

## **Burials in the first Cemetery, Roma, 1863 -1872**

Information from *\*Roma Burials Early and Monumental Cemeteries 1863-1881*, Trove, State Archives, Ancestry, etc

*\*Roma Burials ...* is a compilation of information from scans of the registry entries obtained by the Roma Town Council and the Regional Council and passed on to the Roma & District Family History Society Inc, as well as one group requested by the Roma & District Family History Society Inc with a grant from the RADF.

### **Some background information on early Roma**

Roma officially became a township in 1862. Prior to this, *Mt Abundance* was the focal point for the district although some district deaths were recorded through the CPS at Condamine. When the town was gazetted, the CPS, William Moorhead, transferred from the property to the township. There were previous deaths in the district and possibly in the vicinity of the future township since there were hotels and other businesses setting up in the area. The first death recorded from Roma is for Richard Rees even though the CPS is reported, in the *Courier* on 27 March 1863, as having been present at the funeral of George Robinson in . There is, therefore, no official record for his death.

After 1862 it functioned with the leadership of various businessmen. Public meetings were held to discuss and decide on important issues, especially those that concerned the growth of the town and its progress towards becoming a municipality. These meetings were attended by the town's male residents, usually the leading figures in the town. During this period and after becoming a municipality, subscriptions of money had to be made in order to procure amenities for the town – eg, churches and the School of Arts, our first library / School of Arts. The hospital, when it was built, operated for many years by this method and the newspaper (from 1875) regularly published the names of subscribers.

R B Taylor has recorded brief descriptions of a few of the men who chose or were appointed to live in Roma at this time:

Dr Moran had set up a medical practice in Roma, having purchased an allotment on the western side of Edwardes Street. He built a house there. He had commenced practice in Roma by March 1864. He was then aged 23 years. Not only did Dr. Moran practise his profession in Roma but he also took a very active part as a member of the local Bench of Magistrates, and on the death of Thomas Reid in November 1864 he officiated at the burial. Dr Moran's name appears on many death certificates as well as magisterial enquiries.

"On the 1st April 1864 Mr. Patrick Macarthur, then aged 42 years, was promoted from the position of Commissioner of Crown Lands, Maranoa East Pastoral District, to the position of Police Magistrate for, as Mr. Macarthur then put it, 'Surat and St. George'. In official records, Mr. Macarthur was shown as 'Police Magistrate for Maranoa', Mr. McDowall succeeded to the position of Commissioner of Crown Lands vacated by Mr. Macarthur."

After the township was established, William Moorhead, who was the local Clerk of Petty Sessions, had built a residence near the Creek, having moved into town from *Mt*

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*Abundance*. His office, as well as a Court Room used by the Bench of Magistrates, was situated in the Maranoa Hotel.

### The Cemetery

In the early years when the first hotels were established in the area to cater for travellers and local people, Barry Donnelly, in *Roma Triangle*, recorded that there are likely a number of graves along the Creek for the patrons who died either from too much drinking or from natural health causes, perhaps affected by the drinking. The publican sometimes made his own beer in those days. It's unlikely that many of these deaths were reported before the arrival of the CPS.

The site for the first cemetery was an area a fair distance from the Creek.

R B Taylor:

182. On the Survey Plan was shown an area of two acres for cemetery purposes, and such area corresponds to the land now in the Railway Yards, south of the platform, where traces of graves remained visible until a few years ago. The present "Chinatown" was not included in that survey.

After 1864 and after the town was surveyed, the cemetery site was not regarded as appropriate because of its proximity to the town.

By 1866 the town's residents had a number of issues exercising their minds: the incorporation of the town, the urgent need for a hospital, and the lamentable state of the cemetery.

R B Taylor:

321. In June 1866 it was realized that the then Cemetery – an area of two acres "with a few graves huddled in one corner" – was much too close to the Town: so it was unanimously agreed that an application be made to the Government for a grant of land at a much greater distance. Consequent upon an application made by the Council to the Minister for Lands in September 1869 an area of 10 acres (being part of the present Cemetery) was granted to the Council, and in the following December two acres of that area was fenced in with a three rail and paling fence.

At this point, because Roma was a township but not a municipality, there was no Council to deal with the problem of the cemetery.

A public meeting regarding the cemetery was held in June 1866. The purpose of the meeting was to consult about fencing in the ground set apart for the cemetery. The correspondent to the *Dalby Herald and Western Queensland Advertiser*, June 14, reported that the meeting was to be held on Saturday, 16 June, in Mr Massarath's hotel. The report appeared in this paper on 21 June.



On Saturday evening a public meeting was held at Mr. Massarath's for the purpose of taking steps to erect a two-rail fence around the area of ground set apart as a cemetery; P. Macarthur, Esq, in the chair.—Mr. Macarthur stated in brief the object of their meeting there that evening, and laid before them a map of Roma, stating that the ground for a cemetery comprised two acres, bounded by Bowen-street, and that cattle and horses, &c., were constantly travelling and desecrating the spot where so many of our departed friends lay buried. He thought the object they had in view would be met by a subscription of ten pounds (£10), and thus raise a sapling fence. He would, therefore, call on any gentleman present to make any suggestions.—Dr. Moran proposed that a split two-rail fence be made, and a subscription opened immediately.—Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.—Mr. Nicholl proposed that a committee be formed of three gentlemen to carry out the resolutions, and to receive tenders. He also wished to know whether the ground was to be divided into allotments for the various members of the community.—Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.—Mr. Nicholl, Mr. Treman, and Dr. Moran, were appointed a committee; Mr. Sampson, treasurer.—Mr. Sampson proposed that an additional six acres be applied for.—Mr. Crosbie seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.—Mr. Moorhead proposed, by way of amendment, that the present ground be fenced in first, and afterwards an application made for an addition.—Mr. Barton seconded the motion.—Mr. Ryder proposed that application be made to Government for an additional grant of ten acres farther away from town, subject to the choice of the committee; and that the committee be instructed to communicate with the Government about it.—Seconded by Mr. Simpson, and carried unanimously.—Mr. Moorhead proposed that the committee be empowered to go round the town to collect subscriptions.—Seconded by Mr. Walters, and carried.—Mr. Walter said it would take £30 to erect a two-rail split fence.—Mr. Ryder said he would be happy to grant them the money at once, for which thanks were voted by the meeting.—A subscription-list was then opened, and £15 10s. gathered.—A vote of thanks to the secretary (Mr. H. Watson), to Mr. Massarath for use of room, and to the chairman, terminated the proceedings.

<sup>1</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article215452243>



9 March 1867

A meeting took place on 2 March to discuss the completion of the cemetery. Since the incorporation of the town was imminent, and Bowen Street might well prove to be the main street of the town, the present cemetery was regarded as being too near the town. One of the boundaries of the cemetery was originally Bowen Street.

Extract:

*Dalby Herald and Western Queensland Advertiser* (Qld. : 1866 - 1879), Saturday 9 March 1867, page 2

A meeting took place yesterday afternoon, having for its object the completion of the cemetery. It has been decided, and very properly, that the present cemetery is too near what may at no distant period be the main street of the town, viz., Bowen-street. But no one was prepared for the owner of the hairy dog and snowy galoshes, insisting on the remains of those now slumbering in the old cemetery being exhumed and removed to the new ground! The ears of the other Romans composing the meeting not having been elongated for the occasion, this preposterous and brutal idea was [vetoed], and the money subscribed was devoted to fixing permanent gates on the old enclosure, the surplus being, I am happy to say, sufficient to clear off the debt incurred when it was fenced in. Over the water, I mean in Yankeeland, old "???" would have stood a good chance of tarring and feathering had he only come out in the desecration line as strongly as he does here.

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The comment about exhuming and removing the bodies to the new ground led to rumours that this was actually going to happen.

*Darling Downs Gazette and General Advertiser* (Toowoomba, Qld. : 1858 - 1880), Thursday 21 March 1867, page 3<sup>1</sup>

Sir, - I have, to my sorrow, been made the means of propagating the idea that a much esteemed resident in Roma suggested the removal of the remains of those now slumbering in our cemetery.

Be it understood that the said cemetery is to be closed on account of its vicinity to the town.

I mentioned that which I have alluded to in my first paragraph, casually, having got it on awfully good authority and I regret to say that it has found its way into the columns of a local newspaper.

The correspondent of that journal and the undersigned were both led into error, and now it ought to be a race to see who offers reparation first. I think I have beaten him by one nail.

Yours truly,

FRANCIS NICOLL.

To the Editor of the Darling Downs Gazette  
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The town became a municipality in 1867 with many locals signing the petition for this to happen. Some of them are either buried in the old cemetery or have family members buried there. The first Mayor, Thomas McEwen, has two wives buried there. The Govt Gazette<sup>1</sup> page containing the petition is shown below – page 764. The town became a municipality later that year.

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Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Brisbane, 8th August, 1866.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint

WILLIAM CAVE, Esquire,  
to be Clerk of Petty Sessions at Taroom, *vice* Haynes, dismissed.

By His Excellency's Command,  
A. MACALISTER.

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Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Brisbane, 8th August, 1866.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint

EDWARD WILLIAM HOLLINWORTH, Esquire,  
to be Clerk of Petty Sessions at Clermont, *vice* Cave, removed to Taroom.

By His Excellency's Command,  
A. MACALISTER.

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Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Brisbane, 8th August, 1866.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint

CHARLES CARRINGTON, Esquire,  
to be an Officer of the 4th Class in the Registrar-General's Office, *vice* Somerset, removed to Immigration Office.

By His Excellency's Command,  
A. MACALISTER.

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Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Brisbane, 8th August, 1866.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint

JOHN HARRY STEVENS, Esquire,  
to be Clerk of Petty Sessions at Maryborough, *vice* Carrington, removed to Registrar-General's Office.

By His Excellency's Command,  
A. MACALISTER.

Henry Benjamin	Francis Downs
C. M. Schlesinger	William Downs, junr.
John Doine	Edward Carney
Francis Nicol	Thomas Lloyd
Joseph Johnston	Augustus Garland
C. E. Moran, M.D.	J. Rastin
R. J. Cottell	George Off
S. P. Catearon	J. Pratt
W. Rodger	John Lines
Joseph Dickinson	F. O'Brien
Francis Crosbie	William Jones
James Spence	Joseph Saltmarsh
P. Layden	George Kiverskin
J. Aitkin	Sam Pang
Edward Rice	Henry Walter Geo. Watson
John Staley	John Hiel
H. Schmidt	Joseph Read
William Gamble	John Crouch
Edward Schneider	William Crouch
Henry Kay	Thomas Wilson
W. R. Lauron	Arthur Kemp
William Bell	John Wm. North
William Andrews	William Otto
Thomas Rubie	John Berk
Andrew McHugh	Thomas D. Ogg
Charles McHugh	J. W. Cope
Joseph Shometzky	Edward Massarath
Louis Smith	T. B. Mackay
John Lines	John Sherman
John Ly (Chinese)	David Dick
Toumy Shu (Chinese)	Alex. Robinson
George Lamdor	F. H. A'Court
James Walters	Arthur Robinson
Henry Kreibke	J. Crofton
John J. Allwood	Stephen Shields
Thomas Morton	Conrad Beck
L. E. Johnson	N. H. Simpson
Thomas King	William C. Rice
D. Cornwell	Herman Roebeg
G. A. Stewart	Engelbert Roebeg
Heinrich Allike	Daniel O'Connell
Marcus Thomson	John O'Connell
John Thompson	Timothy O'Connell
C. M. Jones	William Downs, senr.
William Park	Philip Downs
Thomas Byrnes	

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Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Brisbane, 12th July, 1866.

**MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS.**  
GAYNDAH PETITION.

**I**N pursuance of the Act of the Colonial Parliament, 28 Victoria, No. 21, section 3, His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has directed the publication of the substance of a Petition addressed to His Excellency as hereunder set forth, purporting to be signed by One hundred and six Householders, in the Town of Gayndah, praying the erection of that locality into a Municipality.

By His Excellency's Command,  
R. R. MACKENZIE.

The Petitioners state that the increasing population of this town, the large sums of money that have been expended in the purchase of land therein, and the benefits derivable from municipal government, render them anxious to secure its advantages, and they, therefore, pray that Gayndah may be declared a Municipality with the under-mentioned boundaries.

[The signatures to this Petition are published in the *Government Gazette* of 14th July, 1866, No. 67.]

*Proposed Boundaries of Gayndah Municipality.*

Commencing at the north-east corner of the Mount Debateable Purchase; from thence across the Burnett westerly three miles up Reed's Creek; from thence a line running easterly to cross the Burnett at the Drothen; thence along the southern bank downwards to the junction of the Barambah Creek; thence along the southern bank of the Barambah upwards to the junction of Campbell's Creek with the Barambah; from thence along Campbell's Creek to the old Ban-Bau Road; from thence a line to Mr. Walker's purchase on Oaky Creek; from thence one mile southerly, and from thence to the southern point of the Mount Debateable Purchase, and thence to the point of commencement.

<sup>1</sup> Old Govt Gazettes [https://espace.library.uq.edu.au/data/UQ\\_217949/Queensland\\_Gov\\_Gazette\\_1867](https://espace.library.uq.edu.au/data/UQ_217949/Queensland_Gov_Gazette_1867)



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An early map of Roma. Arrow shows the position of cemetery. The cemetery was originally bounded by Bowen Street.





The early Mayors:

1867 Thomas McEwen

1868 Marcus Schlesinger

1869 Thomas McEwen

1870 Richard John Cottell

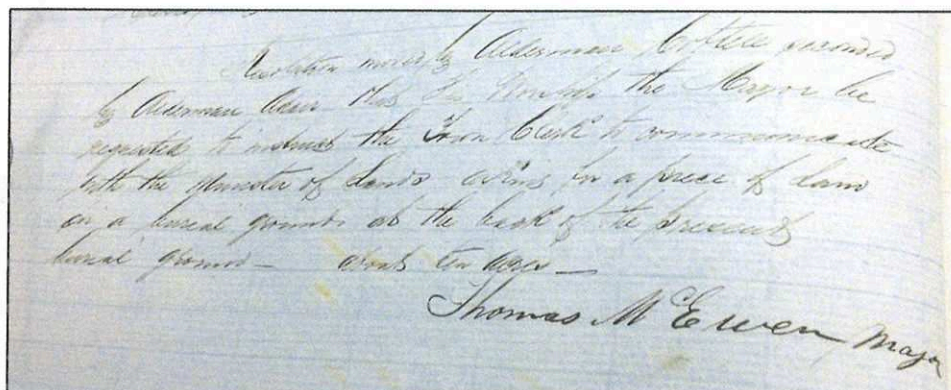
1871 Richard John Cottell

(Note: I think the frequent changes in Mayors in the early years was due to personality clashes amongst the Councillors, and I think at one point a whole new Council had to be re-elected.)

Roma Municipal Council Records:

Date (not noted, but possibly late 1869)

Resolution moved by Alderman Cottell seconded by Alderman Adair that His Worship the Mayor be requested to instruct the Town Clerk to communicate with the Minister of Lands asking for a piece of Land for a burial grounds at the back of the present burial ground – about ten acres – Signed by Thomas McEwen.



A handwritten document on aged paper, likely a resolution or letter. The text is written in cursive and matches the typed text above. It is signed "Thomas McEwen Mayor" at the bottom right.

First Town clerk was George Launder, and the next Edwin Bellgrove.

A letter dated 19 November 1869, signed by Thomas McEwen, was sent, requesting "Ten Acres of Land commencing at Iron Bark tree, bearing South-East by East Twenty-Six Chains from South-East corner of present burial ground."

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23 December 1869

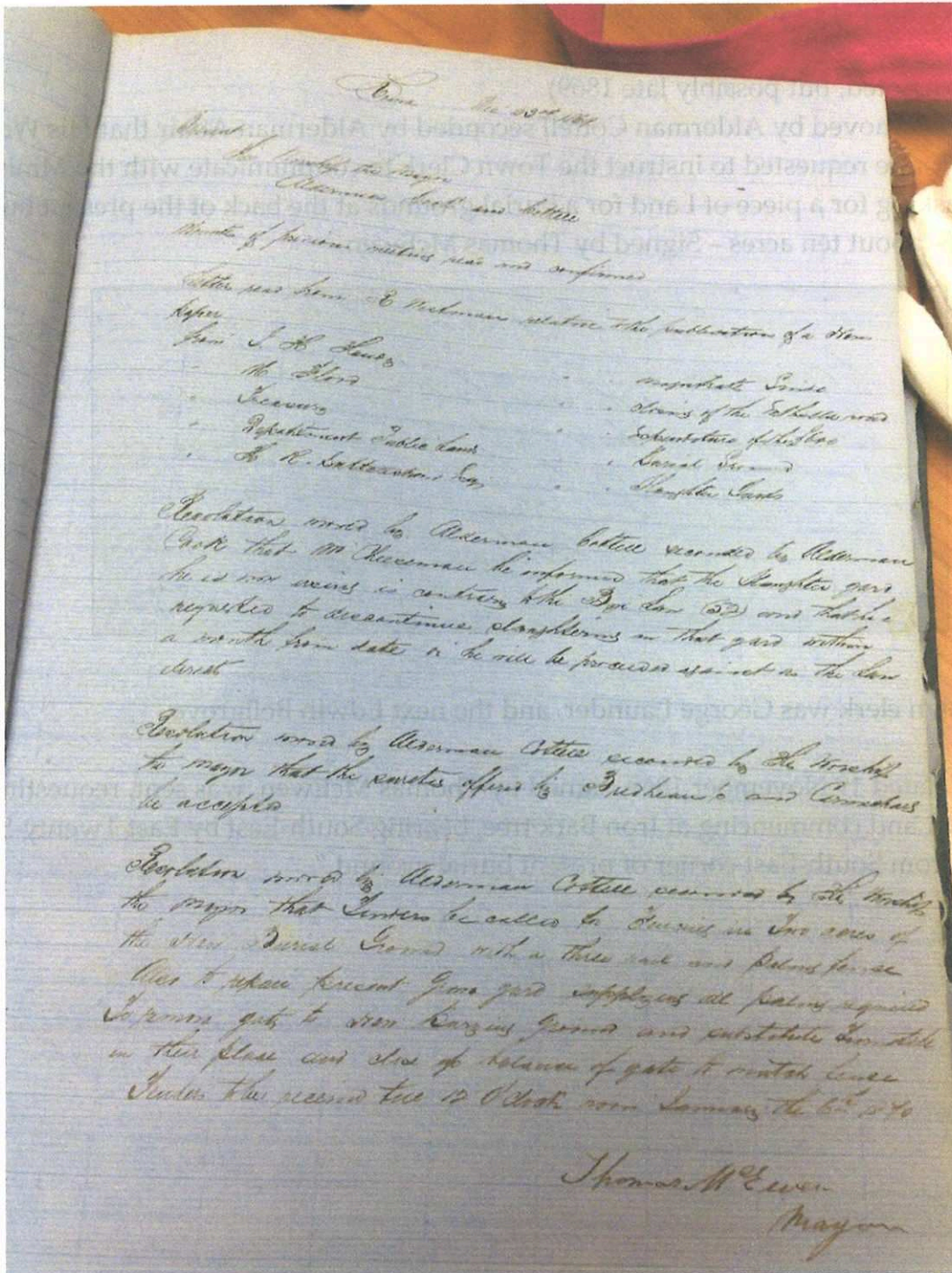
Resolution moved by Alderman Cottell seconded by His Worship the Mayor that Tenders be called for Fencing in Two acres of the New Burial Ground with a three rail and paling fence.

Also to repair present Grave Yard supplying all paling required.

To remove gates to New Burying Ground and substitute Turnstile in their place and close up balance of gate to match fence.

Tenders to be received till 12 o'clock noon January the 6th 1870.

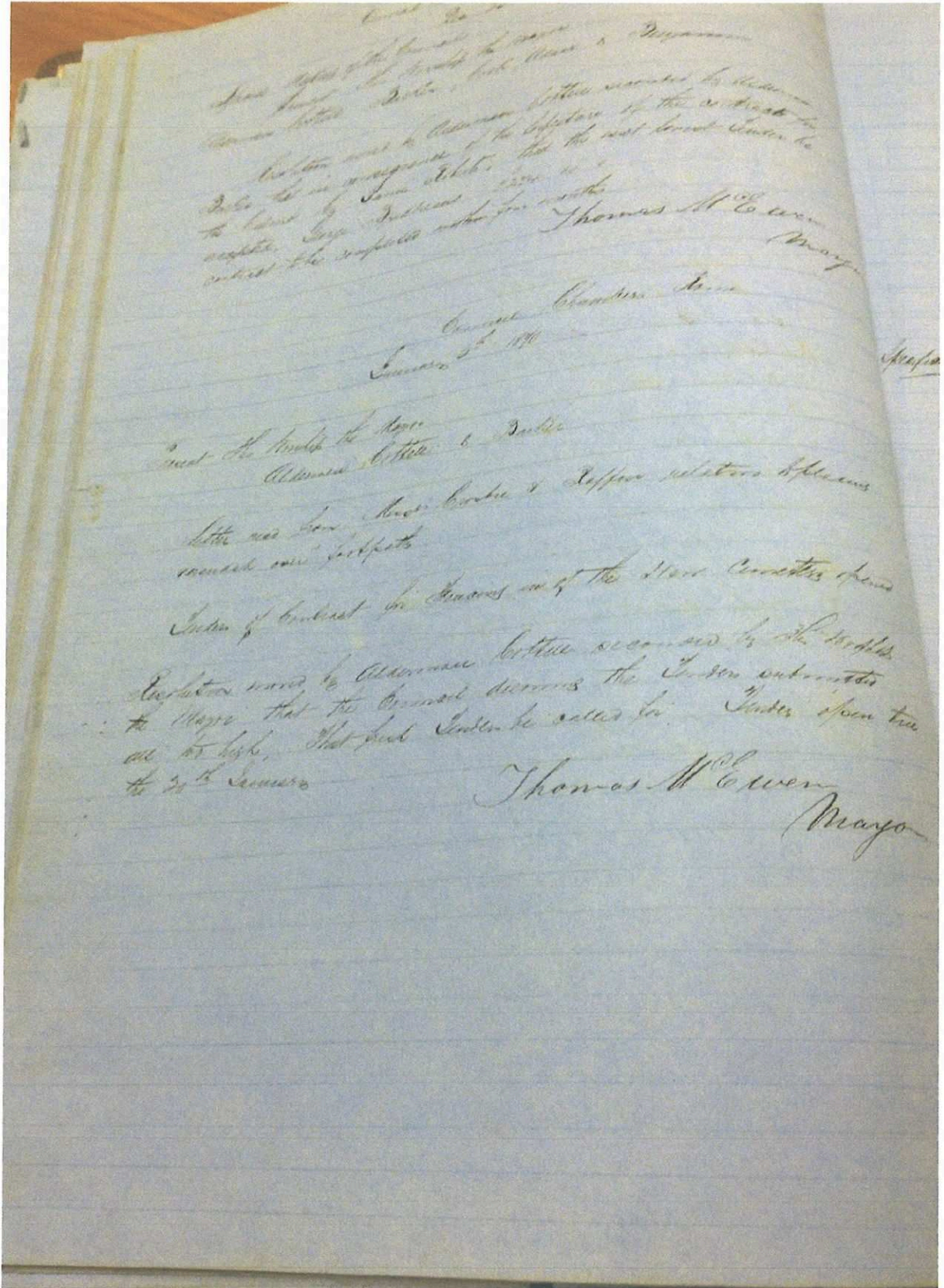
[If a turnstile replaced the gate, no vehicle carrying a coffin would be able to enter.]





6 January 1870

Resolution moved by Alderman Cottell seconded by His Worship the Mayor that the Council deeming the Tenders submitted are too high, fresh Tenders to be called for. Tenders open the 20<sup>th</sup> January.





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20 January 1870

Resolution moved by His Worship the Mayor seconded by Alderman Cottell that fresh tenders be called for fencing the Cemetery with a three railed fence with a cap. Specifications were added to this.

City Council Chamber  
January 20<sup>th</sup> 1870

Letter from the Council of the Mayor  
Alderman Cottell & Co.

Letter from the Mayor and Alderman Cottell  
reception of tenders for fencing Cemetery  
Dated 18<sup>th</sup> 1870 and reported

Resolution moved by His Worship the Mayor seconded by  
Alderman Cottell that fresh tenders be called for fencing  
the Cemetery with a three railed fence with a cap  
Specifications

Iron Posts 2 1/2" dia rails posts to be sunk 30  
inches and the rail between 2 1/2" x 8 inches  
Crown and Gate posts to be sunk with chamfered heads  
square and to be 12 inches through

Resolution moved by Alderman Cottell seconded by His  
Worship the Mayor that £500 be forwarded  
to the Government for part payment of contract for  
improvements to the Main Street

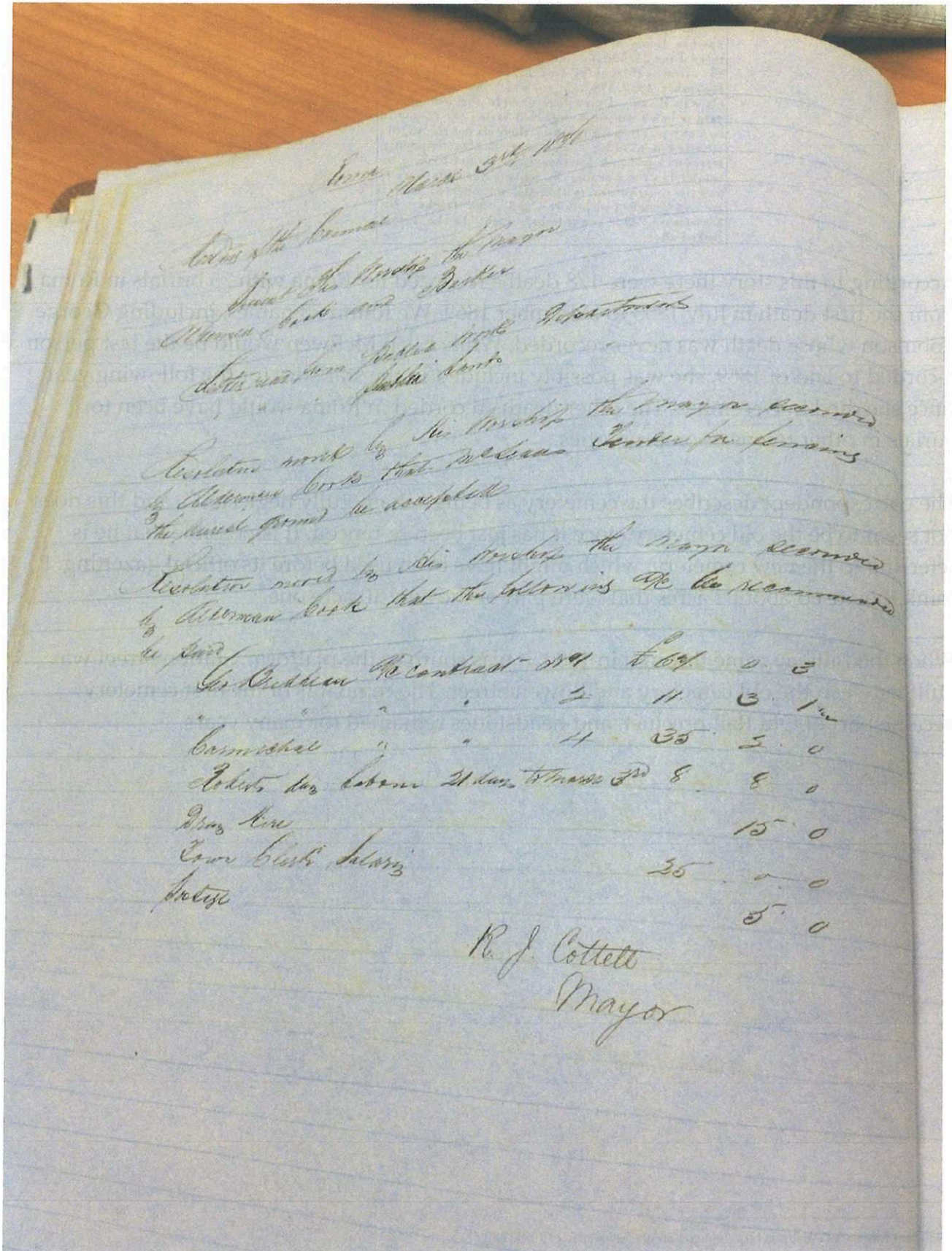
Resolution moved by His Worship the Mayor seconded  
by Alderman Cottell that a special meeting of  
Council take place on Monday next the 24<sup>th</sup>  
at 11 o'clock

R. J. Cottell  
Mayor



3 March 1870

Resolution moved by His Worship the Mayor seconded by Alderman Cook that McLean's Tender for fencing the burial ground be accepted.





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By June 1870 the fencing had been done because McLean was paid for the work.

*Queensland Times, Ipswich Herald and General Advertiser* (Qld. : 1861 - 1908), Tuesday 3 May 1870, page 3<sup>1</sup>

The following statistics are from the Registrar of the Roma District:—Births (No 1 entry August 1, 1869)—total up to 31st December, 1869, 301, out of which number Roma alone supplied 165. Marriages (first entry June 23, 1863)—total up to December 31, 1869, 88. Deaths (first entry July 25, 1863)—total to 31st December, 1869, 178, out of which 75 burials took place in Roma. I may here observe that the graveyard is in a shamefully neglected state; the railing is in many places pulled down; there is not the slightest attempt at order or neatness; it also frequently serves as a paddock for those who do not wish to be troubled in the morning by looking for their horses, and the consequence is that the unprotected graves are honeycombed with horses and other tracks. By Christians, "God's wardrobe" ought to be better looked after.

According to this story there were 178 deaths recorded for Roma with 75 burials in Roma from the first death in July 1863 to December 1869. We found 75 names, including George Robinson whose death was never recorded. While Ellen McEwen would be the last person recorded to end of 1869, she was possibly included in the statistics for the following year since she died in December. The other deaths recorded in Roma would have been for burials in other towns or on properties.

The correspondent describes the cemetery as being "shamefully neglected", and this does not seem to be the old cemetery since it has just been re-fenced. It is possible that he is referring to the new cemetery, which might have been used before its official gazettement. I think they used about 2 acres that were part of the new 10 acre one.

When the railway came through in 1880, it was south of the platform. Station Street was built between the old cemetery and Bowen Street. The remnants of the first cemetery became part of Qld Rail precinct, and headstones remained for many years.

<sup>1</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article130841882>



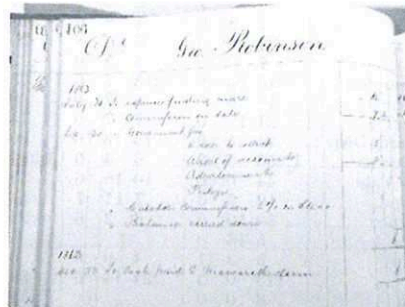
## George Robinson

The following is an extract from an article on Roma from a Correspondent of the *North Australian*. The heading indicates that the headquarters for the district was still *Mt Abundance*.

*Courier* (Brisbane, Qld. : 1861 - 1864), Friday 27 March 1863, page 2<sup>1</sup>

... The reserve for a graveyard already has an occupant. A poor man named Robertson died here from some lingering disease. The clerk of petty sessions kindly read the burial service. He died intestate, but had little, if any property. ...

QSA: Ledger entry regarding George Robinson's intestacy<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article3162324>

<sup>2</sup> Qld State Archives, Item ID 273706, Intestacy ledger – Curator of Intestate Estates Office, Series 7635, Entry regarding George Robinson's Intestacy, page 106



The 1864 Govt Gazette<sup>1</sup>, 23 January, records that he had £12.

**A** RETURN made, under the Act of Council 11 Victoria, No. 21, of all Moneys Received and Paid, and of all Balances in hand, in the Union Bank, in respect of the Estates of Deceased Persons entrusted to WILLIAM PICKERING, Esquire, Curator of Intestate Estates for the Colony of Queensland from the 1st July to 31st December, 1863, inclusive.

Name of Intestate.	Colonial Residence.	Money received.	Money paid.	Balance to credit of Estate.	Date of order to collect.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Patrick Leonard ... ..	Mount Misery ...	144 7 4	144 7 4	...	19 Feb., 1862.
William Smith ... ..	Nanango ...	69 13 5	67 2 11	2 10 6	4 April, 1862.
Charles Hamilton Pibbs ...	Rockhampton ...	375 2 4	375 2 4	...	11 Nov., 1861.
Richard William Douglas ...	Banana ...	108 14 10	93 5 10	15 9 0	25 August, 1862.
Robert Shaw Brookes Forbes ...	Maryborough ...	1,756 18 9	483 4 3	1,273 14 6	29 August, 1862.
Launcelot W. Tolson ... ..	Tatone ...	620 0 0	620 0 0	...	19 March, 1862.
John Shipman ... ..	Toowoomba ...	1,351 7 2	472 13 11	878 13 3	26 Sept., 1862.
Joey (Chinaman) ... ..	Ballandine ...	27 9 9	11 18 3	15 11 6	7 October, 1862.
Charles Cooper ... ..	Eidswoold ...	28 0 0	9 2 0	18 18 0	29 May, 1863.
George Robinson ... ..	Roma ...	12 0 0	12 0 0	...	
Charles Walker ... ..	Bungeworgai ...	6 15 0	6 15 0	...	3 August, 1863.
Joseph Moore ... ..	Ditto ...	4 5 7	2 8 4	1 17 3	
P. A. M. Purcell ... ..	Brisbane ...	1 8 6	1 8 6	...	23 Sept., 1863.
Joseph Grant ... ..	Ideraway ...	33 0 0	6 6 8	26 13 4	15 June, 1863.
Alexander McKelvie ... ..	Brisbane ...	7 0 0	4 5 0	2 15 0	4 Sept., 1863.
Joseph A. Hubbard ... ..	Rockhampton ...	216 13 6	213 7 6	3 6 0	30 April, 1863.
Richard Rees ... ..	Roma ...	16 10 0	8 7 0	8 3 0	4 January, 1864.
John Reynolds ... ..	Albinia ...	21 17 0	7 7 0	14 10 0	20 July, 1863.
Hugh Gallagher ... ..	Leichhardt Distr't ...	34 5 6	14 13 6	20 2 0	4 Sept., 1863.
Philip Lewis ... ..	Peak Downs ...	1,256 6 2	6 4 6	1,250 1 8	26 October, 1863.
James Broderick ... ..	Forrest Vale ...	44 0 0	10 18 6	33 1 6	
Patrick Mulholland ... ..	Dalgougal ...	19 0 0	7 11 7	11 8 6	25 May, 1863.
Hugh Doherty ... ..	Caboolture ...	30 10 0	6 2 6	24 7 6	23 October, 1863.
George Campbell ... ..	...	5 16 0	...	5 16 0	
Maria Brown ... ..	Brisbane ...	5 3 11	4 9 0	0 14 11	
Lindsay Porteous ... ..	Ditto ...	113 0 3	24 14 6	88 5 9	19 Nov., 1863.
Thomas Hayes ... ..	Ipawich ...	8 0 0	...	8 0 0	23 Feb., 1863.
John Drainage ... ..	Brisbane ...	7 10 0	7 10 0	...	2 Nov., 1863.
T. A. Lennett ... ..	Ditto ...	8 19 9	8 19 9	...	21 Oct., 1863.
Paul McColl ... ..	Rockhampton ...	57 2 6	7 18 0	49 4 6	5 Nov., 1863.
Michael Hoolihan ... ..	Callingall ...	35 11 0	5 10 0	30 1 0	5 Nov., 1863.
John Thomas ... ..	Brisbane ...	3 0 0	...	3 0 0	1 Dec., 1863.
Joseph Ashworth ... ..	Cressbrook ...	16 0 0	...	16 0 0	
Walter S. Reeves ... ..	Medway ...	201 10 3	22 9 6	179 0 9	28 Nov., 1863.
Benjamin Buxton ... ..	Dalby ...	13 18 0	9 8 0	4 10 0	10 July, 1863.
James Maloney ... ..	Ellengowan ...	6 0 4	2 6 0	3 14 4	15 January, 1864.
Kong (Chinaman) ... ..	Ditto ...	8 3 6	2 10 6	5 13 0	15 January, 1864.
J. M. Rippen ... ..	Brisbane ...	40 0 0	5 16 6	34 3 6	4 January, 1864.
<b>TOTALS</b> ... ..		<b>£ 6,715 0 4</b>	<b>2,685 14 2</b>	<b>4,029 6 2</b>	

I, WILLIAM PICKERING, Curator of Intestate Estates, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the above is a true and faithful Return of all Moneys belonging to Intestate Estates received, invested in the Union Bank of Australia, Brisbane, and paid by me from the 1st July to the 31st December, A.D. 1863, inclusive; and I make this solemn Declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various parts of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

WILLIAM PICKERING,  
Curator of Intestate Estates.

Made and signed before me the twenty-first day of January, A.D. 1864.

ALFRED P. LUTWICHE,  
One of the Judges of the Supreme Court.

Note:

George Robinson is not recorded in the Qld Births Deaths and Marriages and nor is the entry below him for Charles Walker, who died at Bungeworgorai.

<sup>1</sup> Qld Government Gazette, 23 January 1863, page 76, Vol V No 11. Brisbane. T P Pugh's Printing Office



## **Richard Rees**

No 1

The first person to be registered in Roma is Richard Rees, a labourer of unknown age, who died in July 1863 from a lung disease.

A magisterial inquiry<sup>1</sup> was held on 11 July 1863 into his death. Henry Cardell, JP, was in charge of this. Depositions were made by Henry Neale, in whose "house", the Maranoa Hotel, Richard was staying at the time of his death, Edward Ogle Moore, Francis Deedes, and Constable Patrick Hogan. He had been spitting up blood for about a fortnight, and complained of pain at night, though not during the day. Edward Ogle Moore was present when he died:

I was present at the death of Richard Rees. I was called out to see him as he lay insensible in the kitchen of the Maranoa Hotel. I understood that he had immediately previously vomited a large quantity of blood. He died apparently without pain and within five minutes of the time that I first saw him. I believe he had burst a blood vessel in the stomach – he had complained to me of serious illness during the morning of the day when he died.

Patrick Hogan declared that Richard was not under the influence of liquor.

There are two men by the name of Richard Rees whose deaths are registered for Queensland in 1863-1864. The other is registered for 31 January 1864.

While the second one is registered for Ipswich, it seems feasible that the news of his death might not have reached friends or relatives in Ipswich until January 1864. This Richard, 25, according to our contact, Ashley Larter, was born in Penderyn, South Wales, and his parents were Richard and Mary Rees. He died from inflammation of the brain. His place of burial is not known.

## **Michael Connolly**

No 3

Michael Connolly was about 35 years old when he died in Roma from paralysis on 26 November 1863. Dr Moran had been treating him for about 2 months. The informant for his death and the undertaker for his burial was George Uff, the boarding house keeper.

A Michael Connolly, 36, was a passenger on the "Duke of Newcastle" which left Liverpool on 31 December 1862.

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<sup>1</sup> Qld State Archives, Item ID 348604, Courts, Recreation, sport and arts, Inquests 1859-1902. Entry regarding the death of Richard Rees



**Thomas Sullivan**

No 14

Thomas Sullivan, was a shepherd. He came from London, England, his age at death being given as 45. He died on 7 March 1864 and was buried in Roma on 9 March. The cause of death was unknown. Dr Moran certified his death.

His death was reported by A McLean, who was also the undertaker and witness to his burial on 9 March.

Ancestry: 20 July 2022 jaharris? Unknown family member

**Joseph Pridham**

No 20

Joseph Pridham died on 14 August 1864 at the age of 45. He was a shepherd and died from diseased lungs. Death was certified by Dr Moran.

He came from Somersetshire and had been in Australia for 8 years.

Ancestry 20 July 2022 mike unknown family member

**Thomas Reid**

No 27

Thomas Reid, 44, died on 18 November 1864. He was a publican and he died from inflammation of the liver. His parents were Patrick Reid and Letitia Obryen. His death was reported by was Charles Ahrens, brother-in-law (married to Catherine Moloney). He was buried on 19 November.

Family records:

Thomas Joseph Reid<sup>1</sup> was born in Dublin, Ireland, around 1820 / 1822. His parents were Letitia Obryan and Patrick Reid. We don't know for certain when he came to Australia. Robert Ross was a witness at both of Thomas Reid's marriages. From 1839 until 1855 we have no information on him. Thomas started the Dalby General Store in November 1855.

Thomas Reid married Jane McGarry on 10 January 1849 at Ipswich. Jane McGarry was an Irish orphan, born Antrim, who came out to Australia on the "Earl Grey". She was one of the 27 "uncontrollable girls" who were sent to Brisbane. The wedding was witnessed in the presence of Robert Ross and Mary McGrogan. Robert Ross signed his signature and Mary McGrogan made a mark. Thomas Reid and Jane McGarry had five children: Francis, Jane, Ellen, Elizabeth (born 1857) and Catherine. Jane Reid died on 28 October 1858 in Dalby. She was 35.

Thomas Reid then married Ann Maloney / Moloney on 1 January 1859 in Dalby. They had three children: John, Catherine and Letitia Reid. Letitia is the only one of their children

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Beryl Giles, descendent



to marry. Thomas Reid came to Roma around 1860 and built the first hotel in Roma, which he moved three times. First it was at Bungeworgorai, then he moved it to the Bungil Creek which was known as Reid's Crossing and called the Fitzroy Hotel. He then relocated the hotel to the corner of George Street and Bungil Creek, where horse racing and fighting were the chief amusements.

Thomas Joseph Reid died in Roma on 18 November 1864.

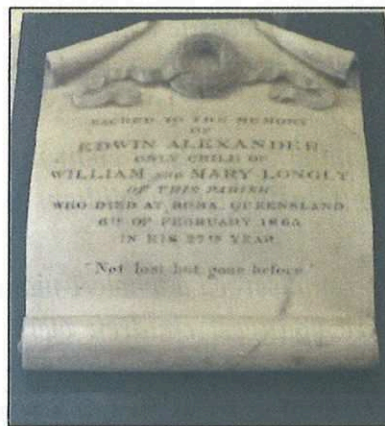
Information from Beryl Giles, descendant – great great great granddaughter. He has many more local descendants including other great great great grandchildren, great great great great grandchildren and great great great great great grandchildren.

### **Edwin A Longley**

No 30

Edwin A Longley, 26, labourer, died on 6 February 1865. His parents were William Longley, a tailor, and Mary Lalor. He came from Kent, England, and had been in Australia for 18 months. Edward Broadley was the informant for his death and the undertaker for his burial. Edward Rees and Thomas McEwen were witnesses at the burial.

*Our contact in Ancestry, Shane Tobin-Longly: I am happy to send through to you a family tree and a photo of his memorial plaque put up in his family parish church by his parents after his death in Roma.*



### **Charles Arthur Williamson**

No 34

Charles Arthur Williamson was the 10 day old son of Charles H Paine Williamson, a stockman, and Catherine Elizabeth Frith.

Born in Roma, he died on 10 April 1865 from convulsions and was buried the same day. His mother reported his death. George Uff was the undertaker for his burial and Frederick Morrison was a witness.



## **Mary Elizabeth Williamson**

No 39

Mary Elizabeth Williamson was the child of James Williamson, a shoemaker, and Catherine Elizabeth Frith. Mary was born in Lancastershire, England, and had been in Australia for 5 years. She was 7 when she died in Roma of congestion of the brain on 20 July 1865. Her mother and John Moorhead were present at her burial. Charles Ahrens was the informant for her death and the undertaker for her burial.

*Our contact for the two Williamson children is Rosemarie Ferris who provided the following information:*

*The Williamson family, although not directly related, come into my tree on my mother's side. ... I was unaware of Charles though and didn't know exactly where in Queensland they were.*

*Catherine was born in Cheshire, married James Williamson and migrated out here in 1858 with Mary Elizabeth who was an infant.*

*I knew that Mary had died in 1865 and also James but with your info, there was the baby Charles too.*

*Catherine then married John North (in 1865!) Her son William Williamson died in 1869 - I have read the inquest into his death, apparently killed by an indigenous boy but I can't find any reports of a trial so far.*

*After this it seems that they moved down to Newcastle where John's parents lived.*

*Catherine & John had 4 children - John William, William, Henry & Charlotte.*

*John died in 1877.*

*Catherine then married my 2x great grandfather William Henry Hartley Buckley in 1878.*

*In 1882 they apparently had an argument during which William pushed her down the stairs and she died.*

*William was charged with manslaughter and served a whole 1 month in gaol!*

*From what I have found out, the three youngest children were in the orphanage, William was apprenticed to H W Gabell for 5 years, Henry & Charlotte were taken in by Mr Thomas Cooke of Goulburn. Henry & Charlotte both drowned while collecting water from the river.*

*Such a tragic life for all of them.*

## **Matthew Darymple**

No 40

Matthew Darymple died in Roma on 25 July 1865 and was buried on 26 July. His occupation is listed as shepherd and cause of death concussion of the brain. He was 45 and was born in Scotland.

The informant for his death is Alfred Tatten, who also acted as undertaker for the burial. The Wesleyan minister, Thomas Robey, was the officiating person and witnesses were Mark McKenzie and Timothy Connell.



## **Alfred Falvey**

No 41

Alfred Falvey, who was born in London and had been in Australia for 13 years, was a labourer. He died in Roma from dropsy on 30 July 1865 at the age of 35. He was buried the same day.

George Uff was both the informant and the undertaker for the burial, and John Moorhead and R Barker were both witnesses. Dr Moran certified the death.

## **William Moorhead**

No 42

William Moorhead is described as a gentleman at the time of his death at the age of 53. He had been the CPS and the Postmaster besides other things. He died of bronchitis on 26 August 1865 and was buried the next day. His son, John, was informant for his death.

His wife and daughter were the first white women to live in the town of Roma.

William Moorhead was the son of Andrew and Margaret Moorhead and was born in Monaghan. He had been 4 years in New South Wales and 8 years in Queensland. Queensland became a state in 1859, so this probably indicates he had been in Australia for 12 years and in the northern part of the country for 8 of those years.

Moorhead was a Second Lieutenant in the Native Police attached to the Condamine and Maranoa Districts before becoming the CPS based at Mt Abundance – that is, for the town of Roma.

R B Taylor<sup>1</sup> says:

207. Mr Moorhead at the time of his appointment was 51 years of age. He was born in the British Isles but was in India at the time of his marriage and it was there that some of his family were born. Prior to his appointment at Roma, Mr. Moorhead was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Native Police Force and was in the Detachment assigned to the Maranoa and Condamine Districts.

208. In addition to being CPS, Land Agent, and District Registrar, Mr. Moorhead also became Postmaster when in January 1864 the Post Office which previously was at Mount Abundance Homestead, was moved to Roma and located in the CPS Office at the Maranoa Hotel. Mr. Moorhead's remuneration as Postmaster for the year 1864 was £20/-/-.

212. On the 15th September 1863 the first auction sale of lands in Roma was held. The first lot offered was Allotment of Section 6, such Section being on the east side of Edwardes Street opposite the Maranoa Hotel. The purchaser was Mr. William Miles, the person who in 1865 became the Member of Parliament for Maranoa, the price being £30. The remaining two allotments in the same Section were then

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<sup>1</sup> Taylor, R B *The History of Roma and District 1846-1885*. (1975) First published in duplicated form 1959, republished in duplicated form 1964. First published in hard-cover, Rotary Club of Roma. Roma, Qld, Australia. Printed by Watson Ferguson & Company, Brisbane.



offered and both were purchased by the Clerk of Petty Sessions (Mr. Moorhead) for £22 and £30 respectively.

221. By February 1864 Mr. William Moorhead had built a residence on his land on the east side of Edwardes Street, midway between McDowall Street and the Creek. As the Bench of Magistrates disliked the Court Room and the Clerk of Petty Sessions Office being in an Hotel, and considered there was a risk in regard to the destruction of official papers and records by water leaking through the bark roof of the Hotel (the roof was reported to be in a bad state) the room at the Maranoa Hotel was given up and Mr. Moorhead's residence thenceforth became the location of the office of the Clerk of Petty Sessions, the Court Room, and Post Office.

255. In August 1865 Mr. William Moorhead resigned from his several positions and his son Mr. John Moorhead aged 26 years was appointed his successor. On the 21st of the same month, Mr. William Moorhead died from bronchitis at the age of 53 years.

The death record<sup>1</sup> shows that William Moorhead married Maryanne Cochrane at Cawnpore, India, when he was 23. They had 12 children, 6 of whom had died. Their surviving children were Margaret, 27, John, 25, Mary, 23, Lizzie, 21, Annie, 19, Emily Jane W?, 8.

*Darling Downs Gazette and General Advertiser*, 9 September 1865<sup>2</sup>:

With deepfelt regret, we have to announce the death of Mr. William Moorhead, Clerk of Petty Sessions, who after a short illness of three days caused by bronchitis, departed this life on the afternoon of the 26 ult.

Mr. Moorhead was one of the oldest and most respected inhabitants of Roma, and by his urbanity in both his public and private life, had won the sincere admiration and esteem of all who knew him.

His interment took place on the 27<sup>th</sup> ult., and he was followed to the grave by a large concourse of people, who had assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to his memory. The burial service was read in a most impressive manner by Mr. McArthur, [sic] Police Magistrate, and as the earth closed over his remains, all felt they had lost a friend, and inwardly breathed the prayer of *Requiescat in Pace*.

He leaves behind him a large family to lament his loss.

Charles Ahrens, undertaker, Charles Moran, and Julius Ziemann attended Mr Moorhead's funeral as witnesses. The informant for his death and the new registrar was John Moorhead / Moorehead.

*The Brisbane Courier*, 9 September 1865<sup>3</sup>

<b>DEATH.</b>
<b>MOORHEAD.</b> —On the 26th August, of bronchitis, Lieutenant and Adjutant William Moorhead, late Clerk of Petty Sessions, Roma, and of the H.E.I.C. Bengal Service, eldest son of Andrew Moorhead, Esq., Smithboro, County Monaghan, Ireland.

<sup>1</sup> Brindley, dot and Giles, Beryl, compilers, Roma & District Family History Society Inc. (2018) Roma, Qld, Aust: Roma & District Family History Society Inc.

<sup>2</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article75513713>

<sup>3</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article1278301>



*Contact on Ancestry: Bill Vick*

*My ancestry link to the Moorheads is on my wife's side and from Margaret Moorhead, John's sister. She married Henry Coxen and Walter, one of her sons married Adelaide Beor, which is my wife's family line.*

*I know very little about the Moorheads other than what is in my Ancestry tree.*

*I can appreciate that these two gentlemen were important to your community and may justly deserve a memorial, but living in the US, Roma has very little interest to me since I will never visit there.*

*Nevertheless, I wish you lots of luck with your project.*

### **Eliza Whitehead**

No 45

Eliza Whitehead was the infant daughter of George Whitehead and Fanny / Frances Crouch. She was 1 year and 11 months when she died of croup in Roma on 1 October 1865.

Eliza was born at *Bendemere* on 1 November 1863.

John Moorhead was the informant for this child's death. He, along with James Ashton, participated in Eliza's funeral on 3 October.

*Contact on Ancestry:*

*Eliza's brother, George (1865-1911), was born at Gubberamunda Stn on 18 April 1865.*

*George Whitehead Jr (1865-1911), a Drover, the son of George Andrew Whitehead Snr who died 1874 at Coonabarabran and Frances Crouch (1847-1907) married my Great Grand Aunt Minnie Beatrice Dempsey (1869-1957). Frances Crouch died at Coonamble. Eliza Whitehead was born 1 Nov, 1863 at Bendemere and died young on 1 Oct, 1865. She was the 1st born child of George and Frances who married in 1863 in Queensland. George Whitehead Snr had another son, John Whitehead (1867-1944), a Drover, also married a Dempsey (Ethel Annette) a sister of Minnie Beatrice Dempsey. Both brothers and their families lived at Coonamble. Frances Crouch was born at Jerrys Plains, NSW the daughter of English parents John Crouch (1812-1910) and Elizabeth Harvey (1817-1882).*

### **John Bruce Skinner Hutchings**

No 47

John Bruce Skinner Hutchings was a grazier at *Brucedale*. He died at *Brucedale* from a liver complaint at the age of 27 after being ill for 4 weeks. He was seen by Dr Jacob Meade Swift on 19 November and died on 20 November 1865. His father was Lieut Col John Hutchings and his mother was Jane Gabosium Spicer.

John was born at Tanjore, Madras, India. He had married Anna Louisa Cubitt on 3 September 1863 at Waltham Abbey, Essex, England, and they had been in Queensland for 18 months. A Mr and Mrs J B S Hutchings arrived in Queensland on the "Prince Consort" on 1 or 2 November 1862.

They had a 5 month old daughter, Georgina, born 14 July 1865.



**Burials in the first Cemetery, Roma, 1863-1872**

Brisbane Courier (Qld. : 1864 - 1933), Saturday 29 July 1865, page 4<sup>1</sup>

**BIRTH.**  
HUTCHINGS. — On the 14th July, at Bruccedale, Roma, the wife of John B. S. Hutchings, Esq., of a daughter.

Ad reads:  
BIRTH  
HUTCHINGS. — On the 14th July, at Bruccedale, Roma, the wife of John B. S. Hutchings, Esq., of a daughter.

The informant for his death was Lindsey Hobson. His funeral in Roma was on 21 November with Charles Jackson providing the services of undertaker, and J W Mattinson and Lindsey Hobson the witnesses.

Darling Downs Gazette and General Advertiser (Toowoomba, Qld. : 1858 - 1880), Thursday 7 December 1865, page 2<sup>2</sup>

**DIED,**  
At Bruccedale, district of Roma, Maranoa, John Bruce Skinner Hutchings, of the Grove, Herefordshire, England; aged 27 years.

Brisbane Courier (Qld. : 1864 - 1933), Saturday 2 March 1867, page 8<sup>3</sup>

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5.**  
**25,000 FIRST-CLASS SHEEP.**  
**BRUCEDALE,**  
In the District of East Maranoa,  
**QUEENSLAND.**

**M**ORT and CO. have been instructed to sell by auction, at 11 o'clock, on **TUESDAY, March 5,** in consequence of the death of J. B. S. Hutchings, Esq. (one of the partners in the property).

That **VERY SUPERIOR SHEEP STATION,** known as **BRUCEDALE,** comprising twenty miles on both sides of Bunjil Creek, and situate about 18 miles below the township of Roma, and only 169 miles from Dalby, to which town the **RAILWAY FROM IPSWICH** will be completed and opened in the course of a few months.

This magnificent run adjoins Mount Abundance, and cannot be too highly spoken of. It consists of **RICH DOWNS COUNTRY,** with abundance of salt bush and herbage of the most fattening properties; well watered and capable of depasturing a large increase of stock.

With this Station will be sold **25,000 SHEEP,** of first-class quality, nearly two-thirds of which are ewes.

The improvements are ample for working the station, and ever since its formation sheep have done remarkably well on it.

Intending purchasers are invited to inspect the property prior to the day of sale.

For further particulars apply to **MORT and CO., Sydney.** 278

*Our contact, Charles Tracy, gave us the following information:*

*My relationship to John is obscure, through his wife's sister, so I have no detailed knowledge of his immediate family. He seems to have been the only one who emigrated to Australia. After his death from 'fever' his wife and daughter returned to England and by 1871 were living in Winchester. Ann died in 1926 in Farnham, Surrey, and left her estate to Georgie, who died, unmarried, in Winchester in 1950. \*One small detail, however: he may well have adopted the name Bruce, but his real second*

<sup>1</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article1276045>

<sup>2</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article75513209>

<sup>3</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article1281009>



name was Bruere, after his great aunt Mary's husband James Bruere. James's father was Governor of Bermuda from 1764 to 1780.

\*[It is also possible that the clerk recording the death misread the name and assumed it was "Bruce".]

### **Susannah Jones**

No 49

Susannah Jones was born on 16 November 1865 and she was 3 weeks old when she died "of cold" on 7 December 1865. She was the daughter of William Jones, labourer, and Elizabeth Anderson.

John Moorhead is the informant for her death. Her mother, Elizabeth, was present at her funeral on 8 December, along with George O'Loughlin and the officiating minister, Rev W J Larkin.

### **Dr Jacob Meade Swift**

No 51

Dr Jacob Meade Swift, 49, was born in Dublin, Ireland, on 11 September 1815 and had been in Australia for 15 years. He died suddenly on 12 December 1865 of apoplexy. He was the son of Richard Swift, a medical man, and Martina Bryant. He married Elizabeth Renee / Rannie Forsythe in Frankfort when he was 25.

Their son, Henry Thomas Willoughby Tarleton Meade Swift (1849-1890), was born in Elgin, England.

They arrived in Port Jackson, NSW, on 26 July 1849.

Dr Swift had worked in Brisbane, Gayndah, and Dalby before going to Condamine. He administered the first anaesthetic in Queensland.

He travelled around by horse, treating people with all kinds of complaints. He died at 3 pm on 12 December 1865 and was buried at 6 pm the same day.<sup>1</sup>

Dr Swift had six children and it was his son, H T W Meade Swift, who was the informant for his death.

George Goodfellow, Raphael Lewin, and Thomas Byrne were present at the funeral as undertaker and witnesses.

Dr Swift's death was reported in the *Brisbane Courier* on 23 December 1865<sup>2</sup>:

On the afternoon of Tuesday last, the 12th instant, Dr. Swift died a death so sudden that the contemplation of it is almost horrible. The deceased gentleman was standing on the verandah of the Bowen Hotel, carrying on an animated conversation with Mr. Fleming. Turning his back to speak to a man who had engaged his attention, Mr. Fleming became aware of Dr. Swift uttering his name in a tone of much concern. Turning round immediately, Mr. Fleming found the doctor prostrate on the ground – with eyes fixed – and not the slightest indication of animation. Death ensued within a few moments, two long drawn sighs alone

<sup>1</sup> *Grave Memories, Vol 2*, information from Pamela Sherrin

<sup>2</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article1284475>

testifying to the existence of life. After the fall, Dr. Moran was immediately in attendance, and used his utmost skill, without avail. The remains of Dr. Swift were interred on Tuesday evening, a good many gentlemen being present, at what was truly a mournful ceremony.

**Have sent messages via Ancestry July 2022**

**James Mack**

No 52

James Mack, 55, was a shepherd, who drowned, date unknown. He was buried on 30 December 1865 in Roma. John Moorhead reported his death.

**Alexander Peter Ferguson**

No 54

Alexander Peter Ferguson, 15 months old, was the son of William Ferguson, shepherd, and Agnes Mitchell. He was born at *Forest Vale* on 6 October 1864 and died on 19 January 1866. Cause of death for Alexander was teething.

Other children in this family were Agnes, born 27 December 1859, Mary Ann, born 27 September 1861, George, born 10 June 1863, Douglas, born 26 May 1866, Gilbert, born 28 February 1861, died 2 May 1871, Ferguson, born 8 September 1872, died 29 October 1872, and Henry, died 21 December 1875.

William was the informant for his death and the undertaker for his burial. Besides his father, James Townsley was present at his burial in Roma on 19 January 1866.

**George Goodfellow**

No 55

George Goodfellow, a labourer, died on 14 January 1866 and was buried on 15 January. He had inflammation of the lungs for two weeks and was 34 years old. He was born in England. William Gamble was informant and undertaker, and Lewis Phillips, and Behr Raphael Lewin were witnesses at his burial.

A George Goodfellow was a passenger on the "Lincolnshire", which arrived in Melbourne from London on 25 March 1859. He was about 27 and was born about 1832. Information from Victoria, Australia, Assisted and Unassisted Passenger Lists, 1839-1923.



## **William Houston**

No 56

William Houston was a bullock driver who was 27 when he died of sunstroke on 27 January 1866. He had been ill for five days when Dr Moran saw him on 26 January. No information was available on his family circumstances other than that he was unmarried.

William Francis was informant and witness, and Abraham Humbercross was the undertaker and witness at his burial in Roma on 27 January.

*Our contact, Maree Brookes, responded to our query relating to a headstone posted on the Internet re William who died in Roma in 1866 and is named on a headstone in Maitland New South Wales with his parents, William and Margaret Thomson Houston:*

*As he isn't in my direct line I haven't researched very much about him or his family at this time. If I do come across any new information on William I will pass it along. I have a distant memory that he was a bullock driver.*

We have confirmed that he was a bullocky and have given Maree the information about his death and burial here.



Headstone at East Maitland cemetery NSW, son of William and Margaret Houston

## **David Dick**

No 60

David Dick was born in Roma and was 9 days old when he died of "inflammation". His parents were David Dick and Elizabeth Forbes. His father, who was the informant for his death, was a carrier. James Walters was the undertaker, and Henry Tracey was a witness at his funeral on 24 April 1866, the day he died.

*Burials in the first Cemetery, Roma, 1863-1872*

David was born on 24 April 1866. His siblings were Margaret, born 4 August 1861 in Surat, and Christina, born 3 January 1871 in Roma.

David and Elizabeth Dick arrived in Queensland in 1859 on the "British Empire", with a 1 year old son, Thomas. Apart from being a carrier, David was also a teamster, and later owned *Sunnybrae*, near Roma.

Sources: Qld Immigration Indexes; *Grave Memories*, Vol 1

## Rev Adam McIntyre

No 62

Rev Adam McIntyre died at *Brucedale* while travelling between Surat and Roma on 23 May 1866. He was the first Presbyterian minister to be ordained in Queensland and to work in the Maranoa. He was 32 and had been in Australia for 2 years. Cause of death was given as congestion of the brain.

Born in Scotland, he was unmarried. He was the son of William McIntyre and Elizabeth Watson. William was a Private in the 71st Regiment of Foot. His sister, Isabella, who married Peter Middlemass, named her son Adam McIntyre Middlemass.

Adam McIntyre arrived in Roma in early February 1866. He appears to have travelled extensively throughout the district in the short time he was here. During each month he travelled 400 miles, and preached 18 times to 13 congregations in different places. On 17 March he conducted the marriage of Herbert Hunter and Jessie Miles, daughter of William Miles, MLA.<sup>1</sup>

*The Brisbane Courier* 8 June 1866<sup>2</sup>:

Roma has suffered a very great loss in the death of the Rev. Mr. McIntyre who was taken ill when going from here to Surat for the purpose of officiating in that Town. His loss will be greatly felt and deplored by all: for he was a good Minister, an eloquent and forceful preacher and a true and affable friend. He was much respected by all denominations and classes, by both Jews and Christians. Some of the former class have often been seen attending his ministrations.

F G Mackay, Clerk, was the informant for his death.

Adam McIntyre was buried in Roma on 24 May 1866 with James Walters, undertaker, and John Moorhead, and F G Mackay in attendance.

There were a number of references to Adam's death in the papers at the time. The loss to the church was enormous.

Extract from *The Presbyterians' First One Hundred Years in Roma*, special centenary edition (1866-1966).

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<sup>1</sup> *Grave Memories*, Vol. 2, contributed from various sources by Dot Brindley

<sup>2</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article1268837>



"Just three years following the birth of Roma, the Presbyterian Church of Queensland formed three separate presbyteries – Toowoomba, Rockhampton and Brisbane. At its inaugural meeting on January 3, 1866, the Presbytery of Toowoomba appointed the Rev. Adam McIntyre, M.A., as its Clerk pro-tem. 'The Presbytery took into consideration the need of additional labour in different localities within the Presbytery's bounds where no ministers are stationed; and Dr. Nelson (Moderator) having stated that, at various times, very pressing invitations had been given to him to make a ministerial visit to the Condamine, the Roma, the Surat, and the Maranoa districts, and that hitherto he had not been able to comply with them; and that he believed a Protestant Minister of any denomination was seldom seen in some of these quarters, the Presbytery appointed the Rev. Adam McIntyre, one of their number, to make a tour in these parts, and enjoined him to preach and discharge ministerial duties at all the stations where he may be received.' (Minutes, Presbytery of Toowoomba).

"The Rev. Adam McIntyre was ordained in 1864, the first ordination of the Presbyterian Church in Queensland. At the time of his appointment to Roma, Roma was defined as 'All Maranoa and westward.' There is no record of his labours in the district – except the record of his untimely death, of 'congestion of the brain' (sunstroke?), at 'Brucedale,' between Roma and Surat, on May 23, 1866, after only four months' ministry. His grave is obliterated by the present Roma Railway Yards, the site of the original Roma Cemetery. He was 32. The lectern in St. Andrew's Roma is dedicated to his memory."

1866: Reverend Adam McIntyre died 23 May 1866 at *Brucedale*, while journeying from Roma to Surat with intention of ministering at various stations en route. - Died of abscess of the brain. - Over 30 years of age, native of south of Scotland. - M.A. from Edinburgh University. - Arrived Sydney October 1862. - Came out to take situation as tutor to McConnel Family of Cressbrook. - Not a minister then. - Remained at Cressbrook 2 years, and then being admitted to holy orders, he officiated as Presbyterian Minister at Cressbrook for some months. - Then sent to Roma. (QT 9/6/1866 p 3) Queensland Times

Ad for his estate (died intestate) appeared in the "The Western Star" Saturday 22 May 1880. His mother had to apply for his possessions.

Mother's name: Elizabeth: Watson / McIntyre / Glass  
mother was widowed by 1880  
sister's name: Isabella, married to Peter Middlemass in 1880.

R B Taylor *The History of Roma and district 1846-1885:*  
p 56 Item no 292

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1866 the death occurred at Brucedale Station near Roma of the Rev. Adam McIntyre. "Roma has suffered a very great loss in the death of the Rev. Mr. McIntyre who was taken ill when going from here to Surat for the purpose of officiating in that Town. His loss will be greatly felt and deplored by all: for he was a good Minister, an eloquent and forceful preacher and a true and affable friend. He was much respected by all

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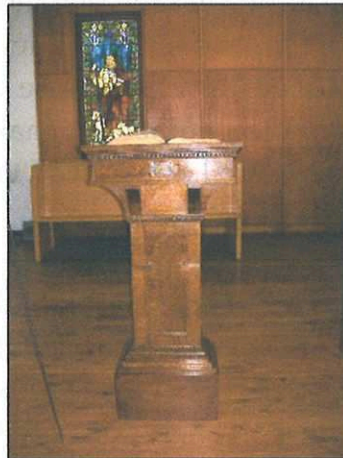
denominations and classes, by both Jews and Christians. Some of the former class have often been seen attending his ministrations."

p 57 no 293

The Rev. McIntyre was a native of Scotland and at the time of his death was 32 years of age, unmarried, and had lived in Queensland for two years. He died of "congestion of the brain" and was buried at Roma.

The inscription on the plaque attached to the lectern reads:

Placed In This Church  
By The Kirk Session  
To Commemorate The Work Of  
Rev. Adam McIntyre  
First Minister Ordained In  
Queensland Church  
First Presbyterian Minister  
To Visit Districts Of  
Condamine and Maranoa  
Died On The Way From  
Roma To Surat  
23<sup>rd</sup> May 1866



*Our contact for Adam McIntyre is Patricia Hastings, who lives in the UK.*

*My gg grandmother was Isabella Watson her 1st husband was Pt. William McIntyre. He died and she married to my gg Grandfather John Glass. I have quite a lot of detail on them and on the family. Adam was always a bit of an enigma but his sister Isabella Middlemass was a favourite aunt of my grandfather and Margaret.*

*(Other information on this family is available.)*

## **James Herbert**

No 63

Blacksmith James Herbert died on 24 May 1866 of typhoid fever. He was born in Victoria and had been in Queensland for 4 years. James was 23. He had been ill for four weeks and was treated by Dr Moran. R J Cottell, employer, was the informant.

James Walters was the undertaker, while R J Cottell and Sampson Pierce Cameron, freeholder, were witnesses at his burial on 25 May.

James had no known family.

Death record says he was born in Victoria. However, he could have come to Queensland from Victoria. A passenger list has a James Herbert, aged 20, of Irish nationality, departing from Liverpool on the "Tornado", and arriving here at Melbourne in June 1864.

Ancestry: waiting



## **Patrick Arthur Macarthur**

No 64

Patrick Arthur Macarthur died from inflammation of the bowels on 16 April 1866. He was 1 year and 9 months. His parents were Patrick Macarthur, Police Magistrate, and Elizabeth Westgarth. He was born in Surat where his father was based at the time.

Dr Moran had treated Patrick and was present at his funeral on 17 April along with John Moorhead, undertaker James Walters and the officiating Presbyterian minister, Rev Adam McIntyre.

*Brisbane Courier* (Qld. : 1864 - 1933), Saturday 28 April 1866, page 4<sup>1</sup>

<p>DEATH MACARTHUR. - On the 16th April, at Roma, Patrick Arthur, fourth son of P. Macarthur, Police Magistrate, Roma, aged one year and nine months.</p>
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Other children in the family were Sophia Esther, born 21 September 1860, Colin Campbell, born 2 March 1866, and Ranald Westgarth, born 16 May 1872. There were two unnamed male children, born 29 August 1862 and 14 July 1864. Other children in the family whose deaths are registered are Angus de Rohan, died 21 July 1875, and John Horatio, died 5 May 1883.

*Our contact was a friend of a friend who belongs to the Macarthur family.*

*From our contact:*

*Patrick Macarthur 1821-1895 and his wife Elizabeth Westgarth 1832-1911, both buried at Nundah Historical Cemetery, Nundah Brisbane Children :- Ann 1854-1937 (F) Christian Westgarth Macarthur (F) 1852-1916, married Charles Edward Chubb DOB 1845, Supreme court Judge and Attorney General Peter 1856-1935 He became a magistrate like his father and died of a stroke in Mackay QLD John H 1856-1859 Sophia 1860-1945 Patrick Arthur 1862-1866 Angus 1864-1875 Colin C 1866-1942 ( direct relative of my friend) Accountant, lived in Cunnamulla for much of his life Ronald 1872 -1934.*

## **Alice Gamble**

No 65

Alice Gamble, born in Condamine, was 11 months old when she died on 2 April 1866. She was the daughter of William Gamble, builder, and Elizabeth Reilly. Her funeral was on 3 April.

See entry for Adeline Gamble, No 210

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<sup>1</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article1266564>

## Yannee or Yannee Yannee

No 67

Yannee, 20, a cook, was born in China, and he had been in Australia for 8 years. He died in Roma on 21 August 1866 and was buried the following day. The cause of death is given as "breaking up of nature".

The informant for Yannee's death is given as a neighbour, John Arcum. The mark / signature in the record is in Chinese.

[The name of this person may be in doubt since it is probably an interpretation of the information given verbally.]

## Isabella Florence Louisa Mattinson

No 69

Isabella Mattinson was 2 months and 3 weeks old when she died at *Brucedale* on 14 August 1866. She was the daughter of John William Mattinson, squatter, and his wife, Isabella Tooth.

Her father, the informant for her death, attended her funeral on 16 August with Patrick Macarthur and with James Walters as the undertaker. Isabella's death was attributed to teething.

8 June 1866 *Brisbane Courier*<sup>1</sup>

7 September 1866 *Brisbane Courier*<sup>2</sup>

**BIRTH.**  
MATTINSON.—On the 18th May, at Brucedale, Roma, Mrs. J. W. Mattinson, of a daughter.

MATTINSON.—On the 14th August, at Brucedale, Queensland, Isabella, infant daughter of J. W. Mattinson, 4 1/2 Mo., aged two months and three weeks.

Isabella and John appear to have had a son, John William, born 28 August 1869.

Our contact for Isabella is Michelle Mattinson (née Raynor).

## Unnamed Lawson

No 70

This infant, the daughter of William Boyd Lawson and his wife, Jane Griffiths, died on 23 October 1866 as a result of premature birth. She survived only 24 hours.

W B Lawson was a butcher and a prominent citizen of the town.

*Information from an Ancestry contact:*

*William had 2 brothers Christopher and Edgar, and another sister Jane. He married Winifred Lee who was the sister of my g grandmother on my mum's side if you want to look at my tree you will find the family. pam x*

<sup>1</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article1268847>

<sup>2</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article1273855>



William and Jane had a son, William John, born in November 1865, and a daughter, Jane Annie Phillips, born in 1872.

It appears that W B Lawson moved to Cooper's Creek in 1870.

### **Eda Alke**

No 71

Eda Alke was 20 months old when she died of teething and fever on 22 October 1866. She was born at Dunmore?, on the Darling Downs on 16 February 1865, the daughter of Henry Alke, shoemaker, and his wife, Caroline Hogadorn.

Henry's name varies in the records to Henrich or Heinrich, and Caroline's name has several variations – Hogardom, Haegedom, Hogadon, Hagedorn, Hagedorn.

Other children in the family include: Henry, died 5 March 1867, Mina Auguste, born 20 August 1867, Caroline, born 27 July 1869, Wilhelm, born 18 July 1871, Elizabeth, born 21 June 1873, died 15 May 1874, Anna, born 25 April 1875, and Michael Philip, born 28 June 1877.

Eda's father, Henry, was the informant for her death.

Henry Kreibke was the undertaker, and Edward Schneider was a witness at her burial on 22 October.

#### **ANCESTRY**

No response from a possible contact (2021). 23 June 2022 – further enquiry.

### **Emma Mary Palmer**

No 73

Emma Mary Palmer, infant daughter of George Palmer and Margaret Quinn, died on 3 December 1866 from teething, aged 8 months and 1 week. She was born at Condamine on 27 March 1866. Her father was a cook.

Margaret was the informant for Emma's death.

George Palmer was present at his daughter's burial on 3 December, and John McGarry was the undertaker and a witness.

**ANCESTRY: 23 June 22 – may be local contacts**

### **Catherine Bredhauer**

No 76

On 5 January 1867 Catherine Bredhauer, aged 3 months, died of "inflammation". She was born in Roma on 12 October 1866, the daughter of George and Elizabeth / Eliza Bredhauer. Her siblings were John Harry, born 14 November 1862, Sophia Amelia, born 7 August 1864, George, born 13 November 1867, and John Henry, born 19 November 1869.

Her father, George [George William], was a bushman [but could also have been a carpenter / hotel keeper], and he was the informant for her death. He attended her funeral on 6 January along with John Frank, undertaker, and N Debold.

## **ANCESTRY**

No response from a possible contact. 23 June 22 sent another message. 18 July Message sent

### **Unnamed Wilson**

No 79

This unnamed 6 week old infant was the son of John Benjamin Wilson and Margaret Mitchell. He was born in Roma on 28 November 1866 and died on 13 January 1867. His father was a boarding house keeper.

John and Margaret were married on 18 December 1865.

John Wilson was the informant for his son's death and he attended his son's burial on 14 January at which John Fitzpatrick was the undertaker and a witness.

### **Thomas McKenna**

No 86

Thomas McKenna was a carpenter who was born in Ireland. He died in Roma, aged 30, of natural causes on 22 March 1867. Nothing is known of his family.

John Devine was the informant and undertaker, and Patrick Maloney was a witness at the burial on 22 March.

### **George Bowerman**

No 88

George Bowerman was 25 when he died of "colonial fever" in Roma on 24 March 1867. His father's name was David Bowerman and his mother's name is unknown. George was a labourer.

John Moorhead was the informant for his death.

Those attending his funeral on 24 March were Benjamin Rayner, acting as undertaker, officiating minister Rev Grimm, Presbyterian, and witnesses J B Wilson and Michael Goss.

The following advertisement indicates that John Benjamin intended continuing to reside in Roma following his son's death in 1867.



To the Worshipful the Justices of the Peace, acting in and for the district of Roma, in Queensland.

I JOHN BENJAMIN WILSON, now residing at Roma, in the district of Roma, do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply at the next Special Petty Sessions to be holden for this district on the 16th day of JULY next ensuing, for a FRASCAR'S LICENCE for the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors in the house and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated in Edward-street, in the town of Roma, containing three sitting rooms and six bed rooms exclusive of those required for my own family, and which I intend to keep as an inn or public house, under the sign of the "Exchange Hotel."

I am married, and I have never held a Licence in Queensland, but I have held one in Victoria.

Given under my hand, this 16th day of June, 1868.

JOHN BENJAMIN WILSON.

## Walter Henry Launder


No 89

Walter Henry Launder, 3 months, born on 13 December 1866, was the infant son of George Launder, builder, and Jane Walker. He died 11 March 1867, the cause of death being given as debility.

Walter's siblings were George, born 16 October 1865, died 29 March 1866, and George, born on 24 December 1867, died on 20 March 1868.

His father, George, was the Acting Town Clerk at the first meeting of the first Municipal Council met when the town became a municipality in 1867.<sup>2</sup>

George Launder's signature, along with that of Thomas McEwen, at the bottom of the minutes of the first Roma Municipal Council meeting 10 August 1867



Contact for Walter and George Launder, John Daniel Page, Annie Baillie, Sarah Duffy is Tony. The common link appears to be the Tattan family.

Tony:

Her brother, John married my grand aunt Sarah Jane Bates in 1863 the same time my great grand mother, Mary Ann Bates, married George Parrott in Surat. Henry Baillie died in Tambo in 1904, Daniel Page died in 1860 at Moongool Lower Condamine.

<sup>1</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article215453736>

<sup>2</sup> Maranoa Regional Council, Bungil Street, Roma, archives

**Arthur Fuller**

No 93

Arthur Fuller was a shepherd, aged 40, who died on 14 April 1867 of breaking up of the constitution. Dr Moran attended him during his illness. No information is given on his family though it is recorded that he was born in England.

George Uff was both informant for the death and the undertaker for the burial while James Parr was a witness at his burial on 15 April.

**Joseph McCarthy**

No 96

Joseph McCarthy was 6 days old when he died of convulsions at *Euthella* on 20 July 1867. He was born at *Euthulla*.

His father, Michael McCarthy, was a shepherd. His mother was Ellen Driscoll.

Joseph was buried in Roma on 21 July. His mother was the informant.

John Kelly was undertaker and witness and Cornelius Tobin was another witness to the burial on 21 July.

**Margaret Crosbie**

No 99

Born in Roma, Margaret Crosbie was the daughter of Francis Crosbie and Margaret Rossiter. She died of convulsions on 5 September 1867, five days after her birth in Roma on 1 September. Francis was a publican.

Francis Crosbie was the informant for his daughter's death and the undertaker for her burial on 5 September. Joseph Warren was a witness.

Their two other daughters had also died – Mary Christina / Christina Mary, born 9 October 1863, died 30 October 1863, and Mary, born 31 October 1864, died 3 March 1866.

In May 1870 the *Brisbane Courier*<sup>1</sup> published a report from *Queensland Times* Roma Correspondent that included the comment: "On the 18<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Cottell sold by auction a quantity of miscellaeous goods, the property of Mr. Francis Crosbie, who is leaving, I am informed, for California, being, like so many other persons, disgusted with the colony."

**John Daniel Page**

No 103

John Daniel Page was aged 8 when he died in Roma on 29 November 1867 of disease of the heart. He was born at Mungool. John's parents were Daniel Page, grazier, and Elizabeth Tatten.

The attending doctor was Dr Smith.

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<sup>1</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article1316787>



The informant for John's death was stepfather, Henry Baillie. The burial on 30 November was attended to by William Britton.

[Cf Entry No 110]

### **John Moorhead**

No 105

The son of William Moorhead, gentleman, John Moorhead was the Clerk of Petty Sessions for Roma, succeeding his father in this position in 1865. John was the first bank officer for Roma's first bank, the Queensland Savings Bank.

His mother's name was Mary Anne Cochrane. John Moorhead was born in Bengall and he had been in Queensland for 9 years.

His siblings were Margaret, Mary, Elizabeth / Lizzie, Annie, and Emily Jane.

In July 1866 he had married Susan Elizabeth Innes in Brisbane. Susan was governess to Mr. Patrick Macarthur's children. They had a child, Constance Emily Moorhead, 7 months old.

John died of apoplexy or sunstroke on 28 December 1867. He was

The funeral was conducted by H J Campbell, Church of England.

### **Mary Kreibke / Kriebke**

No 107

Mary Kreibke was the wife of Henry Kreibke. As Mary Moloney, she had married Henry on 23 June 1863 at the Maranoa Hotel. She died at the age of 32 of a fever on 23 February 1868, leaving a son, Frederick Phillip, 3½, born 10 May 1864, and a daughter, Mary Jane, 9 months, born 9 May 1867.

Mary was born in Tipperary, Ireland, and had been in Australia for about 5 years and 3 months.

From the Roma Correspondent to *Queensland Times, Ipswich Herald and General Advertiser*, 11 April 1868<sup>1</sup>:

The sickness in the town, as well as the deaths, has been considerably exaggerated; I do not mean to say that there has not been more sickness than usual, but still nothing alarming. A short time after Christmas Mrs Kaupke [sic] [Mrs Kreibke] died; she had been ill for some time previously, but it was not with the prevailing disorder. Since then five children have been buried – one of which died at Bungeworgorai of hydrocephalus. The population, according to the last census, is 50; so that after all we have not much to complain about.

Janice Lauren Rose in *Queensland Founding Families*, page 391<sup>2</sup>

Mary maloney is listed on the "Florentina" arriving at Moreton Bay on 29 April 1853. Three Maoloney sisters and their individual husbands each occupy a pioneer milestone in

<sup>1</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article123355502>

<sup>2</sup> Queensland Family History Society. 2009

the history of Roma, with Mary being the last to take up residence in the early days of settlement. Mary Maloney and Henry Kriebke were recorded as the first civil marriage in the new town in 1863. The publication, *In Champagne Country*, records the following:

The first marriage to take place was between Henry Kriebke and Mary Maloney, on 23 June 1863. It was performed by the Registrar Mr. W. Moorehead. Eight civil marriages were performed before the first marriage by a Minister on 21 July 1864.

Mary's sister, Catherine, was married to Charles Ahrens who erected the first building, the Bowen Hotel, in the embryo township in 1862; and their younger sister, Anne Maloney, along with husband of three years, Thomas Joseph Reid, had been operating a public house at Reid's Crossing with Reid having obtained a licence from the Bench of Magistrates at Surat prior to 1863.

Mary Maloney was 26 years old when she married Henry Kriebke. Their first child was Frederick Philip Kriebke, born 10 May 1864, followed by a daughter, Mary Jane Kriebke on 9 May 1867.

From 1866 to 1869, Henry Kriebke is listed as the publican for the Shearers Arms Hotel in Gregory Street, Roma.

Mary (Maloney) Kriebke had been married four and a half years, and had a son, aged three years and a daughter of nine months when she died on 24 February 1868. She was buried in the old Roma Cemetery, aged 32 years. There is no recorded grave site or headstone remaining for Mary. The location of the original cemetery is known, but no headstones remain. It is a known fact that many of the headstones were buried on the site.

Eight months after the death of Mary (Maloney) Kriebke, on 8 October 1868, Henry was remarried to Macada (also known as Margaret) Roebig. Charles Henry Kriebke was born on 28 March 1870, Jane Amelia Kriebke on 2 March 1872, Frank Albert Kriebke on 22 July 1873, Adeline Mary Kriebke on 25 April 1875.

Henry Kriebke died 11 November 1914 and is buried in Roma Cemetery. Margaret Catherine Kriebke died on 23 October 1918 and is buried in Mitchell Cemetery. Frederick Kriebke (child of Henry Kriebke and Mary Maloney) was also buried in Mitchell Cemetery in 1941.

### **Alice Jane Diamond**

No 109

Alice Jane Diamond died on 11 February 1868. Her parents were Mark Diamond, labourer, and Isabella Wildgoose. Alice was born in Brisbane and was 14 months old. Her cause of death is given as thrush. Amongst her siblings was Antoinette, born 1869.

Her father was the informant for Alice's death.

Robert Adair acted as the undertaker and H J Campbell, Church of England, officiated at the funeral on 12 February. Witnesses were W Warden and Mrs Nicoll.



**Annie / Hannah Baillie**

No 110

Annie / Hannah Baillie was 2 years and 8 months when she died on 26 February 1868 from infantile cholera. Her parents were Henry Baillie and Elizabeth Tatten. Henry was a grazier. Annie was born in Queensland.

Henry and Elizabeth married on 12 May 1862. Elizabeth had previously married Daniel Page on 19 April 1858.

Other children in this family were likely James Francis, born 5 February 1867, Elizabeth, born 23 March 1869, Henry Ramsay, born 20 May 1872, Marianne, born 8 April 1874, Margaret, born 16 February 1876, Lydia, born 13 October 1879, and Ellen, born 29 March 1884.

Elizabeth was the informant for Annie's death.

James McCulloch was the undertaker, H J Campbell, Church of England, the minister, and Mr Diamond and Mr Darby were witnesses at her funeral on 27 February.

**Catherine Hayes**

No 111

Catherine Hayes was born in Roma. Her parents were George Hayes and Eliza Saunders. She was 9 months old and died from infantile cholera on 17 March 1868. Her father, George, was a butcher.

H J Campbell, Church of England, was the minister.

From our contact, Myra Fogarty:

Catherine Hayes' sister Elizabeth, married Arthur Llewlyn Williams. Their son was my husband's uncle. That Williams family lived in Cairns. Elizabeth died in Innisfail. I can't tell you whether Catherine died in Roma or not, as I copied that entry from another Ancestry member. I do know that the original name was Snook, but the husband took his mother's maiden name, Hayes, on arrival in Australia.

**George Launder**

No 113

George Launder, born on 24 December 1867, died on 20 March 1868. He was the son of George Launder and Jane Walker. He had been born in Roma and was a brother to Walter Henry Launder. His cause of death is given as "inflammation – diarrhea".

H J Campbell, Church of England, the officiating minister. Thomas McEwen was one of the witnesses at his funeral.

## **Henry Alfred Barker**

No 116

Born in Dalby, Henry Alfred Barker, aged 1 year and 3 months, was the son of William Henry Barker and Jane Charge. He was born on 4 January 1867. William was a storekeeper. On 8 April 1868 Henry died of tabes mesenterica.

He had 6 brothers and 2 sisters – William Arthur, born 20 April 1865, Sydney Reeve, born 29 November 1868, Charles Henry, born 3 March 1870, Alfred McClelland, born 9 December 1871, Lilly McClelland, born 21 November 1873, Frank Edward, born 9 October 1876, Martha Swann, born 2 May 1880, and Samuel Joseph, born 3 September 1885.

H J Campbell, Church of England, was the officiating minister, and R J Cottell was one of the witnesses at his funeral on 9 April.

*Contact is Kate Thomson.*

*I don't have a lot of details about him. We have him recorded as being born in Maryborough, where his parents were married. They died in the early 1900's in Charters Towers and are buried at the Lynd Cemetery, as are some of his siblings. If I can find out any more details I will forward them to you.*

*Later:*

*I don't really have any information as this is a distant relationship through my mum's side of the family. There has been very little passed down and most of the information we have has been gathered from the few records that are available. Needless to say mysteries abound and will probably never be solved unless more direct family is found that have useful stories. All the best  
Kate.*

## **Julia Mosely**

No 117

Julia Mosely was born at *Clifford Station*, Dawson, on 16 July 1862, and was 5 years old when she died in Roma on 12 March 1868 from acute enteritis. Her father, Josiah Mosely was a carrier, and her mother was Julia Ardrey.

Other children in the family were John, born 16 July 1862, died 28 February 1862, Josiah, born 1859, died 8 March 1863, Robert Frederick, died 3 March 1863, Robert Frederick, born 7 July 1866, Josiah, born 27 May 1865, died 1941, Mary, born 2 September 1867.

Julia's father was the informant and his place of residence is given as Toowoomba.

Josiah was the informant for his daughter's death.

Robert Adair was the undertaker at the funeral on 12 March, H J Campbell Church of England, the officiating minister, and witnesses were Mrs Dick and Mrs Lyons.

*From our contact, Scott Tunbridge: What a fascinating find in your cemetery. I thought Julia died and was buried in Gympie. However I'm not 100% about this. The rationale is that Julia's three siblings all died of diphtheria in 1863 in Gympie. I'd assumed Julia died there too. Julia's parents were Josiah Redfern Mosely who was transported to Australia at the age of 14. He was one of the last*



convicts transported. He was given a ticket of leave on arrival and married Julia Ardray in Tumut NSW. After the first four children died, they had five more who all survived into adulthood. They were all born in Qld, but I have no detail on the town. By the 1880s they had moved to the Northern Rivers area of NSW, in particular Chatsworth Island. My great grandmother was Mary Mosely 1867-1954. Funny thing about the last five children, four of them ( except Mary) were all named after the first four children (including Julia) who died in childhood. Julia Ardray died on Chatsworth Island and Josiah moved to Sydney, remarried and died in Marrickville in 1911. I believe all the other surviving Mosely children moved to Sydney at some stage although I've never made contact with their descendants. From what you say about Clifford Station, Dawson and Roma, it seems the family moved around Qld a fair bit. I think Josiah was a miner in Tumut, so he could have been one in Qld. Is Roma a mining town? And where is Dawson? Would love to hear more information about the burial ground and the Council's progress.

### **Jeremiah Percival**

No 118

Aged 26 when he died in Roma, Jeremiah Percival is described as a dealer. He died of fever and burst blood vessel on 15 April 1868.

He was born in England and had been in Australia for four years.

Jeremiah Jarratt Percival married Sarah Small in Brisbane on 10 April 1867.

*Brisbane Courier* Thursday 11 April 1867<sup>1</sup>

<b>MARRIAGE</b> Percival - Small - On the 10th April, by License, to the Rev. Edward Griffith, Jeremiah Percival, youngest son of Mr Geo. Percival, Cheesefactor, Middlewich, Cheshire to Sarah Small, youngest daughter of Mr. Matthew Small, County Armagh, Ireland. (Rockhampton papers please copy).
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The informant for Jeremiah's death was Thomas McEwen, publican.

HJ Campbell, Church of England, was the officiating minister, and the burial was witnessed by Thomas McEwen.

Ancestry: 20 July 2022 jcpercival4974

### **Alexander Burrowes/ Burroughes Campbell**

No 123

Alexander Burrowes Campbell was the son of Henry Jephson Campbell and Charlotte Taylear/Taylor. Alexander was born in Brisbane, and was 9 months old when he died of dysentery on 9 April 1868 in Roma.

His father was the Church of England minister in Roma during 1868, and he was the informant for his son's death.

His father the officiating minister at his funeral on 10 April.

<sup>1</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article1282676>

R B Taylor 394<sup>1</sup>. The first Church of England Minister resident in Roma was the Rev. Henry Jepson Campbell, who, with his family, arrived in Roma by Cobb & Co's coach on Tuesday the 15th October 1867. After boarding at Crosbie's Commercial Hotel in the meantime, they went into occupation of "The Red House" on the 20th November 1867. Rev. Campbell's first service was held at the Court House Roma on Sunday the 20th October 1867.

From the Roma Correspondent, *Queensland Times* 16 April 1868<sup>2</sup>:

The weather is almost insufferable, the thermometer yesterday marked 100 degs. In the shade; the dust is blinding and choking, the grass is burnt up, the water is quickly evaporating, ophthalmia is prevalent and increasing. Sickness is rife, the Rev. Mr. Campbell, Mr. Barker, and Mr. Halliday having each to deplore the loss of a child during his present week. Mr. Campbell's was carried off in a couple of days, Mr. Halliday's also in a short time, Mr. Barker's after an illness of nine or ten weeks, during which it has undergone great suffering. Several men have been admitted during the week into hospital, and some, I understand, are receiving out-door relief.

[DB: I can find no record for the third child, Halliday, mentioned in this story.]

**ANCESTRY:** 14 June 2021 Christine Parsons re Alexander B Campbell, No 123

July: contacted Anglican church locals

## Mary Ann McCarthy

No 124

Mary Ann McCarthy was 2 years old when she died on 22 May 1868. She was the daughter of Michael McCarthy and Ellen Driscoll. She was accidentally scalded at *Euthulla* and died in Roma about a week later. Her father, Michael, was a shepherd.

*Maryborough Chronicle, Wide Bay and Burnett Advertiser* (Qld. : 1860 - 1947), Saturday 6 June 1868, page 4<sup>3</sup>

A poor little girl about two years old, the daughter of a shepherd named McCarthy, engaged on Euthella station, near Roma, met (says a correspondent of the *Queensland Times*) with a sad accident on Thursday, 21st May, which has terminated fatally. The mother, whilst engaged in washing, left the child to play about when sad to relate it fell into a bucket of boiling tea and was so dreadfully scalded that it died shortly afterwards.

<sup>1</sup> Taylor, R B. *The History of Roma and District 1846-1885*: Roma, Roma Rotary Club, 1975, page 73

<sup>2</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article123357002>

<sup>3</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article1745488>



**James McKearney**

No 125

James McKearney, who was believed to be about 26 years of age, died in Roma Hospital on 7 May 1868. He had had a fever for about 5 days and was treated by Dr Begge.

No information was available about his family or other personal details.

The informant for this death was E Bellgrove, Secretary Roma Hospital. He witnessed the burial on 8 May at which R J Cottell was undertaker.

**Margaret McEwen**

No 129

Margaret McEwen suffered from [chronic?] disease and died at the age of 34 on 23 June 1868. Her parents were John Murphy, landowner, and Mary Corrigan. She was born in Ireland, and had been in Australia about 20 years. She married Thomas McEwen at the age of 26 at Lambing Flat in NSW.

Thomas was the informant for his wife's death.

Robert Adair was undertaker, and E A Rees a witness to the burial on 24 June.

**Theophulus John Austin**

No 132

Born in Queensland, Theophulus John Austin was about 9 years old when he was accidentally shot at Cattle Creek on 5 September 1868. He was the son of Dick and Marian Austin. He was a servant to a carrier, the occupation of his father. His mother's maiden name is not known. The informant was H R Buttanshaw, Police Magistrate, who also conducted an enquiry into the boy's death.

Alfred James Cheeseman was the undertaker. He was also the witness to his burial on 5 September in Roma.

**Mary Meade**

No 134

Mary Meade died of convulsions, a day after birth, on 21 August 1868. She was the daughter of Catherine Meade.

The informant was Catherine Meade. The undertaker and witness to the burial on 22 August was Sergeant McQuade.

Catherine married Joseph Dawson as Kate Meade on 28 June 1869 in the Registry Office in Roma.

Kate was a domestic servant in Roma, aged 23 Her parents were William Henry Meade, farmer, and Mary Cashman (?) in County Cork, Ireland. Joseph – Michael William Joseph – Dawson, 24, was a stockman, working at *Talavera* in Surat. His parents were William

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Dawson, a boat builder, and Emily (maiden name unknown). Joseph was born in Dublin, Ireland.

In the years following their marriage Catherine and Joseph moved around south-west Queensland and north-west New South Wales. They had a son, Henry William, on 2 January 1870 in Charleville. Other children were Alfred Ernest, 4 September 1871, Arthur Edward, 9 June 1873, Emily, 2 September 1874, William, 17 September 1876, and Joseph, 1 September, 1880. This last son died on 15 September and Catherine died on 18 October 1880.

*Our contact on Ancestry, Raema:*

*All the information I have on Catherine Meade is in my family tree on [ancestry.com.au](https://www.ancestry.com.au). She married Michael William Joseph (known as Joseph) in Roma on 28Jun1869.*

The information in the story above is taken from the family tree record provided by Raema.

**Thomas Launder**

No 135

Thomas Launder died on 18 September 1868 at the age of 25. He died of pneumonia complicated with bronchitis and was seen by Dr William J Smith on the day he died. He was an overseer.

No information was given regarding his family or his place of birth.

The informant for the death was Francis Crosbie, publican. He witnessed the burial on 19 September with R J Cottell as the undertaker.

**Joseph Wilkinson**

No 139

Joseph Wilkinson was 4 months old when he died of enteritis on 3 November 1868. He was the son of John Wilkinson and Elizabeth Riley and had been born on *Mitchell Downs*. John was a shepherd.

John was the informant for Joseph's death.

John Wilkinson was the undertaker for his son's burial on 3 November.

*Our contact, Neal Quinlan: Joseph Wilkinson appears in my family tree, as my Great Grand Uncle. He was born on 1st August 1868 and died on 3rd November 1868. As far as we know, he was one of 4 children born to John Wilkinson. Could you please keep me updated as to the outcome of this burial ground?*

**Thomas Martin Cox**

No 140

Thomas Martin Cox was 1 year and 8 months on when he died on 12 November 1868. Born on 3 February 1867, in Toowoomba, he was the son of William Joseph Cox and Ceilica/Cecilia/Celia Owens. William was a bootmaker.



Thomas Martin's other siblings were George, born 31 May 1858, Mary Ann, born 25 January 1860, died 7 February 1860, Mary Ann, born 1 January 1861, Thomas Martin, born 1 January 1861, Catherine, died 1 July 1863, Catherine, born 5 November 1864, John Henry, born 3 February 1867, Margaret Bea, born 7 May 1869, William Joseph, died 13 January 1879.

## John Dorney

No 141

John Dorney died on 30 October 1868 of acute rheumatism, and perioniditis [sic] etc. He was 56, and died in Roma Hospital.

John's father was Michael Dorney, a tailor.

John was born at Ballintemple, Blackrock, near Cork, Ireland, and had been in Australia for 5 years. He was a shepherd.

*A family record<sup>1</sup> shows that John was born at Ballintemple, Blackrock, around 1812.*

*At the age of 28 John had married Catherine Gorman, daughter of a rope maker, in Cork.*

*Michael, Stephen and John Dorney were born in Cork, while Joseph Patrick, Catherine and William were born at St Andrew's, Holborn, Middlesex, England. They had left Ireland around 1847 and settled in Middlesex. John Dorney and his family were living at St Stephen, Pancras, by 1861, and John was a servant to John Howard, solicitor.*

*The family came, as assisted migrants from Ireland, to Moreton Bay on 14 September 1863 on the "Star of England". Michael, Stephen and John went to Sydney to seek work in their fields of employment.*

*On 31 May 1864 William Dorney, their youngest child died at the age of 8 [probably in Brisbane].*

*Their children were Steven/Stephen, 20, Joseph, 15, and Catherine, 13. There was also a son, John.*

*They had, according to the register, had 2 surviving sons and a daughter, and had lost 3 male children and 1 female.*

*Michael died from consumption of the lungs in October 1868 in Sydney before Catherine was able to arrive. It was while she was in Sydney that her husband, John, died in Roma. Family records state that he had been suffering from inflammation of the heart for 6 weeks prior to his death.*

*Catherine then took her children, Joseph and Catherine, back to Sydney so she could be near her sons, Stephen and John.*



John's daughter, Catherine Quail (née Dorney) with family members  
Photos courtesy of Lynne Pramana

<sup>1</sup> Pramana, Lynne, Ballina, NSW. *The Dorneys of Blackrock, An Emigrants Story*: date not known.  
[www.stmichaelsblackrock.ie](http://www.stmichaelsblackrock.ie)

Edwin Bellgrove, Hospital Secretary, was the informant for John's death. The undertaker was R J Cottell, H J Campbell was the officiating minister, and F Orme and W Blakeney were the witnesses at his funeral on 30 October.

*Dot: The above information in italics was obtained from Lynne Pramana when I was researching Roma Burials.*

### **Margaret Fisher**

No 146

Margaret Fisher was 49 on her death in Roma from paralysis on 21 January 1869. Her parents were Laughlan Blyth and Jane Anderson. Her father was a weaver. Margaret's occupation was given as a domestic.

Born in Irvan, Ayrshire, Scotland, Margaret had been in Australia for 7 years.

She was married at Maybole in Ayrshire at about the age of 19 to John Fisher. They had had 8 children, of whom 2 males, and 3 females were still living, while 3 males had died.

Her husband, John, was the informant for her death. W D Tune, R J Cottell, and David Dick were all present at her funeral on 22 January, with W D Tune as the undertaker and the latter two as witnesses.

John was a selector, shepherd, and carter just over Minmi Creek, and he died at Dunwich.

### **Margaret Tune**

No 152

Margaret Tune was the wife of William Deane Tune, a widower. They married in Sydney in 1864 when she was 20 years old. William was a shopowner.

William, born on 24 May 1824, in Thorne, Yorkshire, was the son of Robert Tune and Elizabeth Dean. The Tune family lived in Canada for some years before coming to Australia. In the early 1870s William Tune settled in Queensland and took up two Maranoa selections – Woodstock and Niagara Place. He started mixed farming on both and planted a large vineyard at Niagara Place, where the homestead was, as well as four acres of vines at Woodstock in 1878<sup>1</sup>.

Margaret was the daughter of Martin Farrell, a farmer, and Maria Donoghue, and was born near London. She had been in Australia for 5 years. Her death from apoplexy occurred on 26 March 1869 when she was 27.

Her husband was the informant for her death. Robert Adair was the undertaker. Charles Spencer, a Church of England minister living in the district, officiated at her funeral on 26 March, and R J Cottell and Thomas Byrne were witnesses.

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<sup>1</sup> Moran, John. *In the Grip of the Grape*. Ashgrove: Preferential Publications, 1993.



**Mary Hawley**

No 153

Mary Hawley, the daughter of Andrew Hawley and Bridget Sullivan, was 7 weeks old when she died of bronchitis on 2 May 1869. Andrew was a labourer. He was 32 and Bridget was 28. Mary was born in Roma on 14 March 1869.

Her father was the informant for her death. George Bradham was the undertaker as well as a witness along with John Bullivant at her burial on 3 May.

*From contact Chris Hawley:*

*When Andrew Hawley (my 2xgreat grandfather) arrived in Moreton Bay he got a job in Oxley harvesting sugar cane, his first wife Harriett Cheetham passed away not long after arriving. when the Gympie gold rush happened he left his 3 sons Andrew, George (my great grandfather) and William in Brisbane at the Diamantina orphanage to try his luck at finding gold, he then headed out to Roma to work on a property. I don't have much information about Bridget Sullivan, I am led to believe that she worked at a hotel in Roma where Andrew met her, she came to Australia from Ireland and that's all I have on her. Andrew and Bridget got married in March 1867 and 2 years later Mary was born in March 1869 and died in May. They left Roma it seems after the death of Mary and headed back to Brisbane where they collected the 3 boys. They took a land selection of 80 acres in 1870 at Glamorgan Vale in the Lockyer valley and farmed there for the next 40 years. Besides Mary, Andrew and Bridget only had 1 more child a Son called Henry, who passed away in 1900 at age 29. His other sons with Harriett Cheetham Andrew Jr passed away in 1871 aged 11 William passed away in 1954 George passed away in 1950 Bridget passed away in January 1913 and Andrew passed away 4 years later in 1917. It is a shame how old cemeteries have been lost, or if there are graves and no headstones, Harriet, Andrew's first wife is buried somewhere in Brisbane but the cemetery is long gone possibly somewhere in Rocklea. Andrew's grave is marked only by an old fence post, Bridget has a proper headstone both are in the old Forest Hill cemetery which is pretty much overgrown these days. It's nice to know that Mary's resting place will be recognised.*

**Martha Lousia/Louisa Clark**

No 154

Martha Lousia/Louisa Clark was the daughter of Joseph Henry Clark and Catherine Mitchell. She was born at *Euthulla* on 15 January 1868, died there on 14 March 1869, aged 1 year and 2 months, and was buried in Roma. Cause of death was infantile dysentery. Dr Moran saw her on 12 March.

Joseph Clark was a shepherd.

Martha had a twin brother who died 4 days after birth. [See No 106.] Other brothers were Archibald, born 1865, and Alfred Wright, born 1870. There were apparently 9 or 10 children in this family.

Joseph was the informant for Martha's death.

The undertaker and witness at her funeral on 15 March was Robert Adair, and the officiating minister was Charles Spencer, Church of England.

### **John Schuttelbauer**

No 157

John Schuttelbauer was born at Meckarewienan Watersberg, Germany. He was apparently unmarried and nothing is known of his parents.

John was a shepherd and he died in Roma on 13 May 1869 from acute bronchitis. He was about 60 years old.

Publican Henry Kreibke was the informant for his death. The undertaker was Charles Arnold. Rev Charles Spencer officiated at the funeral on 13 May and Michael Murphy was a witness.

### **Margaret Ann McIntyre**

No 158

Margaret Ann McIntyre died from bronchitis on 30 April 1869. She was the 5 month old daughter of James McIntyre and Margaret Johnston and was born in Roma. James was a carrier.

Margaret Ann had been ill for 3 weeks and Dr Joseph Begge had last seen her on 28 April. James was the informant for his daughter's death.

George Bredhauer was the undertaker and witness and Rev Charles Spencer was the officiating minister at her funeral on 1 May.

### **Catherine Cunningham**

No 159

Catherine Cunningham was born in Ireland and had been in Australia for 3 years. She was a general servant, aged 25.

Catherine died of heart disease on 26 May 1869. She had been ill for 4 days and had been treated by Drs Begge and Moran.

Her employer, Charles Ahrens, publican, was the informant for her death.

George Bredhauer was the undertaker, and in attendance at her funeral on 26 May were Dr Moran, Charles Ahrens, and F Reid.

Her death received a brief mention in the Roma correspondent's news to the *Brisbane Courier* on 2 June 1869, although he says that she died on 29 May.

### **John Edward Stratton**

No 160

John Edward Stratton was born in County Meath, Ireland, and had been in Australia for 8 years. He was a seaman.

His parents were James Stratton, a farmer, and Phoebe Phillips. He had married Elizabeth Ann Dockrell in Sydney when he was 35.

He died in Roma on 11 May 1869 of dropsy, aged 45. Elizabeth was the informant for John's death. R J Cottell was the undertaker and G Gleeson was a witness at his burial 11 May.



## **Sarah Emily Bell**

No 162

Sarah Emily Bell was the daughter of William Gustav Bell and Mary Jane Nixon. She was born in Roma on 14 September 1868. William was a billiard maker.

Sarah was 8 months old when she died of diarrhoea on 14 May 1869.

Her father was the informant for her death. Robert Adair participated in the funeral on 14 May as the undertaker. The officiating minister was Rev Charles Spencer, and John Darlington and Eliza Hayes were witnesses.

William Bell was born on 15 October 1835 in Hamburg, Germany, and he died in 1900. It appears he was also known as Edward Gustav Bell. He married Mary Nixon on 28 February 1867 in Queensland. Their children, in addition to Sarah Emily, who was born on 14 September 1868, were William Martin, born 2 June 1867 (died 1931), Albert Edward, born on 7 September 1869 in Roma (died 1929), Mary McCullough, born 20 September 1872 (died 1940).

On 6 February 1883 Mary Jane Bell, widow, married Charles Alfred Gayler in Roma<sup>1</sup>.

Their children were Alfred Victor, born 8 February 1880, Charles, born 11 September 1882, Herbert Francis, born 10 July 1884, and Arthur Allmutt, born 9 February 1888.

## **James Davies**

No 165

James Davies, a shepherd, was 58 years old when he died on 19 June 1869 in Roma Hospital from dysentery. Nothing is known of his family or when he came to Australia.

The informant for his death was E Bellgrove, the Secretary of the Roma Hospital.

James Miller was the undertaker, and Dr C Moran and George Hayes were witnesses at his funeral on 20 June.

## **Michael Dunne**

No 166

Michael Dunne died in the Roma Hospital at the age of 48 on 11 July 1869. No cause of death is given. His parents were Edward and Bridget Dunne. Michael was a shepherd.

The Secretary of the Roma Hospital, E Bellgrove, was the informant for his death.

James Miller was the undertaker. George Hayes, R J Cottell and John Cook were witnesses at his burial on 11 July.

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<sup>1</sup> Anglican Church Marriage Records, Roma

## **James Patrick McCarthy**

No 168

James Patrick McCarthy was the son of Michael McCarthy and Ellen Driscoll. He died on 20 July 1869 from convulsions at the age of 1 year. He was born at *Euthulla*.

Michael was a shepherd. James died at *Euthulla* near Roma, but was buried in Roma on 21 July.

The informant for James's death was his mother, Ellen McCarthy.

John O'Connell was undertaker and Johanna O'Connell was a witness at his burial.

## **Daniel Simmonds**

No 169

Daniel Simmonds was a shepherd who died in Roma Hospital on 19 August 1869 from disease of the kidneys. He was 56.

Daniel was born in County Mayo in Ireland, and had been in Australia 13 years. His parents were Gregory Simmonds and Margaret Daly.

E Bellgrove, Secretary of the Roma Hospital, was the informant for Daniel's death, George Bredhauer was the undertaker, George Hayes and C Moran were witnesses at his burial on 20 August.

## **John Polson**

No 170

John Polson died in Roma Hospital from phthisis on 16 August 1869. He was a shepherd and was 36.

John was born in Killomald, Scotland, his parents being Donald and Mary Ann Polson (Murray).

His siblings were Alexander (born March 1831), Catherine (born 1834), Margaret (born 14 September 1842, died 1920), Ann (born about 1848), Adam (born about 1849), Marrison (born about 1854).

His sister, Margaret, married Joseph Sim in Ipswich, Qld, when she was 16. She died at Yingerbay on 20 January 1920 when she was 77.

John's father, Donald, died on 27 March, 1874, at the Dunwich Benevolent Asylum, Qld, aged 63. His wife, Mary (Marion) died also at the Dunwich Benevolent Asylum in 1883, aged 70.

Catherine (married name Reimer) died in Evergreen, Qld, on 18 November 1898.<sup>1</sup>

The informant for John's death was E Bellgrove, Secretary Roma Hospital. The undertaker for his funeral on 17 August was George Bredhauer, the officiating minister Charles Spencer, and the witness George Hayes.

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<sup>1</sup> Roma & District Family Society, archives



**James Joyce**

No 172

James Joyce was born in Waterford, Ireland, and had been in Australia for about 43 years. His parents were James Joyce and Mary Donovan.

James died in Roma Hospital on 1 October 1869 after suffering chronic bronchitis for 3 weeks. He was a shepherd.

E Bellgrove, Secretary of the Roma Hospital, was the informant for his death.

George Bredhauer was the undertaker, and George Hayes and Charles Moran were witnesses at his burial on 2 October.

**Frederick Wyeneke**

No 173

Frederick Wyeneke was 9 days old when he died of infantile convulsions on 19 November 1869. He was born in Roma.

Frederick's parents were George Wyeneke, carrier, and Katrina Hoffman.

Katherine Hoffmann married George Wiencke on 2 March 1862. The couple's name is given as Wieneke when most of their children were registered. Katherine is given as Katrina Hoffman (in Frederick's record), Catherina Hoffman, Catherina Huffmann, Catherine Hoffmann, and Katherina Hoffmann. George is Henry Phillip George in several records.

Their children probably included George, born 1 February 1863, Lawrence George, born 4 March 1871, Louisa, born 28 February 1874, Catherine, born 19 November 1875, Jessie Amelia, born 15 August 1877, William Frederick, born 25 June 1879, Alice Sarah, born 21 August 1881, Phillip Henry, born 13 August 1883, and Fanny, born 26 September 1888.

The informant for Frederick's death was Dr William J Smith, Roma. George Bredhauer was the undertaker, Charles Spencer, Church of England, was the officiating minister, and George Wyeneke was a witness at his funeral on 19 November.

**Matilda Ann Barker**

No 175

Matilda Ann Barker was born at Parramatta, NSW, and had been in Roma for 7 years. She was the daughter of Arthur Barker and Margaret McLelland. Arthur was a draper and tailor.

On 3 November 1869 she died from a heart affliction.

The informant for her death was W H Barker.

Robert Adair was the undertaker, Charles Spencer, Church of England, the officiating minister, and W J Stockdale and R J Cottell the witnesses at her funeral on 4 November.

## **Ellen Kreibke / Kriebke**

No 176

Ellen Kreibke / Kriebke was the daughter of publican Henry Kreibke and his wife, Margaret Roebig. She was 9 months old when she died on 1 December 1869.

Margaret Roebig was Henry Kreibke's second wife. Mary Maloney, his first wife, died on 23 February 1868.

Margaret and Henry were married on 22 October 1868.

Henry's name is sometimes spelt Kriebke, and the first names vary for the pair.

Their children included Charles Henry, born 28 March 1870, Jane Amelia, born 2 March 1872, Frank Albert, born 22 July 1873, Frank Charles, died 17 July 1875, Adeline Mary, born 25 April 1875, Annie Rosina, born 9 February 1877, Christina Henrietta, born 31 December 1880, died 4 March 1882, Conrad, born 27 September 1882, Isabella Christina, born 29 June 1884, Ida Catherine, born 23 April 1886, and John Theodore, born 31 October 1887.

The informant for Ellen's death was her father.

Charles Arnold was the undertaker, Charles Spencer, Church of England, was the officiating minister, Inglebert Roebig and Paul Faust were the witnesses at her funeral on 1 December.

## **Ellen McEwen**

No 180

Ellen McEwen was the daughter of Benjamin Tyrrell [Tyrell] and Bridget Driscoll. Benjamin was a naval officer. Ellen was born in Hastings, England. She was christened on 21 July 1837. She had been in Australia for 7 years. Queensland Immigration<sup>1</sup> records suggest she arrived in Brisbane on 27 January 1864 on the "Light of the Age", accompanied by Benjamin, 28, Eliza, 19, and Jane Tyrell, 21. Ellen's age then was given as 26.

Ellen married Thomas McEwen in Toowoomba on 18 November 1868 at the age of 26. She died in childbirth\* on 16 December 1869 in Roma at the age of 27. Dr Begge was her doctor. Thomas was Roma's first Mayor, being elected to that position in August 1867.

Thomas McEwen, widower, was the informant for her death.

At her funeral on 17 December Robert Adair was undertaker. Rev Charles Spencer, Church of England, officiated, and R Lewin and E A Rees were witnesses.

[Ellen was the second wife of Thomas McEwen. He re-married on 29 June 1870<sup>2</sup>. His third wife was Jane Renwick, eldest daughter of James Renwick, a "late builder and contractor of Earlston, Berwickshire, Scotland". They were married at James Renwick's residence in Toowoomba. They had 10 children.]

\* We found no reference for this child, which indicates a stillborn – never registered at this period of time in history.

*From our Ancestry contact, Dale:*

*Ellen was christened 21/07/1837 St Clements Hastings Sussex England & it looks like she came to Qld 27 Jan 1864 on "Light of the Age".*

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.archivesearch.qld.gov.au/Search/ItemDetails.aspx?ItemId=18474>, Entry regarding record of Ellen Tyrrell's passage to Australia, page 210, ship "Light of the Age"

<sup>2</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article75462668>



## **Elizabeth Anne Rees**

No 184

Elizabeth Anne Rees was the infant daughter of Edward Archer Rees, a carpenter, and Margaret Dwyer. She was born in Roma on 25 January 1870 and died on 28 January 1870 from chest inflammation.

Edward and Margaret married on 28 December 1863.

Her siblings were John Edward, born 18 February 1865, died 1934, Mary Anne Caroline, born 22 April 1866, died 1950, Margaret Agnes, born 21 March 1868, died 1896, Elizabeth Anne, born 25 January 1870, died 28 January 1870, Winifred Frances, born 24 January 1871, died 1891, Elizabeth Frances, born 29 June 1873, died 1923.

Edward was the informant for his daughter's death.

He was also the undertaker at her burial on 28 January with Thomas McEwen and John Warren as witnesses.

Mary Anne Caroline Rees became one of Roma's first teachers, serving, with two brief breaks, as an assistant-teacher at the State School from January 1879 to March 1934. Photo is from Hope Spencer's *Roma Souvenir Booklet* 1946.

Edward Rees was Town Clerk for many years from 1876.



## **Daniel Ryan**

No 185

Daniel Ryan, a labourer, died in Roma Hospital on 6 February 1870 from hepatic disease. He was 34, and was the son of Patrick Ryan, labourer, and Mary Crow. He was born in Limerick, Ireland, and had been in Australia for 14 years.

Edwin Bellgrove, Secretary of the Roma Hospital, was the informant for his death. George Bredhauer was undertaker at the burial on 7 February, and George Hayes and C J Moran were the witnesses.

## **Sarah Duffy**

No 186

Sarah Duffy was the daughter of Henry Duffy and Mary Ann Tatten. She was born in Roma on 1 February 1870, the sixth child of Henry and Mary, and suffered from infantile diarrhoea for 10 days prior to her death, at 20 days, on 20 February 1870.

Henry was a labourer.

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Sarah's siblings included Joshua James, born 21 January 1871, died 2 October 1873, William, born 15 August 1874, died 18 January 1875, Francis, died 21 November 1876, Sydney Wyndham, born 8 June 1876, Michale [sic] John, born 10 August 1879, and Henry Lambert, born 25 November 1880. A child called Sampson, father Francis Duffy, and mother Mary Ann Tatten, was born on 27 January 1876 and is possibly the ninth child of Henry and Mary and he also died though his death was apparently not recorded.

Henry was the informant for Sarah's death.

She was buried on 21 February with John Thompson as undertaker and witness with William Williams.

Henry died in 1886 and Mary Ann in 1914, both being buried at Blackall.<sup>1</sup>

### **Jane Aspin**

No 187

Jane Aspin was the daughter of John Fisher and Margaret Blyth. She had not been married long before her death, on 20 March 1870, which resulted from a fall from a horse. Jane was married in Roma.

*The Dalby Herald and Western Queensland Advertiser* reported the fatal accident on 26 March 1870<sup>2</sup>:

On Sunday evening, Mrs. Aspin, only 16 years of age, and but recently married, was riding on horseback in a man's saddle, when her foot became entangled in the stirrup-leather, and the saddle turned on the off side. The horse bolted, and the poor woman was killed instantaneously. The usual inquiry has been held before the Police Magistrate.

Jane Aspin was born in Ayr, Scotland, and had come to Australia with her parents 15 years previously. Her husband, whom she married when she was 15, was John Aspin.

John Buttanshaw, Police Magistrate, was the informant for her death. Joseph Begge was the doctor.

W D Tune was the undertaker, and Charles Spencer, Church of England, officiated at the funeral on 21 March.

### **Catherine Moundt**

No 189

Catherine Moundt was 10 days old when she died of convulsions on 1 March 1870. She was born in Roma.

Her parents were Henry Moundt, a labourer, and Catherine Cain/Coin. Catherine was born in Roma.

The informant for Catherine's death was Catherine Kissicker [Kieseker?], nurse.

<sup>1</sup> *Grave Memories, Vol 2. Roma, Roma & District Family History Society, 2006, Entry contributed by Ron Ramsay, page 44*

<sup>2</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article215450196>



The undertaker was Henry Knazer [Knayer?]. Charles Spencer, Church of England, officiated at her funeral on 1 March.

### **Anna Maria Knäzer / Knayer**

No 191

Anna Maria Knäzer was the infant daughter of Henry Knäzer and Helene Trench. She was 8 months old and died of convulsions on 5 March 1870. She was born in Roma.

Henry was a labourer and he was the informant for her death.

George Bredhauer was the undertaker at her funeral on 6 March. Charles Spencer, Church of England, and William De...rlt ? [name is obscured].

### **Caroline Mena Roebig**

No 192

Caroline Mena Roebig died of convulsions on 26 February 1870 6 days after her birth in Roma.

Her parents were Phillip Roebig, carpenter, and Mary Ann Irwin.

Henry Knäzer was the undertaker. Phillip Roebig was the informant as well as a witness at his daughter's burial on 26 February.

Phillip Roebig was born in 1842 in Frankfurt am Main, Hesse, Germany. Their other children were Mary Ann (born 19 February 1871) and Phillip George (born 1890 in Roma).

### **William Jones**

No 194

William Jones, born on 28 February 1870, was 2 days old when he died of a bowel obstruction on 2 March 1870. He was the son of William Jones and Elizabeth Anderson.

William Jones was the informant for his son's death. [Other details are illegible.]

Other children in this family may have been Margaret Jane, born 30 August 1864, Susannah, born 16 November 1865, died 7 December 1865, and Elizabeth, born 27 June 1871.

**ANCESTRY: possible local connection?**

### **Edmund Henry Owens**

No 195

Edmund Henry Owens died on 24 April 1870 as the result of a fall from a horse.

His death was reported in the *Queenslander* on 7 May 1870<sup>1</sup> in an article from a Roma correspondent:

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<sup>1</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article27260808>

I have to report a fatal accident caused by a fall from a horse. The unfortunate sufferer was a boy about nine years old, named Henry Owen, son of Mr. Edward Owen, who was long employed as carrier on Euthulla station. No one saw the accident occur, but it happened about 2 or 3 p.m. on Saturday. A little girl passing at a short distance saw the boy lying on the ground, but took no notice at the time; but, returning some time afterwards, and seeing him in the same position, went close to him and at once perceived he was insensible, but saw no signs of any injuries, as he was completely covered with ants. She immediately gave the alarm, and the poor little fellow was removed to Mr. Buttanshaw's, and his parents, who reside near, and Dr. Bigge, sent for. From the first his case was hopeless; his head was cut and his body much bruised, with the marks of the horse's hoofs, imprinted in the flesh; one of his feet, too, was much injured, and there is no doubt he had been dragged in the stirrup. One stirrup and leather, which was missing from the saddle, was afterwards picked up at a considerable distance from where the poor boy was found. He expired about twelve hours after the accident, being unconscious the whole of the time. A large number of people attended the funeral, which took place on Sunday afternoon, the service being celebrated most impressively by the Rev. Charles Spencer, M.A., who took the opportunity of delivering a short but telling address upon the uncertainty of life. This is the third accident – two of which have proved fatal – which have happened near the same spot – namely, Mrs. Aspins, Mr. Adair's groom, (broken collar-bone), and Henry Owens – within these last few weeks.

His parents were Edmund Owens, labourer, and Emma Augusta Germain / Jermain, married 27 January 1851.

Edmund's siblings were possibly Robert Samuel, baptised 23 November 1851, Emma Jane, baptised 28 January 1853, died 1 May 1853, Jane Ann, baptised 8 January 1855, died 13 August 1864, George, born 6 April and died 8 April 1868, Euriah, born 17 February 1870, Alfred David, born 3 February 1872.

H R Buttanshaw, Police Magistrate, was the informant for Edmund's death.

W D Tune was the undertaker, Rev Charles Spencer, Church of England, officiated at his funeral on 24 April, with William Coleman and Edward Cook as the witnesses.

### **Joseph Cook**

No 196

Joseph Cook was born on 2 April 1870. His parents were Edward Cook, publican, and Ellen McSweeney. He died from convulsions on 11 April 1870.

Edward and Ellen were married on 11 May 1869.

Their other children were William Arthur, born 19 April 1871, John James, born 14 January 1873, Joseph John, born 9 December 1874, Edward Eugene, born 11 August 1876, Margaret Ellen, born 25 November 1877, died 9 December 1878, May, born 7 February 1880, and George, born 2 December 1883. George had a stillborn brother (Burial No 160, Row No 41). Edward was the informant for his son's death.



W D Tune was the undertaker and witness, with W O Norris the other witness at Joseph's burial on 11 April.

### **Joseph Marracee**

No 197

Joseph Marracee died on 8 April 1870, aged about 30. His name is "supposed". He was found dead on the bank of the Bungil Creek near Roma, and it was supposed that he had fallen from a horse.

H R Buttanshaw, Police Magistrate, conducted the enquiry and was the informant for Joseph's death.

George Bredhauer was the undertaker and witness at his burial on 9 April, with O McQuade the other witness.

### **Jane Burton**

No 198

Jane Burton died in Roma from teething convulsions on 24 February 1870. She was born on 29 July 1869. Her parents were William Burton, shoemaker, *Gubberamunda Station*, and Sarah Ann Newman. William and Sarah were married at Saint Matthew, Bethnal Green, London, England.

The couple left London on 2 September 1865 on "Queen of the Seas" and arrived in Brisbane on 8 December 1865.

Her siblings were Elizabeth (Fanny) Sarah Jane, born 21 July 1865 at 2 Cottage Road, Poplar, London, England, Sarah Ann Amelia, born 31 October 1867 at *Angellala*, Thomas, born 26 February 1871, died 1952, William, born 26 February 1871, died 25 March 1872, William, born 6 May 1874, Arthur Herbert [Hubert in BDM], born 3 October 1876, died 4 May 1881, Frederick Samuel, born 27 April 1879, died 3 December 1883, and Arthur and Herbert, born 23 January 1882.

William was the informant for his daughter's death.

John Darlington was the undertaker, with A Armstrong and Alex Albion the witnesses at her burial in Roma on 25 February.

### **William Ross**

No 201

William Ross was 52 when he died in Roma Hospital from tubercular disease on 24 May 1870. His parents were Alexander Ross and Catherine Fraser.

He was born in Edinburgh, Scotland and had been in Australia for 46 years.

The informant for his death was Edwin Bellgrove, Hospital Secretary. Dr Joseph Begge attended him.

Rev Charles Spencer, Church of England, officiated at the funeral on 24 May with George Bredhauer the undertaker as well as a witness with George Hayes.

## Mary Baxter

No 202

Mary Baxter was the infant daughter of Thomas Baxter, labourer, and Jane Porter/Porteous. Born on 19 March 1870 in Roma, she was 4 months old when she died from convulsions on 17 July 1870.

Daniel Gleeson was the undertaker, John Weller, Methodist, officiated, and W D Tune and Edward A Rees were the witnesses at her funeral on 17 July.

Mary's parents were both born in Edinburgh, Scotland. They had apparently already lost two sons and two daughters, and had a daughter, Elizabeth, aged 3 years. They were married in Dalkeith, Midlothian, Scotland on 11 November 1861.

Thomas appears to have died in 1872 when he drowned in Brisbane at the Turbot Street ferry.

*Brisbane Courier* (Qld. : 1864 - 1933), Wednesday 10 July 1872, page 2

A TORON man named Thomas Baxter, about 30 years of age, was drowned on Monday night at the Turbot-street ferry. The deceased, who was stated to be under the influence of drink, was intending to cross the ferry to South Brisbane, but instead of proceeding to the steps he took the turning leading to the punt, and, the night being dark, walked into the river. A boat was coming across the river at the time, and the ferryman hearing a noise pulled as fast as possible, and just as the man was sinking for the last time he was pulled into the boat with the boat hook. There was no assistance at hand at the time, and when the police arrived Baxter was found to be quite dead. The deceased was a native of Scotland, and appears to have been not well known in town. He purchased some goods at a shop in Queen-street in the early portion of the day, and had then a considerable amount of money in his possession, which he was advised to put in the bank. A magisterial enquiry will be held.

According to a source on Ancestry, Thomas and Mary's first child, Marianne (Mysie) was born in Ipswich in 1862 and died on *Myall Downs*, in the Maranoa district. A son, John, was born in 1863 on *Myall Downs*, Taroom, and Elizabeth was born on *Kilmore Station*, Maranoa. Elizabeth married Henry Jones in 1887.



Mary's mother, Jane Baxter, married Alfred James Taylor, and her other children are Alfred James, 1873-1944, born at Donnybrook, Isabella, 1874-1965, born in Ravenswood, Francis born in Ravenswood in 1875, Sarah Jane, 1878-1882, born in Ravenswood.

### **William Tomlin**

No 203

William Uriah Tomlin, fellmonger, was the son of William Tomlin and Catherine Maelan. He was aged 40 when he died from dropsy in Roma on 14 July 1870.

William was born in Canterbury, Kent, England, and had been in Australia for 33 years.

At the age of 35 he married Margaret Hely / Healy at Condamine.

Their children were Caroline Maria, born 25 October 1866, Alice, born 8 June 1868, Mary Jane, born 2 October, 1869, died 10 October 1869, *Mitchell Downs*, and Phoebe Mellon, born 25 September 1870.

The informant for his death was Edwin Bellgrove, Hospital Secretary.

George Bredhauer was the undertaker, and George Hayes was a witness at his burial on 14 July.

Margaret married William Johnson Milne on 5 February 1871, and she died in Roma on 16 April 1927.

Caroline married Thomas Overton Hare on 29 March 1887 and she died on 7 August 1955.

Alice married James Doherty on 4 February 1888 and she died in Brisbane on 26 June 1954.

Phoebe died in Brisbane on 15 August 1909.

### **Elizabeth Bredhauer**

No 205

Elizabeth / Eliza Bredhauer was 27 when she died on 31 July 1870. She was the daughter of John, labourer, and Sophia Bredhauer and had been born in Mabury, Hesse, Germany. She had been in Australia for 12 years.

She married George Bredhauer in Gayndah when she was 18. [This would have been in 1861. There is a marriage recorded for 24 June 1861 to Louise Bredhauer.]

Their children were John Harry, born 14 November 1862, Sophia Amelia, born 7 August 1864, George, born 13 November 1867, John Henry, born 19 November 1869, and Catherine, born 12 October 1866, died 4 January 1867.

George was the informant for his wife's death.

F Morrison was the undertaker, Rev Charles Spencer, Church of England, officiated, and R J Cottell and Joseph Haigh were the witnesses at her funeral on 1 August.

**John Emke**

No 206

John Emke was 66 when he died from weakness and old age on 17 September 1870 in Roma. He was born in Australia for about 16 years. He was a watchman.

The informant for his death was landlord, Charles Aherns / Ahrens.

Charles Arnold was the undertaker, and R Lewin and Charles Ahrens were the witnesses at his burial on 17 September.

**Sebastian Pfeffer**

No 209

Sebastian Pfeffer died in Roma Hospital on 8 October 1870 at the age of 58. His parents were Phillip Pfeffer and Catherine Schillinge.

Born in Echersallene, Württemberg, Germany, he had been in Australia for 14 years.

Edwin Bellgrove, Secretary Roma Hospital, was the informant for his death.

The undertaker for his burial on 8 October was George Bredhauer, with George Hayes and George Kissicker [Kiesecker?] the witnesses.

**Adeline Gamble**

No 210

Adeline Gamble died in Roma on 17 October 1870. She was poisoned by the bite of a venomous reptile. Born in Roma, she was the daughter of William Gamble, builder, and Elizabeth Rieley.

She is believed to have had 3 brothers and 9 sisters. These were possibly Lydia, born 1854 in Nanango, died in 1885, Emma, born 1857 in Jimbour, died 1929, Eliza Jane, born 1859, Mary Jane, 1861-1862, Annie Amelia, 1862-1925, Mary Ann, 1862-1925, Alice, 1865-1866, Isabella Esther, 1869-1875, William Henry, 1869-1922, Jane, 1871-1871, Frederick Charles, 1872-1956, and Herbert, 1874-1949.

Elizabeth was the informant for Adeline's death.

W D Tune was the undertaker, Rev J G Gammie conducted a Presbyterian funeral ceremony at his funeral on 18 October, and James H Curtis and Francis Downs were the witnesses.



In 1865 William Gamble had an encounter with a bushranger near Dulacca.

*Brisbane Courier* (Qld.: 1864 - 1933),  
Saturday 24 June 1865, page 7<sup>1</sup>

CONDAMINE.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

A GREAT sensation was caused here on Friday evening, 19th instant, by the report that a man had been stuck up in mistake for the Roma mailman. It appears that a Mr. Gamble was on his way here from Dulacca, the station of Mr. W. Miles, M.L.A., and when about half way on his journey he was stopped by two armed men—an old man and a young one. After they found out that he was not the person they wanted they let him go, though much against the wish of the younger man. On his arrival he reported the circumstance to our energetic Sub-Inspector of police, who, with a volunteer (there being only one constable in town at the time—the lock-up keeper), started to escort the mail in. It being night, and very dark, they were only able to procure two horses, which were nearly knocked up, thinking to get them changed at a station on the road, which they were unable to do. At daybreak, when within two miles of Mr. Miles' station (they having travelled nearly forty-five miles that night) they saw a fire about two hundred yards off the road. On their riding towards it they saw the bushrangers sitting by the fire with their horses saddled, and the bridles hanging on their arms. When within a short distance of them they started up, sprang into their saddles, and were off—the others giving chase. After following them for two miles the chase had to be abandoned—the knights of the road being splendidly mounted, their horses fresh, and those of the pursuers knocked up. They then returned to the fire, where the bushrangers were camped, who, in their hurry, left blankets, three bullet moulds, powder flask and powder, saddle-cloths, hobbles, a quantity of bullets, a pot of tea all ready, some beef and bread, and sundry other articles. While packing up their spoil, ready for a start, they were suddenly surprised by seeing a horseman advancing towards them. Thinking it was another of the gang, when he arrived within sixty yards Elliot called upon him to stand, at the same time presenting a revolver. It turned out to be the overseer of the Dulacca station, who was attracted to the spot by the fire. They then proceeded to Mr. Miles' station, where they procured fresh horses and a black tracker; but up to the present time nothing has been seen of them.

Adeline's father, William Gamble, was a builder. In 1866 he was building a large store for Benjamin and Co.<sup>2</sup>

He was the successful tenderer for the erection of the new Church of England church in 1875.<sup>3</sup>

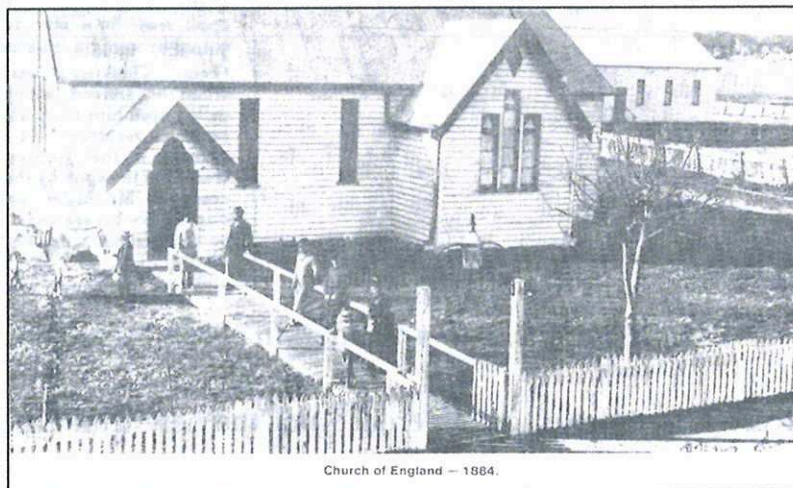
<sup>1</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article1274294>

<sup>2</sup> *Brisbane Courier* (Qld.: 1864-1933), Monday 19 March 1866, page 3

<sup>3</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article97419492>

We learn that Mr. William Gamble is the successful tenderer for the erection of the new English Church. The amount of the tender is about £580, and the time fixed for the completion six months; but should the weather continue fine the contractor feels confident in having the building erected in four months. For the information of our readers who may not have seen the plans, which are drawn by R. G. Sutter, Esq., we may state that the building will be in shape cruciform—that is, with chancel, nave, and transepts; the total length will be 58ft., made up by nave 43ft. and chancel 15ft. The transepts are 15ft. by 8ft., the breadth of main building 22ft., and the sitting accommodation will be for over 200 persons. The design of the church is such that when found necessary it can be easily enlarged by extending either transepts or nave, or both. Timber is already on the ground, and we believe Messrs. Korner and Co. have nearly the whole of the order already cut. Our readers will see by advertisement that a meeting of parishioners is to be held on Thursday next, at 8 o'clock, in the Town Hall, when the financial statements will be made. We congratulate the residents of the district upon their determination to erect a building which will be both an ornament to the town, in point of architecture, and fill up what must have been a great want, the present building being in so many ways unsuitable.

*In Champagne Country, page 90*



## **Ancestry contact in progress?**

### **John Banes**

No 211

John Banes died on 3 November 1870, aged 54, in Roma Hospital. His parents were Andrew Banes and Ellen Bell.

He came from Glasgow, Scotland, and had been in Australia 30 years.

Edwin Bellgrove, Secretary Roma Hospital, was the informant for John's death.



The undertaker for his funeral on 3 November was George Bredhauer, Rev Charles Spencer, Church of England, officiated, and Charles Arnold and George Hayes were witnesses.

### **Frederick Fulkrug**

No 214

Frederick Fulkrug was 43 when he died from dropsy in Roma on 11 January 1871.

His parents were Conroid Fulkrug and Christiana Laudren.

He came from Havover, and had been in Australia 16 years.

Edwin Bellgrove, Secretary Roma Hospital, was the informant for his death.

George Bredhauer was the undertaker, Rev Charles Spencer, Church of England, officiated at the funeral on 12 January, and George Hayes and Charles Arnold were the witnesses.

### **Michael Marshall**

No 215

Michael Marshall, 33, died on 13 January 1871 at Cook's Hotel. He was a publican and was accidentally burnt. His parents may have been Laurence Marshall, accountant, and Eliza Canfell.

Michael came from King's County, Ireland, and had been in Australia for 12 years. On 22 June 1863 at the age of 26 he married Margaret Ford in Toowoomba.

*Maryborough Chronicle, Wide Bay and Burnett Advertiser*, 17 January 1871<sup>1</sup>:

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#### ROMA

Cook's hotel was burnt down on Saturday morning. There were several narrow escapes from loss of life. Michael Marshall, a publican, of Surat, was burnt to death. His charred remains were found.

*Dalby Herald and Western Queensland Advertiser*, 18 February 1871<sup>2</sup>, Extract from a report on a court case, REGINA V WALDRON AND OTHERS:

John Waldron, John Binge, and Archibald Livingstone were indicted for stealing a mare, the property of Michael Marshall, at Surat, on the 10<sup>th</sup> November last. ...

Patrick Banks deposed that he met the prisoners in the month of November last, on the Maranoa River, driving a mob of about a hundred horses; he knew the prisoner Binge, and spoke to hm; pointing out a roan mare that was in the mob, he said to Binge, "I know that mare;" the other said that the horses all belonged to Waldron, and that Livingstone and himself were only Waldron's hired men; Banks then went up to Waldron and asked him how long he had possession of the roan mare; he replied a year and a half; witness said that was strange, as not more than eight months since Michael Marshall, to whom he knew the mare belonged, had

<sup>1</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article148038816>

<sup>2</sup> National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article215607359>

offered him the loan of her for a time; Waldron again said that "the mare was his property, and that he had her with him in Melbourne in August last." Michael Marshall was summoned to appear at Roma to give evidence against the prisoners respecting the roan mare, but the night before the investigation before the magistrates he lost his life by the fire at Cook's Hotel, his brother-in-law, Michael Ford, who lived with him at Surat, proved Marshall's property in the mare, and that she had been last seen in Surat in the middle of Sept., from which time there was no trace of her until found in prisoner's possession. The jury, after a consultation of about two hours, much to the surprise of all in court, returned a verdict of not guilty in favor of all the prisoners. ..."

Henry Tracey, storekeeper, Surat, was the informant for his death.

George Bredhauer was the undertaker, with J Johnston and W Spence the witnesses at his burial on 14 January.

### **James McKeon**

No 217

James McKeon, labourer, was 38 when he died suddenly in Roma from heart disease on 4 February 1871. He was buried the following day. His parents were Kelly McKeon, farmer, and Ellen Power.

James came from Ireland, and had been in Australia 30 years. At the age of 30, on 17 February 1860, he married Margaret Regan in Ipswich. Their children were Marian / Mary Ann, 9, born 28 January 1861, Margaret, born 29 July 1862, died 17 July 1868 and Francis, 6, born 10 August 1864 (mother's name given as Ryan) and they had lost 2 other daughters, one on 23 February 1870.

H R Buttanshaw, Police Magistrate, was the informant for his death.

George Bredhauer was the undertaker, with Patrick Regan and Charles Arnold the witnesses at his burial on 5 February.

### **Michael Murphy**

No 219

Michael Murphy, born in Roma on 24 February 1871, died from convulsions in Roma on 2 March 1871 when he was 6 days old. His parents were Michael Murphy, sawyer, and Hannah [Annie] Roebig.

Hannah [Annie] Roebig married Michael Murphy on 17 April 1869.

Their other children were Henry, born 23 January 1870, Annie Helena, born 4 July 1872, Annie Charlotte, born 28 June 1875, John, born 23 February 1877. Herman [Henry?] died 13 January 1885.

Michael's father was the informant for his death.

George Bredhauer was the undertaker, and Charles Arnold the witness at his burial on 2 March.



**Mary Mullavey**

No 220

Mary Mullavey was 3 days old when she died from convulsions on 3 April 1871. Her parents were Owen Mullavey and Mary O'Sullivan.

She was born in Roma.

Owen was the informant for Mary's death.

George Bredhauer was the undertaker, with Michael Mullavey and Florence O'Sullivan the witnesses at her burial on 3 April.

**Ah Fook**

No 221

Ah Fook, labourer, was 32 when he died in Roma on 6 May 1871. His father was Sun Din. He died as a result of being kicked by a horse.

He was born in Macon, China, and had been in Australia for 12 years.

H R Buttanshaw, P M, conducted a magisterial enquiry and was the informant for Ah Fook's death.

Ah Fook was also known as John Charley. The enquiry was told that Ah Fook and Sing were in the Pound yards where some horses Sing had bought were being broken in. While the horsebreaker, Robert Lewis, was in the other yard, Ah Fook apparently was kicked by one of the horses. They moved him into the shade. He asked Sing to get a spring cart and take him to his cousin on the other side of the Bungil Creek. The next time Sing saw him he was dead.

Charles Arnold was the undertaker and "Sing" was the witness to his burial 7 May.

A magisterial enquiry was made into the circumstances of Ah Fook's death. It seems that the only real "witness" was his cousin. I have interpreted the final phrase in the cousin's statement as being "the new burying ground", which means he is not buried in the old cemetery.

Two witness statements from the magisterial enquiry:

Robert Alfred Lewis being  
 sworn states I am a horsebreaker  
 residing in Roma. On  
 the fifth of May instant  
 I was in the Pound yard  
 Two Chinamen a person  
 named Olliff and myself  
 were in the yard. I and  
 Olliff were in the [division?]  
 of the Pound yards and  
 the two Chinamen were in  
 the other. The name of one  
 Chinaman was Sing. I do  
 not know the name of the  
 other. Sing had given me  
 charge of two horses that  
 had been bought at the  
 previous pound Sale. Sing  
 and the other Chinaman were  
 sitting on the fence. Sing said  
 we may go home and I said yes  
 and went into the other  
 yard where four other horses  
 were. I saw both Chinamen  
 fall off the fence and go into the  
 yard where their horses were.  
 The Chinaman walking about  
 in the other yard [hindered]

Robert Alfred Lewis being duly sworn

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were in the yard. I and

Olliff were in the [division?] of the Pound yards and

the two Chinamen were in the other. The name of one Chinaman was Sing. I do

not know the name of the other. Sing had given me

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previous pound Sale. Sing and the other Chinaman were sitting on the [fence]. Sing said

we may go home and I said yes

and went into the other yard where four other horses were. I saw both Chinamen fall off the fence and go into the

yard where their horses were.

The Chinaman walking about in the other yard [hindered]



Sing Chinaman being duly sworn  
 states I knew John Charley the Chinaman that died I bought two horses at the last Pound Sale. I gave them to Bob Lewis to break in. John Charley was with me. I and he went into the yard to catch the horses. One of the horses, a bay mare, kicked John Charley and he fell down. I lifted him up and put him in the corner of the yard. He asked me to get a spring cart to take him away. I got a spring cart and took John Charley to his cousin Hock Plugh on the other side of the Bungil Creek. I saw him again on Saturday the fifth of this month. He was then dead. He was buried on Sunday in the new burying ground.

Not sure of the spelling for Ah Fook's cousin

[New cemetery – monumental cemetery – was gazetted on 10 June 1871]

my in my work tacking a  
 horse, and I asked Sing as  
 he had already given the  
 horses to me to go away and  
 leave the horses alone. I went  
 on with my work but my attention  
 was called to the other yard  
 by hearing a horse. I looked  
 round and saw one of the  
 Chinamen falling down. He  
 was moaning and calling out,  
 I went to him. We removed  
 him into the shade. Some  
 new [more?] people came. I asked  
 the Chinaman if I should go  
 for a doctor. He shook his  
 head and Sing went and  
 got something for him from  
 one of their other countrymen.  
 Sing then borrowed a spring  
 Cart and took him away  
 in it. I never saw the  
 [brothers] again.

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## APPENDIX

Government Gazette, June 1871<sup>1</sup>: Monumental Cemetery is gazetted.

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RESERVE FOR CEMETERY.  
County of Waldegrave, parish of Roma.  
10 acres.

Commencing at a point bearing about one hundred and five degrees and distant about twenty-six and three quarter chains from the south-west corner of section fifty-seven, and bounded thence on the north by a line bearing east ten chains; on the east by a line bearing south ten chains; on the south by a line bearing west ten chains; and on the west by a line bearing north ten chains to the point of commencement.

RESERVE FOR BOTANIC GARDENS AND RECREATION  
GROUND, NORTH ROCKHAMPTON.  
County of Livingstone, parish of Murchison,  
portion 240.  
320 acres.

Commencing on the left bank of the Fitzroy River, at the south corner of portion two hundred and thirty-nine; and bounded thence on the north-west by a line bearing forty-seven degrees seventy-five chains and fifty links; on the north-east by a line bearing one hundred and thirty-seven degrees eighteen chains and forty links to Moore's Creek; thence by that creek downwards to its junction with the Fitzroy River, and thence by that river upwards to the point of commencement.

Department of Public Lands,  
Brisbane, 2nd June, 1871.

WHEREAS, by the twenty-fifth clause of "The Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1868," it is provided that before any Crown lands are permanently reserved from sale for any public purpose, notice thereof shall be published in the *Government Gazette* for thirteen consecutive weeks: Notice is hereby given, that at the expiration of the period aforesaid, the lands hereunder described will be permanently reserved for the purpose of a Race-course.

J. MALBON THOMPSON.

RACROUSE, GYMPIE.  
County of March.  
129 acres.

Commencing on the right bank of the Mary River at a point bearing 203 degrees 30 minutes, and distant 36 links from a stringybark tree marked broad-arrow, situated about 42 chains below the junction of Gympie Creek with the Mary River, and bounded thence on the west by a line bearing north 35 chains and 60 links; on the north-west by a line bearing 58 degrees 20 chains; on the north by a line bearing east 26 chains to Gympie Creek, thence by that creek downwards to the Mary River, and thence by that river downwards to the point of commencement.

Department of Public Lands,  
Brisbane, 13th April, 1871.

WHEREAS, by the twenty-fifth clause of "The Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1868," it is provided that before any Crown Lands are permanently reserved from sale for any public purpose, notice thereof shall be published in the *Government Gazette* for thirteen consecutive weeks: Notice is hereby given, that at the expiration of the period aforesaid, the lands hereunder described will be permanently reserved for public purposes.

J. MALBON THOMPSON.

RESERVE FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.  
Port Curtis District; Parish, Nicholson.  
420 acres.

Commencing on the west bank of the River Fitzroy, at the south-east corner of portion No. 69; and bounded thence on the north by the south boundary line of that portion for about twenty-three chains; thence on the west by the east boundary of portion 68 to the Lilymere lagoon; thence by the west bank of that lagoon southerly to the north boundary line of portion No. 3; thence on the south by a part of the north boundary line of portion No. 3, and the whole of the north boundary line of portion No. 2 easterly to the River Fitzroy; thence on the east by that river upwards to the point of commencement,—to include about 420 acres.

Department of Public Lands,  
Brisbane, 29th March, 1871.

"CROWN LANDS ALIENATION ACT  
OF 1868."

SITTINGS OF COMMISSIONERS.

IT is hereby notified for public information, that the Commissioners of Crown Lands, under "The Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1868," will hold the Sittings in pursuance of the fourth section of the above-recited Act at the under-mentioned offices, on the following dates:—

MORETON DISTRICT.

East Moreton.

At the Land Office, Brisbane, on the first Tuesday in each month.

At the Land Office, Beenleigh, the first Friday in each month.

West Moreton.

At the Land Office, Ipswich, the first Friday in each month.

DARLING DOWNS DISTRICT.

At the Land Office, Toowoomba, on the first Wednesday in each month.

At the Land Office, Warwick, on the second Wednesday in each month.

At the Land Office, Dalby, on the third Wednesday in each month.

At the Land Office, Condamine, the second Thursday in May, 1871, and thereafter on the second Thursday of each alternate month.

PORT CURTIS DISTRICT.

At the Land Office, Rockhampton, on the second Monday in every month.

At the Land Office, Gladstone, on the 20th day of April, and thereafter on the third Thursday of every alternate month.

WIDE BAY AND BURNETT DISTRICT.

At the Land Office, Maryborough, on the first Friday in every month.

At the Land Office, Gympie, the first Wednesday in every month.

BURNETT DISTRICT.

At the Land Office, Gayndah, the second Tuesday in each month.

SETTLED DISTRICT OF KENNEDY.

At the Land Office, Bowen, the fourth Thursday in April, and every alternate month afterwards.

At the Land Office, Mackay, the second Thursday in April, and every alternate month afterwards.

At the Land Office, Townsville, the second Thursday in May, and every alternate month afterwards.

At the Land Office, Cardwell, the first Wednesday in each month.

SETTLED DISTRICT OF BURKE.

At the Land Office, Norman River Settlement, on the second Tuesday in every third month.

MANAROA DISTRICT.

At the Land Office, Roma, on the second Wednesday in May, and thereafter on the second Wednesday in every alternate month.

At the Land Office, Surat, on Thursday, the 6th July, 1871, and thereafter on the first Thursday in each alternate month.

LEIGHARDT DISTRICT.

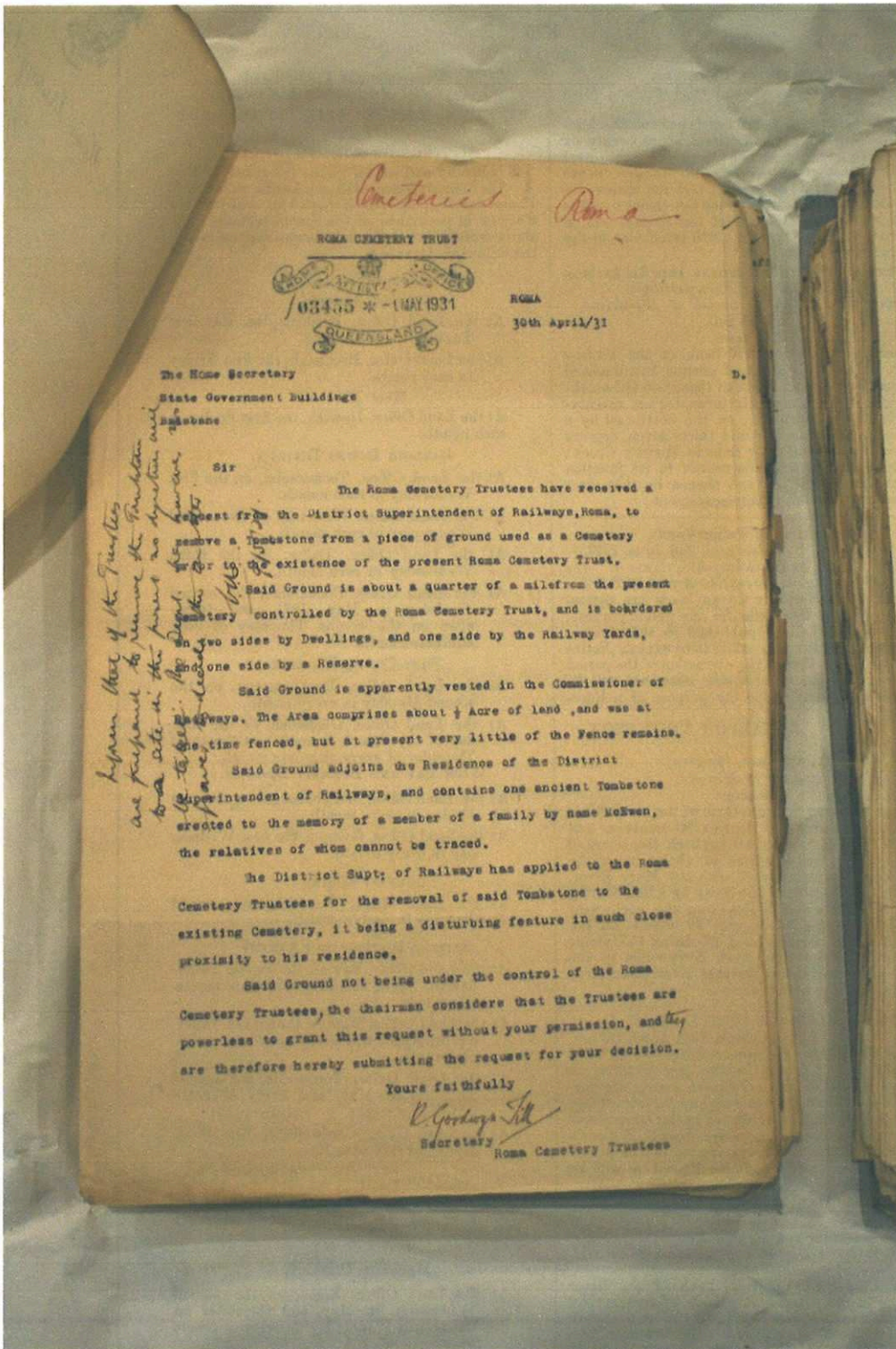
At the Land Office, Clermont, on Thursday, the 27th April, 1871, and thereafter on the last Thursday in every alternate month.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.textqueensland.com.au/gazette> University of Queensland Library



Burials in the first Cemetery, Roma, 1863-1872

Letters relating to the old cemetery 1931



*Cemeteries Roma*



ROMA  
30th April/31

The Home Secretary  
State Government Building  
Brisbane

*Inform that if the Trustees are prepared to remove the Tombstone and to a site in the park on direction and to be done. The legal title however have been decided to be done.*

Sir

The Roma Cemetery Trustees have received a request from the District Superintendent of Railways, Roma, to remove a Tombstone from a piece of ground used as a Cemetery prior to the existence of the present Roma Cemetery Trust. Said Ground is about a quarter of a mile from the present Cemetery controlled by the Roma Cemetery Trust, and is bordered on two sides by Dwellings, and one side by the Railway Yards, and one side by a Reserve.

Said Ground is apparently vested in the Commissioner of Railways. The Area comprises about 1/4 Acre of land, and was at one time fenced, but at present very little of the Fence remains.

Said Ground adjoins the Residence of the District Superintendent of Railways, and contains one ancient Tombstone erected to the memory of a member of a family by name McEwen, the relatives of whom cannot be traced.

The District Supt. of Railways has applied to the Roma Cemetery Trustees for the removal of said Tombstone to the existing Cemetery, it being a disturbing feature in such close proximity to his residence.

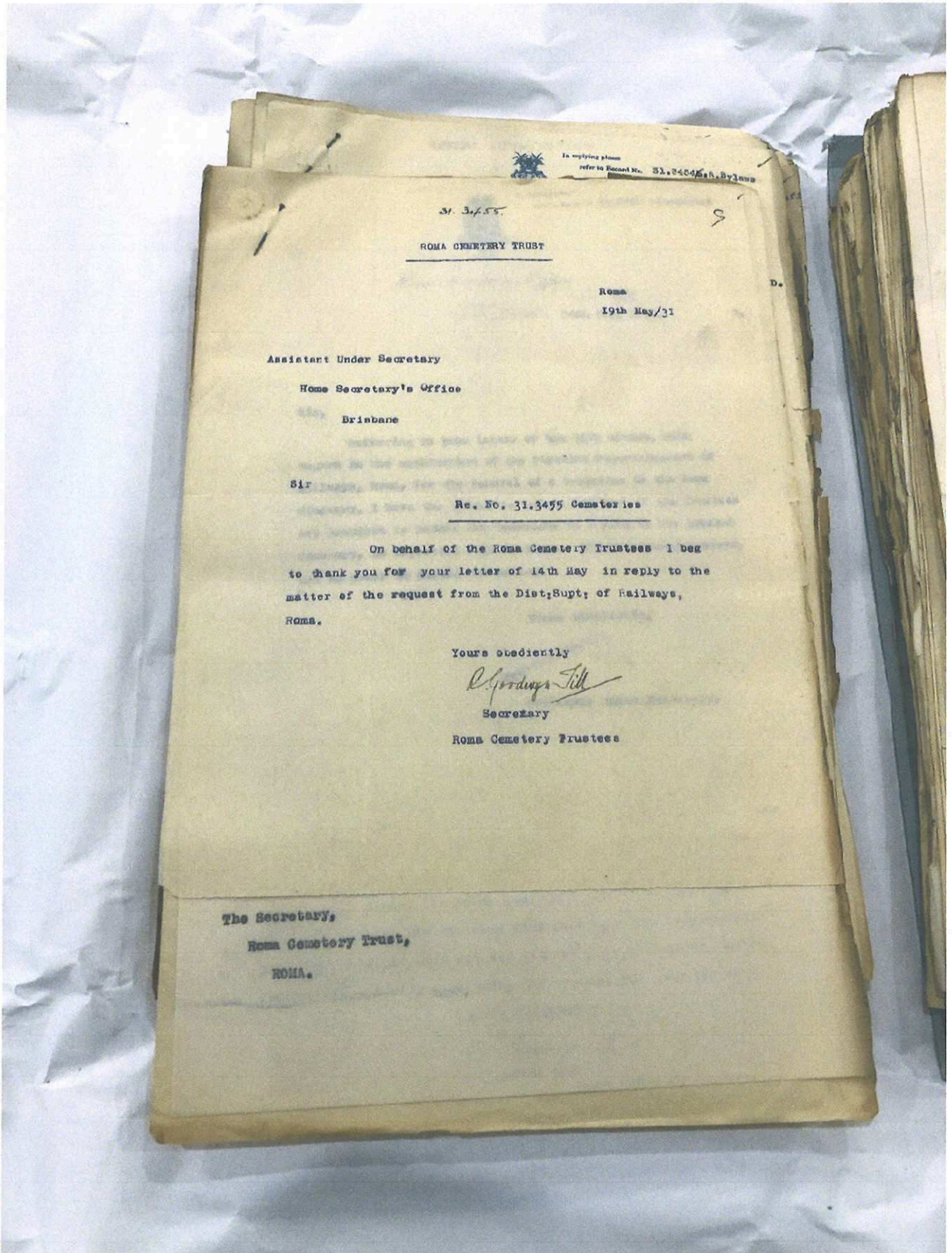
Said Ground not being under the control of the Roma Cemetery Trustees, the Chairman considers that the Trustees are powerless to grant this request without your permission, and they are therefore hereby submitting the request for your decision.

Yours faithfully

*C. Gooding*  
Secretary

Roma Cemetery Trustees





In replying please refer to Record No. 31.3455

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ROMA CEMETERY TRUST

Roma  
19th May/31

Assistant Under Secretary  
Home Secretary's Office  
Brisbane

Sir

Re. No. 31.3455 Cemeteries

On behalf of the Roma Cemetery Trustees I beg to thank you for your letter of 14th May in reply to the matter of the request from the Dist:Supt: of Railways, ROMA.

Yours obediently  
*R. Gordunov*  
Secretary  
Roma Cemetery Trustees

The Secretary,  
Roma Cemetery Trust,  
ROMA.