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

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MARRIAGE solemnised in the District of

BRISBAN

in the State of Queensland

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Marginal Notes (if any)	Column 1 Number	4746				
	2 When and where married	11 July 1906	Brisbane			
	3 Name and surname	Bridegroom	Bride			
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	4 Condition	Bachelor	Spinster			
	5 Birthplace	Brisbane Stanley Queensland	Nambour Canning Queensland			
	6 Profession, trade or occupation	Seaman	Section 1999			
	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

Ву

James B.Breen Officiating Minister or Registrar

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

Hw Level



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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Our 2,941 members have registered 8,882 study surnames with us. Is your surname one of them?

Surname search

Search

What is a One-Name Study? Save

Family historians generally focus their efforts on researching their own family trees, collecting and analysing data in order to find as much detail as possible on every branch, twig or tiny leaf. Others compile surname studies, which seek all occurrences, past and present, of a single surname, anywhere in the world.

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Variants: This study is registered for the variants Peplar, Peplow, Peploe, Peppler and Peplo. I also consider Pepelowe, Pepplow, Peplow, Peplow, 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 Peplxx. I am always surprised by the suffix.

Distribution: Peplxxs 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 Pepplers are more in the Baden area.





The Surname Society

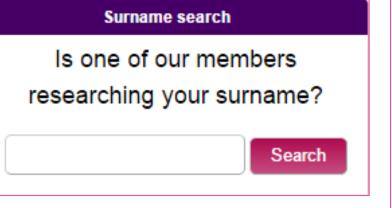
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Welcome to The Surname Society - the place for surname studies



Across the world, there are a vast number of people studying surnames. Some research independently, while others collaborate in various groups, associations and societies. In 2014, **The Surname Society** was founded as a not-for-profit entity by a worldwide group of experienced genealogists. Focussing on single surname studies, the Society meets the needs of researchers in the world of family history and genealogy as it evolves in the 21st century.

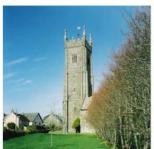
The vision of the Society is to connect like-minded people by providing up-to-date facilities which enable members to share knowledge, data and good practice with others. The society is entirely online and allows members to register worldwide and limited studies. Collaboration is both facilitated and encouraged as it is the core ethos of **The Surname Society**.



http://surname-society.org



Welcome to the Society for One-Place Studies website



There are many individuals, societies and groups across the globe researching the people of a community within the context of the place they live. The vision of this Society is to bring together those like-minded people and provide a platform for members to share good practice, ideas and methodology in one place, as well as promote the research being undertaken on their study area.

A charitable organisation founded in 2013 by six dedicated family and local historians from three continents, the Society is run by volunteers in order to advance the education of the public in one-place studies. Information and further advice is available to all, though members will have access to a wide range of enhanced benefits.

The Society welcomes members from around the world with an interest in one particular place, whether it is a street, village, hamlet or town. Registering a study area (or areas) is optional, though recommended if members are active in their research.

http://one-place-studies.org



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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





Finding local, interstate and overseas folk mentioned in Queensland's historical records Google™ Custom Search

Search

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Site navigation tips

Using and Compiling Indexes

"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 <u>traps involved in using indexes</u>.
- How to <u>compile a good index</u> (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:

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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.

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.

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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-newresources-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

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Search for a deceased ancestor in historical records to uncover vital information from their life.

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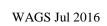
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Indexed Records	Record Images
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Australia

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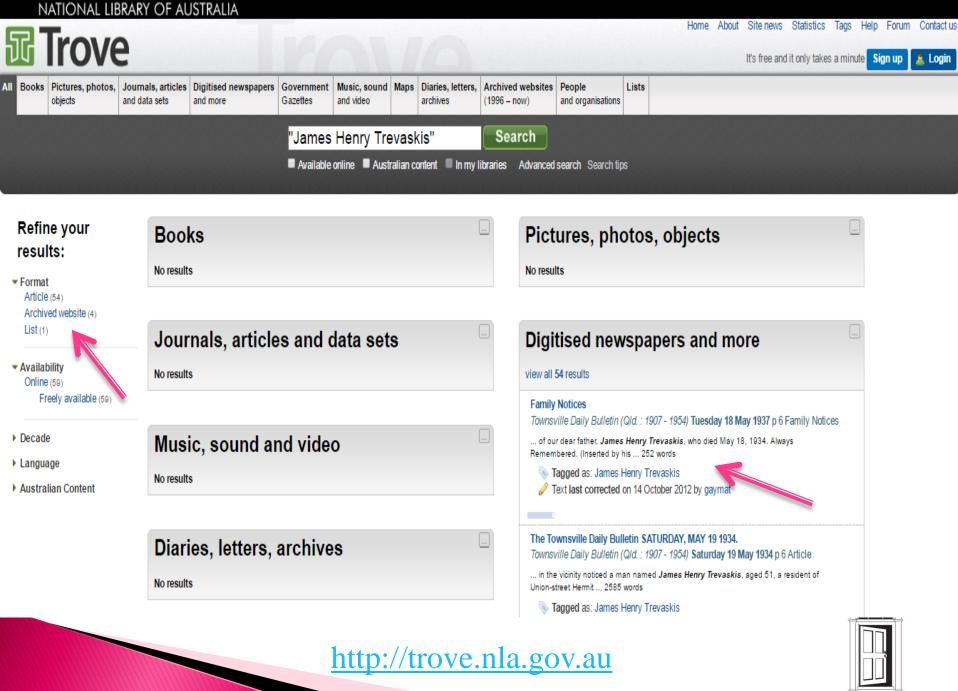
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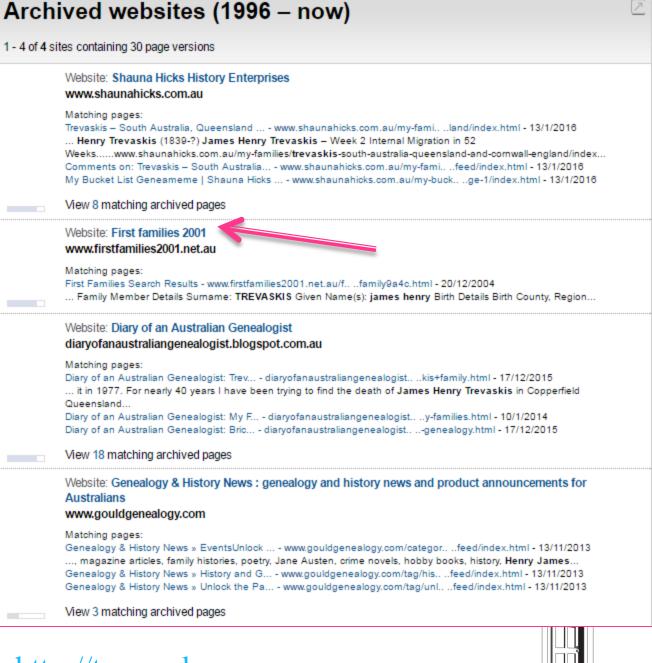
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Descendants

Year Arrived:

Immigration Details

1886

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 +
- Listservs, forums, blogs
- 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.

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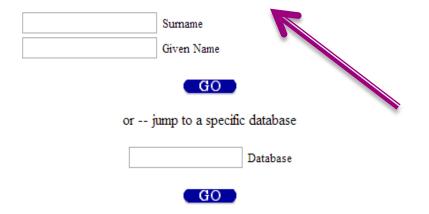
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- purchased death certificate
- Reference to second husband Charles Wademore Chick
- His unusual names led me to think about WorldConnect



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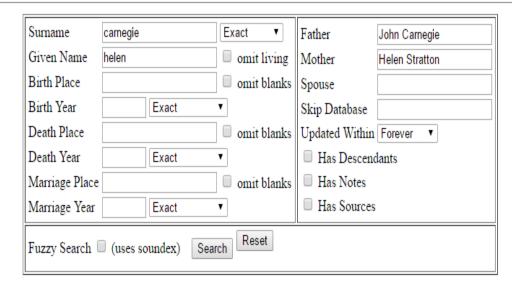


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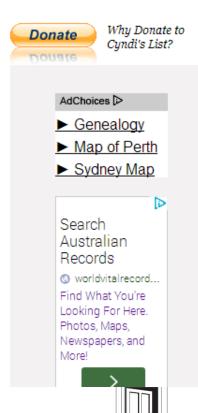
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Hit a Brick Wall?

When all else fails . . . here are ideas for a few things to keep you busy while you look for the next research avenue to follow.

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Family history is a lifelong pursuit for many as there are always another set of ... to assist you with your research and can often work with you to tackle brickwalls.

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Australian Genealogy & History Blogs | Unlock the Past

www.unlockthepast.com.au/australian-genealogy-history-blogs ▼

Below is a list of Blogs relating to Genealogy or History from Australians. in knocking down some of the brick walls or just add to their side of the family story.

Society of Australian Genealogists: Home

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diaryofanaustraliangenealogist.blogspot.com/.../brickwalls-old-dog-new-tricks-geneal... ▼
Jun 13, 2015 - Brickwalls, Old Dog, New Tricks - Genealogy Notes 8-14 Jun 2015. Two presentations last week - my own at the Deception Bay library which ...

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Last Tips

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



Letters Home – My Irish Families



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



www.shaunahicks.com.au/letters-home-my-irish-families



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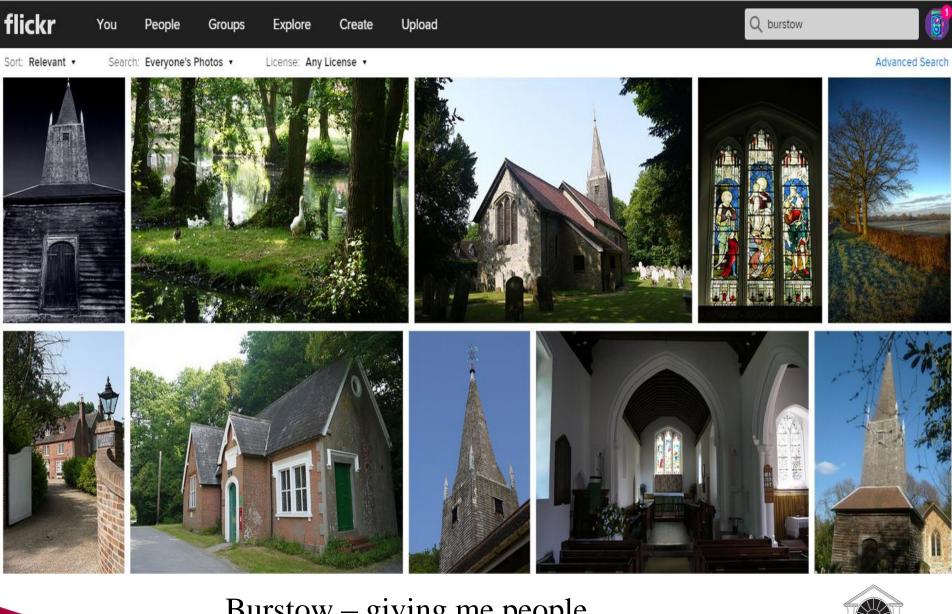
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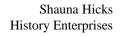
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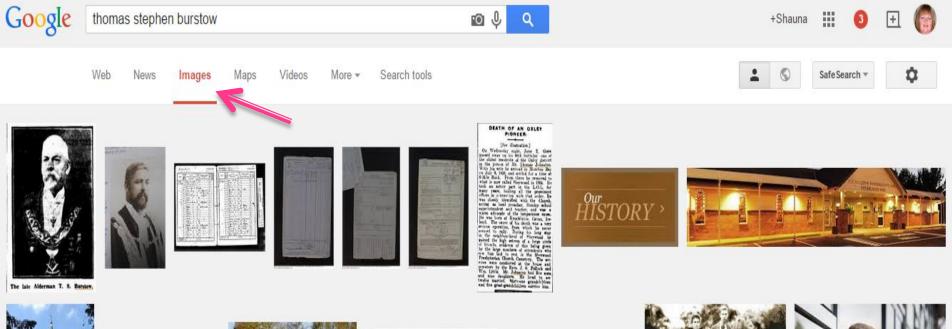




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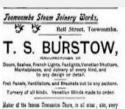




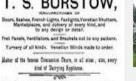




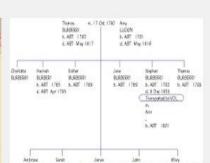




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Conclusion

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

