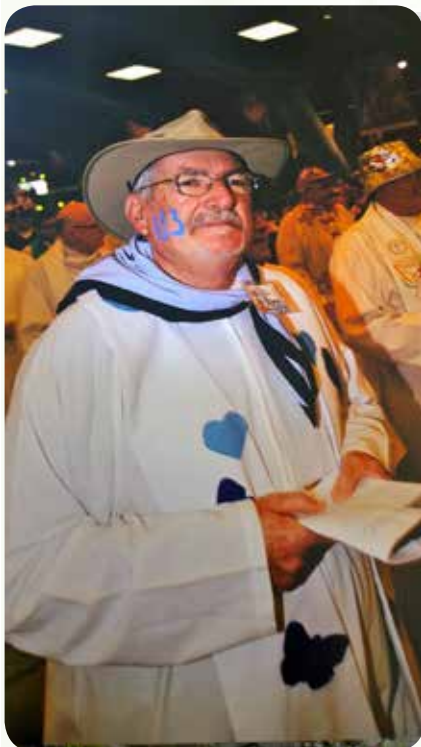




News and Notes



Robin Young, from Kent in England, enabled Bruce and George Roy to build the Royes family tree back to ancient times via the Houghams. Robin and wife Janet visited Sydney in February last. Bruce and wife, Bev, took them to lunch at "Ripples" restaurant (on the left of the photo) with its grand view of Sydney Harbour, the Opera House and with the Bridge looming over us. And a Sydney Ferry sneaked into the photo! Robin's web site is <http://hougham-huffam.org>.



✚ Fr. Tom Hogan C.S.Sp was the chaplain to a small group of parents with sick children on pilgrimage to Lourdes, France. The Irish Pilgrimage Trust bring many very ill children with at least one of their parents to Lourdes each year. Fr. Tom's group, called 103 - (it's painted on his cheeks in the picture and yes that is an Australian bush hat that he is wearing!!!!), numbered 26 including nine sick children. Many of these children have a short life expectancy. The pilgrimage was run with the children in mind and included a mystery tour to a Zoo which had animals from Australia and South Africa. The group was blessed with lovely weather for their mystery tour. As 9 year old Mark said, 'I am sad that the pilgrimage is nearly over, can't it not just start again!

The third in the Shad series by Gillian Royes, *The Sea Grape Tree*, is to be launched at Bookophilia in Jamaica on 1 July. Her first launch in her home country!

The first two books in the series, *The Goat Lady of Largo Bay* and *The Man Who Turned Both Cheeks*, are reviewed on the web site under Articles.

Gillian is a 3rd cousin once removed of May Royes.



Snippets

March 2014

Kathleen Clare Gibson (née Rogers) died in Townsville just one month short of her 94th birthday. She will be buried in Bowen alongside her husband and eldest son, both named Eric. Kathleen is survived by two sons Barry and Colin. She is a granddaughter of Charles Mordaunt Royes.

February 2014

Lachlan James Royes born to Adam and Nicole (Templeton), brother for Mackenzie Emily, grandson for George and Gloria (Ekeberg) - descendants of George Hougham Royes.

December 2013

Adelaide Putt born in Tooting, London to Alasdair and Alecia (Bland), granddaughter for Sharon (Steiler) and George Bland - descendants of Thomas Mordaunt Royes (1879-1958).



November 2013

Thomas Mordaunt Royes (b.1947), son of William Mordaunt and Kathleen Margaret Royes, died on the 23rd, just two days short of his 66th birthday.

Oxley Nursery

Andrew and Caitlin Roy have sold their business, Showplants, and are in the process of morphing into Oxley Nursery

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More News and Notes...



✚ "Renvyle, Conamara" was painted by Jim Hogan of Tramore, Ireland. [He is Maurie Roy's 2nd cousin via the Russells]

Jim did a lot of early work on the Hogan-Russell family tree. And brother Jack has been a regular contributor to the family tree.

The Annabel Hogan you read about in last October's newsletter, when she married Owen Treadgold, is Jim's

daughter. She and Owen live in Perth, Western Australia.

Fr Tom Hogan who has been contributing stories of his time in Kenya is Jim's brother.

Their sister Anne writes poetry, some of which is on our web site under Articles.

And there are more siblings: Maureen, Helena and Pat.

✚ On ANZAC Day (25 April) Eliza Roy laid a wreath on behalf of her Brownie group, wearing the World War 2 medals of her great grandfather Arthur Green.



Photo from the past

Houston and Agnes (Gamble) Clements in Larne, Northern Ireland. My guess is that it was taken in the early 1900s. They are Maurie Roy's great grandparents.

There is a poem on our web site written in tribute:

<http://royroyes.net/showmedia.php?mediaID=1248&medialinkID=2362>



The late Robert McDowell and Patricia Helena (Kendrick) Roy outside their house in Whitehead, Co Antrim, Northern Ireland about 1990. Contributed by daughter Marjorie Robinson in Perth, WA

Memories of Israel

Joy Logan,
teacher in Jaffa from 1951 to 1965

My chief memory is of the sheer beauty of the country: I doubt if there is another land with such a variety of landscape and climate in so small an area - a little over 8,000 square miles when I was there, though it is larger now. It ranges from the permanent snow on Mount Hermon to the tropical desert of the Jordan Valley. So many memories arise - the beauty of the Sea of Galilee, the swathes of cyclamen and scarlet anemones in Spring, the scent of orange blossoms (we lived in Jaffa!) on a still evening, the wonderful views of Mount Carmel, the desert sands of the Negev blown into fantastic shapes by the wind.

As I said, we lived in Jaffa (the biblical Joppa), one of the oldest cities in the world, with a mixed Jewish/Moslem/Christian population who live and work happily together. One would think from reading the Press, at least in England, that all Arabs are Moslems and are bitterly oppressed by the Jews. Once when I mentioned Arab Christians to a member of my church she assured me that there weren't any! Unfortunately the Islamists have taken over the Palestinian cause: in fact, having read of recent events in Syria and elsewhere, the last thing that Israel's Arab and Armenian Christians (and Druse) want is to find themselves forced to live in Moslem Palestine.

One special memory is Easter in Jerusalem. I did not very often manage to get there, but in 1963 my mother came out to visit me, and the highlight of her visit was the dawn service on Easter Sunday morning on the forecourt of the Church of Scotland, overlooking the Mount of Olives.

All this is beginning to sound as if I never did any work! I was teaching in the Church of Scotland school in Jaffa, called Tabeetha after the woman raised by St Peter there, but so spelt as to prevent it being pronounced like a cat! I went there in the first week of 1951, when the state of Israel was still very new, and immigrants were pouring in from all over the world. It was a good time to be learning Hebrew when almost everyone was a learner and errors did not 'stick out'. Though I did once raise a laugh by addressing a bus driver in the feminine!

We taught in English, so we also had the children of diplomatic families. I am sure this gave them - especially from the Communist bloc - an opportunity to mix with those whom they would not otherwise have met. When we celebrated our centenary in 1963 we had children of 40 nationalities in the school. It was a wonderful experience teaching children who really wanted to learn and who worked with you rather than against you: not a good preparation for my next job in Jamaica!




One thing it did teach me was to be precise in my use of English. I had a habit of starting a lesson with, "Now then, today let's..." One day a very earnest little Bulgarian girl came up to me and said, "Miss Logan, there is something I do not understand. 'Now', I understand, is present tense; 'then', I understand, is past tense, but what is this 'now then'?" On another occasion, when all the children were supposed to be outside, I said to one of the seniors, "Run and see if anyone is hanging about upstairs" - she ran into another teacher, who asked why she was not outside. She replied, "Miss Logan sent me to see if anyone was hanging upstairs."

For much of my time I was also secretary to the Israel Council of Churches, which I greatly enjoyed as it gave me a chance to get to know people I would normally otherwise have met, particularly the Hebrew Christian churches, of whose existence I had been previously unaware. I was the only woman on the council, but oddly the only time I met any prejudice was when Dr Billy Graham visited Israel, and we wanted to arrange a gathering for him to address. His staff flatly refused to work with a woman and I had to pull out of the committee and let one of my male colleagues take over.

By this time, some of you are probably wondering why, if I was so happy there, I ever left. In 1965 the Church of Scotland announced that it was closing the school, so I had to start looking for another job. The Irish Presbyterian Church very quickly found me one in Jamaica - a bit too quickly as the Scottish Church did not in fact close Tabeetha. It was doubly unfortunate as the Jamaican job lasted only three years. I am a history teacher and the newly independent Jamaica naturally wanted its history taught by one of its own people, so my visa was not renewed.

But Israel remains special. I am still in touch with several of my ex-pupils - who are now grandparents! In 1996 I gave myself a 70th birthday present of a return visit, when the magic was as strong as ever, and I was glad to discover that my Hebrew still worked! It is amazing how much a knowledge of Hebrew and Judaism adds to one's understanding of the Bible - the New Testament as well as the Old.

On my last evening I attended a supper party at the home of Christian Arab friends, at which Jews, Moslems and Armenians were also present. All of the guests except one lived within walking distance of our hosts - a far cry from the 'apartheid' picture of Israel one gets from the Press. 

What's in a name?

- Ron Royes

**What's in a name? wrote William Shakespeare,
That which we call a rose,
by any other name would smell as sweet.**

When we start looking at the origin or derivation of a name, we need to turn to etymology - the history of a word as shown by breaking it down into basic elements, or tracing it back to the earliest known form and its change in meaning.

The untimely passing of Thomas MORDAUNT Royes on 23 November 2013, two days short of his 66th birthday, leaves only his son David as the last Australian Royes where the name MORDAUNT is used as a family or christian name.

He was the son of William Mordaunt Royes (1902 - 1991), and a grandson of Thomas Mordaunt Royes (1879 - 1958). Another son of Thomas Mordaunt Royes was Mordaunt Herbert (1913 - 2008). They were descendants of Charles Mordaunt and Mary Royes.

There were two names frequently used in early family records - MORDAUNT and HOUGHAM. The earliest known reference to MORDAUNT was in the twelfth century of Osbert le MORDAUNT in Bedfordshire, England.

When Sarah MORDAUNT, a daughter of Captain Lestrange Mordaunt wed Edward HOUGHAM in London in the 18th century, her son was named Charles Mordaunt Hougham and her

granddaughter (Charles's niece) was Mary Hougham. Mary married Solomon Royes in London in 1803, from whence fourteen children were born. In the families of three of them, the name Mordaunt was used as one of the family names.

Charles John Royes migrated to Jamaica and his only legitimate son was Charles Mordaunt Royes, who unfortunately died before he was 2.

When Charles's siblings Edward Hougham and Maria settled in Australia in the 1830s, the name Mordaunt was used in both families. Maria had a grandson Frank Mordaunt Luther. Edward named his fifth child Charles Mordaunt Royes.

Charles Mordaunt Royes married an 18 year old Scottish lass Mary Mc Leod Murray, from St. Quivox, Ayrshire, in Rockhampton on 30 October 1874. There are nine of their descendants with Mordaunt as one of their family names - one Swan, one Robinson, and seven Royes. (See the full list below.)

The American born essayist Logan Pearsall Smith (1865 - 1946) wrote,

Our names are labels, plainly printed on the bottled essence of our past behaviour. 📖

Since Ron wrote the above, we think we have discovered Lestrange Mordaunt's father, a Sir John Mordaunt (though the knighthood is curious - he was not a Mordaunt baronet). We can then identify his place in the Mordaunt tree as a descendant of the first Baronet Mordaunt, Sir Lestrange Mordaunt, who purchased the baronetcy in 1611. You can read more about this on the back page under Research Notes.

	Last Name, Given Name(s) ▼	Born/Baptized ▲	Person ID
1	☞ Hougham, Charles Mordaunt	b. Bef 2 Jun 1756 London, England ♂	I2987
2	☞ Luther, Frank Mordaunt	b. 1878 Hartley, NSW, Australia ♂	I632
3	☞ Robinson, Charles Mordaunt	b. 1 Sep 1903 Mount Garnet, QLD, Australia ♂	I795
4	☞ Royes, Charles Mordaunt	b. 12 Aug 1851 Redfern, Sydney, NSW, Australia ♂	I887
5	☞ Royes, Charles Mordaunt	b. 29 Apr 1858 Windsor, St Ann, Jamaica ♂	I1789
6	☞ Royes, David Justin Mordaunt	Living - details withheld	I901
7	☞ Royes, Edward Mordaunt	b. 25 Feb 1878 Rockhampton, QLD, Australia ♂	I912
8	☞ Royes, Mordaunt Herbert	b. 27 Jun 1913 Normanton, QLD, Australia ♂	I1006
9	☞ Royes, Thomas Mordaunt	b. 21 Aug 1879 Ravenswood, QLD, Australia ♂	I1059
10	☞ Royes, Thomas Mordaunt	b. 25 Nov 1947 Cairns, QLD, Australia ♂	I1060
11	☞ Royes, William Mordaunt	b. 27 Jun 1902 Mareeba, QLD, Australia ♂	I1068
12	☞ Swan, Robert Hugh Mordaunt	b. 7 Nov 1915 Mareeba, QLD, Australia ♂	I1202

A charitable journey and a bottle of whiskey

Tom Hogan

One November, during the time for the long rains, roads became impassable because of the thick glutinous mud. The road up and around the Taita hills was blocked on both sides of the hills by two landslides.

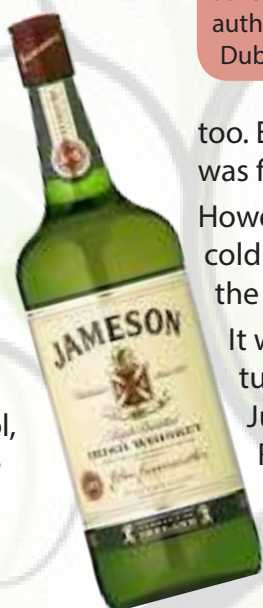
At the top of the hills, my friend Fr Jack Ryan was locked into his parish area for three weeks, but he was able to use his Volkswagen vehicle and go to Mgange Dabida church and two outstations at the top of the Taita hills. He was also able to visit the sick, as was his custom.

Each week, Jack would drive as far as he could and his cook would climb over the landslide and do the weekly shopping in nearby Wundanyi town. Sometimes, he also returned with twenty litres of petrol to fuel Jack's car. As I was the group leader in the Taita Hills at that time, I decided that I should pay him a visit.

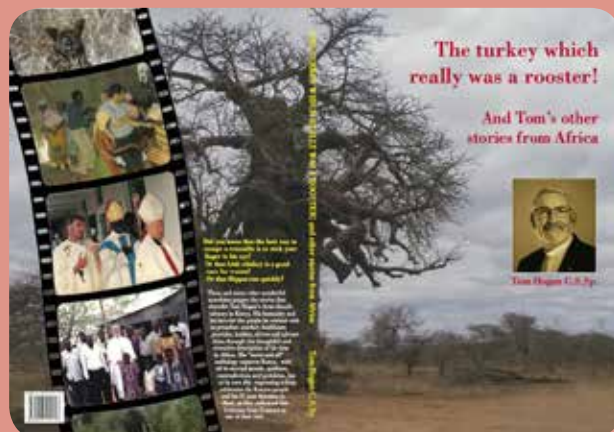
One Friday, immediately after school, I drove up as far as the Chief's Office in Bura and left my car there and prepared to walk up the hills. I had packed a small knapsack with some useful items that might help Jack in his difficult situation. Among the packets of soups and a few tins of vegetables, I had a half bottle of Irish whiskey.

I walked up and over the landslides. It began to rain again and the going got tougher. Unfortunately, the inevitable happened and at one point, I fell down and broke the neck of the bottle of whiskey. I was very disappointed.

On arrival, I handed over my gifts and said: "Jack I'm sorry but I broke the neck of the whiskey bottle when I fell down in the mud and rock." Jack replied: "Don't worry Tom, now you will know what a tea strainer is for", and he proceeded to decant the whiskey from the broken bottle through the strainer into a jug. It was a cold night at 6,000 ft altitude, despite the fire. The rains pounded down on the iron sheet roof and the wind whistled down the chimney and water came down the chimney




Another Fr Tom Hogan's story from his time as a priest with the Congregation of the Holy Spirit ("the Spiritans". [Tom is 2nd cousin to Maurie Roy.]

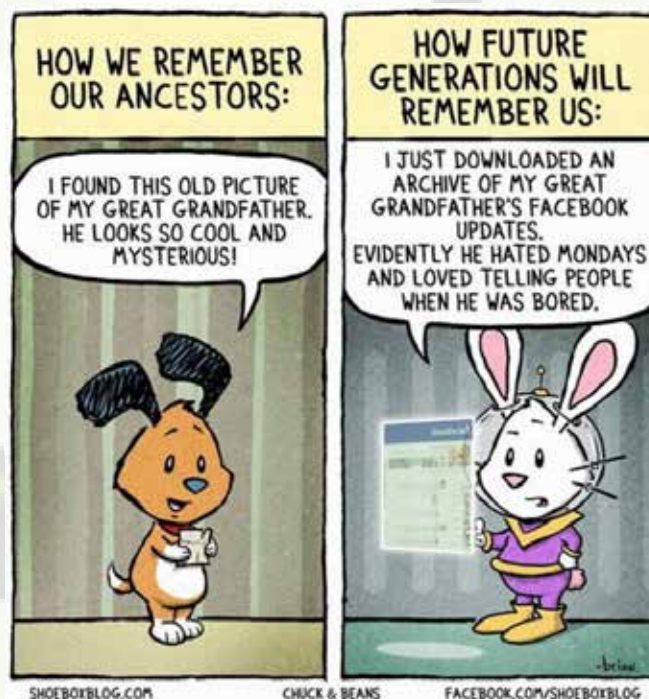


The Turkey Which Really Was a Rooster is available from several sources but it is easier to direct you to the author Fr Tom Hogan, 66 Rockfield Avenue, Kimmage, Dublin 12, Ireland

too. Eventually, the fire was out and the hearth was filled with water.

However, the whiskey helped to keep away the cold and of course we were forced to finish it, as the bottle had been damaged!

It was a good night and Jack played me a tune or two on his fiddle, while I sang "The Jug of Punch" and recited as many verses of Robert Service's poem "The Cremation of Sam McGee" as I could remember. I was glad I had made the journey, as I was his only visitor that month. 



Research notes

There has been a major review of the **Hougham** entries and Overview charts on the web site. Over 1,000 Houghams have been deleted:

- ❖ The Hougham-Huffam Family Tree maintained by Robin Young is focused on all things Hougham, and there seems no point in duplicating that research. Except for...
- ❖ Those Houghams in the Royes pedigree, and some of interest because of their migration to Australia and New Zealand, are retained.
- ❖ There are links from the Houghams in Roy~Royes Family Links to the equivalent person in The Hougham/Huffam Family Tree (and in some cases the reverse).

One consequence of this is that ALL Overview charts have been reviewed and updated. Another is that "Royes" is now the most popular surname in our data!

Fiona Brown of Toulouse, France is a descendant of Joseph Barron Black **Wylie** and Elizabeth Bell ("Sis") Rainey and has added to our information about those families. This includes yet another family that ended up in Australia (Canberra). See http://royroyes.net/descend.php?personID=11316&tree=rr_tree

The **Mordaunt** pedigree has been substantially extended to somewhere in the 13th century! I have decided to take a punt that two John Mordaunts who died in the same year (1723) are the same person. This means that Solomon Royes' wife Mary Hougham now has a pedigree on the Mordaunt side

Web site notes

The software we use on roy~royes.net (TNG) has been updated to version 10. The main changes for users and guests are

- ❖ Mobile-Friendly: No special app is required, but the site will look great and be much easier to use on your mobile device.
- ❖ Responsive Design: Many of the standard pages have been restructured to fit better on smaller screens (like phones and tablets).
- ❖ New Chart: A vertically-oriented chart of ancestors can now be displayed for each person.
- ❖ Better Navigation: Wherever page numbers are listed, you are now able to enter a specific page number and jump directly to that page.
- ❖ Ahnentafel and Register reports: These reports of ancestors and descendants now give you the option to show more or less detail.
- ❖ Creating a GEDCOM: Those with access to GEDCOMs will see more



options when exporting data for use in another program.

- ❖ Add-ons: Several popular user-created modifications have been included (age calculation, show/hide events and media). (You may not notice any difference since we were already using these features as modifications.)

The web site passed **500,000 page visits** in April! We average about 300 page visits per day.

parallel to her Hougham pedigree.

The earliest Mordaunt is Osbert though "Mordaunt" is not used until we get to his grandson Eustace. The first baronet Mordaunt is Lestrage (1572-1627) though an earlier Mordaunt, Sir John, great-great uncle of Lestrage, was knighted and his son became the first Lord Mordaunt.

Several of the Mordaunts were members of parliament.

See the Mordaunt pedigree chart in the web site's Overviews.

Catherine Philips got in touch re: Robert **Smal** who married Anna Maria Royes, daughter of Edward Hougham Royes sr. She had found evidence of Robert Smal in Rockhampton and since the Royes had moved to Rockhampton this sounded like a likely match. But the dates don't seem to fit!

I am beginning to suspect that our Robert Smal is not the son of Alexander and Violet, but I have not changed the family tree yet. We need more evidence!

Family Links is produced in conjunction with Roy-Royes Family Links web site

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There is a FaceBook group associated with our family tree - **Roy-Royes Family Links**. This is designed to be a community forum - so join in! Share some stories!



This family tree has its roots in the marriage of **Maurie Roy and May Royes** in Cairns, Queensland, in 1940. It has grown to almost 6000 people. Apart from Royes and Roy, the most common surnames in our data are Hougham/Huffam, Hogan, Weatherburn, Girvan, Bailey, Robinson and Smith.

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