

The Russell-Hogan connection

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The link between the Hogans and the Russells results from the marriage in 1929 in Woodstock (near Cape Town) of my parents Tom Hogan and the young Annie Teresa (known as Nancy) Russell.

Tom Hogan was from New Ross, County Wexford in Ireland where his father Jimmy Hogan as well as his grandfather Thomas had been master bootmakers. The earliest of the Hogans that we identified was another generation back, a builder named James (nicknamed "The White Quaker") born in 1805 in the nearby village of Rathnure. It is interesting to note that right down to my elder brother Jim, the Hogans followed Irish naming conventions whereby the eldest son was named after his paternal grandfather.

My grandfather Jimmy Hogan was quite a lovable character given to the odd practical joke. He liked to sing "She is far from the l" and "The burial of Sir John Moore" and many of Tom Moore's melodies. He once said to his daughter Lily "More bread or I'll appear" when Lily was entertaining to tea a respected member of the local clergy and had banished her aged parent to the kitchen. A strong swimmer, Jimmy saved a total of 17 people from drowning in the nearby river Barrow for which he was decorated by the then Prince of Wales.

His former shop at 69 South Street, New Ross has a government preservation order on it and his name is still displayed.

Somewhat prim but much loved by her numerous children, my grandmother Katey was an O'Donohoe from near New

Ross. She often travelled from New Ross to Tramore where my parents lived, to visit her grandchildren. One dark and stormy winters night she appeared (un-announced) like a banshee all dressed in black at a window of Rocklands (the family home in Tramore). The two (live-in) pharmaceutical apprentices present, fled in mortal terror.

My father Tom Hogan, a pharmacist, was working in a Dublin chemists shop in 1928. It had been raining for many days and Tom and his colleague John Maguire agreed that if it were to rain again the next day then they would emigrate to South Africa. Well it did rain next day so they left for the Cape shortly afterwards. Tom worked in a



Wedding of Tom Hogan and Nancy Russell, 1929, South Africa. John and Margert Russell, Tom Hogan, father of the bride James Russell, best man Sean Maguire, and in the front Rosaleen and Dot Russell, the bride Nancy Russell and mother of the bride Annie (Magee).



Jimmy and Katie (O'Donohoe) Hogan 1895

pharmacy in Diep River, a trading post at that time some 12 miles from Cape Town. He signed his letters as "The Medicine Man of Diep River". He married "Nancy" Russell and they returned to Ireland at the end of 1929 and settled in the seaside town of Tramore where Tom opened a pharmacy. Three of my siblings became pharmacists, as indeed did two of their children.

Dan Hogan (my father's younger brother) was a bit of a lad. Dan enlisted in January 1915 (when not quite 16 1/2) in the Irish Guards and fought on the Somme. He was reported missing on Christmas Eve 1917 (nice Christmas present for his parents!). The Red Cross located him a month later in

a German POW camp where he was well treated for severe wounds. After the armistice, aged 22, he immigrated to St Paul, Minnesota. He arrived on 15 Aug 1920 at Ellis Island from Liverpool on the "S.S. Caronia". He married Miranda C. (Dolly) Schmiege, a US citizen, from Wisconsin in January 1923. Dan and Dolly returned to Europe in 1931 and settled in London.

Dan was tragically killed in the London blitz in 1941 and was buried in the Dissenters' Plot in Brompton Cemetery.

Dolly was left stranded and penniless in war-torn London. Very sadly she had to have her collie dog Rover put down before she could embark for the USA where she found work with Pratt and Whitney in Connecticut. She died in 1969 aged 71 in Antrim, New Hampshire at the wheel of her car. This was however parked in her closed garage at the time. The doctor was kind and certified, "accidental carbon monoxide poisoning". Dolly bequeathed her modest estate to the local old folks home.



Jimmy Hogan 1865-1945 is far right; next to him Thomas 1872-1937; second from left is Sarah 1862-1927. Other people are Scottish cousins McGees and Allans.

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People events

❖ Life Begun

14 Jul: **Tyson Kade Metzger** born to Kellie Maree (Vohland) and Raymond Metzger in Mareeba QLD [Weatherburn-Royes]

11 Jul: Robin and Janet Young welcome their sixth grandchild (all girls!), **Gabriella Lois Bell**, born to their daughter Jessamie and James Bell [Hougham-Young]

2 Jul: **Hannah Grace Joy** born to Kursty Schenell (Malcolm) and Steven Joy in Cairns QLD [Weatherburn-Royes]

28 Jun: **Sophie Louise Trimble** born to Mark and Cherene (Philliott) Trimble in Cairns QLD [Royes]

13 Jun: Twins **Genevieve Elowen** and **Matthew Philip Royes** born to Steven and Maryann (Willis) born (a tad early) in Melbourne's Royal Women's Hospital [Royes]

1 Jun: **Chloe Denae Boundy** born to Glen and Janine (Trimble) Boundy in Mareeba QLD [Royes]

⊗ Lives United

29 Jun: **Patrick Bolger and Sheena Behrens** were married in Dublin, Ireland [Hogan-Russell]

† Life Complete

13 Aug: **Tim Royes** was struck by a vehicle in Manhattan in the early hours of the morning. He was 42. Tim was born in Jamaica and raised in England. [Royes]

22 Mar: **John Nathaniel Collen** died after a long illness, aged 56, in Northern Ireland - husband of Beryl Hamill who is a cousin once removed of Maurie Roy [Logan]

2007: **Carson Davis** died in Northern Ireland aged 75 (3rd cousin of Maurie Roy) [Clements-Girvan]

"People events" appear on the R~RFL Home page (news column on the right) as they are notified and remain there for approximately 6 months (depending on the number of entries)

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Like many of the Irish, the Hogans travelled far and wide. Alan Stoner on the O'Donohoe side and originally from New Ross, lives with his wife Mamie in Corpus Christi, Texas. Joyce Goober, who is descended from the New Ross Hogans, lives also in Texas but in Austin. Kathleen Martinez is also descended from the New Ross Hogans and lives in New Jersey. Joan Smith and her husband Charlie, who are sculptors, live near Perth, Western Australia. My sister Helena Behrens and her husband Brian live in Vienna near Washington. Their children live in Melbourne, Ireland and Washington. In March 2007 there was a quite startling development when a certain John Hogan contacted Bruce Roy and provided details of over fifty additional family members in Australia, New Zealand and in the UK of whom we had no knowledge. John had immigrated to Australia in 1952 and founded a large family there. John is a retired Regimental Sergeant Major in the Australian Army. This was an exciting and unexpected development. We look to other such feedbacks.

The earliest Russell we know of was James who was born around 1784 and according to the 1851 Census for Larne (County Antrim) was a tailor, as indeed were four of his sons. One of these was Samuel my great grandfather who also lived in Larne. The Russells were Presbyterian so when my grandfather Jimmy wanted to marry Annie Magee who was Catholic, their respective



James and Annie (Magee) Russell and family, 1922, South Africa.

families disapproved. Jimmy was an engine driver and found a job in South Africa and they emigrated and married in Cape Town on 31 December 1902 (the same day that Annie landed there). Annie wanted her sons to be born in Ireland and in the case of the first child and again three years later made the long sea journey back to Ireland for the births. On both occasions girls were born. (Marg and Kay). Jimmy later became stationmaster in Simonstown, the South African naval base. The youngest son Desmond ("Doggie") enlisted in the "Desert Rats" and fought in the North African campaign and Italian campaigns during WW2.

"Jumbo" Cooper married aunt Dot and was a Chief Petty Officer in the British Navy. During WW2 he joined the South African Navy and served on the "Q" boats (decoy ships.) Another daughter of Jimmy and Annie (Kay) married Jack Fitzsimons from Tullamore, Ireland who was in the Natal Police and later became a game warden

Maurie Roy celebrates 90

It was a pleasant late-winter day in Cairns - 25 degrees - on the banks of Trinity inlet at the Cruising Yacht Club.

Maurie Roy had three light lagers and curried chicken and rice - the same as last year. (When he got home he added a Guinness!)

Gathered with him were son Bruce (right of Maurie) and Bruce's wife Bev (second from left), his late son George's widow Ena (next to Bruce) with her daughter Margaret (2nd from right), daughter Marilyn (or Mandie) (left of Maurie) with her daughter Sherene (far left), step-son Nick (far right), great nephew Tom (the tall one), and regular lunching companion Peter Forness (behind Margaret).

A gathering that same evening of Roy and Royes cousins had to celebrate without him because he had to keep an eye on wife Rose who has not been well.



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near Pietemartitzburg. Jack was an expert fly fisherman.) as indeed is his son Michael Fitzsimons. Michael says he took two years learning fly-fishing from his father.

According to my mother, her grandmother inoculated her children against smallpox using cowpox. Louis Pasteur's great work on immunology and vaccination was carried out in the 1870's, a generation later.

Two of my grandfather's sisters immigrated to Australia. Mary and her husband Hugh Wiley migrated on the "Waipara" from London 5 Nov 1913 to Cooktown, Queensland. Only Harriet and Thomas went with her leaving the eldest four aged 17 to 23 in Ireland. Their last child Samuel was born in Australia. Jane married in Ireland Thomas Roy who was an engine driver. Unfortunately Thomas was killed in a train accident when his son Samuel Russell Roy was only three weeks old. Jane ran her own tailoring and dressmaking business and had a shop at 1 Coronation Terrace in Larne. Jane did not remarry and she and her son and his family immigrated to Australia in 1923. They stopped off at Cape Town and Jane was briefly reunited with her younger brother Jimmy and family before travelling onwards to Cairns. Through the Wiley and Roy branches a considerable diaspora has spread throughout Australia as well as to other continents. From the Russell branch in South Africa a similar Diaspora has spread through the Fitzsimons, Coopers, Yammins and Baxters.

Samuel Russell (my grand uncle) was probably born (like his siblings) in Larne but we do not know exactly when. He is said to have emigrated to Australia and married there (he may have married in Ireland however.) According to family lore he left his unfortunate wife



on the grounds that he was drunk when he agreed to marry. He went to South Africa and died there in 1918 from the "Black Flu". We would love to know more about this mystery man.

Any information would be most welcome.

Pedigree +++

Ever thought about how many potential ancestors you have in your tree?

Let's start with the youngest addition to the Royes family tree in Australia - Tyson Kade Metzger at the time of writing - and his great great great great grandfather Edward Hougham Royes who migrated to Australia in 1838.

If we were to fill every box in Tyson's pedigree, how many people are we looking for?

Clearly, he has two parents. And they each have two. So let's work it out:

Tyson	1
parents	2
grandparents	4
g grandparents	8
2g grandparents	16
3g grandparents	32
4g grandparents	64
5g grandparents	128

OK - so let's push that back to the earliest known Royes - Tyson's 7g grandfather, John Royes:

6g grandparents	256
7g grandparents	512

We have four of his 7g grandparents - only another 508 to find!

A key figure in the family tree is Solomon Hougham (1599-1658) - Tyson's 12g grandfather:

12g grandparents	16,384
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Now, if we go to Rollo (abt 848- abt 928), 1st Duke of Normandy, arguably our earliest known ancestor in the Royes line (although there is data that *might* take it back further), this is Tyson's 32g grandfather:

Number of parents in this generation 17,179,869,184

Don't think my family tree program could handle that!

Now, you might just be thinking there is something just a little wee

bit wrong in all this - 17 billion people in one generation when the world's population today is just approaching seven billion and the world population in Rollo's time is estimated at 310 million.

There is only one explanation - a considerable number of marriages within the family. For example, Solomon Royes married his second cousin Mary Hougham. If you think about it, that reduces the number of g-parents in one generation since they will share the same g-parents at some point and thereafter the same ancestors prior to that.

The relationship does not have to be as close as second cousins - any sort of cousin will do! There are several such marriages in the tree. But there are many marriages where the relationship is so distant neither party knows about it! In fact, there must have been quite a few such marriages of distant cousins!

There is another interesting fact.

According to [Roy Baumeister](#) addressing the American Psychological Association this year, today's population is descended from twice as many women as men, that throughout the entire history of the human

race, maybe 80% of women but only 40% of men reproduced. This is because men



went adventuring and dying at sea, in jungles, etc. or else died or were maimed in battle. Almost all women had children and some died in childbirth or as a result of childbirth. Widowers were apt to marry again and have more children by a second or even third wife.

From a genealogical point of view it is harder to trace women's descendants if you do not know their married name/s.

So... maybe we are not looking for 17 billion ancestors after all!

Huguenots, notably French (and French-speaking Walloons) and Dutch, escaped religious persecution by fleeing to England in the period 1550-1750. Canterbury (where **John Royes** married Sarah Hougham in the cathedral in 1774) had the largest concentration of Huguenots outside London and established a silk-weaving centre there. (There was a similar centre at Spitalfields in London's East End). **John Royes** was a silk weaver! There is still a "French Protestant Church" worshipping in the Canterbury Cathedral crypt (the Black Prince's chantry) at 3 p.m. each Sunday.



 **Web-site users**

If you are viewing this newsletter in pdf format, you can click on the links shown in [blue](#).

Timeline

The timeline feature on the web-site has been extensively expanded to include a greater number of world and local events.

It has always seemed to me that to have a name and date for say 1750 is mildly interesting, but if you can "slot" that person into what was going on in the world you get a "feel" for that person's life.

When I read that in a particular year the fork or the potato became popular in Europe, I marvel at what and how they ate before that!

Or imagine the excitement when popular cameras became available and photographs could be exchanged between families spread between Northern Ireland and Australia.

Stay logged on

Are you aware that if you tick the box on the log in page that says "Stay logged on to this computer" you will automatically be logged in each time you open Roy~Royes Family Links?

Please make sure, in the interests of protecting people's privacy, that you do not do this on a computer accessible to non-family members.

Zodiac in the tree

For those interested in the stars you may like to check out the occurrence of signs in the family tree. On the web site, under [Reports](#) [in the right-hand drop-down menu], you will find two reports about the stars - one listing their occurrence in the tree, the other listing people who belong to each sign. For those without access to the web, and in order of popularity:

23 Jul-22 Aug	Leo	207
23 Aug-22 Sep	Virgo	202
22 Jun-22 Jul	Cancer	201
21 May-21 Jun	Gemini	199
22 Dec-19 Jan	Capricorn	197
20 Jan-18 Feb	Aquarius	196
23 Sep-22 Oct	Libra	196
21 Mar-19 Apr	Aries	196
20 Apr-20 May	Taurus	186
19 Feb-20 Mar	Pisces	182
22 Nov-21 Dec	Sagittarius	179
23 Oct-21 Nov	Scorpio	176

We may have found the Roy Raymond Royes link mentioned on p3 of the June 07 Newsletter - and more family links. It looks as if [George Hougham Royes](#) (born 1875) married twice, the second time to Anna Maria Weiershauser. This item has now been removed from our Most Wanted list. Thanks to Narda Kelly, a granddaughter from this marriage.

You must be logged in!

It is not enough to register with the web site. You need to be logged in. Guests (those not logged in) see only the surname and initials of "living" people - and cannot search for them.



Roy~Royes Family Links has its origins 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, Givans** 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 several guidelines.

1. The first is to concentrate on the Roy and Royes pedigrees.
2. The second is to focus on those branches of the families that emigrated to Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Jamaica.
3. The third is to include several areas of interest: the Normandy dukes; English royalty.

If you are interested in the **Houghams**, you should be aware that Robin Young's site will give you a much wider coverage: <http://hougham.royroyes.net/>

If you cannot remember your R~RFL log-in details, you can ask the system to send them to you. Click login on the family tree home page. The log in window gives you the option of asking for your log in name and password by typing in your registered email address. If you cannot remember which email address you used, I can help you with that. And with your user name. However, I am unable to tell you what your password is.

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