

# Love Sex & Damned Lies

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# Introduction

- ▶ Family history & Local history – Intertwined
- ▶ Similar skills, similar resources
- ▶ Marriage = bridge to the past (Pauleen Cass)  
<https://cassmob.wordpress.com/utp-presentation>
- ▶ No family history without having sex (Carol Baxter) [www.carolbaxter.com](http://www.carolbaxter.com)
- ▶ Love, sex and damn lies!



Herbert White from Wiltshire, England meets Dorcas Trevasks from Moonta, South Australia in Charters Towers, Queensland

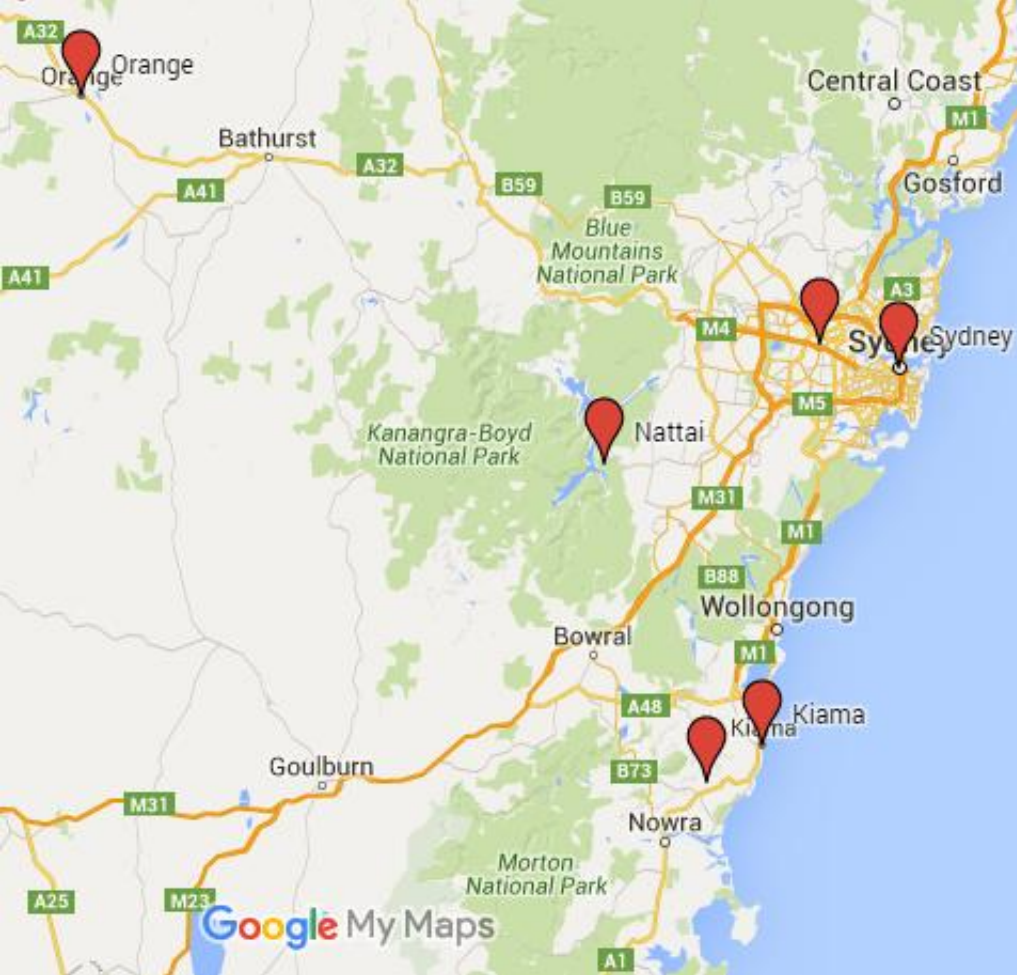






Thomas and Elizabeth Price from Staffordshire, England





<https://www.google.com/maps>





Henry Price (50)  
& Alice White (46)

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My Mum

# No wedding photos?

- ▶ Pregnant brides!
- ▶ Herbert had to marry Dorcas
- ▶ Alice had to marry Henry
- ▶ Thomas and Elizabeth fell pregnant within days of marrying
- ▶ They all had 8–10 children



# Love, Sex & Damn Lies

- ▶ At last a wedding photo – my great grandparents
- ▶ Her wedding ring passed down to me
- ▶ But so many lies!



- ▶ James Carnegie  
grandson of John &  
Helen Carnegie
- ▶ Married Mary Finn in  
1906 in Brisbane

# In The Beginning

- ▶ John Carnegie & Helen Stratton married in Montrose, Scotland 1861
- ▶ Daughter Helen/Ellen born 1862
- ▶ Son John born 1864
- ▶ 1865 arrive in Queensland on the **Sunda**



# ASSISTED EMIGRATION TO QUEENSLAND.

Sunda



ASSISTED PASSAGES are now GRANTED to a LIMITED NUMBER of ELIGIBLE PERSONS at £8 per head (adult.) The Class of Persons alone Eligible are Ploughmen, Road-Makers, Quarrymen, Professed Gardeners, and a Few Miners, Carpenters, Masons, Bricklayers, Blacksmiths, Wheelwrights, Shipwrights, and Female Domestic Servants of good character.

Applications in EDINBURGH may be made to J. HARTHILL, 1 HANOVER STREET, Agent for the Black Ball Line of Ships, from whom full particulars may be obtained.

HENRY JORDAN.

QUEENSLAND EMIGRATION OFFICE,  
17 Gracechurch Street, London.

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## QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT EMIGRATION OFFICES, LONDON EMIGRATION TO QUEENSLAND. FREE GRANTS OF LAND.

A NEW EMIGRATION ACT, recently passed, entirely removes the restrictions as to age, which formerly required that men should be under 40 and women under 35. All persons paying their own full passages to the Colony will now receive a full £30 Land Order—equal to 30 Acres of Land, to be selected by themselves—for each member of their families counted as adults. Persons of twelve years and upwards are counted as adults; those between twelve months and twelve years are reckoned as children. Two children count as one adult. Children receive £15 Land Orders.

Free and Assisted Passages are now given to eligible persons without restriction as to age.

HENRY JORDAN,

Agent-General for Emigration for Queensland,

Appointed Agent for Edinburgh,

MR J. P. OLIVER, 37 George Street. 2303

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# Interesting Developments

- ▶ Son John dies in Brisbane Apr 1866
- ▶ Daughter Georgina born Brisbane Jan 1867
- ▶ Family disappears after Sep 1869 (another daughter was born but birth could not be located)
- ▶ Disappearance = family skeleton!
- ▶ And a new surname

# Why the surname change?

**JOHN CARNEGIE** was brought up at the Central Police Court yesterday, charged with assaulting William Hays, a cab-driver, in Edward-street, on Wednesday, at 11 p.m. It appears that Hays was standing in the street outside Dinsdale's Hotel, when a quarrel took place between him and the defendant, in the course of which Carnegie struck Hays on the face with an old worn-out chisel. He inflicted a cut over the eye. On hearing the evidence, the Police Magistrate found Carnegie guilty, and sentenced him to two months' imprisonment.

The Brisbane Courier (Qld. : 1864 - 1933) (about) ◀ Friday 23 July 1889 ▶



# Discharged from HM Gaol Brisbane

John Carnegie	...	...	...	Brisbane	...	21 September...	Assault	...	...	...
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2 months' hard labor ...

Scotland	...	32	5	4½	Stout	...	Fresh	Brown	Blue...
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Montrose coat of arms right breast, bracelet both wrists, and  
American colors on right arm.  
Small seal on left arm

*Queensland Police Gazette, Sep 1869*

H. M. faul -  
Bristol and 10th September 1844.

Sir,

I have the honor respectfully to  
apply under the regulations for such  
remuneration you may deem me  
worthy of for the services I have  
performed while unpunished here -

I have undergone a sentence of two  
months and have throughout the  
whole of the time been employed at  
hard labour

I have the honor to be

Yours most obedient servant  
John Carnegie

John Carnegie

A. R. P. Bernardy  
the for. of the faul

Received a 7s 6d gratuity for  
his two months imprisonment  
with hard labour

**DEATH TRANSCRIPTION from  
NSW Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages**

Transcription requested by **SHAUNA HICKS** 11-Nov-08

Registration Number 03696  
Date of Death 30 MAR 1871  
Place of Death PRINCE STREET, GRAFTON  
Name GEORGINA STANLEY  
Occupation INFANT  
Sex FEMALE  
Age 4YRS 3MTHS  
Cause of Death DIPHTHERIA  
Duration 3 DAYS  
Medical Attendant R. PURDIE, 29 MAR 1871  
Father JOHN STANLEY  
Father's Occupation GARDENER  
Mother - Maiden Name ELLEN STRATTON  
Informant JOHN STANLEY, PRINCE STREET, FATHER OF DECEASED;  
REGISTERED 31 MAR 1871, GRAFTON  
When Buried 31 MAR 1871  
Where GRAFTON  
Undertaker E.C. LAYMAN



BIRTH REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.

Death of Georgina Mar1871

Birth of Clara Jul1872

Both under the surname Stanley  
in Grafton, New South Wales

CERTIFIED COPY FURNISHED UNDER PART V OF THE  
REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT, 1973.

No.	Date and place of birth of child	Name and whether present or not	Sex	Father's name, occupation, age and birthplace	Date and place of marriage- previous issue	Mother's name and maiden surname, age and birthplace	Informant	Witnesses	Particulars of registration	Name if added after Registration of birth
10614	14 <sup>th</sup> July 1872	Clara	Female	(1) John Stanley (2) Gardener (3) 34 years (4) Scotland	1861 (1) Alice 28 Gardener Scotland (2) one female living one male deceased	(1) Ellen formerly Stratton (2) 32 years (3) Scotland	Certified by John Stanley Victoria Street the father	(1) none (2) Ann Ivory (3) —	M. St. St. Riddle 14 August 1872 Grafton	

I, VERNON MARK BENNETT, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY OF PARTICULARS RECORDED IN A REGISTER KEPT BY ME.

ISSUED AT SYDNEY, 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 1988.

Shauna Hicks UTP REGISTRAR





# Back to Queensland & Carnegie Surname

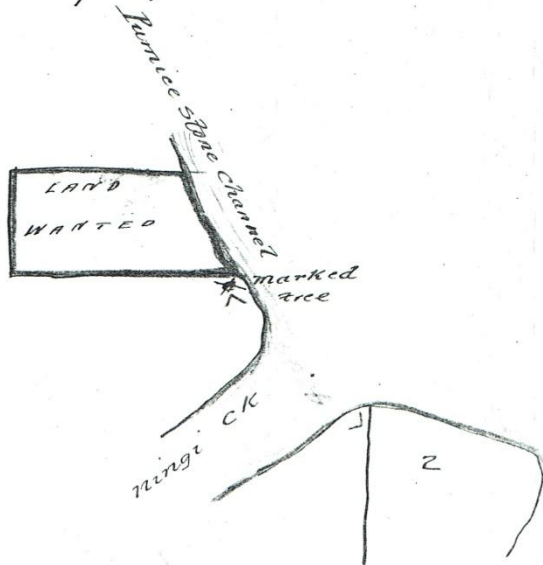
- ▶ Sep 1879 John Carnegie selected Portion 16, Parish of Toorbul
- ▶ 20 acres fronting Pumicestone Passage just north of Ningi Creek
- ▶ Only way to access this property was by boat!

Schedule to Application.

Date of Proclamation ... .. 17<sup>th</sup> April 1877  
 County or District ... .. Toorbul  
 Area ... .. 20

Description.

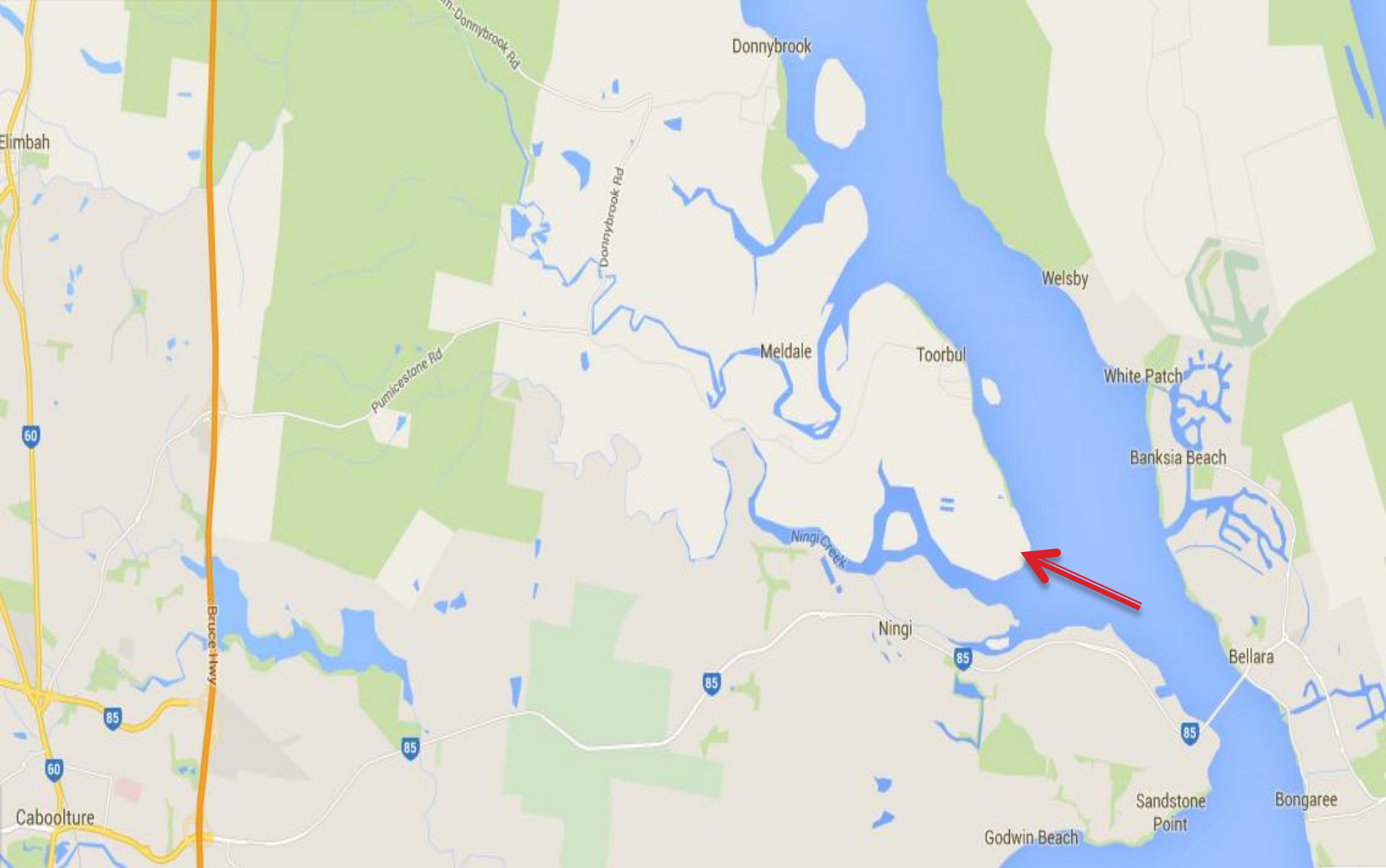
Commencing at a blazed tree on the opposite side of Ninge Creek to Hamiltons for 2 (about 40  
 thence West about 20 Chms thence North about 10 Ch.  
 thence East to Dumie Stone Channel & thence  
 southerly by the Coast to point of Commence



Property wanted is not even surveyed

Date places family there from the very beginning of the settlement of Toorbul









1853 - 1911

## George Bishop Causeway

Up until the late 1890's Toorbul could only be accessed by boat. To the west, Toorbul was bounded by a tidal area with "waste deep" mud that provided an effective barrier to road.

Eventually growth within the district highlighted the need for a road connection across the tidal flats. Local identity Mr George Bishop and his sons were commissioned around 1900 to construct a causeway and paid the sum of £40.

It is unclear if the money was equally contributed by four local residents, Mr George Bishop, Mr N. Freeman, Mr John Carnegie and one other unidentified resident or whether a formal contract was entered into with the *Caboolture District Board*, a forerunner of Caboolture Shire Council.

George Bishop commenced the task by cutting tea-tree logs and laying them side by side across the mud to form a base for the road. This style of construction was not uncommon with the end product known as corduroy road.

Drains were dug along both sides of the tea-tree base, with the material being used as a fill on top of the logs. Hollow logs were used to cater for tidal water movement.

The road was completed by carting in additional soil by horse and dray.

While the construction technique was simple, it was effective. Up until 1958 there were reports from residents that the tea-tree logs were still in place and in good order.

This sign has been erected in recognition of the pioneering efforts of George Bishop and his sons.



John Carnegie one of the contributors to the Causeway



# BIRTH

B 68416

Colony

BIRTH in the District of Brisbane

in the State of Queensland.

1 880

Registered by William Theophilus Blakeney Deputy Reg-General

Marginal notes (if any).	Column. 1 Number .. .. .	26452
<b>CHILD.</b>		
2 When and where born .. ..	27th June 1880	Boundary Street
3 Name .. .. .	James	
4 Sex .. .. .	Male	
<b>PARENTS.</b>		
<b>Father--</b>		
5 1. Name and surname of father ..	---	
2. Profession, trade or occupation		
3. Age. 4. Birthplace .. ..		
6 1. When and where married .. ..	---	
2. Issue—living and deceased ..	Living	years
	Deceased	
<b>Mother--</b>		
7 1. Name and maiden surname of mother .. .. .	Ellen Carnegie	
2. Age. 3. Birthplace .. ..	17 years	Montrose, Scotland
<b>INFORMANT.</b>		
8 Signature, description, and residence of informant .. .. .	Certified in writing by	Helen Carnegie
	Mother, Boundary Street	
<b>WITNESSES.</b>		
9 1. Medical attendant .. .. .	Dr. Clarkson	
2. Nurse .. .. .	Mrs Dyke	
3. Other witness to birth .. ..		
<b>REGISTRAR.</b>		
10 1. Signature of Registrar .. ..	William T. Blakeney	
2. Date. 3. Place of registration ..	26 July 1880	Brisbane
11 Name, added after registration of birth		

I, William Francis Tomkins Deputy Registrar-General,  
do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an entry in a register of births  
kept in the General Registry Office, Brisbane, and I further certify that I am a person  
fully authorised by law to issue such certificate.

**Big Question: How does 17 year old Ellen fall pregnant in 1879 and why doesn't she marry the baby's father?**

# Land Selection Improvements 1884

- ▶ Portion 16 – 18 acres
- ▶ Weatherboard house, shingle roof, verandah in front £40
- ▶ 2 slab sheds, shingle roofs £16
- ▶ 10 chain of drain £15
- ▶ 10 chain of rail split fence planted with Duranta hedge £12
- ▶ 2 acres cleared, weeded and planted as orchard and garden £50

# Land Selection Improvements 1891

- ▶ Portion 40V – 140 acres
- ▶ House 14 x 10 sawn timber, shingle roof £15
- ▶ Fowl house and yard £5
- ▶ 68 chain barbed wire fencing £25

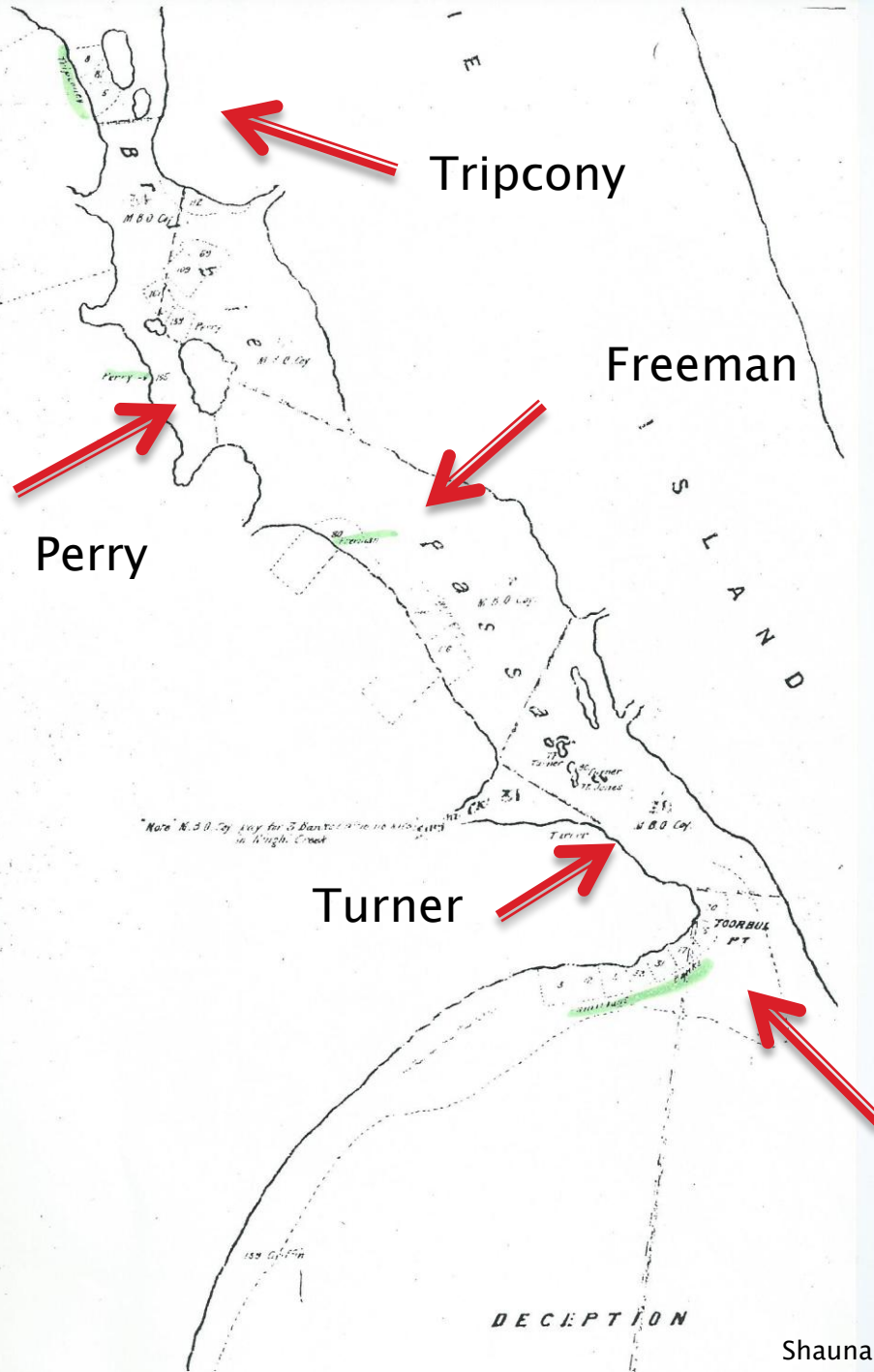


# Oyster Cultivation @ Bribie

- ▶ Queensland Government *Votes & Proceedings* 1884–1891, 1900
- ▶ 1884 John Carnegie holds two banks north of Ninghi Creek, 'has gone to extraordinary labour on his selection digging drains and embankments. He has about 500 bags on it'.
- ▶ 1885 John Carnegie approx 1,000 bags, Jones 1,000 bags, Hamilton Brothers 3,000 bags, Tripcony 200 bags, MBO Coy 500, Turner 1,000 bags, Freeman 500 bags

# Oyster Cultivation @ Bribie

- ▶ 1886 John Carnegie holds 3 banks north of Ninghi Creek, has gone to considerable trouble with the cultivation of his oyster banks, and on being informed of whelk tingle by Mr Carr, he with his children (Clara 14, James 6), collected several cwt of whelk tingles off his banks. He also has stones and stakes laid down for the catchment of spat.
- ▶ 1888 Mills, Turner, Carnegie and Jones have a large amount of cultivation but few marketable oysters –the borer, or whelk tingle, is very plentiful in Ninghi Creek – pierces and kills young oysters



Oyster leases are numbered and marked on the map.

Only bank draft, bank notes, cheque marked by the banker, post-office order, or gold will be accepted for deposits.

Plan and Specification, General Conditions of Contract, and Conditions of Tendering may be seen, and form of Tender with further particulars obtained, at the Government Architect's Office, Brisbane.

A Tender must be on a proper printed form, and at the foot of every Tender there must be a memorandum signed by the party tendering, agreeing to deposit the necessary amount of money, as provided in clause 10 of the conditions of tendering, as security for the due performance of the Contract in the event of the Tender being accepted, and undertaking in that event to execute and deliver at the Office, within fourteen days from the usual notification of acceptance, a Deed of Contract with the Secretary for Public Works of Queensland, for securing such performance; otherwise the Tender will not be taken into consideration.

The lowest or any Tender will not necessarily be accepted.

A. B. BRADY, Under Secretary.

#### Department of Public Works, Brisbane, 15th March, 1901.

#### TENDERS.

TENDERS are invited for the undermentioned Public Works, For full particulars see *Government Gazette*.

Nature of Work, Date of *Gazette* containing original Notice, and Place and date to which Tender can be received, respectively:—

THURSDAY ISLAND—Repairs and Painting, State School. 6th February. Works Office, Brisbane, and Court House, Hughenden. Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, and Townsville; 22nd March.

STEWART'S CREEK—New Police Station. 16th February. Works Office, Brisbane, and Court House, Townsville and Charters Towers; 29th March.

MOUNT GAUVAT—Additions, State School. 16th February. Works Office, Brisbane; 29th March.

HERIOT (NEAR RAVENSWOOD)—New State School Buildings. 18th February. Works Office, Brisbane, and Court House, Ravenswood, Charters Towers, and Townsville; 12th April.

WISTON—New Police Buildings. 16th February. Works Office, Brisbane, and Court House, Winton, Hughenden, Charters Towers, and Townsville; 19th April.

BRISBANE—Conversion of St. John's Institute and Rectory into Office for Police Department. 2nd March. Works Office, Brisbane; 22nd March.

BRISBANE—Iron Boatsteads and Fittings, Hospital for Insane, Diamantina. 2nd March. Works Office, Brisbane; 12th April.

BYRONBAY—Fittings, &c., Dr. Maxwell's Laboratory. 2nd March. Works Office, Brisbane; 12th April.

TOWOONBA—Repairs and Improvements, Lockup and Keeper's Quarters. 2nd March. Works Office, Brisbane; 26th April.

PRATER—New Post and Telegraph Office. 2nd March. Works Office, Brisbane; 8th May.

PIANE CREEK—New Police Station, Cells, and Stables. 2nd March. Works Office, Brisbane, and Court House, Mackay, Rockhampton, and Townsville; 10th May.

HUGHENDEN—New Lockup and Additions to Sergeant's Quarters. 2nd March. Works Office, Brisbane, and Court House, Hughenden, Charters Towers, and Townsville; 10th May.

BRISBANE—Repairs, Painting, &c., Victoria Barracks. 9th March. Works Office, Brisbane; 18th April.

PITTSWORTH—Improvements, Repairs, and Painting, Police Station. 9th March. Works Office, Brisbane; 18th April.

JORDANTAN—Additions and Improvements, Police Station. 9th March. Works Office, Brisbane; 18th April.

A. B. BRADY, Under Secretary.

The Treasury,  
Brisbane, 6th March, 1901.

IT is hereby notified, for general information, that Licenses under "The Oyster Act of 1886" have been issued to the undermentioned persons and boats during the month of February, 1901.

THOS. B. CRIBB,  
Treasurer.

Employee.	Licensee.	Boat.	No.
Brady and Siganto	Hyde, F.	Clara	45
Carnegie, J.	Davis, Mrs.	Mystery	87
Clark, J.	Crouch, J.	Spray	88
Ditto	Turner, W.	Sand Fly	97
Fowler, F.	O'Connell, R.		
Moreton Bay Oyster Company	Costelloe, G.		
Ditto	Duncan, J. (transferred from G. Costelloe)		
Ditto	Easton, F.		
Ditto	Kemp, F.		
Ditto	Olaf (transferred from S. Lopez)		
Ditto	Ruska, F.		
Tripcony Bros.	Tripcony, C. J.	C.J.T.	3

The Treasury,

Brisbane, 8th March, 1901.

IT is hereby notified, for general information, that Licenses under "The Queensland Fisheries Act of 1887" have been issued to the undermentioned persons during the months of January and February, 1901.

THOS. B. CRIBB,  
Treasurer.

Name.	Address.	No. of Boat.	Description of License.
BRISBANE.			
(February.)			
Baker, J.	Pimpama Island	32	Fishing
Bingenbagen, F.	Eucly Creek	13	Boat and fishing
Campbell, J. W.	Rodland Bay	43	Fishing
Crouch, G. S.	Manly	74	Boat and fishing
Crouch, E.	Bolimba	29	Fishing
Edwards, G.	Southport	163	Boat and fishing
Johnson, W. H.	ditto	118	ditto
Lamb, R. A.	Spring Hill	141	Fishing
Mass, F.	Pimpama Island	32	Boat and fishing
Manfield, G. S.	Southport	388	Fishing
Negus, C. A.	ditto	74	ditto
O'Connell, P.	Southport	32	Boat and fishing
Pasquati, P.	Breakfast Creek	1	
Riley, J.	Woody Point	1	
Ruthledge, G.	Rodland Bay	1	
Sim, A.	Southport	1	
Smith, A.	Breakfast Creek	1	
Storey, H.	Bolimba	1	
Whiteland, G.	Southport	1	
Wild, A.	ditto	1	
Zocchi, P.	Breakfast Creek	1	
Ah Lee and Ah Foon	Hamilton	1	
Sam Lee and Sam Tay	ditto	1	
MARYBOROUGH.			
(February.)			
Hamilton, Robt.	Maryborough	1	
Schmidt, P., junr.	ditto	1	
Schmidt, Wm.	ditto	1	
ROCKHAMPTON.			
(February.)			
Redman, E.	Emu Park	1	
Saunders, R. H.	Broadmont	1	
Pratt, Jos.	Lake's Creek	1	
Miller, W. J.	Broadmont	1	
Dodson, T. W.	Yarragon	1	
Ludkin, Jas.	Yarragon	1	
MACKAY.			
(January.)			
Clark, Jas.	Mackay	M	
Nango (Japanese)	ditto	M	
Omaki (Japanese)	ditto	M	
Gallant, Ian	ditto	M	
BOWEN.			
(January.)			
Gray, Robt.	Bowen	1	
Mee Lee	ditto	1	
Sun Man Loung	ditto	1	
TOWNSVILLE.			
(January.)			
Ah Look	South Townsville	1	
Tommy Low	ditto	1	
GERALDTON.			
(January.)			
Joshamura	Geraldton	1	
Ah Yew	ditto	1	
Ah Fook	ditto	1	
Ah Koke	ditto	1	
LUCINDA.			
(January.)			
Janemito (Japanese)	Halifax	1	
Morimoto (Japanese)	ditto	1	
Hosina (Japanese)	ditto	1	
CAIRNS.			
(January.)			
Lawson, George	Green Island	1	
Menamick	Cairns	1	
Quosena	ditto	1	
Ah Yow, Jimmy	ditto	1	
Ah Sen	ditto	1	
Foo Yee	ditto	1	
THURSDAY ISLAND.			
(January.)			
Suka, J.	Thursday Island	1	
Kadruchi	ditto	1	
Naka	ditto	1	
Naki	ditto	1	
Karashima	ditto	1	
Moromad	ditto	1	
Hiramatsu	ditto	1	
Yanaga	ditto	1	
Takakawa	ditto	1	

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16 Mar 1901

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Brisbane, 6th March, 1901.

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**Main Title:** The [Tripcony](#) family of Cowie Bank, oyster farmers in Pumicestone Passage, ca 1892 [\[picture\]](#)

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# MARRIAGE

A 49690

MARRIAGE solemnised in the District of **BRISBANE** In the State of Queensland  
19 06 Registered by **Thornhill Weedon** Registrar-General

Marginal Notes (if any)	Column 1 Number .. ..	4746	
	2 When and where married .. ..	11 July 1906 Brisbane	
	3 Name and surname ..	<b>Bridegroom</b> James CARNEGIE	<b>Bride</b> Mary FINN
	4 Condition .. ..	Bachelor	Spinster
	5 Birthplace .. ..	Brisbane Stanley Queensland	Nambour Canning Queensland
	6 Profession, trade or occupation .. ..	Seaman	
	7 Age .. ..	25 years	20 years
	8 Usual place of residence .. ..	Brisbane	Bowen Terrace Brisbane
	<b>Parents—</b> 9 Father's name and surname. Mother's name and maiden surname .. ..	John Carnegie Ellen Stratton	John Finn Sarah Fegan
	10 Father's rank or profession .. ..	Sailor	Laborer

Married at Dora, Gotha Street Brisbane This marriage }  
was solemnised }  
between us } J.Carnegie  
Mary Finn

according to the rites of the Roman Catholic Church In the presence }  
of us } Thos.M.Cronin  
Rosie Finn

Date of registration 14 July 1906

By me **James B.Breen**  
Officiating Minister or Registrar

~~SIGNATURE OF REGISTRAR~~

**Harold William Tesch**

I,  
Registrar-General, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an entry in  
a Register of Marriages kept in the General Registry Office, Brisbane, and I  
further certify that I am a person duly authorised by law to issue such certificate.

Extracted on 28 July 1977

Exd. by

*HW Tesch*

Grandparents listed  
as his parents

# Love Letter to Clara Stanley Carnegie -Dec 1894

- ▶ If Alick Ferguson wants my address you can always give him the one you have got from me if he wants to write to me I hope him & Nellie are quite well & your mother father & Jim Give them all my kind love & I hope you all have a Merry Xmas & a Happy New Year Kiss the two boys for me & tell them when Daddy comes home he will bring them lots of nice things when he comes if they are good boys I must now conclude with kindest love to you & the two boys from your loving hubby Charley



## THE "QUEENSLANDER" COT FUND.

Yet another contribution for the fund, this time from John C. Davis, of Toorbul Point, Moreton Bay, who must have worked very hard to get together the £1 18s. which he sends. Toorbul is not populous locality, and even in a small community not every one can give. John says in his letter that what he has collected is "not much"; but if only one in every ten of our small readers did the same the good ladies who manage the Hospital for Sick Children would have an addition to their income that would surprise the children of the Corner. The new fund now amounts to £4 15s. 6d. And here we may remind readers that there are still plenty of collecting cards left in the editor's drawer, and our printing machine can keep on printing them as fast as required; so that any one who would like to help the hospital has only to send us a post-card, and a card will be forwarded by return

post. The list of subscriptions collected by John C. Davis is as follows:—

John C. Davis, 1s. 1d.; Alex. T. Davis, 6d.; F. Ruska, 1s.; W. Johnstone, 1s.; G. Bastin, 1s.; W. H. Bishop, 1s.; R. H. Bentley, 1s.; W. Freeman, 2s.; Mrs. W. H. Bonney, 1s. 11d.; Mrs. J. Kunde, 2s.; T. Beedham, 2s.; E. H. Freeman, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. M'Gregor, 1s.; Mrs. Carnegie, 1s.; Mrs. C. B. Davis, 1s.; D. Murray, 1s.; C. Morris, 1s.; E. Morris, 1s.; Emma Bishop, 1s.; J. Ingram, 1s.; E. T. D., 2s.; Mrs. Hussey, 2s.; Peter Peterson, 1s.; Mrs. Foley, 6d.; J. Tyrell, 6d.; J. Campbell, 1s.; O. Deans, 1s.; F. W. Bestman, 1s.; A. B. Bestman, 1s.; X. Y. Z., 1s.; Roy Bestman, 1s.; M. Finn, 1s.; J. Carnegie, 1s.

Previously acknowledged

Total

£1 18 0

2 17 6

£4 15 6



# James Carnegie, Helen/Allen's son

- ▶ Not mentioned in his grandparents' wills or on their death certificates
- ▶ Not mentioned on his mother's death certificate
- ▶ His mother's will left everything to Clara Bishop or if she predeceased Helen, then it was to go to her nephew John Carnegie Davis
- ▶ Helen's funeral notice simply states 'beloved sister of Mrs CS Bishop'
- ▶ Did Ellen/Helen want nothing to do with her son OR did James want nothing to do with his mother?

# What Did Happen to Clara's Husband?

Still a mystery??

## A GOLDFIELDS MYSTERY. SUPPOSED SUICIDE.

Perth. May 27

The dead body of a man with the throat cut was found about 150 yards from the Colgardie-road, three miles out from Southern Cross, by a teamster named William Hughes, on Friday last. The body, which was partly dressed, appeared to be that of a man about thirty years old. It was lying on its back, with a folded tent under the head, and a razor was found alongside it. From appearance it is thought to be a case of suicide. The body was much decomposed, and must have been dead about a month. The features were unrecognisable. Among the effects the only clue at present to identification is a letter from Beachport headed "My dear son," and signed "Your affectionate father, Thomas Davis."

1895

BRISBANE.—Charles Davis is charged, on warrant issued by the Brisbane Bench, with having, on the 10th February last, deserted his child, John Carnegie, residing at Toombul. Description:—A seaman or wharf labourer, an Englishman, 31 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches high, stout build, blue eyes, brown beard and hair, fair complexion, strong fair moustache, bald spots under chin, deformed nail on the middle finger of one hand. Supposed to have gone to Western Australia.—O. 841. 21st May, 1894.

Queensland Police Gazette 21 May 1894 p168

(Vide Police Gazette, 1894, page 168.)

CHARLES DAVIS is now supposed to be keeping a boarding-house at Fremantle, Western Australia, and living with a married woman named Street.—O. 1755. 19th November, 1894.

Queensland Police Gazette 19 Nov 1894 p314



## Sewn In A Sail

A story is told which illustrates the unbreakable spirit of our early pioneers. The words are few and simple, yet the story contains deep sorrow, resolute determination and a fortitude of spirit which is felt rather than written.

The story is told by a niece who lived for some time in one of Mrs Clara Bishop's cottages at Toorbul and heard it first hand from her aunt. Several old residents of Toorbul remember the tragic happening.

Clara Carnegie's first marriage was to a Mr. Davis, about whom little is known. They had two sons, Alec and John (Jack). When the "Black Flu" as described by Ernie Bonney claimed its victims soon after World War 1, it reached into the isolated settlements along Pumicestone Passage. Alec Davis died of the "Black Flu".

Then, and this is reported from several sources, the authorities in Caboolture refused to handle the body unless it was closely wrapped to guard against contagion.

Clara Davis sewed her son's body in a sail. She drove a spring cart along the bush track into Caboolture in the dead of night and left the body in Carmody's buggy shed to await a doctor's certificate.

In those days the buggy shed served as a morgue more than once, but that night it must have covered human grief and human courage beyond mortal measure.

*Spear &  
Musket  
P135,  
(1979)*

Description—	
2 When died and where.	5th May 1919 Toorbul
3 Name and surname; profession, trade, or occupation.	Alexander Thomas DAVIS Fisherman (late of A.I.F.)
4 Sex and age.	Male 26 years 6 months 26 days
5 (1) Cause of death.	Oedema of brain
(2) Duration of last illness.	Skull injury a few months ago from shrapnel.
(3) Medical attendant by whom certified.	Portion of skull circular about 2 inches in diameter uncovered by bone & bulging -
(4) When he last saw deceased.	Blow on head shortly before but on other side of skull
	About 2 days
	Post Mortem examination held on
	6th May 1919 by Dr. Arthur E. Malaher
6 Name and surname of father. Profession, trade, or occupation.	Charles Brandon Davis
Name and maiden surname of mother.	Mariner (deceased)
	Clara Stanley Carnegie
7 Signature, description, and residence of informant.	Certified in writing by Clara Stanley Bishop, Mother, Toorbul, Caboolture



## Toorbul Cemetery late 1970s



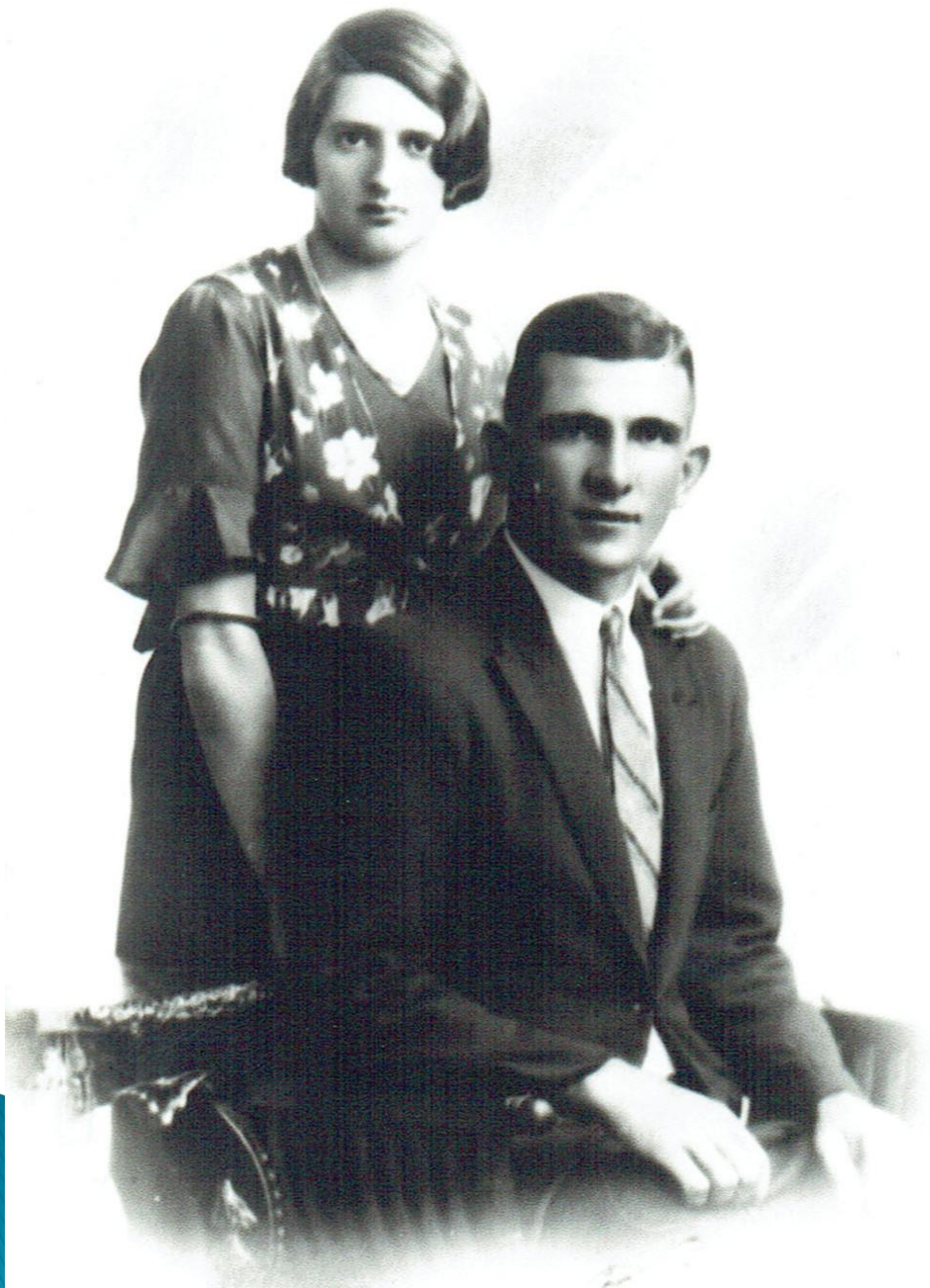




Carnegie grave in Toorbul cemetery, 2013







Jack Gunderson &  
Kathleen Carnegie on  
their wedding day



**This is my step ladder**



**I never knew my real  
ladder**

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The Never  
Ending Search

Twisted Twigs  
on gnarled branches

# The End

- ▶ Family history is nothing without local history
- ▶ Intertwined by time, place and family
- ▶ But don't forget love, sex & those damn lies
- ▶ You just might not be who you think you are!
- ▶ Thank You