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OBJECTIVES

1. To foster and promote the study, practice and preservation of genealogy, heraldry,
topography, history and allied subjects.
2. To foster a spirit and friendliness and co-operation and to give assistance to members
   through mutual sharing of information and techniques.
My Great Aunt Emily  
By Linda Thorogood

When I first started doing my family history many years ago, no one in the family could tell me much about Emily. At that stage Emily’s second youngest sister was still alive and all that she told me was that Emily left home at an early age and had no more contact with her family. Whether she did know more but was unwilling to tell me I’ll never know.

This is what I have found out about Emily over the years.

Emily Maria Drinkwater was born in Bowen on 3 December 1891, the 4th born of 12 children of Robert William Drinkwater and Mary Meizner who married at Holy Trinity Bowen on 16 December 1885. The first 2 children were stillborn and only found in the Bowen cemetery records. Robert Drinkwater was born in Cley-next-the-Sea, Norfolk England and Mary’s parents came to Bowen from Prussia (now Poland) in 1862, the year after Bowen became a town. Emily was baptized at Holy Trinity Bowen on 15 December 1891. The Drinkwaters came to Kelsey Creek about 1897 as my Grandmother Alice (Emily’s younger sister) was born there that year. The Drinkwaters were among the first settlers at Kelsey Creek.

I next find Emily doing home duties at the Family Hotel, Kuranda in 1913. That same year on 13 September she married Robert James Graham at St Peters C of E in Townsville. Robert’s occupation on marriage was stated at butcher and Emily was a housekeeper. Robert was born at the Immigration Depot in Rockhampton on 26 June 1875, 8 days after his mother, Esther, arrived from England, no father. Robert was previously married to Mary Ann Usher in 1899 at Townsville, she died in childbirth in 1910. I found it difficult to track Robert on the electoral roll as there were many with the same name.

On 14 September 1914, Emily, calling herself Ethel May Drinkwater married William Robert Waite. He was a railway employee at Townsville. On 11 September 1916 at Hughenden a son was born, William Arthur Waite and on 5 September 1918 at Townsville a daughter was born, Ellen Madeline Waite. She died on 5 January 1920 at Townsville aged 16 months.

In the Townsville Bulletin on Friday 6 December 1918 in the Small Debts Court, headed – A Peculiar Case - ‘In the Small Debts Court, before Mr H. Morris P.M., on Thursday, Eliza Hilton sued William Robert Waite for £3/7s/6d, money alleged to be due for board and lodging for defendant and his wife. Mr G. Ryan (Messrs Hobbs Wilson & Ryan) appeared for the plaintiff. The evidence of the plaintiff, a boarding-housekeeper was to the effect that the defendant owed the money claimed. The defendant admitted that he owed 30/-, but denied the balance. He stated that when he discovered that the woman whom he thought was his wife, was another man’s wife, he notified the plaintiff’s husband that he would no longer be responsible for her board. The plaintiff was ill at that time, so he had notified her husband. In reply to Mr. Ryan, the defendant said that he had discovered the woman in question was not his wife about 12 months ago. He had children by the supposed Mrs Waite. Whom he was living with now was his own business. In reply to the Police Magistrate, defendant said he did not see how he could be made to pay for another man’s wife. The Police Magistrate gave judgement for £3/7s/6d with 4s costs of court and 5s witness’s expenses.’
My Great Aunt Emily (continued)

On 16 April 1919, William Robert Waite married Mary Ann Mattinson. They already had a daughter, Elsie May Waite, born 28 May 1918, just 4 months before William’s daughter, Ellen Madeline Waite was born. William and Mary Ann went on to have at least 11 children. William Robert Waite died on 9 November 1944 in a railway shunting accident. He is buried in the Belgian Gardens Cemetery, Townsville. From the Rockhampton Morning Bulletin 11 November 1944. ‘Emerald 10 Nov. Railway Examiner Killed. William Robert Waite 51, railway examiner was run over by an engine during shunting operations in the Emerald railway yards at 10.20 pm yesterday and was killed outright. He is survived by his wife and a large family.’

From the electoral rolls I have found William Arthur Waite living in the same household as his stepmother and half siblings, so it appears his father and stepmother brought him up. William Arthur Waite died at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home, Townsville, buried Belgian Gardens 28 March 1995.

From the Cairns Post 22 February 1919, Double Bigamy, husband and wife charged, Townsville 21 Feb. ‘At the Police Court, before Mr Morris P.M., two bigamy cases came on for hearing in which a woman and her husband were the offenders. Emily Graham who was married to Robert James Graham at Townsville in 1913 and left him 3 months later, was charged with having in 1914 bigamously married William Robert Waite by whom she had two children. Last year Waite discovered that Graham’s husband was still alive, and left her. She was committed for trial at the Supreme Court on March 4. Robert James Graham was charged with having committed bigamy in marrying Harriet Elizabeth Ferris at Charters Towers. Formal evidence having been given, he was remanded to Charters Towers.’ In another report in the paper Harriet’s surname was Betts. From the Qld Marriage Index, Robert married Harriet Ferris in 1918.

From the Police Gazette, March 1919. Robert James Graham (51) tried at the Supreme Court Townsville on 4 March 1919 on a charge of bigamy and sentenced to 2 years imprisonment with hard labour. Bound over, self in the sum of £100, to be of good behavior for 2 years.

Emily Graham (27) tried at the Supreme Court Townsville on 4 March 1919 on a charge of bigamy and sentenced to 12 months imprisonment with hard labour. Bound over, self in the sum of £50 to be of good behavior for 12 months.

On 15 March 1923, Emily had a son, Percy James Graham, father unknown. Percy died in the Townsville orphanage on 10 January 1924 aged 9 months, buried in the Townsville cemetery.

On 2 June 1934 Emily married Walter Alfred Smith at St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Ayr. Emily was divorced and Walter was a widower. Walter was previously married to Charlotte Ida Bessell in 1911. Walter was Station Master at Brandon. In 1941 Walter and Emily were living at Collinsville and by 1949 they had moved to Mourilyan Harbour, Innisfail, Walter was still a railway employee. Walter died at Innisfail on 16 April 1950 and Emily died there on 26 November 1960. They are both buried in the Innisfail Cemetery.
My Great Aunt Emily (continued)

Robert James Graham died on 19 September 1943 at Forest Home Pastoral Station near Georgetown while using explosives, buried the following day in the Georgetown Cemetery.

From the Cairns Post 22 September 1943. **Station Employee Killed.** ‘Robert James Graham (74) employed as a gardener on Forest Home Pastoral Station in the Georgetown district, was using explosives on Sunday afternoon about half a mile from the homestead when he was accidently killed. A native standing about 30 feet away was knocked to the ground but was uninjured.’

As the saying goes, *It’s a tangled web we weave.*

FROM THE JOURNALS

Aust Family Tree Connections (November) – *Tackling the re-vamped NSW BDM indexes*
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JENNIFER WOOD'S TRIP TO IRELAND

Once upon a time, in eighteenth century Ireland, a man stood helplessly watching his beloved uncle, Father Prendergast, a highly respected Catholic Priest being hanged from the gallows for no greater crime than performing his duty in ministering the Sacrament of Confession at a Rebel Camp to the sick, dying and those preparing for battle. He was not a Soldier, merely a Priest. By hanging him, this man was being made a scapegoat to warn all other Rebels of their fate should they continue to fight for their rights for freedom to practice their Religion and to prosper in their own beloved country. The blood boiled in this man’s veins and he answered the call to arms and he became an active member of the United Irishmen.

The role he played, as a member of the United Irishmen, in the early skirmishes of the 1798 Rebellion landed him in hot water. He was arrested and released several times and following several arrests he was finally transported to Australia. He arrived in Sydney on 11th January, 1800. He died in Australia on 27th January, 1833 and is buried in Windsor N.S.W. He never saw his beloved homeland again.

This man was John Prendergast. My 5 x Grandfather and this is his story. A story I aim to confirm or dispel in my quest to solve the Prendergast family mysteries during my research visit to Ireland this year.

This ambition I share with other Irish Rebel descendants, many of whom I hope my research in Ireland will assist in confirming or dispelling their family myths.

The Prendergast Motto is Vincit veritas which translates to “Truth conquers”.

So sit back, pour yourself a tipple and relax whilst you read my story. I’ll put in the hard yards for you and when I return we will get together and learn more of what I have found during my research journey to Ireland this year.

My application for the Rural Arts Development Fund (RADF) grant of $2500 that I applied for through Arts Queensland in partnership with Whitsunday Regional Council for my Family History Research trip to Ireland has been approved! I couldn’t be more thrilled! Thank you Arts Queensland and Whitsunday Regional Council. I will put your money to good use.

My holiday planning has taken longer than expected. I have had to decide how to best utilize my time. After all, it is a long way to travel to Ireland and at considerable expense. I want to learn as much as possible about my Prendergast family while I am there so that I can add generations to our Prendergast family tree and put “flesh on their bones”. I hope to get to know who our family members are by breaking down the walls that have barred this knowledge for over 200 years. I also hope to help anyone else through my research who has the yearning to discover their Irish roots also.
With the Irish privacy laws changing last year to allow more freedom of information to be released, my job is much easier than my mum Lorna’s was 30 years ago when she put in all the hard work to discover our Prendergast family history.

Also with the advance in technology it is becoming easier to trace family members past and present around the world.

I am so excited about commencing the University College Cork (UCC) Genealogy Summer School on 28th June. You can view my progress at www.prendergastfamily.wordpress.com for the Schedule for the Summer School and I will be adding to it daily. The course will be “full on” but worth every minute of it. This course will be followed by the Dublin Archives visit that has been organized by Lorna Moloney and her team of Genealogists which will commence on 6th July and end on the 8th July. I intend to remain at Trinity College in Dublin until the 11th July so that I can firstly pay a visit to St. Nicholas of Myra Church to thank Sarah, their Archivist for sending my 5x Grandfather John Prendergast’s Baptism Certificate. And, secondly to visit Glasnevin Cemetery to pay tribute to many of my Prendergast Ancestors buried there.

Then, the big question “How do I fill in my time between the 11th July and the 1st of August when the 1798 Rebellion re-enactment takes place in Enniscorthy”?

After much research I have decided to join a “C.I.E” 9 day guided tour travelling throughout the beautiful Northern Ireland to learn about their history. I have heard that C.I.E. is a very good company to travel with having been operating for 83 years in Ireland and having won many travel industry awards. I am especially looking forward to staying our first night at the magnificent Cabra Castle in Kingscourt.

On my return to Dublin I will fly to Paris on 19th July and commence a Uniworld boutique 8 day River Cruise sailing to Normandy and returning to Paris to visit Art Galleries and Museums. This tour is dedicated to historians and Art lovers interested in learning about the Normandy landing beaches of World War 2 and also about the Impressionist Artists, their Art and their lives. Then I will fly back to Ireland for the 1798 Rebellion re-enactment in Enniscorthy.
Silver stored in dry flour will not tarnish.

A paste mixture of salt and vinegar will remove stains from discoloured teacups.

The juice of half a lemon in a glass of water will frequently cure a sick headache.

Weak tea is good for watering ferns in pots and is also recommended as a wash for tired eyes.

A few drops of olive oil in the last rinsing water when the head is washed gives the hair a gloss without making it greasy.

Marks of burnt milk may be removed from pie dishes by applying salt. If very obstinate, mix a little crushed egg-shell with the salt.

Add a little ground ginger to a rice pudding before baking it. If this is done one can use half milk and half water instead of all milk.

Glasses which have become stuck can be separated of the lower one is put into a basin of warm water and the top glass filled with cold water.

To remove a cold pudding or jelly from a mould, wrap a hot cloth round the outside of the mould for a minute or two. To remove a hot pudding use as cold cloth.

Coloured handkerchiefs or handkerchiefs with coloured borders should be soaked in cold water before they are washed. This will prevent the colours from running or fading.

Keep all butter wrappers and when cooking a suet pudding roll it in the paper before putting it in the cloth. This helps to make the pudding light and the cloth is easier to wash.

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OBITUARY: Mr Albert Setter. The death of Mr Albert Setter in the Proserpine Hospital on Monday last week has removed another old pioneer from the district. He was aged 87 years and 10 months. A native of Devonshire he came to Mackay aged 18 with a number of early settlers, before coming to Proserpine in 1897.

A brickmaker by trade, Mr Setter made bricks for the Habana Mill (Mackay) before coming here to make bricks for the Glen Isla Mill. Following an Act of Parliament preventing the importation of Kanaka labour, the Glen Isla Sugar Co, of Melbourne, ceased operating, and the machinery was re-erected at Eton.

Mr Setter then went to Bloomsbury Station and was engaged as a teamster. While engaged in this calling his party was ambushed at Old Crystalbrook. Spears were thrown and Mr Setter was wounded in the arm and leg but reached Bromby Park with 17 spears still sticking in the load. A messenger was sent to Bloomsbury telegraph station, and police arrived from Mackay and Bowen, and the tribe was punished.

Mr Setter then went sugar farming in Mackay but returned to Proserpine with his team in 1897. His first job was carting wood for the present sugar mill. He then made his own bricks and set up the first bakery in Proserpine which he carried on for 15 years.

Mr Setter later farmed; was licensee of the Palace Hotel (1908-1911); opened the first picture show in 1912; and brought the first car to Proserpine – a Studebaker in 1913 – and two other cars later.

He married Mrs Emily Ellison, who was born at sea when her parents were migrating to Australia. Mrs Setter is remembered in Proserpine today for kindness shown to many patients when she conducted a nursing home here.

Bushells’ Centenary 1883 – 1983 (Continued from March)

1891 - Queensland on the verge of civil war.

A shearers’ strike in Queensland becomes more bitter and bloody as it progresses. Mass riots erupt to the point where the colony hovers on the verge of civil war.

Labour begins to emerge as an organized political party and makes its first appearance in the New South Wales General Election. Astonishingly, the party wins 36 seats and emerges with the balance of power in its hands.

The proportion of native-born Australians has been steadily increasing and, by this year, accounts for seventy-five percent of the population. Nationalist sentiments are also on the increase and, in Sydney, a massive convention is held to discuss the issues of federation. A first draft Constitution is drawn up.

1892 - Lockout at Broken Hill ends with imprisonment. Crash rumours abound.

Violence erupts at Broken Hill when miners are locked out by employers for rejecting a variation in their wages agreement. Within a few weeks, over one thousand policemen are despatched to the area to control the situation. After a three month deadlock, seven of the strike leaders are brought to trial, found guilty and imprisoned. This action heralds the end of the strike and the miners are defeated and forced to accept worse pay and conditions than before.

The first of many huge gold deposits is found at Coolgardie, only five hundred kilometres East of Perth.

Financial crash rumours abound in the Eastern States and, in Sydney, there is a run to the Savings Bank of New South Wales. More than three thousand people crowd into the Head Office to withdraw their savings and the Bank is forced to stay open until late into the evening to process the demands for cash.
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On showing their current WFHG Membership card, our members are permitted to use facilities at

**GYMPIE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

Old Gympie Railway Station, Gympie Phone:- 5482 8211
I’ve known since just after starting my research some 20 years ago that one of my great grandmother’s names was Elizabeth CONNOR. On her marriage certificate to Hugh Alexander MACLEAN in January 1892 she stated that her parents’ names were Peter CONNOR, seaman and Sarah McDAVITT. She also said she was 24 years of age (therefore bc 1867) and her husband was 43 years. They married in a Registrar’s Office in Brisbane, even though they didn’t live there.

Over the years I’ve tried to find her birth on visits to Brisbane and in Proserpine, without success, including one wrong birth certificate. There are way too many Elizabeth Connors, Conners, O’Connor, O’Conner, etc. A member of GSQ did find some years ago the marriage announcement in a newspaper describing her as the youngest daughter of the late Peter Connor of Liverpool. I also tried writing to the Liverpool Echo asking for any descendants of the couple.

There it sat for many years. Finally a sister-in-law of mine joined Ancestry to research her family. Although my brother was not actively researching he did occasionally look and said he wondered why we couldn’t find anything on Elizabeth Connor.

Last year I received a phone call from him. He thought he’d found the family. Ancestry has Liverpool Catholic baptisms online (I’d wondered whether she may have been since they married in a Registrar’s Office and my great grandfather was Presbyterian) and Rob looked for a family with the youngest daughter being Elizabeth.

The records are in Latin and there is an Elizabetha CONNOR b 04 May 1865 and bapt 07 May 1865 with parents Petro and Sarah CONNOR (maiden name McDevit). Also found was Sarah b 11 June bapt 18 Jun 1854 with same parents and godparents Edward and Bridget McDevitt, twins Catherine and Anna b 16 December 1858 bapt 19 December 1858 daughters of Petri and Sarai CONNOR (mn McDermot), Edwardus b 13 October 1860 bapt 14 October 1860 with same parents but maiden name McDaid (McDaid/McDade and McDevitt mean the same thing and are interchangeable), Petrus b 25 August bapt 31 August 1862 (maiden name McDade), and lastly Christopherus Daniel b 06 January bapt 19 January 1868 (mn Devitt). Another son was found on census records John bc 1857 as well as another daughter, Mary b in Glasgow and bapt 31 March 1851. That information took us to Scotland where the marriage was found on 22 June 1850 in Kirkconnell by Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire which was prior to civil registration there. They are on the census there prior to the birth of Mary.

There were many problems locating them on the census records. On the 1861 census, Peter, smith’s helper, and Sarah are both 40 years and born in Ireland with children Mary, Sarah, John, Ann and Edward with nephew Daniel McDevitt 18 years, dock labourer, b Ireland. On the 1871 census Peter is not home although Sarah describes herself as married. Sarah CONNORS is 43 years, housekeep, b Ireland with children John 14, barber, Edward 10, scholar, Hannah (Anna/Ann) 13 years, Lillie/Tillie 5 years (I believe this to be Elizabeth – Elizabeth II was given the pet name Lilibeth when she was a child) and Thomas 3 years.
THE CRACK IN MY BRICKWALL (continued)

On the 1881 census there is Sarah O’Connor a boarder still married with only Thomas 13 years. I think that Thomas must be Christopher Daniel as the same age. I can’t find Peter, the father, on any other census records or Elizabeth on the 1881 census, but I think she immigrated on the Scottish Lassie in 1889 into Maryborough from Liverpool, and she was 23 years and a Protestant.

The eldest daughter, Mary married a Patrick O’Connor in 1873 and Sarah jnr may have married William Charles Barnard in 1876. Thomas Peter O’Connor married Emily Edith (Nell) Woods in 1892 and died in 1912 on the Titanic. He was a bedroom steward and his body was never found.

I’ve tried following the godparents Edward and Bridget McDevitt. They are on the 1861 census aged 48 and 44 years respectively, with children Ann bc 1851 and Bridget bc 1846 all born in Ireland, and with sons James bc 1853 and Michael bc 1855 both b in Liverpool. I located Michael’s baptism. They were all transcribed on the 1861 census as McDerill. Michael married in 1877 to Margaret Jane Quinn (with issue) and Bridget in 1866 to Francis Deerey (no issue). Edward died in 1866 and his widow Bridget lived with daughter Bridget until her death – both saying born in Ireland! I’ve also tried finding Daniel McDevitt bc 1843 in Ireland without success – perhaps he immigrated to USA.

It would appear that maybe the children of Peter and Sarah Connor were never registered. If anyone can suggest avenues of research or is related, I would love to hear from you.

Sue Buckley – email buckse@dodo.com.au

PROSERPINE GUARDIAN

Saturday March 6th 1920 – Saturday Half Holiday

The business houses of the town were open all day on Wednesday last, which is an indication that the shops will close at 1 p.m. on Saturdays in the future. This is the law in Queensland and the observance of the Saturday half-holiday will now be universal throughout the State.

The new arrangement will greatly inconvenience the farmers, especially those who are many miles from towns. The worker will also envy the change when he learns that he is unable to attend to his shopping on Saturday afternoon. It is the law of the country and the tradespeople are compelled to abide by it.

January 23rd 1926 – The Telephone

The work of erecting the telephone service in the Strathdickie, Cannon Valley, Preston and Saltwater districts is progressing satisfactorily and it should not be very long before the whole service is linked up. Pending the completion of the subscribers telephone lines at each centre the Postal Department during the week opened public telephone offices at Mt Julian (Mr GL Finlay’s residence) and Preston (Mr Johnstone’s residence) for the usual telephone and telegraph business. When this service is completed the subscribers will realise the many benefits that are derived and they will wonder how they managed without the telephone for so long.