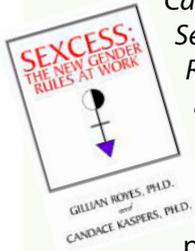




## News & Notes

**Gillian Royes** (Christiansted, St Croix in the Virgin Islands) has branched away from writing text books (*Business is Good: A History of Canning and Company in the Carribean* (2000), *Sexcess: The New Gender Rules at Work* (2004) and others) to writing a novel. *The Goat Woman of Largo Bay* is due out next year, probably mid-year.



In the mean time her second cousin **Charlie Royes** (Jamaica) has recently completed writing a little book on family and on life which he has entitled *Roots and Wings*. It is at the printers. Charlie is one of our main sources of information on the Jamaican Royes.

Their common ancestor Charles John Royes emigrated to Jamaica (about 1830?) while four of this siblings emigrated to Australia (1828-1838). Read about him on pp 2-3.

### Mini-reunion in Mareeba

Every time I go north to Cairns I visit the **relatives in Mareeba**. The Royes side always meets at **Joyce Trimble's** place. Usually about 20 people turn up. This is a selection from the July 2010 meeting. And "Bill" Grumley (nearly 93) drives down from Malanda (54 km).



Mandie (Roy) Bloomfield, Carol (Trimble) Gear, Joyce (McFarlane) Trimble, "Bill" Grumley, Ena Roy, Bruce Roy, Bev Cameron



Jaala Miller and Trent Cusack were married in Palm Cove near Cairns on 25th September in popular Northern Australian footwear.



Steven and Suzanne Selby, and Anna Rose, welcome **Eve Georgia** in July in Northern Ireland

### China research

**Cameron Roy** has been accepted as a PhD student with the University of Ballarat and will study how a sample Chinese rural village perceives its "development" needs and what this might mean for international community development theory and practice. He is off to China probably before Christmas for some months to do the basic research.

## People events

- ❖ 25 Sep 2010: Tom Phelan's 85th birthday and **Tom and Anne's** 50th wedding anniversary was celebrated in the family home in Tramore, Ireland. *[photo p.2]*
- ❖ 16 Sep 2010: **Jaala Miller and Trent Cusack** married at the Sea Temple Resort, Palm Cove near Cairns, QLD, with the Grumley and Cusack clans from nearby Malanda and Babinda present. They will honeymoon in Mauritius and South Africa. *[photo this page]*
- ❖ Aug 2010: **Colton Craig Gabriel-Royes** born in Mt Isa, QLD to Sharyn Gabriel-Royes and Craig Gabriel – a new grandson for Christopher and Theresa Royes.
- ❖ Jul 2010: **Eve Georgia Selby** born in Northern Ireland to Steven and Suzanne and her sister Anna Rose. *[photo this page]*
- ❖ Jul 2010: **Liam James Gear** born in Mareeba, QLD to Stephen and Kristin (Banville) Royes, brother for Isabel.
- ❖ Jul 2010: **Albie Kerry Royes** born in Broome, Western Australia to Luke and Nicole (Dwan) Royes.
- ❖ 24 Jun 2010: **Bill Moody** died in Brisbane after a distinguished life of commitment to the Army in World War 2 (MC), to the public service (MBE) and to charity.



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This photo was taken in **July 1990** in the garden of Tom & Anne Phelan (Tramore, Ireland) on the occasion of the 80th birthday of **Nancy (Russell) Hogan**. Her daughters Anne (in black) and Maureen Cassin sitting beside her. Erin Hogan is to the left of Anne and her husband Pat is second from the left.

Michele Hogan is in orange and Jack Hogan is to her left but a row back. Fr Tom Hogan could not be present but his colleague Fr Frank Caffrey was (front row far right, appropriately kneeling!).



Same place but 20 years later Anne and Tom Phelan celebrate 50 years of marriage with a huge family gathering



A gathering of Russells in South Africa (courtesy of Mike Russell)  
*Rear* - standing L to R: Tom Cooper (Scarborough, Cape Town); Ted Cooper (Vancouver, Canada), both sons of Dorothy Cooper nee Russell)  
*Centre* - seated L to R: Cynthia Cooper, wife of Tom; Mike Russell, son of John and Iris Russell; Ann Kempen, sister of Mike; (standing) Kate and Laura, daughters of Ann.

*Front* - seated: Cathy, friend of Mike Russell

"Bill" Grumley - 93 this month - took the salute at the 2010 Malanda, QLD, ANZAC Day (25 April) march. "Bill" served as a Craftsman with 319 Light Aid Detachment from 1943-46.

Reports on military service have been updated on the web site - go to Info > Reports and look for reports beginning "Military Service".



## The Hon. Charles John Royes

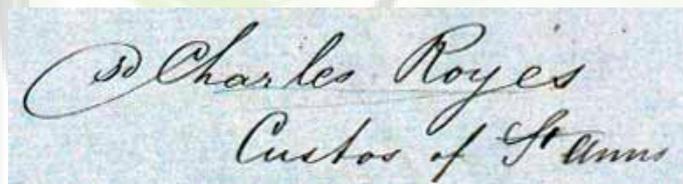
**C**harles John Royes, ninth child of Solomon and Mary Royes of London, born 1813, migrated to Jamaica while quite young. His eldest child was born in Jamaica about 1832 when Charles was about 19. So it is possible that he migrated about the same time as Samuel Tyssen Royes, his brother, made his way to Australia (1829), and almost a decade before three other siblings headed that way also (1838).

We know that in 1845, Charles owned nearly 1300 acres in two properties, Hoghole (St Thomas in the Vale parish - a "parish"

Jamaica emancipated its slaves in 1848 and the family story is that Charles Royes's slaves did not leave Windsor estate because they were treated so well.

Charles was involved as:

- ❖ magistrate from at least 1851 - he became Custos (chief magistrate for the Parish) by at least 1857;
- ❖ member of the managing committee of St Ann's Savings Bank from at least 1857;
- ❖ Lieutenant in St Ann's Eastern militia;
- ❖ by 1861 he was a member of the



is similar to a county) and Holland Hill and Amity Hall (Trelawny parish), and by at least 1849 he owned what was to become his home, Windsor Estate in the parish of St Ann. We don't know when he actually bought it.

Charles was very active in the St Ann community and was part of a foursome who seemd to do everything together: Joseph and Charles Bravo and Michael Solomon. Joseph would marry Charles's sister in 1854 and move to London as agent for the Bravo Brothers business interests. Another associate in local government was John Cover - the Louisa Cover who married Charles John jr is probably John's daughter.

Jamaican House of Assembly;

- ❖ by 1865 he was a member of the Jamaican Privy Council;
- ❖ by 1865 he was a member of the Legislative Council
- ❖ Chair of the St Ann's Municipal Board;
- ❖ Chair of the St Ann's Road Board,;
- ❖ chair of the inaugural meeting to establish the St Ann's Benefit Building Society in 1874 - its aim is "to provide freehold houses for its members and improved dwellings for the working classes".

In 1874 he took six months leave of absence as Custos and resigned from the Legislative Council.

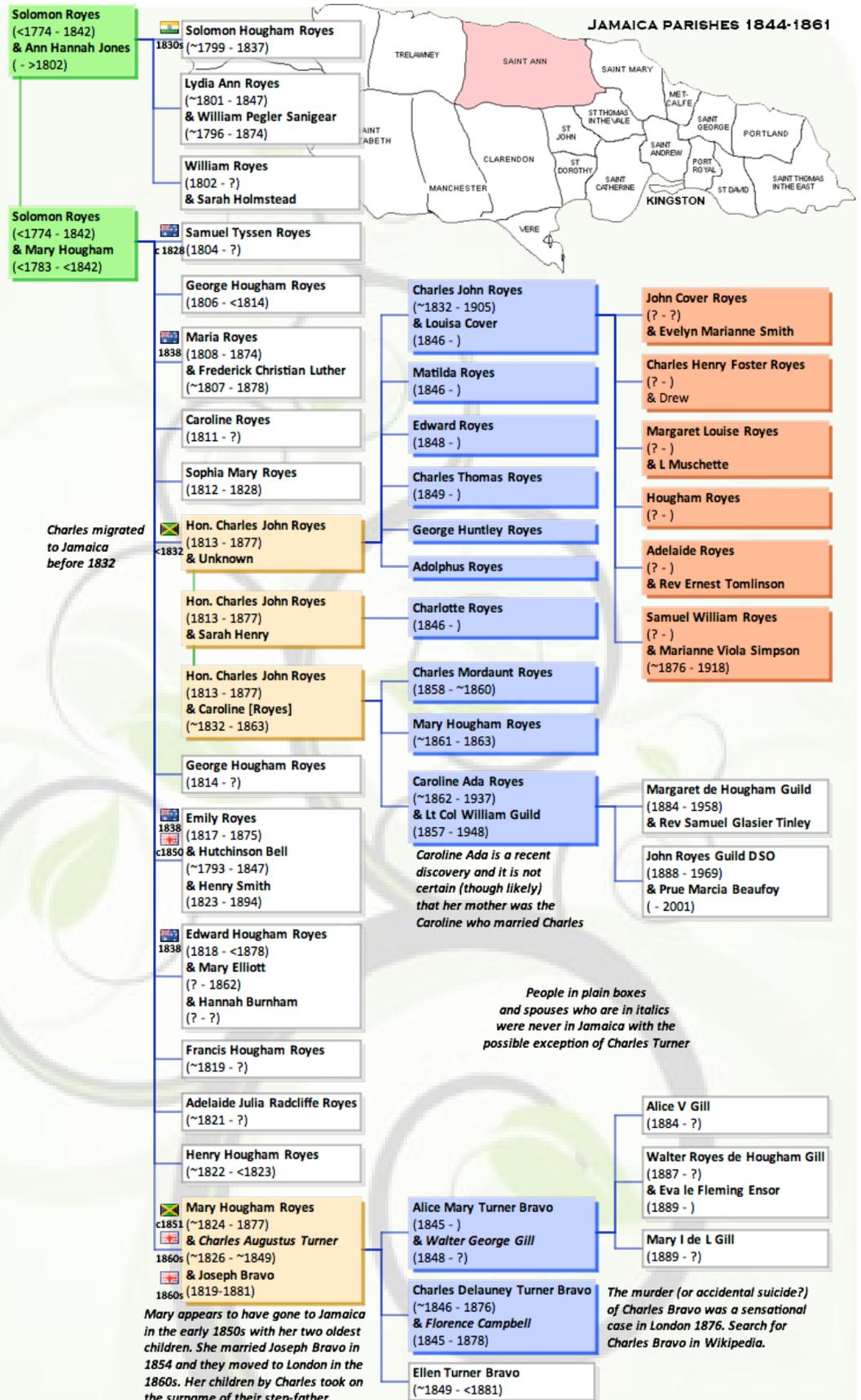
In 1875 he is still listed as Custos and as a trustee on the Benefit Building Society. and in 1877 is still chair of the Municipal Council and the Road Board.

He died 4th May 1877 (his sister Mary died six weeks later in London). Michael Solomon administered his estate and took over as Custos. Michael also ended up in London after Joseph Bravo dies, to take on his representative role there.

We have noted that Charles John Royes jr was born about 1832. We don't know who his mother was. Charles sr did not marry, as far as we know, until about 1857, when he married a Caroline, maiden name unknown. We know that she and her daughter Mary Hougam Royes both died in Devon, England in August 1863. The family story is that Charles's English wife left Jamaica after the death of their son at three years of age. However, we have found a Caroline Ada Royes, daughter of the Hon. Charles John Royes, born about 1862 - it is reasonable to assume that she is also a daughter of Caroline sr.

You will notice in the chart that we have listed a number of children under an unknown mother, but in fact this is most likely to be several mothers. This is Jamaica at a period in its history when plantation owners were likely to have several children to people on their estate.

It is also possible slaves or former slaves were given the surname of



their owner. So evidence is light on at this period in Charles's history. You will notice that there is little further information about the children of Charles sr by "unknown" except for Charles jr. ♦

The illustration at right is an inscription over Charles sr's grave - there is a [readable version](#) on the web site - look up Charles John Royes born 1813 or search Photos.



## Family tree finds

**New branches:** I have added **Moody** and **Elvery** branches. Both of these will overlap with Royes and Hougham branches.

You may find yourself in more than one branch. Apart from being able to see who is in a particular branch (see under Info/Reports on the web site, those beginning with "Branch:") branches are also used for defining where a registered user has access to private information.

**Finds:** New information keeps popping up from web sites and emails:

- ❖ Family details of **Charles Augustus Turner**, first husband of Mary Hougham Royes (Mary Royes's great great aunt). Thanks to an email correspondent researching the death of Charles Delauney Turner-Bravo. Delauney turns out to be his grandmother's maiden name. Charles Turner was born on the Isle of Jersey about 1826. Solomon and Mary (Hougham) Royes moved to Jersey by 1841, accompanied by their two youngest daughters, Adelaide and Mary. Charles Turner and Mary Royes were about the same age and subsequently married and had three children, two in London and the third back in Jersey.
- ❖ **Caroline Ada Royes** described as the only daughter of the Hon. Charles John Royes in a listing in Burke's Landed Gentry of Great

Britain for a John Guild. See the discussion and chart on pp 3,4 about Charles.

- ❖ **Charlotte Royes** born 1846 in St Ann, Jamaica, daughter of Charles J. Royes and Sarah Henry. This has to be the Hon. Charles again!
- ❖ Additional information about **James Clements**, his marriage and family, courtesy of Robert Saunderson. Robert also sent some photos of Houston ("Old Powerful") and Agnes Clements,



James's parents and Maurie Roy's great grandparents. There is also a tribute poem written by a friend of Houston and Agnes.

- ❖ We may have more information on the Roy pedigree by a possible matching of two James Roys born about the same time in or near Belfast that will push

Maurie Roy's known pedigree back possibly to 1760. See [Info >Most Wanted >Northern Irish Roys](#) on the web site. There is a [chart](#) that illustrates the result of making this link. (At the time of this newsletter going to print it is also featured on the home page of the web site.)

- ❖ Esther (birth record) or Hester (marriage registration) **Russell** (Maurie Roy's great aunt) married Hugh McFerran in 1891, another station master (along with Sam Rainey, James Roy and James Russell - Thomas Roy and Hugh Wiley were also railway people)



We have two Facebook groups - [Roy-Hogan-Russell](#) and [Royes-Hougham](#). The idea is to have a forum for telling family stories, sharing photos and stories and announcing news.

## Web site news

**V**isitors to the web site reached 200,000 page hits in August. (You can see the page hit counter in the bottom left of most pages.) The average visitor stays 4 minutes and looks at nearly 5 pages. 68% of visits are new (about 37 per day) from 104 countries (Australia 42%, USA 24%, UK 17%).

**N**ew feature: When you look at a person's pedigree (ancestors) there is now a ["Map" button](#) that shows where all generations have been born, married and died.



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 almost 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) 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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