

Carnegie @Pumicestone

The Story Behind the Headstone



**A lasting legacy,
even if spelt wrong!**





Carnegie grave in Toorbul cemetery

Another lasting legacy





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

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Carnegie grave, early 1970s



Karisma 1973,
Carnegie family home



James Carnegie
grandson of John &
Helen Carnegie

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) **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.

Entered on 22 July 1907

DEATH in the District of **BRISBANE**, in the State of Queensland,
Registered by **HENRY EDWARD BAEFORD** Deputy Registrar-General.

19 54	2842
1 Number.	2842
Description—	13 June 1954 Brisbane Hospital
2 When Died and Where.	JAMES CARNEGIE
3 Name and surname, rank, or profession.	Male 74 years
4 Sex and age.	
5 (1) Cause of Death. (2) Duration of last illness. (3) Medical Attendant by whom certified. (4) When he last saw Deceased.	(a) Cerebral thrombosis (b) Atheroma (a) 7 days (b) years R.H. James 12 June 1954
6 Name and Surname of Father, with rank or profession. Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Ellen Carnegie
7 Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	Certified in writing by M. Carnegie, Wife, 39 Salstone Street, Kangaroo Point, and by A. Pye, General Medical Superintendent, Brisbane Hospital
8 (1) Signature of Registrar-General. (2) Date. (3) Place of Registration.	<i>H. E. Baeford</i> 17 June 1954 Brisbane.
11 Burial or Cremation Registered—	15 June 1954 Bulimba Cemetery
9 When and where buried or cremated. By whom certified.	W. Horsham S. Summers Presbyterian P. Pursey T.O'Neill
10 Name and religion of minister, and names of two witnesses to burial or cremation.	Brisbane, Queensland
11 Where born and how long in Australian States, stating which.	Brisbane, Queensland
12 (1) Where. (2) At what Age. (3) To Whom.	25 years Mary Finn
13 Issue living, in order of birth, their names and ages.	Living Helen 45 Vincent 28 Kathleen May 43 Leonard Denis 23 John James 41 Violet Mary 38 Marie Joan 36 Kevin 32
Deceased, number and sex.	Deceased —
- 9 JUL 1954 - 9 JUL 1954 15 JUL 1954	

Govt. Printer, Brisbane

I, **HAROLD WILLIAM TESCH**, Registrar-General, do hereby certify that this is a true photographic copy of an entry in a register kept in the General Registry Office, Brisbane.

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BIRTH

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Colony

BIRTH in the District of Brisbane

in the State of Queensland.

1 880

Registered by William Theophilus Blakeney Deputy Reg-General

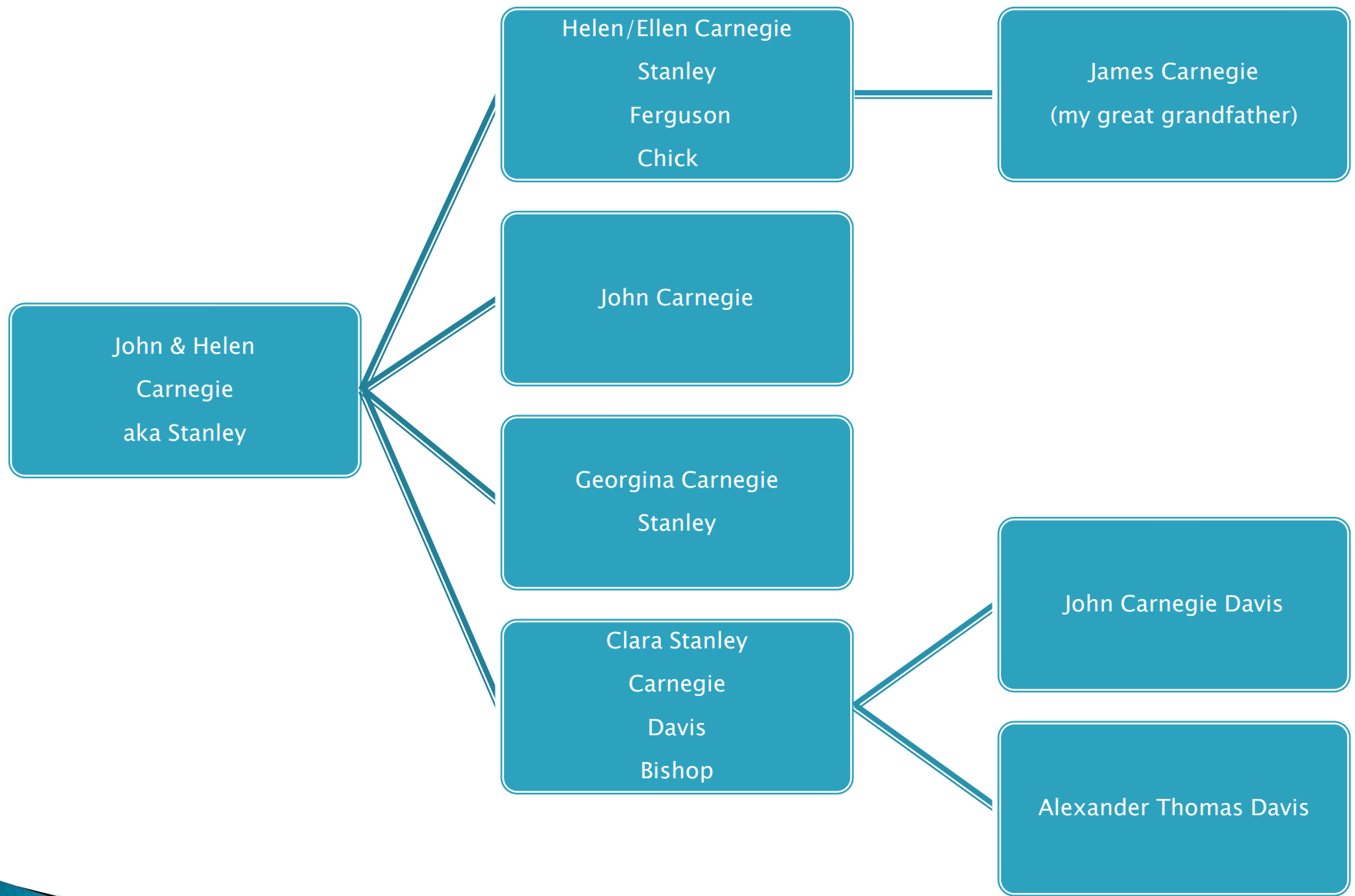
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Marginal notes (if any).	Column. 1 Number	26452
	CHILD.	
	2 When and where born	27th June 1880 Boundary Street
	3 Name	James
	4 Sex	Male
	PARENTS.	
	Father—	
	5 1. Name and surname of father ..	---
	2. Profession, trade or occupation	
	3. Age. 4. Birthplace	
	6 1. When and where married	---
	2. Issue—living and deceased ..	Living years
		Deceased
	Mother—	
	7 1. Name and maiden surname of mother	Ellen Carnegie
	2. Age. 3. Birthplace	17 years Montrose, Scotland
	INFORMANT.	
	8 Signature, description, and residence of informant	Certified in writing by Helen Carnegie Mother, Boundary Street
	WITNESSES.	
	9 1. Medical attendant	Dr. Clarkson
	2. Nurse	Mrs Dyke
	3. Other witness to birth	
	REGISTRAR.	
	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 duly authorised by law to issue such certificate.

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The Beginning

- ▶ John Carnegie & Helen Stratton married in Montrose, Scotland in 1861
- ▶ Daughter Helen (later Ellen) born 1862
- ▶ Son John born 1864
- ▶ 1865 arrive in Queensland on the **Sunda**
- ▶ Son John dies 1866
- ▶ Daughter Georgina born 1867

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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Tuesday 10th February 1863 - Page 1

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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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Wednesday 1st February 1865 - Page 1

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<http://archive.scotsman.com/article.cfm?id=TSC/1865/02/01/Ar00100>

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.

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

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The Hon. Secy. of the Admiralty
N. Cornwall
of 7/13 - 1844
affirmed 11. Sept. 1844

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 1871

Birth of Clara 1872

Both under the surname Stanley
in Grafton, New South Wales

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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 th 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, 6TH DECEMBER, 1988.

Shauna Hicks UTP Cruise Oct 2014 REGISTRAR



Back to Queensland

- ▶ 1879 John Carnegie selected Portion 16, Parish of Toorbul
- ▶ 20 acres fronting Pumicestone Passage just north of Ningi Creek
- ▶ 1885 he selected 140 acres, Portion 40V, Parish of Toorbul adjacent to his earlier selection
- ▶ 1891 proof of fulfilment of conditions

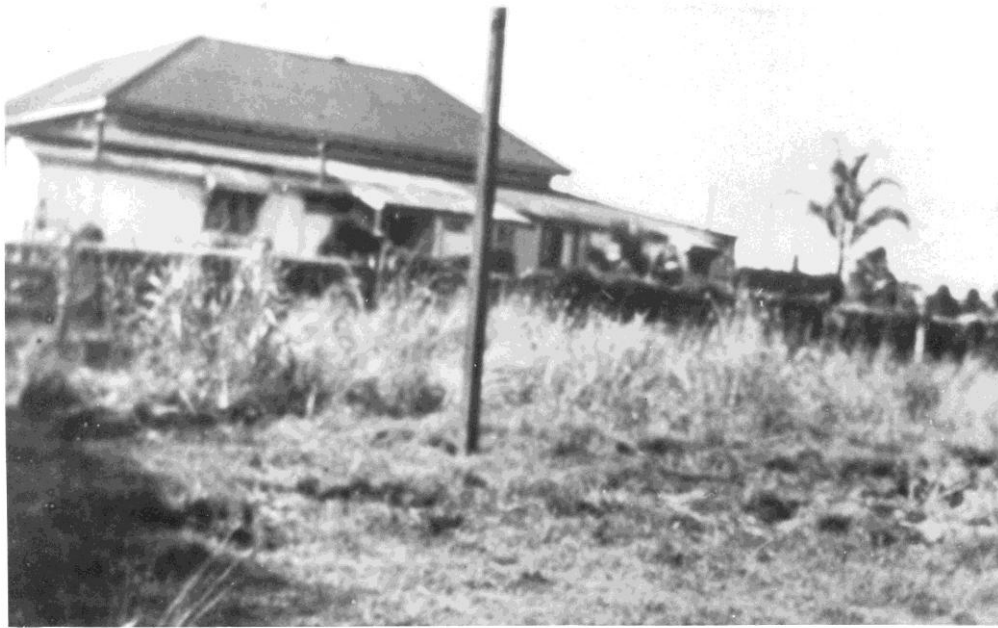


Land Selection Improvements 1884

- ▶ 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



Karisma the family
home Nov 1973



Aboriginal midden at base
of palm trees near
Karisma 1973



Is this the original family home
or just an outbuilding? Nov 1973

Duranta Dell, Toorbul

- ▶ Carnegie family living there in 1889
- ▶ Is this early name of Karisma?
- ▶ Or just a local name for the area?
- ▶ Duranta – flowering plant of the verbena family – native to Mexico and South America – an environmental weed and poisonous

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

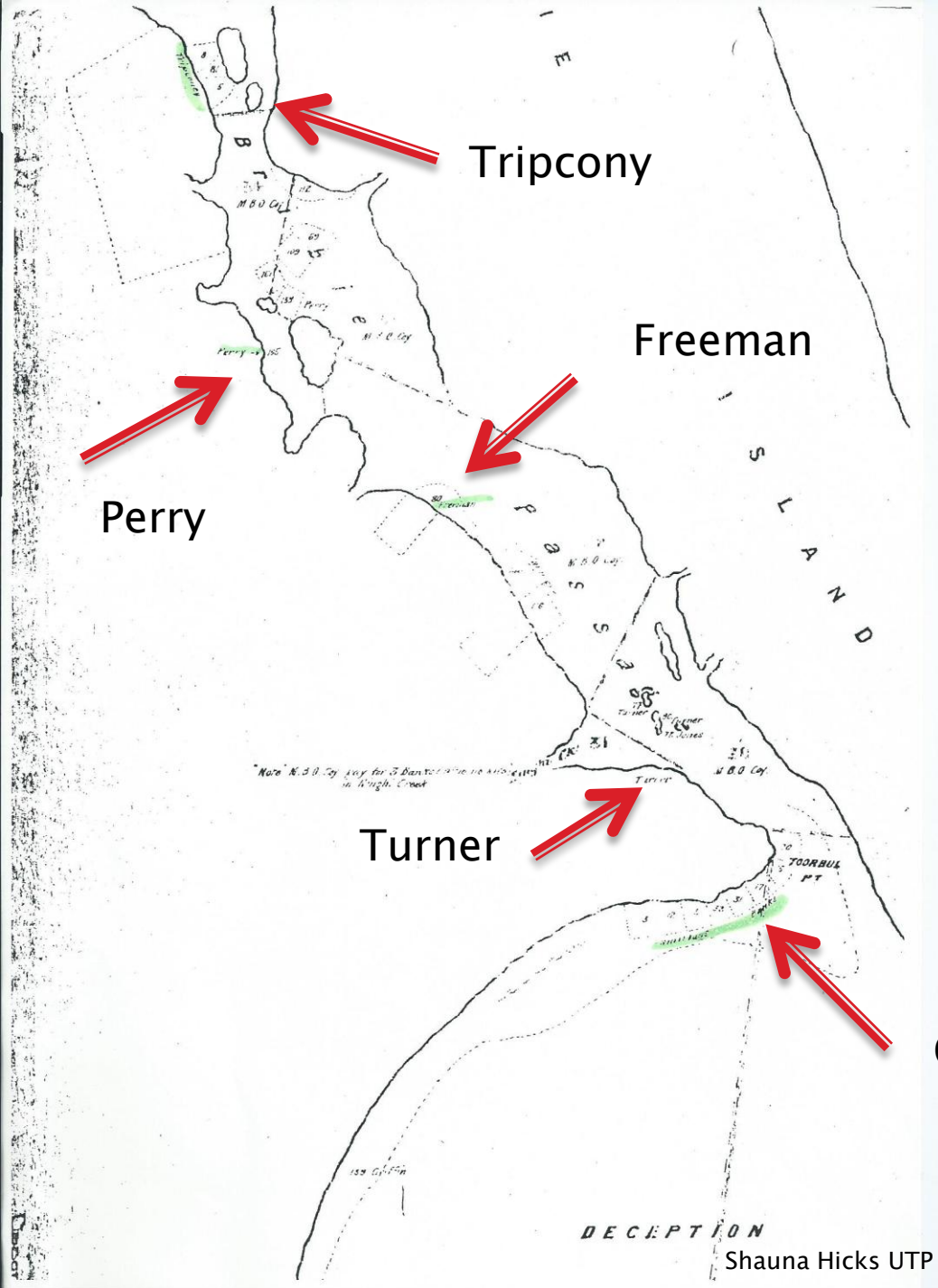
Oyster Cultivation @ Bribie

- ▶ 1886 John Carnegie holds 3 banks north of Ninghi Creek, gone to considerable trouble with cultivation of his oyster banks, 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 – whelk tingle is very plentiful in Ninghi Creek – pierces and kills young oysters



Oyster Banks 1890 @ Bribie Banks

- ▶ Thomas Tripcony & Sons nos 81
- ▶ Moreton Bay Oyster Company nos 67, 76, 109, 112, 118, 125, 130, 180
- ▶ J R Cockle nos 72, 159
- ▶ Alma and Children nos 77, 90
- ▶ William Freeman nos 80, 140
- ▶ Griffin & Perry nos 105
- ▶ John Carnegie nos 116, 198, 287
- ▶ James Perry senior nos 139
- ▶ Hage Brothers nos 208



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. 16th 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 Boats 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.

TOWOOMBIA—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; 3rd 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.		
Tripony Bros.	Tripony, 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	29	ditto
O'Connell, P.	Southport	74	Boat and fishing
Pasquati, P.	Breakfast Creek	1	
Riley, J.	Woody Point		
Ruthledge, G.	Rodland Bay		
Sim, A.	Southport	1	
Smith, A.	Breakfast Creek	1	
Storey, H.	Bolimba		
Whiteland, G.	Southport		
Wild, A.	ditto		
Zocchi, P.	Breakfast Creek		
Ah Lee and Ah Foon	Hamilton	1	
Sam Lee and Sam Tay	ditto		
MARYBOROUGH.			
(February.)			
Hamilton, Robt.	Maryborough		
Schmidt, P., junr.	ditto		
Schmidt, Wm.	ditto		
ROCKHAMPTON.			
(February.)			
Redman, E.	Emu Park		
Saunders, R. H.	Broadmont	1	
Pratt, Jos.	Lake's Creek	1	
Miller, W. J.	Broadmont		
Dodson, T. W.	Yarragon		
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		
Mee Lee	ditto		
Sun Man Loung	ditto		
TOWNSVILLE.			
(January.)			
Ah Look	South Townsville		
Tommy Low	ditto		
GERALDTON.			
(January.)			
Joshamura	Geraldton	"	
Ah Yew	ditto	"	
Ah Fook	ditto	"	
Ah Koke	ditto	"	
LUCINDA.			
(January.)			
Janemito (Japanese)	Halifax		
Morimoto (Japanese)	ditto		
Hosina (Japanese)	ditto		
CAIRNS.			
(January.)			
Lawson, George	Green Island		
Menamick	Cairns		
Quosena	ditto		
Ah Yow, Jimmy	ditto		
Ah Sen	ditto		
Foo Yee	ditto		
THURSDAY ISLAND.			
(January.)			
Suka, J.	Thursday Island		
Kadruchi	ditto		
Naka	ditto		
Naki	ditto		
Karashima	ditto		
Moramad	ditto		
Hiramatsu	ditto		
Yanaga	ditto		
Takakawa	ditto		

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16 Mar 1901

The Treasury,
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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Death of a Generation

- ▶ John died 24 Sep 1903 buried Toorbul cemetery
- ▶ Helen died 8 Sep 1913 buried with John in Toorbul cemetery

Joint headstone



Helen/Ellen's Story

- ▶ Son James Carnegie born 1880
- ▶ Married Alexander Miller Ferguson 1889
- ▶ Opal mining Eulo, Thargomindah
- ▶ 1899 Ellen first arrested for drunkenness in Brisbane, 1 month's imprisonment or £2 fine
- ▶ Further terms of imprisonment in 1899 followed for drunkenness, obscene language and creating a disturbance, drunkenness and obscene language in 1901 and into 1902 for similar offences

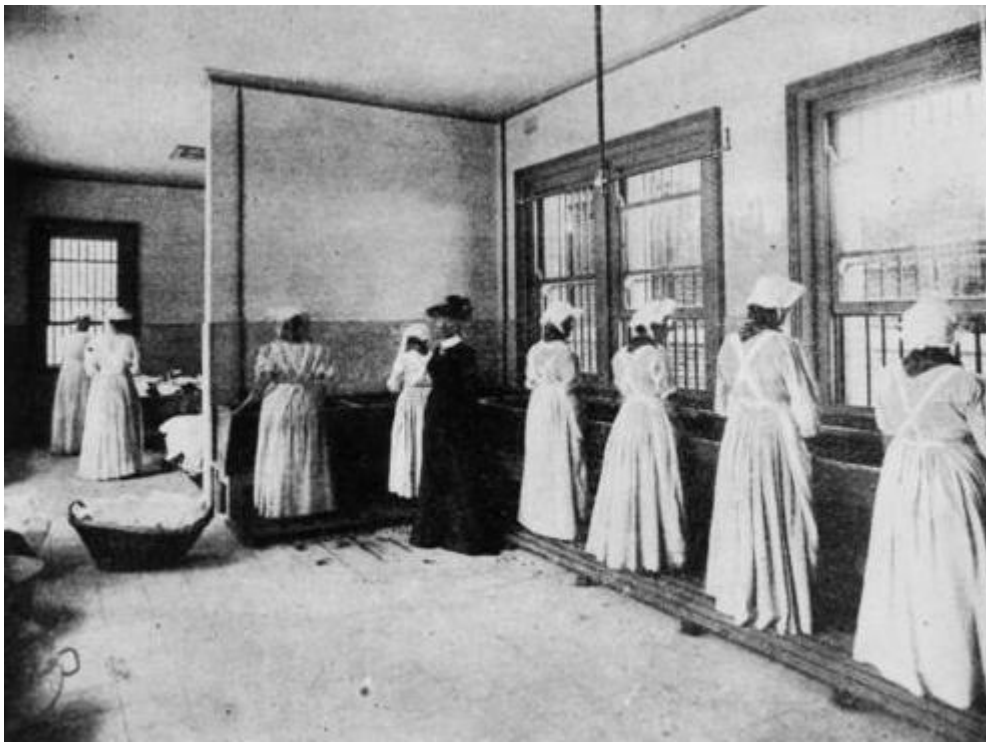
Ellen's Story continued

- ▶ Nov 1902 released from Toowoomba Prison
- ▶ 1904 arrested for vagrancy in Barcaldine under name of Ellen Chick alias Ferguson, 3 months imprisonment
- ▶ Living with Charles Wadmore Chick, opal miner
- ▶ 1925 Alexander Miller Ferguson dies
- ▶ 1927 marries Charles Wadmore Chick
- ▶ 1929 Chick dies in Parramatta, NSW
- ▶ 1946 Ellen dies in Brisbane

What did Helen look like?

Name	Ellen Ferguson
Ship	Sunday (sic) 1886 NB Sunda 1865
Where Born	Scotland
Religion	Presbyterian
Trade	Prostitute
Age	40
Height	5 feet 4 ½ inches
Make	Medium
Complexion	Fresh
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Hazel
Education	Read and write
Remarks	24 convictions; second finger right hand dislocated ⁴⁰

Description from prison register June 1902



1903



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 Allen/Helen want nothing to do with her son OR did James want nothing to do with his mother?

Clara's Story

- ▶ 1889 married Charles Brandon Davis
- ▶ 1891 purchased Portion 49V Parish of Toorbul, adjacent to John Carnegie
- ▶ 1893 Charles went to Sydney
- ▶ 1894 Charles was in Melbourne on his way to WA goldfields
- ▶ Love letter home Oct 1894 advising he had caught fever at Coolgardie, recovering in Fremantle
- ▶ Last letter Dec 1894 from Fremantle saying he was going back to the goldfields

Love Letters

– the last paragraph 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

Clara's story continued

- ▶ 1895 newspaper notice – Clara believed deceased was her husband but no confirmation from police
- ▶ 1910 Clara again contacted WA police, again unsuccessful
- ▶ 1915 Clara requested search for his death from Registrar BDMs WA, also contacted his relatives in England who had not heard from him since 1893
- ▶ 1915 filed for probate to obtain possession of his land Portion 49V
- ▶ Clara had also bought Portions 46V, 48V and 52V

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.

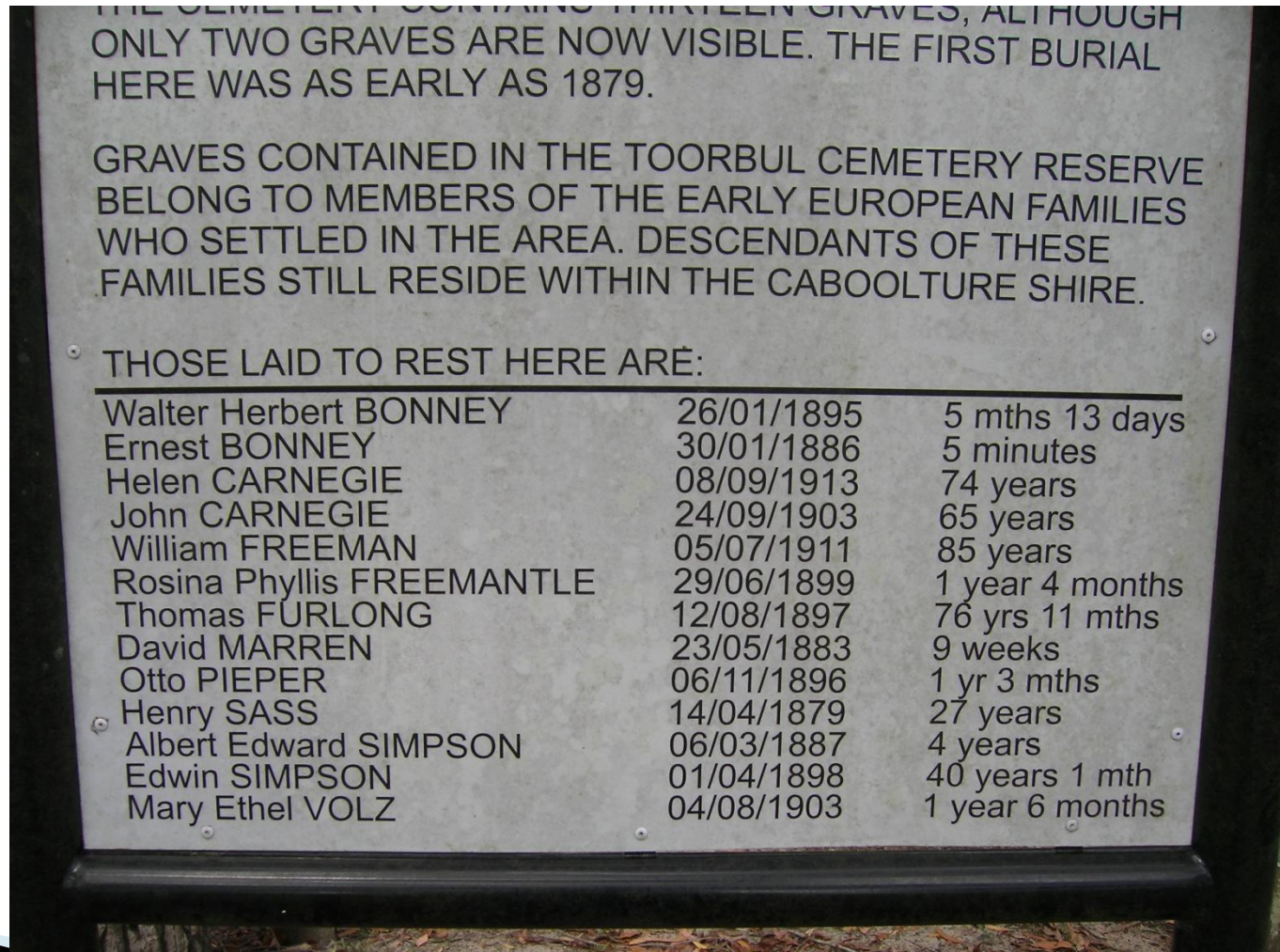
*Spear &
Musket
p135*

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

The Bishop Connection

- ▶ 1915 Clara married George Edwin (Ned) Bishop
- ▶ Clara was 42 and Ned was 30, a bachelor
- ▶ No issue from the marriage
- ▶ Ned died 1942, only 57 years, buried in Caboolture cemetery
- ▶ Clara died 1960 at the age of 87 years, buried in Lutwyche cemetery

Others Buried in Toorbul Cemetery



Toorbul Cemetery
late 1970s



Henry Sass died 14 Apr 1879 aged 27 years

Henry Sass, a fencer, left Sandgate for the Cabulture in an open boat, on the 14th instant, and has not since been heard of. It is believed that he has been drowned.

Newcastle Morning Herald & Miners' Advocate (NSW : 1876 - 1954) [about](#) ◀ Thursday 24 April 1879 ▶

WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of £1 collected by Mr. W. C. Nicholson, and £1 from Mr. Thomas Hennessey, on behalf of the widow and children of the late Henry Sass, who was drowned at Sandgate on Easter Monday.

The Brisbane Courier (Qld. : 1864 - 1933) [about](#) ◀ Monday 14 July 1879 ▶

The Brisbane Courier (Qld. : 1864 - 1933) [about](#) ◀ Wednesday 17 September 1879 ▶

THE widow of Henry Sass, who was drowned in the Bay on Easter Monday last, has sent us a note in which she "desires to express her heartfelt thanks for the sympathy and benefit she has received from the public and friends in her sad bereavement."

Thomas Furlong died 12 Aug 1897
aged 76 years 11 months

Name of Deceased Proprietor.—Thomas Furlong, late of Toorbul, near Brisbane, oysterman.

Date of Death.—12th August, 1897.

Name of Claimant.—Anne Jane Furlong, of the same place, widow of deceased.

Description and Situation of Land.—Portion 26, county of Canning, parish of Toorbul.

Estate Claimed to be Transmitted.—Fee-simple.

Particulars of Will or Otherwise.—Will dated 8th May, 1897.

Date within which Caveat may be Lodged.—28th December, 1897.



William Freeman and his wife 1860
Images from Sunshine Coast Libraries

The End

- ▶ New information keeps surfacing
- ▶ Would love to find photos of any of them!
- ▶ Family history and local history go together
- ▶ Thank You