

NEWSLETTER



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Message from the President

Beverley Isdale

Welcome back to a New Year of activities with the Society and I hope you have all enjoyed Christmas and New Year. We have several functions planned for the year and guest speakers you will be pleased to meet.

Our first function is the bus trip to various places on the Darling Downs and planned for 12th April. It sounds as if we will have a special day, visiting the newly restored Glengallon Homestead and then on to Allora where there are two museums and an historical precinct to discover. It will be a full day to see all these things and the flyer giving all the details will be forwarded to you with the February agenda. This is a social occasion, as well as a fundraiser, so invite your friends to come along.

The gardens in the Historical Precinct were just about overrun with weeds which seem to have flourished in the current drought conditions. Thanks to the many hours of hard work from some of our members, the gardens look respectable again. We are delighted that a community group is going to look after the area in future and we won't have to carry home any more bags of weeds.

Cr Terry Hampson has advised us that the Council has approved a name change for our end of Banfield Street. Our section of the street will now be known as Early Street, commemorating one of the early settlers and landowners in the district. George Early's land

stretched along Gympie Road, from Hamilton Road towards Banfield Street.

The Society has been awarded a grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to restore the names on the memorial gates at Marchant Park. Pat O'Shea has spent many hours researching the names that used to be on the Gates and it will be a marvellous achievement to see the names there again. I would like to thank everyone associated with the successful grant application.

ROBINSON – BALLINGER 33 Kilburn Street, Chermshire

Marion Eaton interviewed Ted Kemp
and referred to D Teague's History of
Chermshire
October 2001

Vessel *Glentanner* arrived Moreton Bay 7
July 1858. Refer Reel 2139/2479

Passenger	James	31
Ballinger	Arthur	2
	Charles	29
	Mar	32
	Sarah	25
	Emily	6
	John	6
	William	Born on journey

Vessel *Alfred* arrived Moreton Bay 19 September 1858. Refer Reel 2138/2477

Passenger	James	20
Ballinger	Bridget	18
	Margaret	16

The house was built on land taken up by John Patterson who opened the first shop in the district and Joseph Webster who gave his name to the road which these properties fronted. Across the road were three blocks taken up by the three Schmid sisters, Wilhelmina, Maria and Caroline.

In 1866 W.E. Murphy had purchased a large tract of land on the northern side of Gympie Road which for a time became known as Murphy's Paddock. However by 1891, John Ballinger was the registered owner of 101 acres of it before it became the property of George Marchant. At one time John Ballinger, dairy farmer, lived in Sparkes Street, Chermside, with his family including daughters Eliza and Mary (May).

Mary (May) Ballinger married Jack Robinson and in time it was at 33 Kilburn Street, Chermside, that the couple and their 10 children lived.

George	Laurie
Vincent	Len
Jack	Leo
Tom	Patrick
Joseph (Joe)	Gertrude

Jack Robinson was a mixed farmer and neighbour Ted Kemp, who was born in 1913, remembered the family having a "flash looking" buggy in which they travelled to Mass at St Dymphnas church of a Sunday.

Ted also recalled that Leo Robinson had a 1927 Chevrolet Capital model and owned a

casket agency and barber shop in the city. Leo won two major prizes in the casket. His brother Len drove a 1927 Pontiac National model.

There was an area under the Robinson house for the purpose of conducting haircuts and shaves for the locals and family members including father Jack who was shaved every day by one of his sons. Leo, Pat and Joe charged 1 shilling (10c) per hair cut and the patrons were queued up of a Saturday.

Bert and Florence (Lacey) Robinson

On Webster Road about opposite Milburn Street lived another family by the name of Robinson (no relation). This was slaughterman Bert Robinson and his wife Florence nee Lacey. Bert was contracted to supply several butchers and was credited with the job of slaughtering the Royal National Association Show's champion steer each year from 1920 to 1931.

The Robinson family comprised of three sons, Herb, Bill and Arthur and their daughter Violet who married Jack Kemp who also lived in Webster Road.

A reference to their maternal grandparents is from the Post Office directory of the day. It reads Henry Lacey 1842-1920 married Martha born 1840. Lived on Hamilton Road. Henry was a bus driver and the couple had 7 children.

Marion Eaton

One Liners

If you don't pay your exorcist you get repossessed.

Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you A-flat minor.

Mrs Rundell's
The English Cookery Book
Domestic Cookery, Revised
With several modern dishes added hereto

An example

Ragout of Cold Veal

Either a neck, loin, or fillet of veal, will furnish this excellent ragout with a very little expense or trouble.

Cut the veal into handsome cutlets; put a piece of butter or clean dripping into a fryingpan; as soon as it is hot, flour and fry the veal of a light brown; take it out, and if you have no gravy ready make some, thus – Slice a large onion and fry it brown, drain it, and put it into a stewpan with some sweet herbs, a couple of allspice and also pepper, three blades of mace and a pint and a half of water; strain through a sieve, then mix two tablespoonfuls of flour in a cup of cold water, incorporate this with the gravy and put it in the stewpan; or put a pint of boiling water into the fryingpan, give it a boil up for a minute, and strain it into a basin while you prepare some thickening in the following manner:- Put about an ounce of butter into a stewpan; as soon as it melts, mix with it as much flour as will dry it up; stir it over the fire for a few minutes, and gradually add to it the gravy you made in the fryingpan; let them simmer together for ten minutes (till thoroughly incorporated); season it with salt, pepper and a little mace, and a wine glassful of mushroom catchup or wine; strain it through a tamis to the meat, and stew very gently till the meat is thoroughly warmed. If you have any ready-boiled bacon, cut it in slices, and put it in to warm with the meat.

Recipe book owned by Joan Hamilton
Published in London
Darton and Co., Holborn Hill
MDCCCLVI

(poem inside cover)

*Man is a carnivorous production,
And must have meals at least once a day;
He cannot live, like woodcocks, upon
suction;
But, like the shark and tiger, have his prey.*

Byron

RULES WHICH APPLIED TO THE CLERICAL STAFF OF DALGETY'S IN THE EARLY 1850's

By Marion Eaton

DALGETYS MEMO

MEMO TO:

J. MILLYARD, B. BLENADY, R. WISE, R. LACEY,
J. TRUEMAN, L. KNIGHT, F. KOOFAL, H. GECKS,
D. STEVENSON, T. ARMSTRONG, R. NASH, R.
SMITH, C. STANDLEY, E. HOLZ, G. GRIEVE, G.
BAKER.

FOR INFORMATION: M.V. HILLIER; K. G.
BILLETT; W.A. POWELL; C.R. HERRMANN; R.A.
URQUHART; D.G. JENKINS; T. WOODS; C.
VANDAL.

“THE GOOD OLD DAYS”

As supervisors and leading hands in various aspects of the company operation, you have no doubt often heard reference to “the good old days”.

I recently came into possession of a set of the rules which applied to the staff of Dalgetys in the early 1850's.

They make really fascinating reading.

J.A. HUDSON
SALES ADMINISTRATION MANAGER.

(xiii) The new Increased Weekly Wages are as hereunder detailed:

Junior boys to 11 years	1/4d
Boys to 14 years	2/1d
Juniors	4/8d
Junior Clerks	8/7d
Clerks	10/6d
Senior Clerks after 15 years with Owners	21/1d

Dalgety Office Regulations – Merchants and Ships' Chandlers

Rules for the Clerical Staff:

(i) Godliness, cleanliness and punctuality are the necessities of a good business.

- (ii) On the recommendation of the Governor of this Colony, this firm has reduced the hours of work, and the Clerical Staff will now only have to be present between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. on week-days. The Sabbath is for Worship, but should any Man-of-War or other vessel require victualling, the Clerical Staff will work on the Sabbath.
- (iii) Daily prayers will be held each morning in the Main Office. The Clerical Staff will be present.
- (iv) Clothing must be of a sober nature. The Clerical Staff will not disport themselves in raiment of bright colours, nor will they wear hose unless in good repair.
- (v) Overshoes and top-coats may not be worn in the Office but Neck Scarves and headware may be worn in inclement weather.
- (vi) A stove is provided for the benefit of the Clerical Staff. Coal and Wood must be kept in the locker. It is recommended that each member of the Clerical Staff bring 4 pounds of coal each day during cold weather.
- (vii) No member of the Clerical Staff may leave the room without the permission of Mr Ryder. The calls of nature are permitted, and the Clerical Staff may use the garden below the second gate. This area must be kept in good order.
- (viii) No talking is allowed during business hours.
- (ix) The craving for tobacco, wines or spirits is a human weakness and, as such, is forbidden to all members of the Clerical Staff.
- (x) Now that the hours of business have been drastically reduced, the partaking of food is allowed between 11.30 a.m. and noon, but work will not, on any account, cease.
- (xi) Members of the Clerical Staff will provide their own pens. A new sharpener is available on application to Mr Ryder.
- (xii) Mr Ryder will nominate a Senior Clerk to be responsible for the cleanliness of the Main Office and the Private Office, and all boys and juniors will report to him 40 minutes before Prayers, and will remain after closing for similar work. Brushes, Brooms, Scrubbers and Soap will be provided by the Owners.

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Classes for Seniors – Thursdays

6 Feb “The Origin of Queensland Place Names” by Wayne Kelly

13 Feb “International Detection Services” by Keith Schafferius

20 Feb “The Call of Lourdes” by Brian Benson

27 Feb “Air Raids on Darwin” by Les Padman

6 Mar “RACQ Care Flight Helicopter Service” by Carol Haffke

13 Mar “Life” by Marion Worley

20 Mar “Escape from Singapore” by Jim Iliffe

11am – 12.00 at Aspley Uniting Church, Robinson Road, Aspley

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Your Contribution

Thank you to all those members who have supplied the many articles published in this newsletter. Please remember that any stories that you would like to contribute would be gratefully received. A hand written or typed article can be handed in at either the monthly meeting or (if you would like it collected) ring Carol on 33501394. The postal address is in the heading, if you wish to post it.

It is the aim of this newsletter to record the memories of our society members before re-printing articles from existing books.

Carol Cunningham

