

Demolishing Brick Walls: Tips & Tricks

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Introduction

- What are brick walls?
- Did you create the wall?
- Golden rules of genealogy
- Serendipity
- Online resources
- Keeping up with what's new
- More resources
- Last thoughts



What Are Brick Walls?

- ▶ Where you simply cannot go back any further
- ▶ Information just not there – blank fields on certificates
- ▶ Missing information, missing records
- ▶ Someone disappears
- ▶ Someone just appears
- ▶ Too many suspects (common names)
- ▶ Anything that stops you progressing



First Questions

- ▶ Did you build the brick wall yourself?
- ▶ Are you following the golden rules of genealogy?
- ▶ Are you just using indexes & transcripts?
- ▶ Need to look at certificates & original documents
- ▶ People make mistakes!



Golden Rules No 1 & No 2

- ▶ Always work back from the known (yourself) to the unknown (ancestors)
- ▶ Never believe everything on a birth, death or marriage certificate
- ▶ Information only as good as informant's knowledge
- ▶ Birth & Marriage certificates perhaps more reliable than Death – but not always!



Grandparents as
parents – hiding an
illegitimate birth?



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 ..	Bridegroom James CARNEGIE	Bride 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
	Parents— 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

I, Harold William Tesch

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

H.W. Tesch



Golden Rules No 3 & No 4

- ▶ Never completely trust the spelling of given names, surnames or place names
- ▶ Always check given name and surname variants when researching – don't forget initials or Mr and Mrs
- ▶ Possibly the most common reason why ancestors cannot be found



Name Variations

- ▶ Both given names and surnames
- ▶ Abbreviations – Wm, Thos, Margt etc etc
- ▶ Nicknames – my Pearl turned out to be Maria!
- ▶ Aliases and de facto relationships
- ▶ Maiden names for children's birth entries



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Variants: This study is registered for the variants Peplar, Peplow, Peplow, Pepler and Peplo. I also consider Pepelowe, Pepplow, Peplor, Peplowe, and anything that has 2 P's separated by a vowel and followed by an L. I do rule out those names that end in 'ski' and Peplaus are on the fence. Because there is such a variation even in the life events of a single individual, I have a tendency to refer to the name as Peplx. I am always surprised by the suffix .

Distribution: Peplx are everywhere but usually in small numbers. There appear to be both Peplows and Peplers from the beginning of surnames in both the British Isles and Germanic regions. Groups migrated from both countries to the Americas and Australia. One Germanic Pepler wandered down to South Africa very early and nearly all of that name there can be traced back to him. The large question unanswered is if there is a connection between the British and Germanic families. The earliest Peplers in Britain are around Wiltshire and London, the earliest Peplo??s around Shropshire and London. In Germany, Peplo??s are in Pommern near Ruegan and Peplers are more in the Baden area.



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<http://one-place-studies.org>



Anglicised & Foreign Names

- ▶ Both given names and surnames
- ▶ Non English speaking cultures – Europe, Asia
- ▶ Chinese look under A for Ah – but also check under the other initial – not consistent
- ▶ My Norwegians Aose died as Mary and Andreas as Andrew



Spelling Variations

- ▶ People were illiterate, difficulties with accents (Union turned out to be Onion)
- ▶ Indexing errors
 - Old styles of writing or poor handwriting
 - Poor OCR (optical character recognition)
 - Human error
 - Judy Webster – *Using and Compiling Indexes*
- ▶ Remember to use wildcards



Using and Compiling Indexes

Revenue from ads goes to

[Kiva](#)

[Why I use FindMyPast](#)

"Judy Webster, a keen family historian, has compiled and published many indexes. She has also been employed by Qld State Archives to help with guidelines and data entry/checking for their indexing projects. On this page she shares practical tips based on her own experience."

- How to avoid the [traps involved in using indexes](#).
- How to [compile a good index](#) (advice for individuals, genealogical groups, family history societies, historical societies and local studies librarians who want to index various types of material).
- How to [publish and promote your index](#).

Traps involved in using indexes

These **rules for using indexes** have been selected from a list reported to be from the 'Genealogy Week' section of *Antique Week* and attributed to James L. Hansen of the State Hist. Soc. of WI, USA.

- An index is only an index. It is not a substitute for the record being indexed.
- It doesn't matter how you spell the name, it only matters how the indexer spelled it.
- In a given record, any vowel may at any point be substituted for any other vowel or consonant.
- If you haven't found it in the index, you can only conclude that you haven't found it in the index. You cannot conclude that it's not in the record.
- Sometimes it is best to ignore the index altogether.

To that list I would add:

www.judywebster.com.au/methods.html

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Name – John James Carnegie

Married sister – Helen Dryden

<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au>



Spelling Didn't Matter To Our Ancestors — Wild Cards to the Rescue

Our ancestors often used a variety of spellings for their first names and surnames. You can use wildcards with the Exact filter selected to find unusual spellings of names.

There are two wildcard characters:

- ? (question mark) : matches one character which can be anything
- * (asterisk) : matches 0 to N characters

So if you enter Sm?th* you can match Smith, Smyth, Smithe and Smythe

Ann* will match Ann, Anne, Anna, and Annabelle

My maiden name is Gillespie, and it is very often spelled: Gillaspie, Gillispie or Gillespie or even Gillespy.

I can use wildcards to match a variety of combinations.

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<http://blogs.ancestry.com/au/2014/03/20/spelling-didnt-matter-to-our-ancestors-wild-cards-to-the-rescue>

Use a wildcard to broaden your search

You can use the wildcard symbol * in the simple search box to broaden your queries.

For example, to find either "mathematics tutorial" or "maths tutor" try:

- [math* tutor*](#).

You must provide at least three characters before adding the wildcard symbol.

<http://help.nla.gov.au/trove>



Golden Rule Nos 5 & 6

- ▶ Always have at least two separate sources of proof for each event
- ▶ Don't blindly trust other people's research – always check it yourself
- ▶ Remember that everything is only speculation until verified



Citing Your Sources

- ▶ Record in detail where you find information – original records, published information & websites
- ▶ Cite it clearly so that you and others can find it, either now or in the future
- ▶ You will not remember where in a few years/decades time



Golden Rule No 7 & No 8

- ▶ Always photocopy/digitise certificates and important documents – leave originals in a safe place. Backup, backup, backup!
- ▶ If a document exists, read it!
- ▶ People miss vital clues eg informants, witnesses, addresses, significance of dates
- ▶ Review as it may have more meaning later



Golden Rule No 9

- ▶ Join at least one family history group, genealogical society or historical society
- ▶ Either near where you live or where your ancestors lived
- ▶ Why – many benefits of membership
 - Specialist library, member expertise, seminars, journal, meetings



Golden Rule No10

- ▶ Share your information and documentation (copies only) with other researchers
- ▶ Write/blog your stories
- ▶ Ensure your research is not lost or forgotten
- ▶ Who inherits your family history research?



Common Search Mistakes

- ▶ Start with yourself & work back, step by step, certificate by certificate, census by census
- ▶ Otherwise you may end up tracing the wrong person
- ▶ My great grandmother was Elizabeth Judge, she married under that name but it was not the name she was born with!

www.shaunahicks.com.au/old-research-new-resources-fresh-eyes



Someone Disappears

- ▶ Skeletons in the family
- ▶ Everyone has them
- ▶ Places to look
 - Court of Petty Session records
 - Gaols and prisons
 - Asylums and hospitals
 - Insolvency and bankruptcy
 - Inquests (suicides, murders)



Someone Appears

- ▶ Probably skeletons again
- ▶ Hiding a convict background
- ▶ Hiding an illegitimate birth
- ▶ Fostering or adoption
- ▶ Deserted wife and family someplace else



Serendipity

- ▶ According to the Oxford Dictionary, the definition of serendipity is ‘the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy and beneficial way’
- ▶ In other words, a fluke, luck
- ▶ Search every index/database – you just never know



Online Resources

- ▶ Ancestry.com Australia
- ▶ FindMyPast Australia & New Zealand
- ▶ FamilySearch
- ▶ Trove (Australia) & Papers Past (New Zealand)
- ▶ Google
- ▶ Changing all the time!



What does 1 Jan mean each year?







- ▶ New release of BDM indexes
- ▶ New release of archives records
- ▶ BUT some archives & BDMs release throughout the year so check websites for updates





Results for Australia & New Zealand records

 A-Z of record sets

Your search criteria		576 result(s)					Order by Relevance ▾	
Burstow Last Name		Who		When			Where	
 Edit search		Last name	First name	Born	Died	Event	Record set	Location
New search	Save search	BURSTOW	—	1881	—	1937	Passenger Lists leaving UK 1890-1960	Round Voyage  
 Australia & New Zealand ▾		Burstow	—	1949	—	1949	Queensland funeral records	Queensland, Australia 
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➤ Census, Land & Surveys (119)		Burstow	Albert Robert	1868	—	1929	Victoria Deaths 1836-1985	Victoria, Australia 
➤ Churches & Religion (1)		Burstow	Alexander Crosse	—	1887	1887	Queensland Deaths 1829- 1964	Queensland, Australia 



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First Names

Last Names

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Birth Year (Range)

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Country

State or Province

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Australia	Australia	
New Zealand		
	Collections 25	Years Covered 1500 - 2013
	Indexed Records 8,083,672	Record Images 6,427,173
	Start researching in Australia	
2 Locations		

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/location/1927080?region=Australia>

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* = Recently added or updated

Birth, Marriage, and Death	Images	Last Updated
Australia Cemetery Inscriptions, 1802-2005	329,238	03 Apr 2014
Australia, Tasmania, Civil Registration of Births, 1899-1912	12,662	14 Jul 2015
Australia, Tasmania, Civil Registration, 1803-1933	73,580	18 Jun 2014
Migration and Naturalization	Images	Last Updated
Australia, Tasmania, Correspondence of the Immigration Office Concerning the Nomination, Arrival and Settlement of Migrants, 1920-1943	36,514	12 May 2015
Australia, Victoria Coastal Passenger Lists, 1852-1924	192,076	05 Apr 2016
Australia, Victoria, Assisted Immigrant Arrivals at Victorian Ports, 1839-1871	127,892	15 May 2015
Other	Images	Last Updated
Australia, Queensland, Maryborough Public Records, 1847-1989	1,844	12 Apr 2013
Australia, Tasmania, Government Gazette, 1833-1925	101,074	07 May 2015

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23 minutes



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Townsville Daily Bulletin (Qld. : 1907 - 1954) Tuesday 18 May 1937 p 6 Family Notices

... of our dear father, **James Henry Trevaskis**, who died May 18, 1934. Always Remembered. (Inserted by his ... 252 words)

 Tagged as: [James Henry Trevaskis](#)

 Text last corrected on 14 October 2012 by [gaymat](#)

The Townsville Daily Bulletin SATURDAY, MAY 19 1934.

Townsville Daily Bulletin (Qld. : 1907 - 1954) Saturday 19 May 1934 p 6 Article

... in the vicinity noticed a man named **James Henry Trevaskis**, aged 51, a resident of Union-street Hermit ... 2585 words

 Tagged as: [James Henry Trevaskis](#)

<http://trove.nla.gov.au>



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Archived websites (1996 – now)

1 - 4 of 4 sites containing 30 page versions

Website: [Shauna Hicks History Enterprises](http://www.shaunahicks.com.au)
www.shaunahicks.com.au

Matching pages:

Trevaskis – South Australia, Queensland ... - www.shaunahicks.com.au/my-fami...land/index.html - 13/1/2016
... **Henry Trevaskis** (1839-?) **James Henry Trevaskis** – Week 2 Internal Migration in 52 Weeks.....www.shaunahicks.com.au/my-families/trevaskis-south-australia-queensland-and-cornwall-england/index...
Comments on: Trevaskis – South Australia... - www.shaunahicks.com.au/my-fami...feed/index.html - 13/1/2016
My Bucket List Geneameme | Shauna Hicks ... - www.shaunahicks.com.au/my-buck...ge-1/index.html - 13/1/2016

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Website: [First families 2001](http://www.firstfamilies2001.net.au)
www.firstfamilies2001.net.au

Matching pages:

First Families Search Results - www.firstfamilies2001.net.au/f...family9a4c.html - 20/12/2004
... Family Member Details Surname: **TREVASKIS** Given Name(s): **james henry** Birth Details Birth County, Region...

Website: [Diary of an Australian Genealogist](http://diaryofanaustraliangenealogist.blogspot.com.au)
diaryofanaustraliangenealogist.blogspot.com.au

Matching pages:

Diary of an Australian Genealogist: Trev... - diaryofanaustraliangenealogist...kis+family.html - 17/12/2015
... it in 1977. For nearly 40 years I have been trying to find the death of **James Henry Trevaskis** in Copperfield Queensland...
Diary of an Australian Genealogist: My F... - diaryofanaustraliangenealogist...y-families.html - 10/1/2014
Diary of an Australian Genealogist: Bric... - diaryofanaustraliangenealogist...-genealogy.html - 17/12/2015

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Matching pages:

Genealogy & History News » EventsUnlock ... - www.gouldgenealogy.com/categor...feed/index.html - 13/11/2013
..., magazine articles, family histories, poetry, Jane Austen, crime novels, hobby books, history, **Henry James**...
Genealogy & History News » History and G... - www.gouldgenealogy.com/tag/his...feed/index.html - 13/11/2013
Genealogy & History News » Unlock the Pa... - www.gouldgenealogy.com/tag/unl...feed/index.html - 13/11/2013

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- ❷ Aboriginal heritage procedures manual
- ❸ Albany Historical Society Inc
- ❹ Ancestor Chasing
- ❺ Anne Bell [WWI Diary]
- ❻ Anne's family history
- ❼ Anzac Hero, Police Legend: The True Life Story Of William Harvey, MC
- ❽ Are you my father? How I spent my life searching for truth
- ❾ Auld Genealogy
- ❿ Australian History Research
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- ⓱ Boroondara General Cemetery (Kew Cemetery) (map)
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Search Results

There is 5 matching results

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Click on Family Member Name to find out more about them.

Matching Surname	SEE BELOW	RESEARCHER
TREVASKIS, DORCAS	FF	JONES, lorraine margaret
TREVASKIS, HENRY	FF	TREVASKIS, jeffrey richard
TREVASKIS, james henry	FF	RALPH, geoffrey graham
TREVASKIS, JAMES HENRY	FF	JONES, lorraine margaret
TREVASKIS, Susan Anne	FF	SMITH, b. e.

FF First Family Name

D Name found in descendants

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First Family Member Details

Surname:	WHITE	Surname:	TREVASKIS
Given Name(s):	HERBERT WILLIAM	Given Name(s):	DORCAS
Occupation(s):	MINER		

Birth Details

Birth Town:	FARLEY
Birth County, Region, Province:	WILTSHIRE
Birth Country:	ENGLAND
Birth Date:	1864

Death Details

Death Town:	RICHMOND
Death State/Territory:	QUEENSLAND
Death Country:	AUSTRALIA
Death Date:	1924

Immigration Details

Year Arrived:	1886
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Descendants

Birth Details

Birth Town:	MOONTA
Birth County, Region, Province:	SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Birth Country:	AUSTRALIA
Birth Date:	1866

Death Details

Death Town:	BRISBANE
Death State/Territory:	QUEENSLAND
Death Country:	AUSTRALIA
Death Date:	1835

<http://pandora.nla.gov.au/tep/10421>

NB: Superscript behind each descendant name represents the lineage number of that descendant.
This family information was last updated by [LORRAINE MARGARET JONES](#) on the .

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- ▶ Social media – Facebook, Twitter, Google +
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- ▶ Webinars, podcasts
- ▶ Family history/genealogy societies journals and newsletters



Brick Wall Demolition

- ▶ The whole story is in a number of blogs recording my search over 32 years
- ▶ Breakthrough was *Queensland Police Gazettes* on Findmypast
- ▶ Quicker way was a 5 minute search of World Connect
- ▶ But how many people use it?



RETURN OF PRISONERS TO BE DISCHARGED FROM HIS MAJESTY'S PRISON, ROCKHAMPTON, DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1904.

Name.	Where Tried.	Date of Discharge.	Offence.	Date of Sentence.	Sentence.	Native of	Age.	stature.	Make.	Complexion.	COLOUR OF		WEIGHT.		Previous Convictions.	Remarks.
											Hair.	Eyes.	On Admission.	At time of sending in this return.		
Charles Anderson ...	Rockhampton	1904. 1 Aug.	Breach of the Railway By-laws	1904. 2 July	1 month's imprisonment or £1 8s. 3d. fine and fare	America ...	35	5 6½	Slight ...	Black	Black	Black	9 6	10 5	...	Vaccination-mark right arm; Ame
Ellen <u>Chick</u> , alias Ferguson	Barcaldine...	6 ,, ...	Vagrancy ...	7 May	3 months' hard labour ...	Scotland ...	42	5 5	Stout ...	Fresh	Dark-brown	Brown	9 4	9 5½	...	Cataract on both eyes.
Catherine Kelly ...	Rockhampton	10 ,, ...	Drunkenness and obscene language	11 April	2 months' imprisonment or £2 fine on each charge (cumulative)	Ireland ...	37	5 0½	Medium	ditto	Auburn	Blue	9 0	8 8½	10	Scar left shin; tattooed ring on right hand.
Thomas Rees ...	Longreach ...	13 ,, ...	Indecent exposure ...	14 June	2 months' hard labour or £4 1s. 11d. fine and costs	Queensland	36	5 6½	ditto ...	ditto	Dark	Grey	10 2	10 5	15	Left arm broken and deformed—two fingers; two scars left at scar on top of left hip; aneb arm; slight blue scar right eye
Eugene Forrest ...	Rockhampton	25 ,, ...	Stealing from the person ...	26 Feb.	6 months' hard labour ...	ditto ...	22	5 5½	ditto ...	ditto	Sandy	Hazel	9 1	10 3	...	Scar under right knee.
John Barber, alias John Edward Barber	ditto ...	26 ,, ...	Unlawful destruction of property	27 June	2 months' hard labour ...	Victoria ...	39	5 11½	ditto ...	ditto	Dark	Brown	10 12½	11 7½	15	Scar on back of head; scar over right mark on right temple.

QLD Police Gazette 1904

- Searched for death of Ellen/Helen Chick in QLD BDMs online - purchased death certificate
- Reference to second husband Charles Wademoire Chick
- His unusual names led me to think about WorldConnect



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CARNEGIE, Helen	1862		23 DEC 1946	Brisbane.Qld - Reg: - 1946/BOO9756	kenalice3		Census Newspapers Histories
 Father: John CARNEGIE Mother: Helen STRATTON Spouses: Charles Wadmore CHICK , Alexander Miller FERGUSON							

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Last Tips

- ▶ Advertise your brick wall
- ▶ Explore collateral lines
- ▶ Do a one name study!



Letters Home – My Irish Families

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This week's blog is my contribution to the **Carnival of Irish Heritage & Culture, 18th edition**

With four gg grandparents born in Ireland it is no wonder that I am interested in Irish heritage and culture. Of the four it is only my gg grandmother Maria Jeffers who gives me any real insight into her life back in Ireland. However, I will also outline the other Irish gg grandparents just in case someone else is interested in those families.

Maria Jeffers arrived in Brisbane in 1864. Maria (daughter of Isaac Jeffers and Harriet Ballantyne) was born in Portadown, County Armagh in 1844. Maria came to Queensland, Australia on board the *Legion of Honour* in 1864. She married Adam Johnston (see below) in 1864 in Brisbane, Queensland. In later life she had a close friend Abraham Francis and she is seen with him in this photograph.

Of my four Irish ancestors, Maria Jeffers is the only one known to have kept contact with her family back in Ireland. A few surviving letters to and from one of her brothers who stayed in Portadown confirms this. The letters were in poor condition with pages and pieces missing and had been given to one of Maria's



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Conclusion

- ▶ Brick walls can be demolished
- ▶ Think laterally
- ▶ Need time, perseverance, luck
- ▶ Keep rechecking new resources
- ▶ Share your story
- ▶ Don't give up!

