



## Third generation Aussie Royes

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In Family Links #4 (Feb 2007), we looked at the earliest Royes in Australia (Samuel Tyssen, Edward Hougham, Emily and Maria). We know nothing further about Samuel Tyssen Royes and we know that Emily took her family (Bell) back to England after her husband died (1847). Maria married a Frederick Christian Luther and sometime we will get around to looking at what we know about the Luthers in NSW.

We noted that Edward Hougham Royes had ended up in Rockhampton, QLD, and that he is the ancestor of most if not all Royes in Australia today. All six of Edward's children by his first marriage were born in Sydney (the first may have been born near Melbourne). His three sons and possibly his daughter Anna Maria may have accompanied him to, or joined him in, Rockhampton. One daughter, Emily, died at birth or soon after in 1850. His first wife, Mary, died in Sydney in 1862, and in September 1863 he married Hannah (or Emily?) and had another son - we don't know where either event happened at this stage. We know nothing more about this son, Henry.

There is a chart on page 2 showing all known descendants to the third generation. The more detailed listing below seeks to identify places and trades to show how the Royes moved out from Rockhampton to a wide area of North Queensland at a time when the roads were not much more than bullock tracks - which was no problem to most of them because they were carters serving remote areas, especially gold and timber towns.

So, these are Edward Hougham Royes senior's children...

### 1. EDWARD HOUGHAM ROYES 1842-1891

Born Sydney or Melbourne, died Rockhampton at age 49. He married Mary Prior in Rockhampton in 1870 and they had four

daughters and two sons. He had a son by Mary Wallace in 1888 who survived only two years. If he was married to this Mary he must have divorced the first Mary at some point. On the other hand the fact that the two Marys may be the same person will not escape investigation.

**Maude Hougham Royes** (1872-c1940) Born Rockhampton, married John **Woolley** in 1898. She had a child Ivy Williams Hougham Royes born in 1894 and it is not clear that this is Woolley's child. We know no more about them.

**Percy Hougham Royes** (1875-1935) was born, married (1914) and died in Rockhampton. His wife was Emily Bishop and they had four children, all born in Rockhampton and who lived in Rockhampton, Clermont and Blair Athol, and Brisbane.

**Mark Hougham Royes** (1879-c1898). Born Rockhampton. No other information. (One of the Jamaican Royes is also so named.)

**Laura Hougham Royes** (1881-?) Born Rockhampton. No other information.

**May Hougham Royes** (1885-?) Born Rockhampton, married (1913) William James **Kidd**. No other information.

**Grace Hougham Royes** (1887-?) Born Rockhampton, married (1900) Richard **Butler**. No other information.

**Sydney Hougham Royes** (1888-1890) By Edward's second wife(?), Mary Wallace. Born and died Rockhampton.

### 2. ANNA MARIA ROYES 1844-?

In the case of Anna Maria, we know that she married a Robert Smail in Sydney in 1868. There are Smails in Townsville in 1922 but we don't know if there is any connection, but the fact that her three brothers and father were in Central Queensland by at least 1870 suggests a possibility worth following up.

### 3. GEORGE HOUGHAM ROYES 1846-1936

Born Sydney, married Jane Olive 1873 Rockhampton, died probably Home Hill. He appears to have moved to Ravenswood before 1885 and until at least 1904, perhaps until 1927 when his wife died there. He had a firewood permit in 1888. He is listed on his daughter Annie Marie's cemetery records as a carter. They had 12 children...

**George Hougham Royes** 1875-c1940 - born and died in Rockhampton. He married (1899) Ann Mary Catherine Hayes and they had eight children between 1893 and 1913 - probably all in Rockhampton. One of these was yet another George Hougham Royes. His second marriage was to Anna Maria Weiershauser and we know of two children - there may have been others.



**Our earliest Australian Royes photograph: 1904 wedding of Bert Royes and Mary Moody in Mareeba**

*Our guesses at Who's Who: STANDING: Edward Mordaunt Royes (28)??, Thomas Mordaunt Royes (26)??, Mary Agnes Royes (16)??, Herbert Charles Royes, Mary Jane Moody, Elizabeth Isobel Royes (21)??, John George Royes (11)??, Charles Mordaunt Royes?? SEATED: Jessie Phoebe Royes (13)??, Jean Stewart Royes (30)??, unknown, Mary (Murray) Royes, Eleanor Ettea Royes (25)??, unknown FLOWER GIRLS: Winifred Constance Royes (6)??, Eleanor May Swan (6)?? and small boy unknown*

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## Third generation Aussie Royes... cont

**Charles Hougham Royes** 1877-1957. Born either Rockhampton or Ravenswood, died and is buried in Charters Towers.

**Annie Marie Hougham Royes** 1879-1904. Dressmaker. Born either Rockhampton or Ravenswood, died in Ravenswood aged 25.

**Sydney Hougham Royes** 1881-? Born either Rockhampton or Ravenswood, married Elizabeth Dunne in 1920, died in Townsville. Five children, one born Townsville (1916) and another Home Hill (1918).

**Fredrick Hougham Royes** 1883-1945 Born either Rockhampton or Ravenswood, married 1911 to Matilda Ann Horan possibly in Ravenswood as first of two children was born there in 1912. Died in Home Hill.

**Ralph Hougham Royes** 1885-1889. Born and buried in Ravenswood, aged 3.

**Eleanor Maude Hougham Royes** 1887-? Born Ravenswood. married 1913 to James Henry **Foley**. No further information.

**Ralph Hougham Royes** 1890-1907. Born and died Ravenswood, aged just short of 18.

**Arthur Hougham Royes** 1891-1963. Born Ravenswood, died Home Hill.

**Jane Elliott Hougham Royes** 1893-1932 Born Ravenswood, had one child prior to marrying Lesley **Harvey** in 1920 (four children). Died Rockhampton.

**John Hougham Royes** 1895-1921. Born Ravenswood, died possibly Home Hill.

**Bathurst Hougham Royes** 1897-1983. Born Ravenswood, married Lillian Marie Poulton in 1922, first of two children born Brisbane. Died Townsville.

### 4. EMILY ROYES 1850-1850

### 5. CHARLES MORDAUNT ROYES 1851-1919

Born Sydney, married Mary Murray in Rockhampton in 1874, died in Mareeba. In 1878 moved to Ravenswood to set up carrying business with bullocks and horses. 1893 moved to Georgetown, by 1901 was in Mareeba and ran his business between Mareeba and Herberton. He and Mary had 13 children...

**Jean Stewart Royes** 1876-? presumably born in Rockhampton, married John Robert **Swan** in Georgetown in 1896 and by 1902 was living in Mareeba. They had eight children.

**Edward Mordaunt Royes** 1878-1915 presumably born in Rockhampton.

**Thomas Mordaunt Royes** 1879-1958 born in Ravenswood, married Ellen Crossley in 1898, and died in Charters Towers. Their eleven children were born in Georgetown, Mareeba and Normanton, and died in Normanton, Charters Towers, Cairns, Brisbane and Cloncurry.

**Eleanor Ettea Royes** 1881-c1961, born in Ravenswood. Married first Thomas Joseph **Robinson** in 1901 and had two children. Married second George **Ainsbury** and had three children, one born in Mt Garnet. There are descendants in Sydney.

Edward Hougham Royes (1818 - 1878)  
& Mary Elliott (? - 1862)

Edward Hougham Royes (1842 - 1891)  
& Mary Prior (1851 - 1925)

Edward Hougham Royes (1842 - 1891)  
& Mary Wallace

Anna Maria Royes (1844 - )  
& Robert Smail (1841 - ?)

George Hougham Royes (1846 - 1936)  
& Jane Ley Olive (1859 - 1927)

Emily Royes (1850 - 1850)

Charles Mordaunt Royes (1851 - 1919)  
& Mary Mcleod Murray (1856 - 1941)

Eleanor Royes (1856 - ?)



Maude Hougham Royes (1872 - -1940)  
& John Arthur Woolley (? - ?)

Percy Hougham Royes (1875 - 1935)  
& Emily Bishop (-1894 - 1975)

Mark Hougham Royes (1879 - -1898)

Laura Hougham Royes (1881 - ?)

May Hougham Royes (1885 - ?)  
& William James Kidd

Grace Hougham Royes (1887 - ?)  
& Richard Butler

Sydney Hougham Royes  
(1888 - 1890)

George Hougham Royes (1875 - -1940)  
& Ann Mary Catherine Hayes (1871 - ?)

George Hougham Royes (1875 - -1940)  
& Anna Maria Weiershauser (-1880 - -1971)

Charles Hougham Royes (1877 - 1957)

Annie Marie Hougham Royes (1879 - 1904)

Sydney Hougham Royes (1881 - ?)  
& Elizabeth Jane Dunne (- 1963)

Fredrick Hougham Royes (1883 - 1945)  
& Matilda Ann Horan (1885 - 1954)

Ralph Hougham Royes (1885 - 1889)

Eleanor Maude Hougham Royes (1887 - ?)  
& James Henry Foley

Ralph Hougham Royes (1890 - 1907)

Arthur Hougham Royes (1891 - 1963)

Jane Elliott Hougham Royes (1893 - 1932)  
& Lesley William Steven Demuth Harvey

Jane Elliott Hougham Royes (1893 - 1932)  
& UNNAMED

John Hougham Royes (1895 - 1921)

Bathurst Hougham Royes (1897 - 1983)  
& Lillian Marie Poulton (1897 - 1981)

Jean Stewart Royes (1876 - 1961)  
& John Robert Swan (1869 - 1956)

Edward Mordaunt Royes (1878 - 1915)

Thomas Mordaunt Royes (1879 - 1958)  
& Ellen Caroline Crossley (1879 - 1959)

Eleanor Ettea Royes (1881 - -1961)  
& Thomas Joseph Robinson

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& George Ainsbury (? - ?)

Herbert Charles Royes (1883 - 1963)  
& Mary Jane Moody (1886 - 1960)

Elizabeth Isobel May Royes (1885 - 1965)  
& Hans Jacob Henrikson

Willie Royes (1887 - 1887)

Robert Luther Royes (1888 - 1915)

Mary Agnes Royes (1890 - 1970)  
& Thomas Rogers

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& Ross

Jessie Phoebe Royes (1893 - 1981)  
& William Henry Hollamby

Jessie Phoebe Royes (1893 - 1981)  
& Joseph Taylor

John George Royes (1894 - 1956)  
& Marie Elizabeth Paulina Vollenweider (1903 - )

Druce Grantley Royes (1897 - 1980)

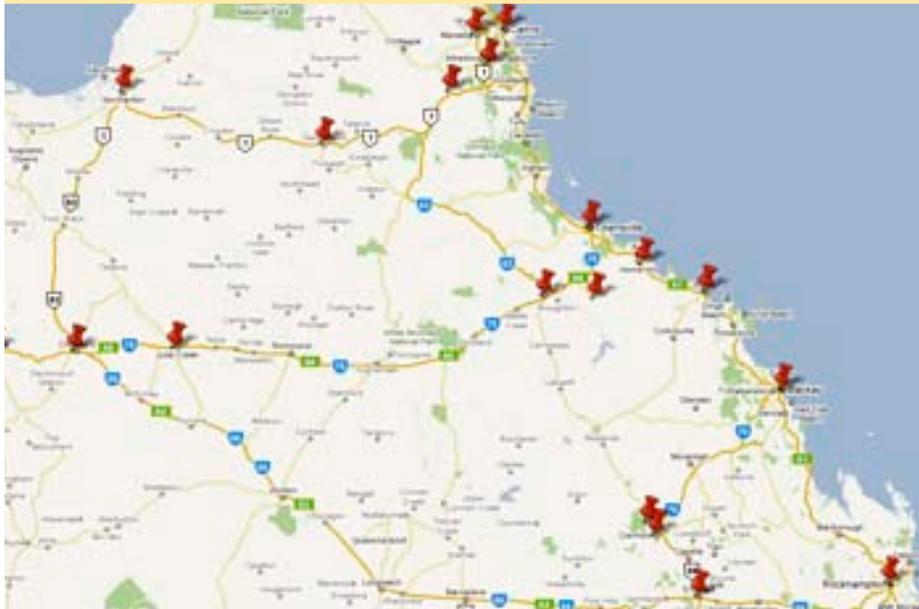
Winifred Constance Royes (1900 - 1984)  
& Hugh Corbett Taylor (1908 - <1984)

[Click here for a slightly larger and "crisper" version of this chart.](#)

[Click here for a pdf chart showing four generations from Edward Hougham Royes., and with more detail.](#)

[This is part of the History article "Royes throughout central and north Queensland" on the web site](#)

## Third Generation Aussie Royes... continued



The map shows where we have links in the family tree to places. You can view this at Google maps: <http://maps.google.com.au/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&msid=113184442660406612857.00043b57eb146f8adf0ae&ll=-20.981957,145.437012&spn=9.653147,15.227051&z=7&om=1>

### Herbert Charles Royes

1883-1963 is May Royes's father. He was born in Ravenswood, married Mary Moody in Mareeba in 1906 and died in Mareeba. Their eight children were born in Mareeba and many of their descendants are still resident in Mareeba and Cairns.



You can find who in the family tree is connected with a place. On the Roy~Royes Family Links web-site, select Places under the Find drop-down menu. The magnifying glass  beside a place will take you to a map and a list of the people associated with that place.

**Elizabeth Isobel May Royes** 1885-1965. Born Ravenswood, married 1905 to Hans Jacob **Henrickson**.

**Willie Royes** 1887 died at birth in Ravenswood.

**Robert Luther Royes** 1888-1915 born Ravenswood. Note the "Luther" - his aunt Maria's married name.

**Mary Agnes Royes** 1890-1970, born Ravenswood, married 1913 to Thomas **Rogers**, at least one of their three daughters born in Lismore NSW. Married [unknown] **Ross** and had two daughters.

**Jesse Phoebe Royes** 1893-1981, born either Ravenswood or Georgetown. Married 1912 to William Henry **Hollamby** and had three children, at least two of whom died in Brisbane. Married Joseph **Taylor**.

**John George Royes** 1894-1956, born in Georgetown, married 1929 to Marie Vollenweider, died in Brisbane. They had three children, including a second John George Royes.

**Druce Grantley Royes** 1897-1980, born Georgetown or Mareeba - he worked with his father and two brothers in the carrying

business.

**Winifred Constance Royes** 1900-1984, probably born Mareeba, married Hugh Corbett **Taylor**, died Brisbane.

### 6. ELEANOR ROYES 1856 -?

Born Sydney. No further information.

### 7. HENRY ROYES 1865-?

Born to Edward senior's second wife, Hannah Burnham. No further information.

**A**s you can see, from Rockhampton the Royes spread throughout central and north Queensland. We have gone only to the third generation but such was the size of families in those days that we have covered 31 known grandchildren of immigrant Edward Hougham Royes. (I think I am doing well with nine!) Their descendants are still to be found mainly in Queensland, but I have contacts in Canberra and Melbourne where some families of later generations have settled.

There are some Royes from central Queensland I have not been able to fit into the tree but Royes and central Queensland mean only one thing

to me. In fact I am confident that any Royes you meet in Australia is certain to be a descendant of Edward Hougham Royes.

It is often difficult to track descendants of the women. For one thing, when they get married they usually change their name. When we do know the name it often seems to stop there - perhaps because they became part of their husband's family story.

One reason for presenting this overview is to encourage Australian Royes to be alert to family links, and see if you can fill in some of the gaps. **Photos** of any of these pioneers would also be most welcome.

And... if you would like to write up the story of any of the families of these third generation Royes for a future newsletter/the web site, I am sure you will find some very interested and appreciative readers. Contact the editor.

### Reading old headstones

**B**een wandering through your local cemetery and cannot read what is on the old - the most interesting - headstones? You can use a mirror to read worn tombstones: hold the mirror so that reflected sunlight just grazes, or is at a low angle to, the face of the tombstone, which is itself not in direct sunlight. Any depressions, such as letters, will remain in shadow and will show up against the brighter surface. This will not work on a cloudy day, of course.

You will get the same results in a photograph if you have an extension or remote flash. Hold the flash head so the flash grazes the face of the stone but does not go into the camera lens.

**W**e have a different layout for Family Links. Those who receive the printed version may have noticed that the last issue was slightly smaller than previous. This was because of problems between my updated Adobe CS3 software and the printer's set up in respect of "bleeds". I decided to simplify the layout - no bleeds, full size... and a more newsletter style format.

# News & Notes

## Encore!



**T**rish (Cooper) Sutton (right) featured in a play *The Shadrack Affair* last September in Cape Town, South Africa. Her performance earned her an invitation to a major role in *Cabaret* to be staged at the Artscape theatre in Cape Town in 2008 - family and business commitments permitting. There is a review in her individual notes on the web site (for registered and logged in members only).

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## Reunion:

### Descendants of

Thomas Mordaunt and Ellen Caroline Royes



3-5 May 2008, Townsville with visit to Ravenswood and Charters Towers on the 4th

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## Bill Grumley's 90th

**T**here were 120 people in the Malanda Hotel (Atherton Tablelands behind Cairns in North Queensland)



last October for **Bill's** 90th birthday party. He had a wonderful time and was really touched by the effort people had put in to be there. His eight great grand children (the youngest 2 years old) were happy to be at the party and covered him with streamers.

## And Joyce Trimble's 80th

**A**nd a few kilometres north in Mareeba, **Joyce** (niece of Bill, above) has her birthday two days before Christmas - 2007 was her 80th. Daughter Janine organised the party at Joyce's place - a common meeting place for family gatherings.



## Electoral Rolls

**T**he Australian Commonwealth Electoral Rolls 1901-1936 are on line (via Ancestry.com) and I have been busy working through them and updating people's profiles. One surprising find is that several in our family tree do not appear to have registered to vote. Another discovery was that when some of the women got married they no longer registered.

Note that the rolls cannot be guaranteed as accurate if people have not notified their change of address!

# People events

3 Jan: **Jackson Rodney Malcolm** born to Douglas and Casey in Mareeba QLD - another great grandchild for Joy Weatherburn [*Royes-Weatherburn*]

18 Dec: **Chloe Eliza Slavin Behrens** born to Liz (Slavin) and Kevin Behrens in Melbourne VIC [*Behrens, Hogan-Russell*]

8 Dec: **Andrew Royes and Shauna Forster** married in Jamaica. They live in Montreal, Canada. [*Royes*]

3 Dec: **Grace Briony Hardie** born to Marina (Harris) and David Hardie in Toowoomba QLD [*Royes-Claxton*]

6 Nov: **Fay (Weatherburn) Edwards** died in Townsville, QLD, aged 72 [*Royes-Weatherburn*]

6 Oct: **Stephen Gear married Kristin Banvill** in Mareeba, QLD [*Royes-Trimble*]

1 Oct: **Con Bogiatzis** (brother of Rose Roy) died in Canberra ACT. [*Roy-Bogiatzis*]

25 Aug: **Darryl Trimble and Hannah Rutherford** were married at her parents' property on the outskirts of Cooktown QLD. [*Royes-McFarlane-Trimble*]

13 Aug: **Tim Royes** was a successful music video director and editor, producing videos for groups such as the Sugababes, Rachel Stevens and even Enya. He 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*]



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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