



News and Notes

They do it with Style in Normanton

I think I'll just let [Nola Gallagher](#) (Normanton, QLD) tell it:

"We have just had the most amazing weekend. We celebrated Michael's 70th birthday on Friday night with about 150 people and then on



Saturday Troy & Mel were married by the 11Mile waterhole on our property.

"The bride and her attendants arrived by a gooseneck trailer while most of the guests came



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out on the Gulflander to the ceremony. The train was held up by 4 bushrangers on horses so they could put the "groom" on the train.



"The reception was held in the railway station and for entertainment for the children, we had a jumping and a mechanical bucking bull. The children had a ball and I have to say a lot of adults also had to try out the bucking bull also. We had 190 adults and numerous children there. It was just a wonderful weekend of catching up with old friends. Everyone has said it was the most memorable wedding they have ever been to. My seven little granddaughters were Mel's attendants and Troy had his 2 brothers as his groomsmen so I was one proud Mother and Grandmother!"

[Nola doesn't mention it - it was *her* birthday two days after the wedding. I wonder if there was any capacity left to celebrate it!]

Cameron and Echo

[Cameron Roy and Echo Wu](#) were married in Brisbane, QLD, on 5 January. A much quieter affair



than the above because their real celebraton will happen when Echo migrates from China within the next few months. Only Cameron's family attended this registration event but it was a very pleasant event and we look forward to a bigger celebration when Echo can finally settle in Australia. Her parents and sister will come to Brisbane for that celebration.

Golden anniversary



[Tom and Cynthia Cooper](#)

celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last August with family and friends.

They were married at Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church in Kensington High Street in London in 1961. They had met at The Overseas Visitors Club in Earls Court, a well known gathering place for young people from British Commonwealth countries seeking adventure in Europe in the mid 1950s.

Two of their children Edward and Gillian were born in England and their third Patricia in Rome where Tom was stationed on a special assignment in the late sixties. They returned to South Africa to settle in 1972. At first in Pretoria and then on the Cape Peninsula.



The family has stayed together and now live within minutes of each other in and near Fish Hoek. This small town is also near Simons Town - the early home town of Jimmy and Annie Russell who emigrated from Ireland to settle there in 1902.

2 Palace Green: the house that William built

- Ron Royes

A residence built at 2 Palace Green, Kensington, London in the nineteenth century not only



William Thackeray

holds a special place in English history, but one for the Royes family story.

William Makepeace Thackeray was an English novelist of the

19th century. He was famous for his satirical works, particularly *Vanity Fair*, a panoramic portrait of English society. During the Victorian era, Thackeray was ranked second only to Charles Dickens.

In the 1860's, Thackeray built a house at 2 Palace Green, Kensington, London.

Thackeray had acquired a dilapidated house on the property and decided to rebuild a new residence.

Queen Victoria, the reigning monarch at the time, objected to the erection of any new buildings opposite Kensington Palace and 2 Palace Green. However, Thackeray was able to convince the monarch of his plans which included writing the history of Queen Anne at the new residence.

Thackeray agreed to spend 1,400 pounds. On 29 June 1860, his proposal was approved but on the basis that the dressings (construction material) be of red brick. In the event, both brick, stone and stucco were used. The builders were Jackson and Graham, an Oxford Street firm which specialised largely in interior decoration.

The house was ready for occupation by March 1862. The cost, including fittings, was over 8,000 pounds.

Thackeray once described the

brick house to an American friend as the reddest house in all the town. Thackeray's daughter once declared that "my father first set the fashion for red brick".

Unfortunately, Thackeray did not live long enough to enjoy the luxuriant surroundings of his new residence.

On 23 December 1863, after returning from a dinner, and before dressing for bed, Thackeray suffered a stroke and was found dead on his bed in the morning. His death at the age of fifty two was entirely unexpected. It shocked his family, friends and his reading public.

An estimated 7,000 people attended his funeral at Kensington Gardens. He was buried on 29 December 1863 at Kendal Green Cemetery. A memorial bust sculptured by Marochetti can be found in Westminster Abbey.

Mary Hougham Royes was the youngest of thirteen children of Solomon and Mary Royes. At the time of her parents' deaths in 1842 at Jersey in the Channel Islands, she was 18 years old. She and her sisters Adelaide, Maria and Emily were the beneficiaries of the substantial estate of Solomon Royes.

Two years later she wed a Charles Augustus Turner at Jersey. Three children, two daughters and a son, resulted from the marriage.

After her husband passed away c.1850's, she moved to St. Ann, Jamaica where her older brother Charles John Royes was a prominent businessman and politician. She made the acquaintance of a close associate of Charles, Joseph Bravo, whom she married in 1854. Her children



A sketch by William Railton of William Thackeray outside 2 Palace Green

assumed the surname Bravo.

Bravo was a West Indian merchant who exported goods to various parts of the world, including England.



Joseph Bravo

Bravo decided to locate to London and expand his merchant business. Initially, they resided at 2A Lancaster Gate, Paddington. The business boomed. In the late 1860's, the Bravo family acquired the residence at 2 Palace Green, Kensington. Despite the stylish lifestyle surrounded by several servants, Mary Hougham encountered several hardships. Her eldest daughter Alice had a speech and hearing deficiency.

Her son Charles died of poisoning in 1876, which brought about two hearings into his death. Was it accident or murder? His wife of four months was one of the suspects and there was a high degree of public interest in the trial.



Charles Turner Bravo

There are reports that his mother Mary took to her bed in face of the loss of her only son - and the scandal - and consoled herself with the bottle.

She, similarly to Thackeray, did not live long enough to savour the delights of the residence. On 16 July 1877, she died at the residence at 2 Palace Green, aged 48 years, 14 months after her son's death. The cause of her death was



2 Palace Green becomes the Israeli embassy

north side which had contained Thackeray's library. By 1938, little remained of the original interior decorations. That year a further scheme of redecoration was undertaken by Darcy Braddell.

Today, 2 Palace Green is the headquarters of the Israeli Embassy and Israeli Consulate in the United Kingdom.

In 1994, a bomb explosion occurred outside the Embassy building. No one was injured.

Kensington Palace Gardens in west central London, contains some of the grandest and most expensive houses in the world.

A tree-lined avenue half a mile long in the heart of Embassy land, has long been known as Billionaires Row

due to the extreme wealth of its private residents, although in fact, the majority of its current occupants are either national embassies or ambassadorial residences. According to real estate agency Knight Frank, current market prices for a property on the street are an average of 18 million pounds. Kensington Palace is the residence of the Duke and Duchess of Kent, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and Prince and Princess Michael of Kent.

The southern section of Kensington Palace Gardens is called "PALACE GREEN" where William Thackeray built his house in 1862.

It is still the reddest house in all the town. 🏡

1994 bombing of the Israeli embassy



determined as an Enlarged Liver, haematemesis (the vomiting of blood). The source is generally the upper gastrointestinal tract. Signs of haematemesis can be attributed to excessive alcohol use or liver disorder).

At a National Census held in England on 3 April 1881, Joseph Bravo, then a 65 year old widower, was in residence at 2 Palace Green, Kensington. Less than two months later, Joseph Bravo passed away.

A new owner took over 2 Palace Green in 1882, when Spencer Chadwick added another story to the building, and a canted bay to the single story wing on the

Name	Age	R'ship	Status	Occupation	Born	Notes
Joseph Bravo	62	head	widower	general merchant	Jamaica	
Alice Bravo	36	daughter	unmar	no occupation	London	deaf and dumb
Elizabeth Bell	40	niece	ditto	ditto	Australia	
Annie Bell	35	ditto	ditto	ditto	Australia	
Carrie Hemming	18	visitor	unmar	no occupation	London	
Charles Briggs	29	servant	ditto	domestic serv Butler	Sussex	
George Lawrence	24	ditto	ditto	ditto Footman	Herefordshire	
Jesse? Briggs	43	ditto	married	ditto Carpenter	Bedfordshire	
Caroline Briggs	41	ditto	ditto	ditto Housemaid	Buckinghamshire	
Amelia Bushel	36	ditto	unmar	ditto ditto	Essex	
Isabel Innis	47	ditto	ditto	ditto Cook	Scotland	
Mary Setman	73	ditto	ditto	ditto ditto	Essex	
Margaret Pritchard	25	ditto	ditto	ditto Maidservant	Middlesex	
Ruth Warne	22	ditto	ditto	ditto Kitchenmaid	Norfolk	
Josephine Bushel	4	ditto	ditto	no occupation	London	

1881 Census for 2 Palace Green. The Bells are children of Mary's sister Emily.

People events

- ❖ 5 Jan 2012: [Cameron Roy](#) married [Echo Wu](#) in Brisbane. A formal blessing will be held later in the year once immigration issues are sorted out.
- ❖ 12 Nov 2011: [Troy Gallagher](#) and [Melissa DeSloovere](#) were married by the 11Mile waterhole on the Gallagher property near Normanton, QLD.
- ❖ Oct 2011: [Hayden John Gear](#) born to Stephen and Kristin in Mareeba, QLD - brother for Isabel and Liam.

People Events are mainly taken from the news-ticker column on the home page of the web site. Birth dates are never given in full for privacy reasons.



Research notes

A major break-through is that we have identified the [John Roy](#) whose photo was in Sam Roy's collection. Trouble is, it probably changes the Roy pedigree from what we have currently. Both possibilities are shown in the [Overview "1760 ROY"](#) on the web site - which may have to be changed to "1830 ROY"!



A curious find: An [Agnes Roy](#) in the Royes tree - third wife of Rev. William Slatyer. The Slatyers were to marry into the Thomas Mordaunt Royes line. Agnes was born in Jamaica.

Correspondence in the last three months has resulted in extra information about

- ❖ the [Slatyers](#),
- ❖ [Phoebe Amelia Ferguson-Royes'](#) mother and the Antoninis,
- ❖ [Henry Dunn and Jane Shoobridge-Piper](#),
- ❖ the [Harveys](#) and Jane Elliott Royes,
- ❖ the Heinemanns

[NZ Births registers](#) now online have expanded our knowledge of the Bromleys and Heales.

Web site notes

Registered users now have access to a **family sheet** they can use for submitting new information for the family tree. It appears under the first drop-down menu. Until now, registered users classified as "submitters" could submit *amendments* via the web site but any "extra" contribution had to be done through the Suggest/Contact form or direct to me via email - or indeed, let's not forget snail mail!

I have discontinued linking living people to their file from the news scroll on the home page. Although visitors (including search engines) can see only a living person's last name and initials when they follow the link, our privacy policy is designed so that you cannot search for living people by last name and initials. However, providing the link in the news scroll may enable search engines to record that. A small issue but I believe an important one.

Be nice to your kids.
They will choose your
Nursing Home.



I'm speeding because
I have to get there before
I forget where I'm going.



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 almost 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 etc) on the Royes side. You can check on [all the surnames](#) at the web site on the home page or under the *Find* drop-down menu on other pages.

The scope of the data is based on the Roy and Royes pedigrees. See an explanation of the [research parameters](#) in the *Using This Site* section. It also includes several areas of interest such as the Normandy dukes and English royalty. Privacy is important. Please report any instance where full details about living people are viewable on the web site.



There are two Facebook groups associated with our family tree - [Roy-Hogan-Russell](#) and [Royes-Hougham](#). These are designed to be community forums - so join in!



If you are interested in the **Houghams**, you should be aware that the largest Hougham/Huffam data base (over 26,000 people) is by Robin Young at <http://hougham.royroyes.net/>. Robin provided much of the information we have on the Houghams. Although on the same domain, the two trees are quite separate.

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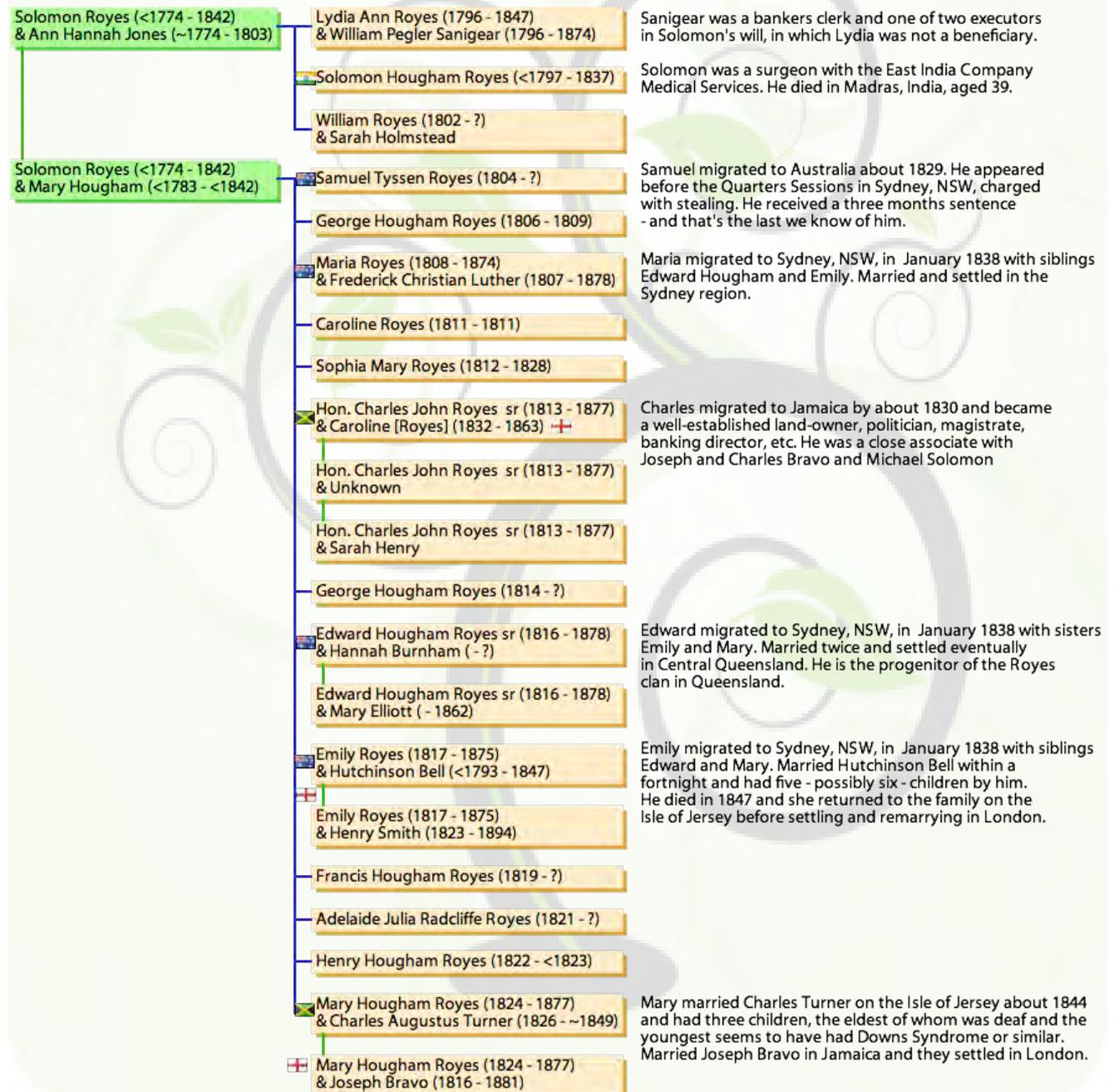
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Supplement 1: Solomon Royes and families

In view of the article about 2 Palace Green, I thought we could look at London goldsmith [Solomon Royes](#). Mary Hougham Royes who features in the article and was the last born of his 16 children.

He intrigues me! He was fostered by his uncle Solomon Hougham and introduced to goldsmithing. The two Solomon's went into partnership, along with John East Dix (1817). When Solomon Hougham died, the partnership with Dix was dissolved (1818). In 1823, aged 49, he put his tools of trade up for auction. Before 1841 he moved to the Isle of Jersey with wife and two daughters - including Mary who married Charles Turner there about 1844. His will (1842) left his estate to four of the daughters - Maria, Emily (both married in Australia), Adelaide (aged 21), Mary (aged 18) - when at least three and possibly more siblings were still alive. So we have these questions:

- ❖ Did he have a falling out with John East Dix - or was the partnership break-up a natural consequence of the death of senior partner Solomon Hougham?
- ❖ Was he not all that enamoured of goldsmithing? Or had he made enough money (and inherited his uncle's estate) to enable him to retire at 49?
- ❖ Did he in fact provide his sons with a grant (eg, when he sold the business) and therefore saw no need to include them in his will? And why was Lydia (from his first marriage) omitted - even when her husband was an executor to the will?



Supplement 2: Slatyer pedigree

In view of the recent additions to the [Slatyer pedigree](#), here is a look at one of the “twigs” in one of our branches. Siblings are shown for the first two generations only.

The Slatyer pedigree has been traced back further than this. Search the web using the terms William Slatyer 1800, for interesting information about him and links to family researchers.

