



News & Notes

Vale Maurie

Maurie Roy died 20 February in Cairns Base Hospital. He had a fall in early November but his hospitalization revealed a problem with kidney functions, and in the end that is what got him, as they say. He was 92.



Maurie, of course, is one of the two focal points for Roy~Royes Family Links, the other being his first wife May (Royes) Roy.

He died peacefully in his sleep just before midnight on the 19th. His daughter Mandie was sitting with him, holding his hand. He was not seen by a doctor until after midnight - hence his date of death is officially 20 February. Some 18 hours before he died, as he was being set up with the morphine drip that would give him a peaceful death, he asked if there was any Guinness in it. Never lost his sense of humour!

He was born in Larne, Northern Ireland, the second of what would become five children. His sister

Beryl (Albury, New South Wales) is now the only one alive.

The family migrated to Cairns, North Queensland, in 1923, and that is where he grew up, worked, married, fathered and retired.

He worked for Burns Philp & Co from about age 15 until they closed in Cairns about 1967. He became manager of their hotel and hardware division, responsible for something like A£5 million worth of stock - about A\$108 million in 2009 figures.

His second wife, Rose (Bogiatzis Thorburn), survives him but as I write this she is in hospital and has been assessed for nursing care.

Maurie had three children and one step-son, nine grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and one step great grandchild.

Matched

Jaala Miller and partner Trent Cusack are to be married in September. Congratulations!

She also reports that Grandad (Bill Grumley snr) led the Anzac parade in Malanda this year - at age 92.

People events

- § Apr: **Rose Roy** has been admitted to the Mary Potter Nursing Home in Woree, Cairns - still hoping to prove that she can manage at home.
- § Apr: **Stephen and Maryann (Willis) Royes**, and Genevieve and Matthew, welcome Kellen Michael six weeks earlier than expected and weighing in at 5 lb 9 oz (just over 2.5 kg).
- § March: Max Bouchet born to **Dominique and Lauren (Baxter)**. Brother for Lily.
- § 20 February: **Maurie Roy** died peacefully in Cairns Base Hospital - see the first News & Notes item.
- § 10 February: **Janine (Grumley) Miller** died peacefully just before midnight in Brisbane, surrounded by loved ones. Aged 61.
- § January: **Donald William Mack** born to Anita, third daughter of Pene (Royes) Curtis.
- § January 2010: **Arabella Black** born to Cameron and Courtney, ninth grandchild for Alan and Kay.

Graham and Jenny Trimble, daughters Janine (with husband Glen Boundy) and Karla out on the town last November



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Captain Corelli taken

Please be advised that "Captain Correlli" was captured at about 1500 hours 24 Jan 2010 at the home of Peter Van der Westhuizen in Iris Way, Scarborough, Cape Town, South Africa.



Subsequent to repeated break-ins through a particular window of Peter's home, by a baboon, he complained to the authorities. On each occasion the window was left smashed and buckled and the kitchen trashed. However the break-in was by a male accompanied by a female and at least two youngsters. The capture this afternoon has led to some confusion.

During the week a baboon, believed to be "William" was "darted" near Iris Way but managed to elude the capture team. The capture of "Captain C" has given rise to some confusion as to which baboon is which. The consensus is that we are dealing with two different males.

I advised Peter, who was away for the weekend, and the appropriate authorities of the capture. Baboon monitors appeared fairly quickly to confirm the capture. While awaiting the arrival of the capture team I took a number of photos and movies of the baboon who was lying on his back in the cage quite unperturbed by my presence. However when two baboon monitors appeared to confirm the capture he turned ballistic. Jumping up and down, shaking the cage and barking as if to say "get me the hell out of here". He calmed down when they left.

In some ways I felt very sad watching him lying there silently and relaxed in the cage, following

my movements and undoubtedly perceiving me as no threat.

The vet arrived with an officer from the Nature Conservation Corporation. They prepared the sedation injection as well as the tagging machine and collar to provide permanent and positive identification of the baboon. They were later joined by Esme Beamish, a nature conservation officer familiar with the baboons in the area. It was she who identified the baboon as the Captain. The monitors I am sad to say were confused and insisted it was "William", She explained to them the identification marks for both males.

The Captain was sedated but the effect took almost double the expected time. Eventually after some prodding with needle and a stick he was declared safe. He was removed from the cage and examined by the vet who took blood samples. Esme directed the Nature conservation officer on the procedure to attach the tag to the baboon's ear which he did quickly and effectively. This was followed by an anti-biotic and anti-inflammatory injection. Next was to fit a tracking collar which was placed around the animal's neck then firmly double bolted in place.

Finally physical data was collected as to the animal's general condition including his mass. The latter acquisition was no mean task. The smallest and lightest of the monitors was persuaded that he would need to stand on the scale and hold the baboon. This he executed with great courage and held out his arms while two other monitors lifted up the baboon and did just that. Bravo. Mass about 35kg.



The saddest part of the examination was to find that he had virtually no teeth left and those

that were... were rotten, no doubt aided by consumption of human food. This also explains why he was excluded from his troop and why he is raiding the village for food.

By this time the Captain was starting to make body movements indicating he was awakening. He was quickly placed back in the cage awaiting his recovery and eventual release. He will be tracked and his location recorded at least seven times a day. This it is hoped will finally sort out the local problem of which baboon, William or Captain C, is the greater havoc creator.

Report and photos by Tom Cooper, South Africa

This is Tom's kitchen after one baboon invasion. On this occasion the baboons got in through a downstairs fanlight which a guest had left open not knowing about baboons:



Tom Cooper is a descendant of James Russell, brother of Jane Russell Roy. Jane and her only son, Samuel, and his family migrated to Cairns, Australia in 1923.

James migrated to South Africa in 1902 to escape religious intolerance in Northern Ireland so that he could marry his Catholic girl friend, Annie Magee. She joined him the same year and they were married on New Year's Eve 1902.

You can see a full descendant chart for the Russells at <http://royroyes.net/genealogy/showmedia.php?mediaID=777>. You will find other Russell migrations to South Africa and Australia noted on that chart.

Emma

twice Queen, twice Queen Mother

We all like to find famous people in our family tree, and the Royes side of the house has quite a few because of its descendency through landed gentry in Normandy, Kent, and London.

Such a notable person is [Emma of Normandy](#), 26G aunt of May Royes and her siblings and cousins. She is a great aunt of William the Conqueror, married two Kings of England and produced two kings of England. Her second marriage to Canute (Cnut) also made her Queen of Denmark and of Norway.

Emma is also known as Elgiva, Aelfgifu or Aelfgyfu - English names more appropriate for an English Queen. However in both her marriages she was the second wife, and her two predecessors were both named Aelfgifu! She preferred Emma!

Emma was born to Richard 3rd Duke of Normandy and Gunnor/a. In our family tree data Gunnor's father is named Herbastus de Crepon, but this may in fact have been her brother.

Isabella Strachan has written about Emma in the book *Emma the Twice-Crowned Queen: England in the Viking Age* (illustrated with the chart top right). She begins the book with this paragraph:

"One of the strangest sights in any of the great churches of England is in Winchester Cathedral, where four boxes, resembling houses with ornamentation of birds and angels, are placed high above

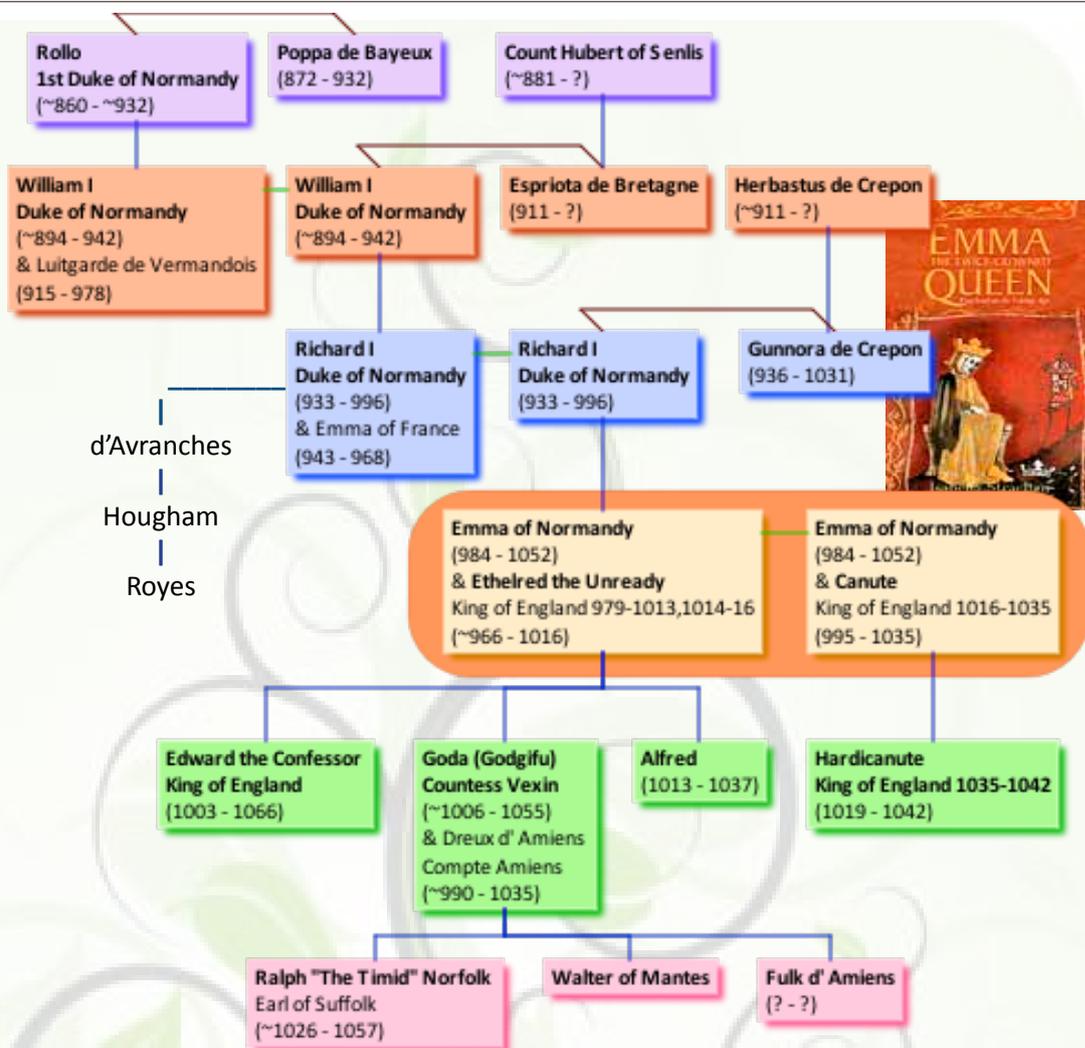
the spectators' heads. They are mortuary chests, a term more usually associated with Egyptian pharaohs. Within them are jumbles of skulls and bones brought from a royal burial ground dating from the Saxon and Viking Ages of England. They include the remains of one woman, Emma of Normandy, twice Queen of England."

Strachan sees Emma as standing at the meeting point of three cultures: *Norman* by family, *Saxon* by her marriage to Ethelred and her son Edward the Confessor and *Viking* on three counts - her descent through Rollo (first duke of Normandy), her Danish mother Gunnora and her marriage to Danish King Canute and their son Hardicanbute,

Emma is unusual in that she commissioned her own biography (*Enconium Emmae Reginae*).

Some of the Queensland Royes make much of the name Mordaunt

to indicate "blue blood" in the family but in fact it is the Hougham line back through the d'Avranches to the Dukes of Normandy that is our bigger claim to blue blood. And Emma is a shining example!



Web links

- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emma_of_Normandy
- <http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/MEEmma.htm>
- http://www.heritage-history.com/www/heritage.php?R_menu=OFF&Dir=characters&FileName=emma1.php
- <http://www.historybookshop.com/articles/people/monarchs/emma-of-normandy.asp>
- <http://highmiddleages.suite101.com/article.cfm/medieval-women---emma-of-normandy>
- http://www.absoluteastronomy.com/topics/Emma_of_Normandy

Family Tree finds and website news

Bailey/Jurd/Preston: I have been re-working the Bailey, Jurd and Preston families from St Albans, lower Hawkesbury (near Sydney) because the data I had in the family tree was inconsistent with public records. These are pioneering Australian families and of interest to the Cameron/McArthur and [Royes/Crossley pedigrees](#).

Pruning: I have pruned some Hougham/Huffam entries that do not relate to the interests of Roy~Royes Family Links. A link has been placed in appropriate places to enable people to follow through via the Hougham/Huffam Family Tree which is co-located on our site.

Linking media: Media (photos, documents, charts, etc) have always been linked to a person or family, but I have been taking advantage of a feature of the web software to link documents to an event, so that they then appear immediately under the event instead of in a group of media items further down the page.. For example, wills are linked to a person's death and will appear under the record of death; and a birth certificate is attached to a birth.

Tagged photos. I am gradually implementing "image mapping". This allows people in group photos to be "tagged" so that when you run your cursor over the image the

names (or links in some browsers) will show who is who. The names are links to the person - it's just that some browsers (Safari is one) will show the link and not the name.

Translation to other languages. The top right of every page now includes Google's language translator. You can choose one of many languages listed and Google will translate the page into that language. Being an automated translation it will be far from perfect but may be of some assistance for those for whom English is not their



I have established two Facebook groups - [Roy-Hogan-Russell](#) and [Royes-Hougham](#). Not much activity as yet but the idea is to have a forum for telling family stories, sharing photos and stories and announcing news.

There is also a [Hougham](#) group on Facebook.

I have closed off new registrations for R~R Family Forum on the web site but will leave it available for viewing.

first language. In Hebrew it appears that Google translates a word in its place in the English text but does not convert the *paragraph* to right-to-left text - and presumably the same for other languages with right-to-left or vertical format.

Living/Privacy status. I discovered recently that using '[est YEAR]' as a device to provide privacy for living people was not

I am always concerned about privacy on our web site. If you are able to search for and find any living person from our family tree data using a search engine (eg, Google) please let me know immediately!

working any more. This has been corrected by editing the web-site database entries direct and 'flagging' those with an "[est...]" birthdate entry as living. A program for backing-up and restoring private files should guarantee this privacy once the 'flag' has been set, but it is prone to "adminstrator error". I have already mucked it up once! I can only reiterate that the best way of securing privacy is to provide me with at least a birth year.

Sagas tree removed. I decided to remove the [Scandinavian Sagas](#) tree from our web site and provide a link from our earliest ancestor Egil to his page in the Hougham/Huffam Family Tree for those who want to follow this line further. Egil is the earliest in the Scandinavian line to have evidence to vouch for his place in history.

Branches. I have made greater use of the branches facility in the web site software. You will see what branches a person belongs to next to their Person ID.

I have also allocated most registered users to a branch so that they do not have access to private information in branches other than their own.



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 around 6000 people including those from parallel branches such as the **Russells, Hogans, Logans, Girvans** 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 (24,000+ people) is by Robin Young: <http://hougham.royroyes.net/>

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