



News & Notes

60th

Peney (Roy) Cade celebrated her 60th birthday in home town, Cairns, last December. Almost the whole family travelled from Melbourne for the occasion, plus her siblings from around North Queensland. The Cades stayed at Trinity Beach next door to where Peney's family had lived at one time.



New drug may help to combat leukaemia

Prof Mark Lawler heads a team at Trinity College and St James Hospital, Dublin that has discovered a powerful new drug for the treatment of leukemia. He is married to Ruth Cassin of the Hogan branch. See Mark's notes for a full account of this work.

Engagement

Catching up on the 9th July engagement of **Jaala Kassandra Miller to Trent Cusack**. Jaala is Janine (Grumley) and Lance Miller's second daughter.

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It has been snowing somewhat in the Northern hemisphere! This is **Sarah Willis Jones** with Courtenay and Analeise in Maidstone, Kent. My wife **Bev's** older son, Bruce, and his two young daughters travelled on Christmas eve from Sydney's 30° to Manhattan for New York's first Christmas snow in eight years.



Never give up!

Joyce (McFarlane) Trimble reported in her Christmas letter that she had had two major health issues last year - a recurrence of her oral cancer and surgery to repair one of her legs. Yet at nearly 82 she still mows the lawn on her ride-on mower! Regrets having to employ someone to weed the garden.

People events

- § Nov: **Mason Nate Metzger** born in Mareeba QLD, third son for Kellie Marie (Vohland) and Raymond.
- § 9 Nov: **Paul Cassin**, husband of Maureen (Hogan), died from cancer, and was buried 12 Nov (Ireland). They have five children. See page 2.
- § January 2010: **Arabella Black** born to Cameron and Courtney, their third daughter and ninth grandchild for Alan and Kay.
- § Jan: Donald William Mack third child born to Anita, third daughter of **Pene (Royes) Curtis**.

The ferns dance

92-y-o **Maurie Roy** in Cairns had a fall and fractured his right femur below the hip - a bone he had previously fractured in a car accident 10 years ago, though not in the same place. It was Melbourne Cup day (3 Nov), when the horse *Shocking* (which has a Cairns connection) won. Maurie says he had a shocking day but *didn't* win. As we go to print Maurie has moved to his own room in a rehabilitation ward at Cairns Base Hospital. The ward upstairs had given him a view of the famous Cairns Esplanade from its balcony. I commented that the new view was not so good, consisting of a window onto a space between two buildings and with two fern trees right as his window. He disagreed: "When the wind blows the fern leaves dance. It's fascinating", he said.

Paul Cassin

1933-2009

an address given at Paul's
funeral 12 Nov 2009 by son
Mark



Paul was one of life's great characters ... Even when I was a young age growing up this was something that became very apparent. Paul had his own unusual habits, like for instance the post. Paul always reckoned that everything that was posted in the letterbox was bad news and he was probably right!

The routine in our house was, as soon as Paul would see that the post had arrived, he would gather it up and put it all up on a high shelf in the kitchen. I think the idea was that once a month he would sit down and go through it all ... but I don't think this ever happened!

As a child life was full of surprises. It was not unusual to wake up and find yourself sharing the breakfast table with a homeless person that Paul would have met on his way back from a late night poker session and had invited him home for breakfast. It used to make for some interesting conversation at the breakfast table.

Good food was a great love of Paul's. I think he felt it was a way of bringing people together. I know that many of my own friends would have experienced culinary delights like Paul's roast stuffed pork steak on Christmas Eve.

When I was younger, I can remember that when cooking, to keep his hair out of his eyes, Paul would sometimes put a hankie on his head and tie the four corners in a knot. I can remember to my embarrassment as an 11 or 12 year old walking home from school and one of my friends saying..... "there's your Dad in the car at the traffic lights" And looking over seeing my Dad, hankie tied on head, knot in each corner, window open and reciting poetry out loud! I did what any sensible 12 year old would do and promptly denied that that was my FATHER!

Fantastic people person. He had a

vibrancy about him and always got on very well with young people. He always seemed to have a way of reaching out and relating to them. And I know that many of my friends became very friendly with Paul.

Paul was not a material person.

Clothes, money and those kind of things were unimportant to him, often to my mother's distress. Growing up he would always be happy to give you the last few quid in his pocket to go out and enjoy yourself. What he did care about was ... People, Family and Friends. These were the important things to him.

Loved the craic. The characters in life and often lamented about where had all the eccentric people gone!

Paul loved Learning ... History, Philosophy, Anthropology, Archaeology – he found them all fascinating.

Great conversationalist. He loved imparting knowledge (sometimes, it was true to say, you couldn't get away from him!)

If friends who arrived around didn't know exactly what question to ask to get the conversation going, this was not a problem, Paul was happy to both ask and answer the question!

Paul could be a difficult man.

And my Mum always had endless patience with him.

He loved the outdoors. Paul always loved everything to do with the outdoors and nature and one of my great memories of him on one of those beautiful summers we had about 10 years ago. Paul took to walking out to Tramore every day. He cut an unusual sight with the locals on that road every day, long grey hair, stripped off to the waist wearing nothing but a pair of shorts, bawneen socks and leather shoes! I'm amazed he wasn't arrested.

He hated ceremony. In fact he told my Mum not to lay him out in a suit as no one would recognise him!

He was a great family man. He loved his wife, children and grandchildren beyond words.

Never lost his spirit of adventure.

When Paul was first diagnosed with prostate cancer about 8 years ago he came to Dublin to get treatment. He stayed with me for some of that time and he used to love when we'd take the scooter out of the garage and the two of us would head off on it to go out for dinner. He probably did look a funny sight, 68 years of age heading off on the back of the scooter through Dublin!

He had a great sense of humour and he loved a laugh. And he kept this with him right up to the very end. While he was in hospital Paul got MRSA and he had to be moved to a private room. He had a very big electric bed which took up most of the room. While he was there a visitor arrived and said "Oh Paul, that's pretty cool you're in a private room ... not bad!" Paul looked around and said "Yeah not bad for a COFFIN!"

Paul always had a word of advice for everyone. When our babysitter Kate, was having a long distance row with her boyfriend over the phone, he advised her to simply hang up the phone and that would teach him a lesson. Paul explained that as soon as he came to his senses he'd call back. ... THERE WAS MUCH TEARS WHEN HE DIDN'T CALL BACK. But despite Paul's advice they still managed to make up.

Ours was always an open house. When we were growing up, and we'd arrive back with friends after a night on the town, they would often be amazed to find my Dad up in the early hours of the morning, preparing an elaborate meal for the following evening. Good whiskey and conversation were always available for anyone who arrived in the late hours and who could last the pace!

Sometimes the peoples' champion. When someone decided to rob our local vegetable shop, they didn't reckon on Paul being in the queue. As the thief leapt back out over the counter, money in hand, Paul lashed out with whatever was in his hand, which unlucky for the thief, happened to be a bag of large cooking apples, BRINGING THE THIEF

Paul Cassin... continued

PROMPTLY TO THE FLOOR

Paul was always willing to go one step further to help. He worked with the local association for blind people, taking blind people to classes and on excursions. He was always willing to go a little further to help. On one occasion, when one lady broke her stick, Paul insisted that the local hardware store stay open and fix it on the spot for her.

Paul never paid much attention to how he dressed. And this sometimes caused confusion. In fact one evening he was cleaning up in our travel agency at the end of the day. He saw a lady at the front door who was crying while she was waiting for the bus. She looked upset and when he asked her what was wrong, she said was upset because it was her friend's birthday and she could not go out to join them as her social welfare money had not come through. Paul gave her €50 (never expecting to see it again).

The lady arrived into the Travel Agency a few days later and handed my Mum €50. Saying "please thank Paul, the cleaner, for loaning me the money!"

The evening before Paul passed away ... some of my family and I were with him and although he was not conscious, we told him that he would soon be in a better place, with some friends and family who had gone before him. And he'd probably be there having a fine whiskey and a lively discussion with some of the philosophers, characters and eccentrics that he always loved so much.

Paul died 9 November 2009

He was married to Maureen Hogan

I am always concerned about privacy on the web site. If you are able to search for and find any living person from our family tree data using a search engine (eg, Google) please let me know immediately!

Family Tree finds and changes

Some major additions and changes in the family tree in the past four months in addition to those reported in People Events on page 1.

My computer program tells me that there are close to 250 people whose entries have changed since the last newsletter. Many of these changes are purely editorial, like correcting spelling and place name conventions or fixing grammar. But others are more significant changes:

Mordaunt: Thanks to Mordaunt researcher, Henry Mordaunt, we have (at last!) more information on Sarah Mordaunt's father (Captain [L'Estrange Mordaunt](#)) and her siblings. Her father's and son's wills are now on our site (along with her own) and I hope to transcribe them at some point - or maybe there is a volunteer out there.

There is a family story among the Royes in North Queensland that "Lady Mordaunt had taken off with a pirate"! This is a most curious story, and since most family stories have some root in fact even if "interpreted" over the years it is worthy of note at this stage. It doesn't fit quite with our current data.

Gamble or Jamison? There is a curious reference to the person we know as Agnes Gamble being Agnes Jamison. The reason why this is curious can be found by reading the [Logan history](#). This raises questions about the family stories and why Thomas Jamieson Roy was so named.

Gent: The early Royes were miners around Crocodile Creek (near Mount Morgan, QLD). In more recent times, Ron Royes married [Jan Johnson](#), whose grandfather was a Gent. The Gent family were significant citizens of Crocodile Creek. So the Gent connection has been added and we hope to add some documents soon.

Olive: George Hougham Royes (1846-1934) married Jane Ley

Olive. An [Olive pedigree](#) of just two generations (at this stage) has been added.

Bell: I have had contact with a person writing up all Victoria Cross awards, in respect of [Mark Sever Bell](#). At the time of going to print, this promises to add to our knowledge of Mark. He is a son of Emily (Royes) Bell.

Lumsden: We have been able to push back the [Lumsden pedigree](#) (Green-Lumsden branch) another generation and added more detail.



I have "become friends" with many of you through Facebook. I have created two mailing lists for family tree purposes: Royes-Hougham, and Russell descendants. This enables me to keep each or both lists informed of any developments in the family tree for their branches. Let me know if you are on Facebook and would like to be on one of those lists.

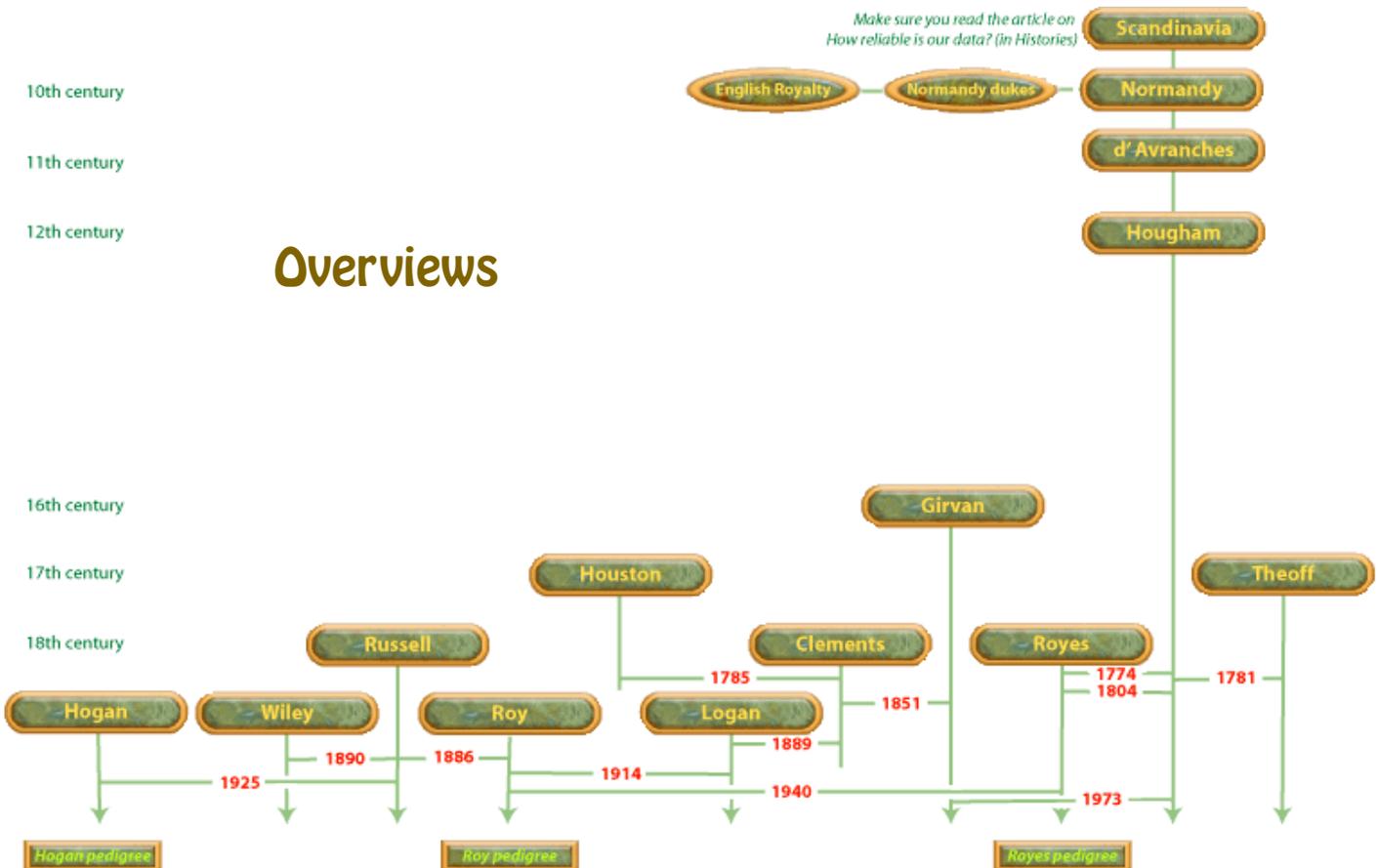
Robinson-Royes: There has been some more information about [Eleanor Etta \(not Ettea\) Royes](#) and her two marriages (Robinson and Ainsbury) - including the fact that her first husband had a child by her sister Elizabeth! He died the year the child was born - so maybe ... no, let's not go down that path without evidence!

Some technical items for web users:

Wills and Probate: We have a number of wills in Documents with their transcriptions in Histories. They have previously linked to the person as a media item but they now link through two new "events" called Will and Probate. This is a more logical place for them and more easily noticed by the viewer. See, for example, [William Hougham](#) (1752 - 1828).

Research notes: I have created a field for Research notes and am gradually transferring speculative comments in "Notes" to "Research Notes".

Make sure you read the article on
How reliable is our data? (in Histories)



Overviews

If you are browsing the family tree on the web you can look at any individual's ancestors or descendants in several ways - charts and reports - and you can create a pdf page of the reports - using their individual page.

But sometimes this does not give you a complete overview of the relationships with cousins in other branches. The Overviews section of the website (Media > [Overviews](#)) tries to create "big picture" images of relationships for the main branches.

The above chart is a summary of the major branch relationships in the tree - on the website this chart is interactive and clicking on a button will take you to a more detailed overview starting with the earliest known ancestor. Each of these overviews has links to the family tree data at the bottom of the page to the main people in the overview.

Most of the overviews are descendant charts but there is also a collection of pedigree (ancestor) charts - more than just the three on the above chart.

To protect privacy the charts generally end at the last deceased person and a link is provided to the family tree data. This means that those who are registered and have access can see more detail. Even visitors to the web site can see some more detail but it is limited to the surnames and initials of living people.

Where an overview includes living people their birth dates are removed.



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 around 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 (24,000+ people) is by Robin Young: <http://hougham.royroyes.net/>

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