialinkID=1245>

Romance of Bartle Frere - <http://royroyes.net/genealogy/showmedia.php?medialD=886>

the Church Hall.

In the past generations in Scotland, there were Blacksmiths, Salmon Fishermen, publicans, stonemasons, Railway engineers and many other occupations. Some of the family has been able to be traced because they were Freeman of Berwick. This title is handed down father to son, when he turns 21. In July of each year, Freeman used to ride the Bounds of the Borough to reaffirm their title. A vast number of buildings in Berwick, were owned by Weatherburns, but an Old Aunt Mary was quoted as saying "they owned the buildings but drank the profits and lost the lot." Even checking out the Wedderburn Castle on line, it states that it was lost by its owner and sold out of the family. This apparently came down the generations, as Joe Weatherburn the Hotel Licensee, was known to have a few drinks, and go and sit under the trees that used to be in the middle of the main street of Mareeba. My sister Fay was often sent to bring him home for a meal. But he did not lose any of his property as the old ones did.

As all of you would know, this is an ongoing project, with new additions and either confirmation of some facts, or proving a person has no connection to this branch of the family.



Research Notes

 I have twice visited Ravenswood in the last six months. This is a key location for the Royes families since two brothers, Charles Mordaunt and George Hougham Royes, moved there before 1884. They had some children when they arrived but many more were born in Ravenswood.



The local Museum has records of when each child started school, where they lived (nearly all in Deighton Street, suggesting that both families may have shared the same house) and the fathers' occupations - usually carrier though

George did get into mining. If you are looking up Ravenswood on the family tree web site, there are three locations: **Ravenswood**, **Deighton Street Ravenswood** and **Raven Street Ravenswood**. It is worth doing - you will see just how many family events happened there.



Arthur Hougham Royes seems to be the last Royes resident in Ravenswood, leaving for Home Hill in the early

1930s after the Duke of Edinburgh mine closed.

 Those of you who are registered with the site will find - if you are logged in - access to "Effortless Ancestry" links, indicated by a Research tab in a person's page. If you would like a person added to this facility, please let me know.

 I am off to Ireland, Paris and the UK this month (October) and two of the main aims are to meet with people I correspond with in regard to family stuff, and to do some family research notably in Larne (Northern Ireland) and England. (Paris is a bonus because Jack Hogan lives there!)



During my travels I hope to do some work on the Roys, Russells and Logans in Larne, and the Royes in London and perhaps Jersey. I'll have my camera to take photos to enhance the web site!

Website Notes

 The Australian Commonwealth Electoral Rolls 1903-1936 are now on line. I found a great deal of information which I entered as "Residence" in people's data. However, the Rolls reflect what address people are registered as and if they failed to amend their entry when they moved it is not really evidence of "Residence". So I

have created a category "Electoral Roll" and am changing the electoral data to reflect that. The same applies to State electoral records. So if you noticed a flurry of activity on the website, that is the reason.

 Neil Royes distributed photographs from the Thomas Mordaunt Royes-Ellen Caroline Crossley reunion in May. He sent me

high resolution versions which has enabled me to "crop" some 40 individual images and place them in the respective family tree file. Note that because these people are living access to them is restricted to those who are registered with the site and have logged in with their registered user name and password.



Roy~Royes Family Links has its beginnings in the marriage of **Maurie Roy and May Royes** in Cairns, Queensland, in 1940. It has grown to over 6000 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 research into the Roy and Royes pedigrees. It also includes several areas of interest such as the Normandy dukes; English royalty; the Roy and Royes names in Australia.

If you are interested in the **Houghams**, you should be aware that the largest Hougham/Huffam data base (23,000 people) is by Robin Young: <http://hougham.royroyes.net/>

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