

Demolishing Brick Walls: Tips & Tricks

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Introduction

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brick walls?

Did you
create the
wall?

Golden
rules of
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What Are Brick Walls?

Where you
simply cannot
go back any
further

Missing
information,
missing records

Someone
disappears

Someone just
appears

Too many
suspects
(common
names)

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!

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) J. Carnegie
between us) Mary Finn

according to the rites of the Roman Catholic Church In the presence) Thos. M. Cronin
of us) 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

HW Tesch

Grandparents as
parents – hiding an
illegitimate birth?

Golden Rules No 3 & No 4

- **Never completely trust the spelling of surnames, place names etc**
- **Always check given name and surname variants when researching**
- **Possibly the most common reason why ancestors cannot be found**

An orange speech bubble graphic with a tail pointing downwards and to the left, containing the text 'Name Variations'.

Name Variations

Both given names and surnames

Abbreviations – Wm, Thos, Margt, Hy

Nicknames – my Pearl turned out to be Maria!

Aliases and de facto relationships

Maiden names for children's birth entries

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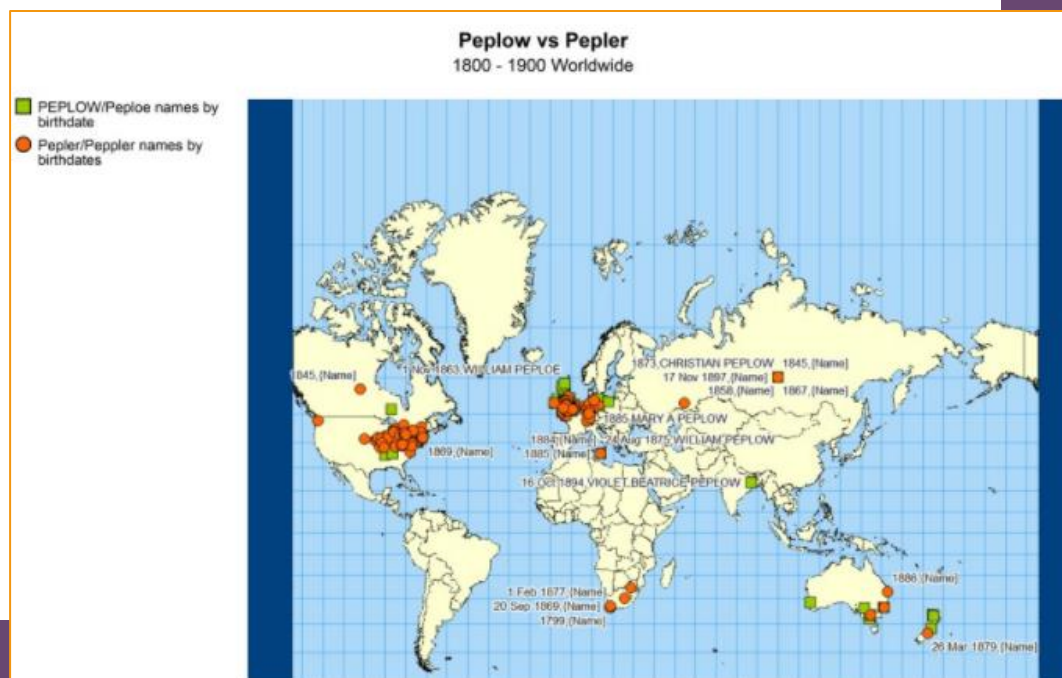
Variant names

This study is registered for the variants Peplar, Peplow, Peplow, Peppler 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. Bep(p)ler is also included because the Germans used P and B interchangeably.

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 .

The chart shows the earliest occurrence of a form and highlights the most common variants

| Surname | All | Male | Female | Earliest | Most recent |
|-----------|------|------|--------|----------|-------------|
| PEPELOWE | 7 | 6 | 1 | 1280 | 1369 |
| PEPLOW | 2741 | 1487 | 1252 | 1360 | 2013 |
| PEPELOTE | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1385 | 1385 |
| POPELEWE | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1410 | 1435 |
| PEPELOR | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1420 | 1420 |
| PEPLER | 2385 | 1275 | 1110 | 1420 | 2013 |
| PEBELLEWE | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1429 | 1429 |
| PEPELOWE | 115 | 59 | 56 | 1460 | 1989 |
| BEPLER | 220 | 121 | 99 | 1530 | 1993 |
| PEPLOE | 1536 | 808 | 728 | 1560 | 2010 |
| BEPELER | 17 | 9 | 8 | 1565 | 1748 |
| PEPLER | 1446 | 801 | 645 | 1570 | 2011 |
| PEPLAR | 113 | 52 | 61 | 1584 | 2004 |
| BEPLER | 318 | 216 | 102 | 1587 | 1990 |
| PEPELER | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1588 | 1588 |
| PEPLO | 81 | 51 | 30 | 1592 | 1814 |
| PEPELOW | 43 | 23 | 20 | 1600 | 1847 |
| PEPOLE | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1600 | 1600 |
| PEPLOW | 6 | 2 | 4 | 1613 | 1833 |
| PAPLER | 16 | 10 | 6 | 1672 | 1834 |
| PEEPLAR | 14 | 10 | 4 | 1685 | 1751 |
| PEOPLAR | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1695 | 1702 |
| PEBLER | 96 | 42 | 54 | 1701 | 1999 |
| PEPLEO | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1708 | 1708 |
| PIPLER | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1714 | 1748 |
| PEPLOR | 25 | 11 | 14 | 1716 | 1876 |





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Church Marriage Finder



Would you like to know at which church your ancestors married?

Do you only have the GRO reference from [FreeBMD](#), [Ancestry](#) or [FindMyPast](#) etc?

Using the form below, see if we have the details of the church where they married. Then go to [FamilySearch](#), local [Online Parish Clerks](#), [FreeREG](#) or other genealogical websites to see if the marriage register transcriptions or images are available. Saves the cost of purchasing a certificate from the GRO.

The database contains details of marriages between 1837 and 1911 and is not yet complete.



We currently have data from the following registration districts:

Bermondsey
Braintree
Clerkenwell
Farringdon
Holborn
Marylebone
North Aylesford
Poole
Southwark
St Luke
West Ham

Bishopsgate
Camberwell
Colchester
Fulham
Islington
Medway
Paddington
Poplar
St George Southwark
St Saviour
West London

Bloomsbury
Chelsea
East London
Greenwich
Lambeth
Newington
Pancras
Rotherhithe
St Giles
Strood
Westminster

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 or U for Unknown
- My Norwegians Aose died as Mary and Andreas as Andrew

Spelling Variations

- People were illiterate, difficulties with accents (Union turned out to be Onion)

- May not have known how a place was spelt

Bailieborough, Bailieboro, Ballyborough

- Indexing errors
 - Old styles of writing or poor handwriting
 - Poor OCR (optical character recognition)
 - Human error

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Judy Webster's Genealogy Tips and Indexes for local, interstate & overseas folk with historical records in Queensland and other Australian States.

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Using and Compiling Indexes

"Judy Webster, a keen family historian, has compiled and published many indexes. She was also employed by Queensland 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** and **interpreting handwritten sources**.
- 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](#).

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:

- Before you use an index, **read the introduction and explanatory notes**.
- Consider indexing errors due to **handwriting**. In some handwriting, certain letters are indistinguishable. **Look-alikes** include 'F' & H (Flannery/Hannery); uppercase A & H; F & K; S & L; C & O; C & G; D & W; G & C; I & J; F & T; N, M & W; Q & Z; and lowercase m, n, u & w; o & a; e & i; y & z. **Double-s**, 'ss', often looks like 'p' or 'fs' when a 'long s' is used (eg, 'Miss' looks like 'Mifs').
- An entry may be indexed under a **middle name** instead of the surname.
- **Regional accents** change how a name sounds and thus may alter how it was recorded (eg: the TOWNS family from Northern Ireland, pronounced and written as TOYNES).
- *Planning Research: Short Cuts in Family History* by Michael Gandy (FFHS, Birmingham, 1993), pp.43-44: "**Don't insist on certain spelling forms**. Say the name out loud in the accent of the area, then pretend you're an old gaffer with no teeth. Now be a deaf, indifferent clerk who doesn't come from the area and thinks he hasn't got time to waste on yokels. His pen scratches and blots and he's got the beginnings of arthritis or palsy. Then let the ink fade for 200 years and get the register transcribed by a beginner, typed up by someone who was watching the television, and spot-checked by someone who thought it was probably all right so why bother."

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Indexed under middle given name!

Name – John James Carnegie

Married sister – Helen Dryden

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Wildcards enable you to replace characters using wildcard characters. The wildcard characters are an asterisk (*) for multiple characters or a question mark (?) for a single character. Wildcards are useful when you can spell a surname or given name in multiple ways, for example, Thurgood or Thoroughgood. You can use up to four asterisks at a time for any surname or given name. You may also use multiple single character wildcards in a given name or surname. **Note:** To use a wildcard symbol in your search, in most cases, you must use at least 3 letters of the surname or given name. Here are some examples of how you can use wildcard characters:

Examples of using the single character wildcard question mark (?):

To see variations of **Smith**, replace Smith with **Sm?th**. FamilySearch will return Smeth, Smith, or even Smythe.

To see variations of **Hansen**, replace Hansen with **Hans?n** to get Hansen or Hanson. You can even try **H?ns?n** to get Hanson or Hansen, Hinsen or Hinson, Henson or Hensen.

Examples of using the multiple character wildcard asterisk (*):

To see variations of Tillitson, replace Tillitson with **T*I*ts*** to get Tillotson or Tilotson.

To see variations of Thibou, replace Thibou with **Th*b*** or **T*b*u***. This way you can locate as many spelling variations as possible.

For unusually difficult surnames, wildcards are important when you are unsure of the spelling of the prefix of the name. You can put a wildcard (*) at the beginning of the name. For example, for the surname Thibou, type ***bou**. If you are unsure of the ending of a name, use the wildcard (*) at end such as **Thib***. Then to narrow



Golden Rule Nos 5 & 6

- Always have at least two, preferably three, 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

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?**

Letters Home – My Irish Families

SHARE AND ENJOY!



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



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10 True Genealogy Brick Walls and How to (Possibly!) Break ...

Home sources such as letters, family papers and Bibles may help you break through. If you've exhausted all the resources of your own family, check with cousins.

<https://www.familysearch.org> › wiki › Solving_Tough_... ⋮



Solving Tough Research Problems—Overcoming Brick Walls

2 Apr 2021 — Write to and join local **genealogical** and historical societies for help. Place queries in their newsletters. Write to small-town newspaper ...

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What are Genealogy Brick Walls? - Family History Fanatics

According to the blog Kindred Past, “a **brick wall** to me means a problem that you have been working on for a long time with little success.” Meanwhile, the ...

<https://familyhistorydaily.com> › the-13-reasons-you-ca... ⋮



13 Reasons You Can't Break Down Your Genealogy Brick Wall

Searching for and locating records about our ancestors is seldom a simple process. If you've hit a **brick wall** in your research, check our list of common ...

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

An orange speech bubble graphic with a tail pointing downwards and to the left. It contains the text 'Someone Disappears' in white.

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)

An orange speech bubble graphic with a tail pointing downwards and to the left. It contains the text 'Someone Appears' in white.

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

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| Carnegie | John | — | — | 1865 | Queensland Police Gazettes | Queensland, Australia | |
| Carnegie | John | 1838 | — | 1865 | Queensland Customs House Shipping 1852-1885: Passengers And Crew | Queensland, Australia | |
| Carnegie | John | 1865 | — | 1865 | Queensland Customs House Shipping 1852-1885: Passengers And Crew | Queensland, Australia | |
| Carnegie | John | — | 1866 | 1866 | Queensland Deaths 1829-1964 | Queensland, Australia | |
| Carnegie | John | — | 1866 | 1866 | Queensland Deaths 1829-1964 | Queensland, Australia | |
| Carnegie | John | — | — | 1869 | Queensland Police Gazettes | Queensland, Australia | |
| Carnegie | John | — | — | 1873 | Queensland Unclaimed Letters | Queensland, Australia | |
| Carnegie | John | 1851 | — | 1877 | Queensland Assisted Immigration 1848-1912 | Queensland, Australia | |



New release of BDM indexes

What does
1 Jan mean
each year?

**New release of archive
records**

**BUT some archives & BDMs
release throughout the year so
check websites for updates**

**New resources added all the
time**

Infamous prison escapee and first mafia murder among newly opened records

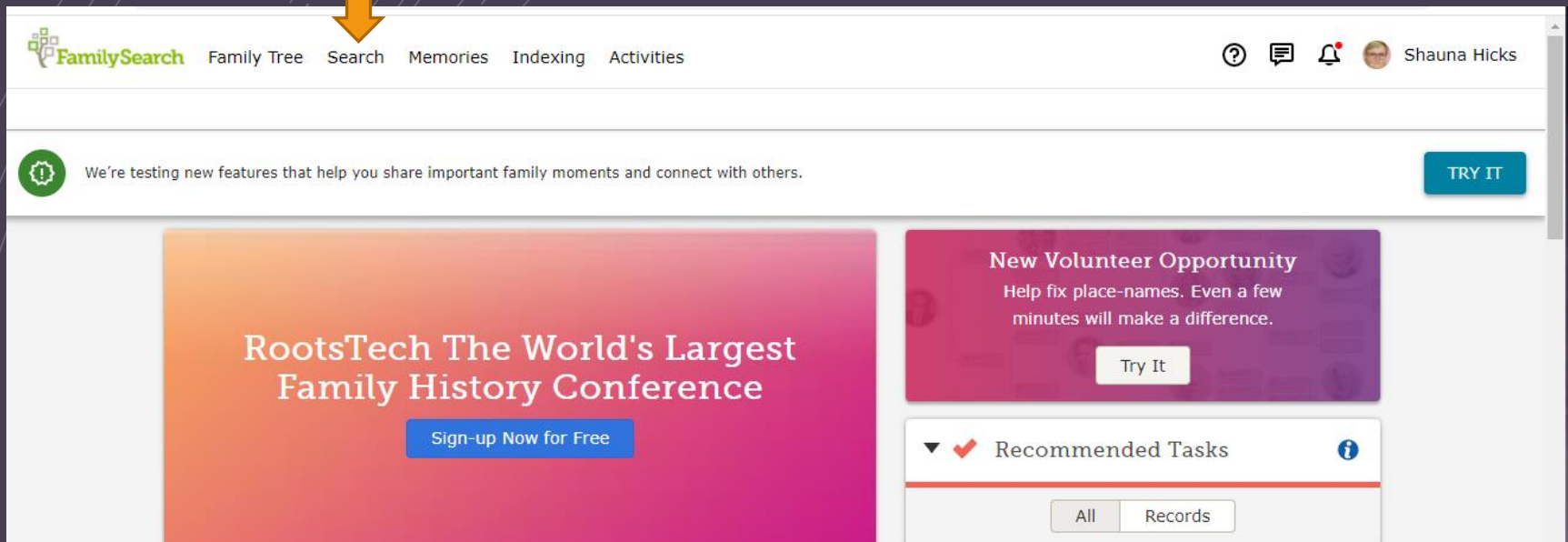
1 January 2021 Section 9 record openings



Every year on the 1st of January, hundreds of state archives are made public as part of our annual Section 9 openings. Under Section 9 of the *Public Records Act* 1973 files of a personal or private nature are closed to prevent the violation of personal privacy.

Some of the stories you will find amongst this year's opened records include the 1945 criminal trial brief and capital sentence file of Kevin Joiner (pictured) most famous for a deadly escape attempt made a few years after his imprisonment, the 1945 criminal trial brief of what is often considered to be Victoria's first mafia murder, and from the midwifery department of the Royal Women's Hospital, an extern case book that includes hand written diary entries of medical students attending home births across Melbourne in 1920-21.

Learn more about this year's record openings [here](#).



The screenshot shows the FamilySearch website interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes the FamilySearch logo and links for Family Tree, Search, Memories, Indexing, and Activities. An orange arrow points to the Search link. On the right, there are icons for help, chat, notifications, and a user profile for Shauna Hicks. Below the navigation bar, a banner for RootsTech The World's Largest Family History Conference is displayed with a 'Sign-up Now for Free' button. To the right, there is a 'New Volunteer Opportunity' section and a 'Recommended Tasks' section with tabs for 'All' and 'Records'. A dropdown menu is open, showing a list of search options.

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Records create a paper trail for your ancestors and can lead you to important details about their life. Enter a name, and we'll look for it in birth certificates, marriage registrations, census records, and other official documents.

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First Names

Last Names

Place

City, County, State, Province, or Country

Year

Birth or Death Year

 **SEARCH**

[MORE OPTIONS](#)



Find a Collection

Your ancestor's record belongs to a collection of similar documents—Argentina Baptisms, for example, or United States Census, 1940. Searching a specific collection is one way to narrow your search. If you don't know the collection's exact title, start typing, and we'll try to help you.

Collection Title

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Search collections of records for documents about your ancestors. You can filter which collections you would like to search within.

Enter your ancestor's information and select "Search" below

Deceased Ancestor's Information

Name | [Alternate Name](#)

First Names

Last Names

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Birth Year (Range)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Australia Deaths and Burials, 1816-1980 | 107,177 | Jan 29, 2020 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Australia Marriages, 1810-1980 | 139,879 | Feb 2, 2020 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  Australia Miscellaneous Genealogical Records, 1776-1980 | 3,335 | Nov 12, 2020 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  Australia, New South Wales, 1828 Census | 8,888 | Oct 9, 2015 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Australia, New South Wales, Deceased Estate Files, 1880-1923 | 211,390 | Feb 3, 2017 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  Australia, New South Wales, Gaol Photographic Description Books, 1871-1969 | 29,275 | Dec 28, 2021 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  Australia, New South Wales, Index to Bounty Immigrants, 1828-1842 | 50,981 | Jun 14, 2019 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  Australia, Queensland Cemetery Records, 1802-1990 | 2,168,407 | Mar 2, 2021 |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Australia, Queensland, Immigration indexes, 1864-1940 | 64,508 | Jan 10, 2017 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Australia, Queensland, Toowoomba, Prison Records Index, 1864-1906 | 7,634 | Aug 6, 2019 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  Australia, South Australia, Immigrants Ship Papers, 1849-1940 | 595,565 | Feb 19, 2021 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  Australia, South Australia, Prison Records, 1838-1912 | 82,262 | Apr 11, 2020 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  Australia, South Australia, School Admission Registers, 1873-1985 | 191,136 | May 9, 2019 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  Australia, South Australia, Will and Probate Records | 48,404 | Aug 25, 2020 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  Australia, Sydney Branch Genealogical Library, Cemetery Inscriptions, 1800-1960 | 157,466 | Dec 4, 2019 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  Australia, Tasmania, Civil Registration (District Registers), 1839-1938 | 70,861 | Oct 10, 2017 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  Australia, Tasmania, Civil Registration of Births, 1899-1912 | 69,290 | Mar 5, 2019 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  Australia, Tasmania, Civil Registration, 1803-1933 | 425,774 | Oct 5, 2018 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  Australia, Tasmania, Miscellaneous Records, 1829-2001 | 120,158 | Sep 8, 2016 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  Australia, Victoria Coastal Passenger Lists, 1852-1924 | 3,244,620 | Sep 27, 2020 |

Image-Only Historical Records



Can't find records for your ancestors when you search? Try our collections that haven't been indexed yet. Select a collection to start browsing the images.

| Migration and Naturalization: Showing All | Images | Last Updated |
|--|---------|--------------|
| Australia, Tasmania, Correspondence of the Immigration Office Concerning the Nomination, Arrival and Settlement of Migrants, 1920-1943 | 36,514 | May 13, 2015 |
| Australia, Tasmania, Migrant Files, 1945-1968 | 33,735 | Jul 21, 2016 |
| Australia, Victoria, Assisted Immigrant Arrivals at Victorian Ports, 1839-1871 | 127,892 | May 16, 2015 |
| Miscellaneous: Showing All | Images | Last Updated |
| Australia, Tasmania, Government Gazette, 1833-1925 | 101,074 | May 8, 2015 |

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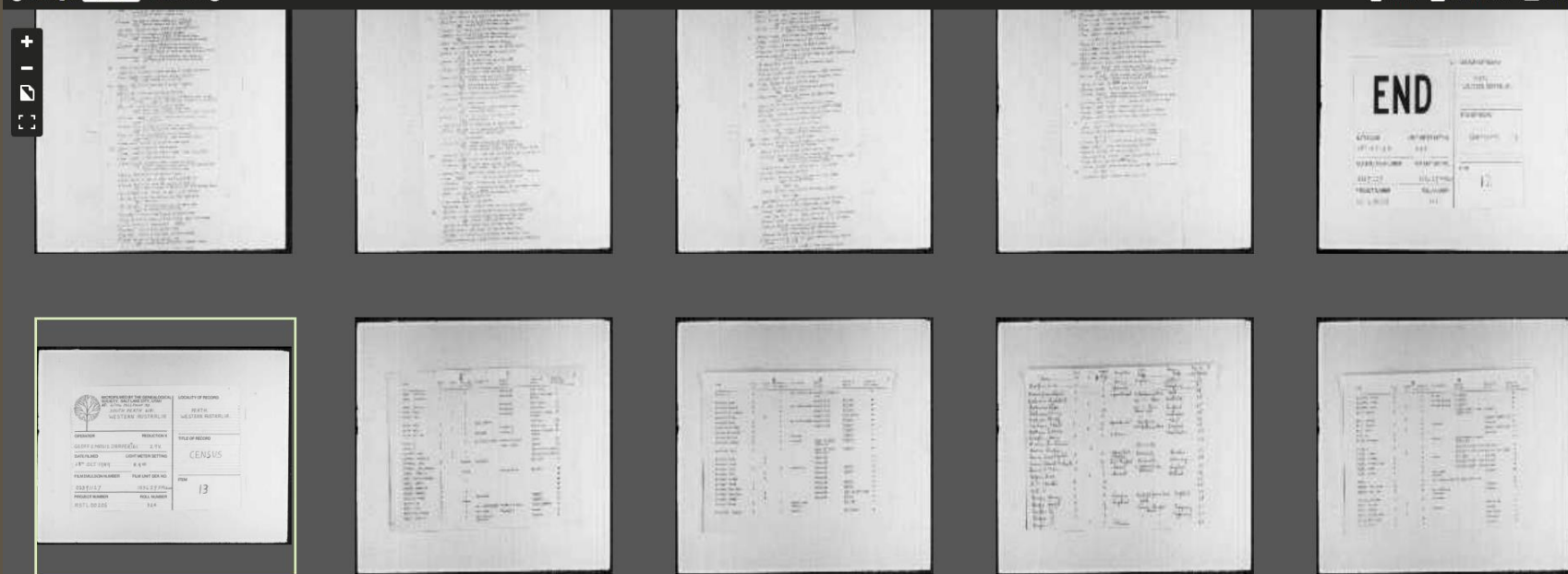
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Birth Details

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Descendants

Children

TREVASKIS, annie pollard TREVASKIS, james henry TREVASKIS, nicholas william

Grandchildren

| | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| WEST, leonore may | WEST, lionel john | WEST, norman tennyson |
| WEST, oswald henry | WEST, percy roy | WEST, richard reginald |

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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
- Keep checking new resources

QLD Police Gazette 1904

| RETURN OF PRISONERS TO BE DISCHARGED FROM HIS MAJESTY'S PRISON, ROCKHAMPTON, DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1904. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 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 ... | Yrs. 35 | Ft. in. 5 6½ | Slight ... | Black | Black | Black | St. lb. 9 6 | St. lb. 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 Ees ... | Longreach ... | 13 „ ... | Indecent exposure ... | 14 June | 2 months' hard labour or £4 ls. 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; anch arm; slight blue scar right eye Scar under right knee. |
| 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 on back of head; scar over right mark on right temple. |
| 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 | |

- Searched for death of Ellen/Helen Chick in QLD BDMs online - purchased death certificate

- Reference to second husband Charles Wadmore Chick



Since releasing my first big list of Australian history and genealogy links on Facebook in September 2016, I've continued to find more, and more, and periodically do updates.

So what started out as a list of a few hundred links, has grown to large list of 2012 links (as at 29 December 2020). That's 74 pages worth of Australian and New Zealand history and genealogy links ... just on Facebook.

I haven't added any new categories with this update, but there are additions to nearly every category that's listed. It was my June 2020 update when I added New Zealand in. It's still small, but it will grow, and as it does more sub-categories will be added as needed.

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This is an ongoing project which will be updated periodically, so if you have any links you'd like added, please either send an email to [alona @ lonetester.com](mailto:alona@lonetester.com) (without the spaces), or message me on my [Lonetester Facebook page](#).



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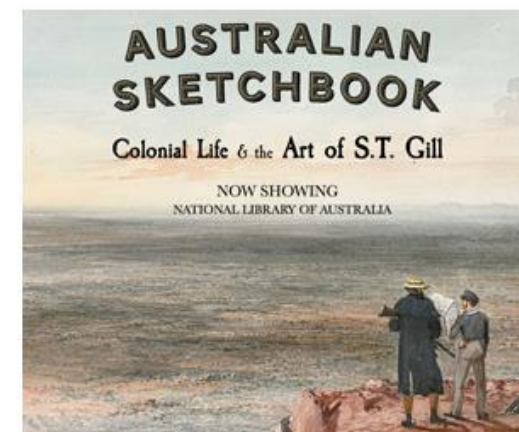
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In our final post in our series on how AncestryDNA tests can help revolutionise your family history research, we share a case study of how one Australian man broke down the brick wall on his family tree thanks to DNA testing. Penny Edwell reports.

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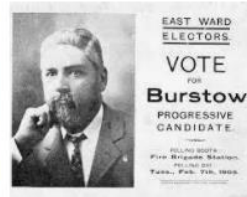
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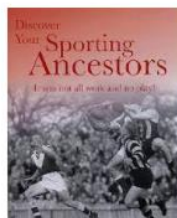
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