



News & Notes

Queensland Safari

My wife **Bev** and I did a 4-week tour around Queensland in August.

We did not have time to catch up with every one we might have (especially in Queensland - that would take rather more than a month!), but we did meet with:



Brisbane: my son Andrew and daughter Linda and families

Cairns: My Dad celebrated his 92nd birthday and we caught up with my sister Mandie, her daughter Sherene, my sister-in-law Ena (all three having traveled from Brisbane for the event) and cousin Anne. Son Andrew also happened to be in Cairns.

Cairns: Gladys Elcoate, with whom we had a delightful lunch at the RSL Club on the esplanade

Lake Barrine: "Bill" (who is really Alexander Joseph!) and Bill Grumley - the first mentioned turns 92 this month (October)

Normanton: Nola and Mick Gallagher and their entire family (even though some of them had had a long day mustering cattle)

(If you are interested: the story and photos are being added day-by-day to <http://bb.royroyes.net/page34/page34.html>.) ❖

Snippets

❖ **Suzie Cooper** turned 60 in August, and this was celebrated at a party given for her at the home of her sister-in-law Gillian (South Africa).



❖  **Silvia Phelan** was on an Irish team which won a World Colleges Sailing Championship in France.

❖ **Trevor Roy and Nicole Knight** celebrated their engagement on 18 July in Townsville Qld. Nicole is daughter of Brad & Jackie Knight of Giru and Roberta O' Keefe of Townsville and Trevor is second son of Peter & Irene Roy of Mareeba.



People events

☞ 5 Sep: **Aine Phelan married Paul Nolan** at Holy Cross Church, Tramore, Ireland.

☞ 29 Aug: **Jim Weiss** died in Greenslopes Hospital, Brisbane, aged 90. His wife Agnes has been in care at Jindalee, Brisbane, for some two months and is confined to a wheel chair.

☞ 18 Jul: **Trevor Roy and Nicole Knight** celebrated their engagement in Townsville, QLD.

☞ Jul: **Alexander Benjamin Tonto** born to Michael and Tiffany (Miller).

❖ **Aine Phelan married Paul Nolan** at Holy Cross Church, Tramore, Ireland on 5 September.



Her uncle Fr Tom Hogan officiated along with five other priests, all friends. Paul is a Civil Defence Officer and he and his attendants wore their smart dress uniforms. A hooley (traditional Irish music) was held the following day in a marquee in the garden of parents Anne and Tom Phelan.

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The “other Australian Royes”: the Luthers

There were FOUR Royes siblings who migrated to Australia between 1829 and 1838 - Samuel, Maria, Emily and our Edward.

Samuel was the oldest child of Solomon Royes's second marriage, to Mary Hougham. He was about 25 when he arrived in Sydney. He was convicted of a minor offence in a Sydney Court and received a three months jail sentence. And that is the last we know of him.

Our current information says that the other three arrived together in January 1838 (aged 29, 20 and 19 respectively) though I have reason to doubt that all arrived at the same time - that's for another newsletter.

So let's concentrate on **Maria**. Maria married **Frederick Christian Luther** on 27 August 1842 in St James Church in Sydney - at least that is where it is registered. They had two children that we know of, Frederick Christian born about 1843 and Anna Maria Hougham about 1845. There were at least five Frederick Christian Luthers - father/son - and this is a challenge for family tree researchers in identifying which one of them is on a particular roll or register! At least one of them was known (in an 1872 Post Office Directory) as Christian.

I have had correspondence with a descendant of Frederick and Maria. Leanne writes:

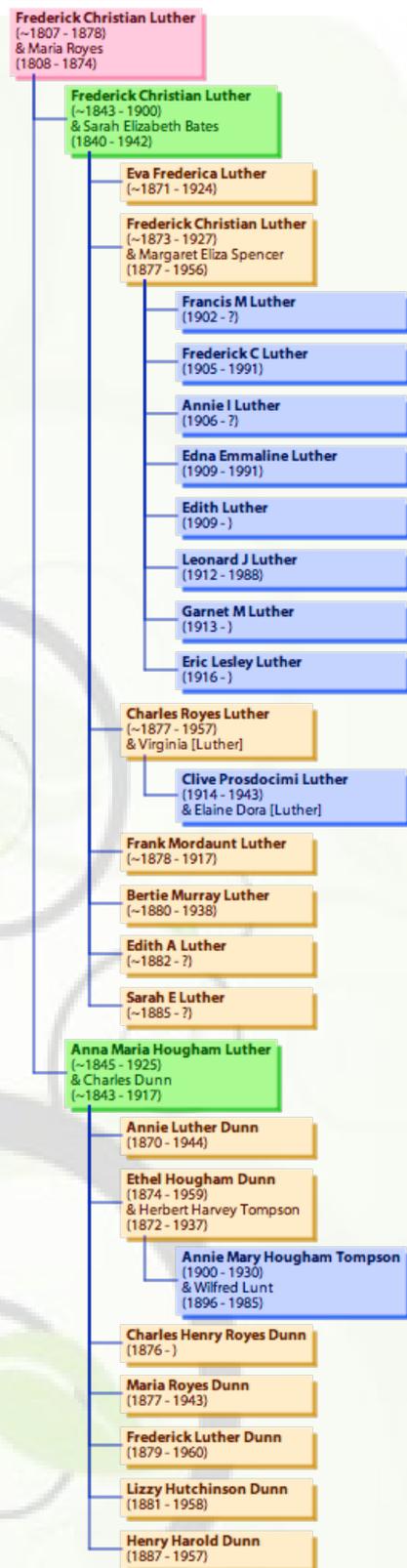
"I have been picking my Father's memory for all of the nicknames, jobs, and quirks of the Luther clan. Some are very interesting to say the least. Apparently, the first Frederick Christian Luther

[father-in-law of our Maria] in Australia came here as he was involved in a duel which resulted in the death of the other participant. As this was highly illegal, he had the choice of going to jail or leaving the country (he came from Wetzler, Prussia). Being the gentleman he was, jail was not an option, so Australia he came to. Wetzler is a wine region and Fritz (I believe this is what he was called) was a wine maker, first working at Regentville on the Nepean River and then at the Hermitage at The Oaks [south west of Sydney]. He produced some prize winning varieties and even gave the future father of federation (Sir Henry Parkes) his first job in Australia. He was also very good friends with Ludwig Leichardt and the family used to have the correspondence between them, but I believe this has since been donated to the Mitchell Library in Sydney."

You can see from the chart that the two main surname lines are **Luther** and **Dunn**. Notice the use of Hougham and Royes in the first names of the Dunns.

But apart from names and dates we don't have much by way of stories. Except for **Clive Prosdocimi Luther**, who was killed in World War 2 when his Lancaster went down near Stompetoren, Holland. There is a memorial to him and his crew maintained by the locals. You can read more about that in his notes.

It would be good to know a bit more about this branch of the Royes. ❖



The HMAS SYDNEY Memorial in Geraldton, Western Australia, is the work of family members **Joan and Charlie Smith** - in spite of health problems over the past two years. The memorial is now a National Memorial (the only one outside of Canberra). They may be the only two sculptors who have done two National memorials.



Joan adds that there is a Hogan in the HMAS SYDNEY memorial list. Joan's mother was a Hogan.

I recommend you look at <http://www.smithsculptors.com/>.

Where is Crocodile Creek?

[Edward Hougham Royes](#) is the progenitor of every Royes in Queensland and probably Australia, unless you count the Luthers into which family his sister Maria married. The Luthers are generally located south west of Sydney.

We knew that he moved from Sydney to "Crocodile Creek near Mount Morgan" by at least 1873 before he moved to Rockhampton, where he died in 1878. But it was never clear exactly where it was.

In August, my wife Bev and I did a "safari" around Queensland in a campervan and made Mount Morgan one of our visits.

I inquired about Crocodile Creek at the Museum and they were not sure where it was, but on the walls of the same museum I found the map at right. (The red bits are my editing.)

This shows that Crocodile Creek is north-east of Mount Morgan at the foot of the range in which Mount Morgan is located. The area today is known as Bouldercombe.

If you look up [Bouldercombe Gorge Resources Reserve](#) in Wikipedia you will find this entry:

"Bouldercombe Gorge is situated behind the small town of Bouldercombe, near Rockhampton in Central Queensland, Australia. The gorge cuts into the Razorback Range and Crocodile Creek runs along the gorge floor.

"Originally called Crocodile Creek the area saw a small gold rush during the late 1800s. Today, gold is still mined in Bouldercombe, but only by amateurs. The mine still has a wide variety of gold alloys, and is a particularly good spot for alluvial." ❖



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- ❖ [Sonja Royes Willis](#) celebrated a certain significant birthday earlier in the year in Kent, England. She is photographed here with daughter Sarah and Sarah's children Analeisse and Courtenay.



- ❖ This is Anna Rose Selby, granddaughter of [Hugh and Maureen](#) in Bangor (Northern Ireland) courtesy of their son Steven and his wife Suzanne. Anna Rose thinks "seaweed feels funny."

A street named Royes

Ron Royes

In 1964, the Mareeba Shire Council named a street after the ROYES family, in recognition of services provided to the community.

Yet that street name may never have occurred had it not been the quest for GOLD, GOLD, GOLD in the 1800's and early 1900's in Australia.

When Edward Hougham ROYES arrived in Australia in 1834, it was the start of a family dynasty which still exists today particularly about Central and North Queensland.

The discovery of gold at Mount Morgan in Central Queensland, then considered the largest mountain of gold on earth, attracted miners, fossickers and venturesome types wanting to make their fortune. Edward Hougham ROYES was one of these people. A son, Charles Mordaunt ROYES married a Scottish lass Mary MacLeod MURRAY in Rockhampton on 30 October 1874. The marriage was to produce thirteen children, some born in Rockhampton, others in Ravenswood, Georgetown (Etheridge) and Mareeba. His trade was a carrier utilising horses and wagons to convey goods in these areas.

But the paths followed the gold trail in those places.

Mareeba was an exception as it became the focal point for the Palmer River goldfields. At the beginning of 1872, there was neither a dray track, bridle track, marked tree line nor a goat track to the Palmer River. There were in and around the Palmer River, any number of aboriginal tracks, but no roads connecting the lands to the Palmer. Then on 5 June 1873, James Venture MULLIGAN and five prospectors left the Etheridge goldfield in search of another and discovered payable gold.

It was the Etheridge, Mareeba and Palmer River routes that eventuated. There was no coastal route.

Charles Mordaunt ROYES arrived in Mareeba c. 1900 and lived there until he died on 9 October 1919, aged 68 years. His wife Mary died on 4 September 1941, aged 85 years.

Most of his carrying business was plied between Mareeba and Herberton with his three sons, one of whom Druce ROYES, who died in 1970's, was considered a long-time Mareeba-ite.

The family was involved in show activities. At the inaugural Mareeba Show in 1907, they won many creditable awards. It was recorded that the 'blue' went to Mr. H. C. Royes' very pretty chestnut with dog cart, while Dr. Savage secured second.

Descendants of the Royes family still live in Mareeba.

See the article on the web site at

<http://royroyes.net/genealogy/showmedia.php?mediaID=590>

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I read obituaries,
horoscopes,
the classified ads, telephone directories
and notes to myself.

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The images of Neruda,
Lao Tzu, Walcott and Senior
are curling,
yellow photographs, vaselined vignettes,
sepia scenes frozen in my memory.

I no longer read poetry.

I read Carl Stone's polls,
political speeches, Letters-to-the-Editor,
volumes of technical reports.
Even the *New York Times*
is a flight of fancy.

Mesmerised by the present,
forsaking the past, my mind,
a jealous lover, holds each moment
much longer than it lasts.
Time slips away and with it
dreams.

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Heather Royes

has been publishing poetry since the 1970s
and has won awards for her work.

She was educated in Jamaica and the USA
and has traveled widely in her work as a
consultant in HIV/AIDS. "This type of travel
has been my education as a writer and poet.
When I experience cultures which are so far
from mine, it gives me a feeling of learning
just a little bit more about life and people."

The poem comes from
Days and Nights of the Blue Iguana
(2005: Peepal Tree, Leeds UK)



Roy~Royes Family Links has its beginnings in the marriage of **Maurie Roy and May Royes** in Cairns, Queensland, in 1940. It has grown to over 6000 people including those from parallel branches such as the **Russells, Hogans, Logans, Girvans** and **Wileys** on the Roy side, and the **Houghams** (or Huffams and several other variants), **Youngs** and **Theoffs** on the Royes side. It is not possible to list all branches here but you can check on all surnames at <http://royroyes.net/genealogy/surnames.php>

The scope of the data is based on research into the Roy and Royes pedigrees. It also includes several areas of interest such as the Normandy dukes; English royalty; the Roy and Royes names in Australia.

If you are interested in the **Houghams**, you should be aware that the largest Hougham/Huffam data base (23,000 people) is by Robin Young: <http://hougham.royroyes.net/>

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