



News & Notes

Emmy Lou, hero at 8

When Shannon Gallagher, a diabetic, began fading out of consciousness while driving her three children from Normanton to their property, the eldest **Emmy Lou**, aged 8, jumped into mum's lap. She could not reach the pedals so all she could do was steer.

But being a country girl she knew how to use the UHF radio and raised her grandmother, Nola. Her father Ashley then gave instructions to her over the radio. Emmy Lou was able to get her mother to slow down enough for her to turn the car around, since they had gone past the turn off to their place. Ashley then got her to take the car out of gear and turn the headlights on to attract the ambulance that had been alerted and was on its way.

The whole incident lasted an hour and had taken mum and the girls 30 km past their turn off.

Emmy Lou received an ambulance award as Young Hero of the Year and sister Clare received a Commissioner's Commendation.

Needless to say, parents and grandparents are immensely proud of the girls and the way they stayed calm during the crisis.

Grandma (Nola) was a Royes, daughter of Elsie and Thomas Mervyn Royes. The family has been in the Normanton area since early last century.



See <http://royroyes.net/genealogy/showmedia.php?medialD=1005>



A family baptism

What baptism isn't a family affair, you might ask? Well, this one was a tad different. **Éamon Clancy** was baptised/christened on 4 October in The Church of the Holy Cross, Tramore, Ireland, by his great uncle, Fr Tom Hogan from Dublin, and the baptismal candle presented, and an Australian blessing offered, by his 3rd cousin, Rev Dr Bruce Roy, from Sydney and The Uniting Church in Australia - and whose ancestors were staunch Ulster protestants! Making it a very ecumenical occasion.

Reflect for a moment that just over 100 years ago Éamonn's great great grandfather, Presbyterian James Russell, migrated to South Africa, to be followed six months later by his Catholic fiancée Annie Magee, so that they could be married in a Catholic church free from family conflict.

Many of you will know that such conflict is present in many of our family stories, and more recently than 100 years ago!

Bits 'n' Pieces

Gillian Royes has taken up an appointment as Associate Professor of Journalism with the University of the Virgin Islands, and is living in St Croix.

Éamon Brennan at this time is in Chicago (on a student exchange programme) attending UIC. In late December it was -20°C but he still thinks Chicago is a very vibrant city.

People events

- ☛ Nov: **Max Brian Behrens Bolger** born to Patrick and Sheena in Dublin, Ireland [Hogan-Russell]
- ☛ Oct: **Ashleigh Renae Royes** born to Benjamin and Kathryn (Graham) Royes - their first, and first grandchild for George and Gloria Royes [Royes]
- ☛ Oct: **Jonan David** born to Peter Clay and Annie Higgins, a grandchild for Daphne (Crossley) Clay [Crossley]
- ☛ Sep: **Lucas Elliott Edwards** born in Mackay Mater Hospital, QLD to Lee and Nancy (Fadden) Edwards [Royes-Weatherburn]

Tom Cooper was sympathetic to those in the cold northern hemisphere - or so he says - but went on to boast of family time swimming at Scarborough, South Africa, with the temperature at about 22°C. It was the first time he and daughter Trish had been in the water together in 28 years. This is Trish and her two boys...



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Visiting the Cousins

Bruce Roy

In one sense it was a pilgrimage, tracing the paths my ancestors had taken, meeting people who were also part of that pilgrimage. Though living in the middle of all this history I'm sure it cannot have the same significance as it does for one who comes from a place where European settlement measures its heritage in a mere two centuries or so. Still there is the church where, early in the nineteenth century, nearly all the children of Solomon Royes (my great great great grandfather) were baptised. I could walk the streets he and his children would have walked.

I was surprised, especially in London, to find a modern city going about modern business! People and cars were hurrying around just like they do in Sydney. Yet intermingled with that were these historic places. I wondered what it was like to live here. Do you become blasé about the heritage around you?

I had been thinking for some years of visiting people in Ireland, the United Kingdom and France with whom I had been exchanging family tree information. When I visited John Hogan in Bendigo last year, he urged me to do it while I can. I took his advice and spent most of last October "over the top" from my home "down under".

I was keen also to see the places where the family had lived or worked.

And I had hoped to do some research at places like the National Archives, but that turned out to be elusive!

The hospitality was overwhelming. I spent quite

Photos from my trip can be seen at <http://royroyes.net/cousins/index.html>



This map of part of central London shows the Hougham/Royes interests. St Paul's Cathedral (at the bottom of the map) is a reference point. So let's head north...

The **bottom marker** (of four) indicates St Botolph's church, where many Hougham and Royes events took place. There is a large plaque to Solomon Hougham in the Church. See a photo of it under Headstones - <http://royroyes.net/genealogy/showmedia.php?medialD=610>.



The numbering of Aldersgate Street has changed since the days of Solomon Hougham and Solomon Royes and their goldsmith shop at numbers 137 and 138, but Solomon Hougham's will indicates that there was a property at the back of the goldsmith business, in Half Moon Court, that was rented out. Half Moon Court is the left of the **two adjacent markers** so we can get some idea of where the goldsmith business was in Aldersgate Street. This section of Aldersgate Street has been developed into large corporate buildings with the famous Barbican development opposite.

The **top marker** is their residence at 19 Charterhouse Square - the house no longer exists though many others in the area still do, thus giving a "feel" for the place. 19 is included in the pink and white boutique accommodation and dining that can be seen in the photo.

a number of nights as a guest in someone's home, or shared the hospitality of a meal, and I count that a real privilege.

After a 30 hour trip from Sydney to Dublin via Bangkok and London, I was up till nearly midnight my first night (in Dublin) courtesy of Fr Tom Hogan, and then the same the next night in Tramore with Tom and his sister Anne, and it could have been a third late night but after dinner with Jim Hogan and with an invitation to join Anne at a local pub for genuine Irish music, at 10:30 pm

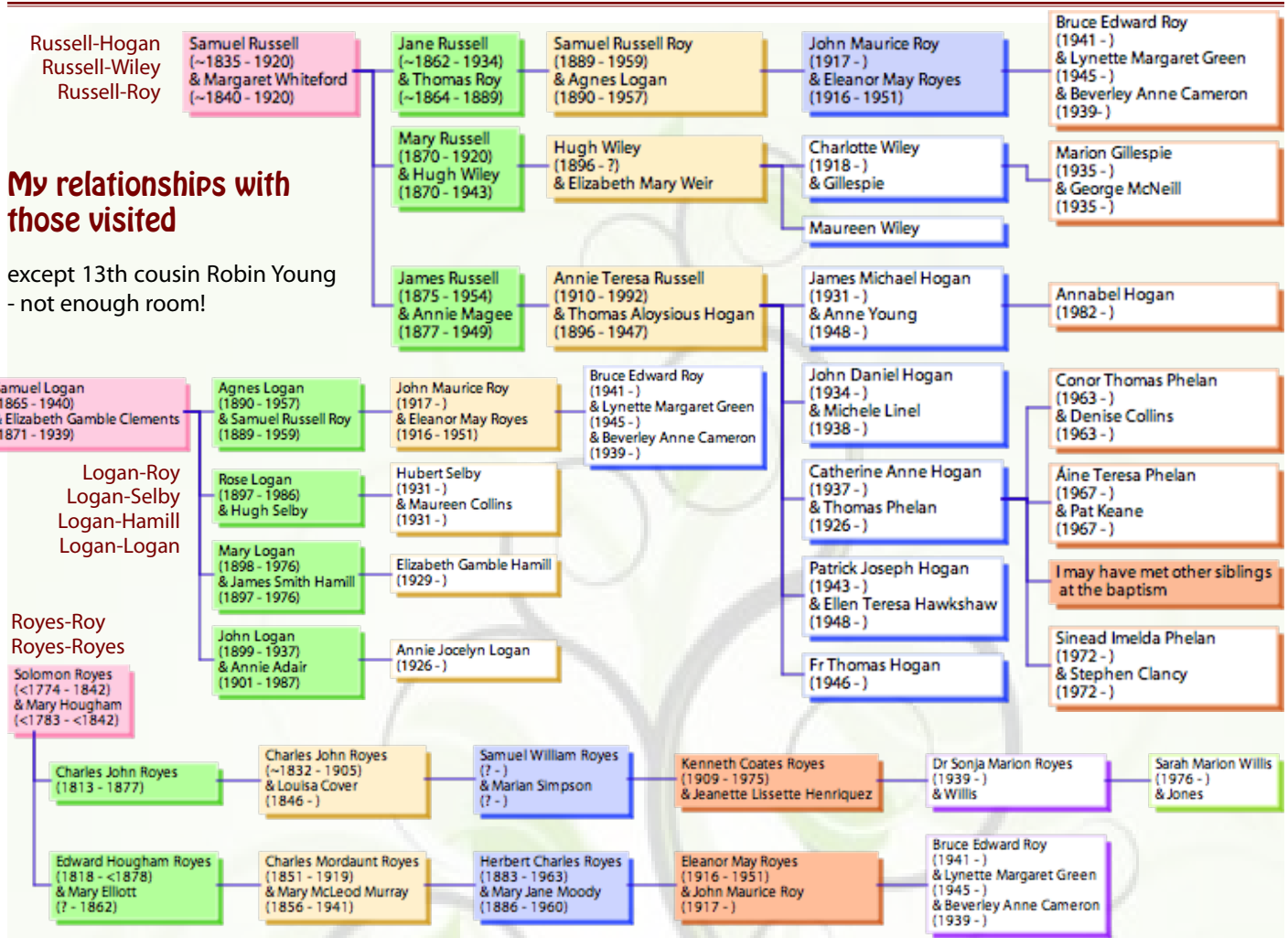
I thought I had better get my jet lag sorted! That Hogan hospitality can be dangerous!

A highlight of my visit to Tramore was being able to participate in the baptism of Éamonn Clancy - reported on page 1. What a change in faith relationships when compared with some of our family history!

I enjoyed dinner with Pat and Erin Hogan on the shore of Galway Bay. This was on my (almost) circumnavigation of Ireland to get me to Larne. I'll come back to



From left: Tom Hogan, Anne (Hogan) Phelan, Jim Hogan, Patrick Hogan, Marion McNeill, Maureen and Hugh Selby and Beth Hamill



My relationships with those visited

except 13th cousin Robin Young - not enough room!

Larne because the Hogans haven't finished with me yet. Jack and Michele Hogan live in France, with a place in Paris convenient to the centre of Paris which they shared with me for a weekend. Apart from Jack being my chief correspondent for the Hogan side of the family this had little to do with the family tree - but Paris was wonderful!

Back to Larne where my Roy side of the family tree comes from.

I caught up with more Russell descendants, the Wiley branch. I met Lottie Wiley Gillespie, her sister Maureen, daughter Marion and nephew Derek. Lottie can remember the Roy children, especially Aunt Beryl, since they lived a few doors from each other in Bank Road. She still corresponds with Beryl. Derek presented me with a poem about "Wee Shooie" that you can find on the web site.

☛ From left: Jack Hogan, Robin and Jan Young, Jocelyn Logan, Sarah Jones and Bruce Roy and Sonja Royes Willis



The house where my grandfather was probably born and certainly lived and where my father was born and lived until the family left for Australia when he was 6, is still there, largely unchanged except for the satellite dish on the outside!

On my grandmother's side I met with Logan descendants Beth Hamill and Hugh Selby with wife Maureen. Later in England I also spent a weekend in Somerset courtesy of Jocelyn Logan. She fed me on traditional Ulster fare for memory's sake!

Hugh produced the family Bible bought by Sam Logan in 1887 shortly before he married Elizabeth Clements and produced six daughters (five of whom survived to adulthood) and one son.

I managed to track down a number of locations in Larne that relate to the family.

I had two weeks in London and southern England, with an excellent base in Barnes courtesy of my financial adviser - an ideal location for heading into town and down to Kent and Somerset.



Visiting the Cousins... continued

Robin Young's name will be familiar to you if you work through our family tree because he is the chief Hougham family researcher - his site is also on royroyes.net and you will see many cross references to it in the Roy~Royes tree. In fact, if not for Robin (a 13th cousin) we would not have the extensive pedigree for the Royes that we have. Robin and Jan kindly gave me a bed for the night to make it easier to visit Ash, Sandwich and Dover.



St Nicholas Church Ash (illustrated) and Dover Castle gave me a real feel of connection with past ancestors. See the photos in the web link

in the box on page 2.

A very specific Royes connection was a meeting with descendants of Charles Royes who went to Jamaica about the same time as four of his siblings headed for Australia - this is the period 1829-38. I had lunch with Sonja Royes Willis (a 4th cousin) and her daughter Sarah in Maidstone. Sonja rang her sister Helen and I was able to talk with her. The Jamaican family tree is difficult to research fully but they are keen to develop what they can.

I was starting to tire by my fourth week! I took the opportunity to do some tourist stuff in London, including the Museum of London (located at the roundabout near St Botolph's church - see the map on page 2) and the Art Gallery. On another day I walked to Kew Gardens (75 minutes) then walked around Kew Gardens (90 minutes or so?) and was VERY glad to get home that day.

I visited Sissinghurst Gardens south of Maidstone. The London Wetlands were at my back door and I spent some time walking around them. And just walking around Barnes along the Thames was great.

On my final day I had time to fill in between moving out of my accommodation and catching my plane, so drove down to Banstead to see if I could locate the house my wife Bev Cameron and her family had lived in for a few years in the late 1950s - I did but did not know that until I got home and Bev showed me that I had indeed taken a photo of it.

It was a most rewarding trip. First, because I felt I had *connected* with the wider family - I had been exchanging emails with some and now their email address had a person attached to it!

Second, because I felt I had *connected* with places in the family story and gained a sense of family members' place and time in the story. ❖

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Cameron Roy (Ballarat, Vic) has commenced studies for a PhD in international community development. His main interest is China.

Bev and I were looking after her granddaughters, Lucy and Ilana. One was a rabbit for the day and the other a dog. We were informed that rabbits like to bury their poo, dogs need house-training. I invited rabbit onto my lap - to be informed that I was no good for burying!

Web site notes

Articles, histories, overviews and previous newsletters are slowly being amended to repair internal links broken when all the person and family numbering was accidentally changed last September. Histories have been completed and at the moment I am working through the Overviews charts. It is a tedious job!

Anniversaries link (under Find drop-down menu) is now available only to people who are logged in. We had a huge amount of traffic from people wanting (unsuccessfully) to imbed their porn or drugs web site links in the keywords box so that it would appear in our site log and increase their site rating with search engines.



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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