

THE DALE TALE

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Introduction

Several years ago Dulcie Hewerdine became interested in tracing her family tree. She spoke to family members and collected information and memories. In her travels Dulcie made a point of going to Magherafelt in Ireland where the Dales originated and did more research there.

This all lead to the first Dale family meeting on 17th March 2001 where we decided to compile a journal of the Dale Family in Australia.

This was always going to be a monumental task and to make it harder we decided to have the journal ready for viewing in time for the family reunion in September 2001.

Because of the short amount of time we had available we decided to concentrate on the 4 Dales (John, James, Margaret & Elizabeth) who emigrated to Australia and their children.

We soon realised that what we would be compiling would be just the beginning of the tale. We hope that this will be a living tale; improving and expanding with future research and that the next generation of descendants will add their stories too.

So let's begin the journey with this, the first edition of

The DALE TALE.

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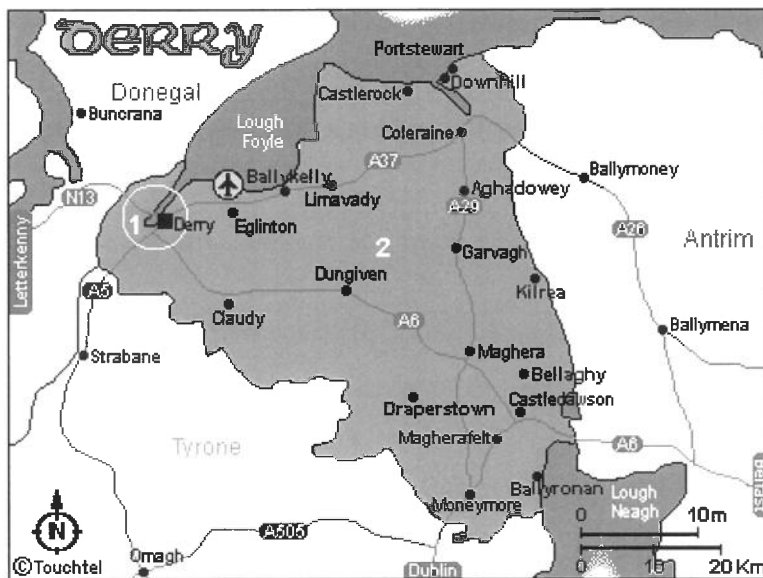
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Early Dale Family Tree.

Chapter 1

The journey begins.....

Research into the surname Dale shows us that the name originated in Yorkshire and was of Anglo Saxon origin. It is thought that the Dale family came to Ireland by way of a land grant. This grant was for services rendered to the English Crown during the Battle of the Boyne 1690. A victorious King William rewarded his supporters, our Dale forebears being one of them, with land grants in Ireland



Map of County Derry showing location of Magherafelt.

Some time during the 1750's and 1760's in Northern Ireland, most probably Londonderry near the market town of Magherafelt, the earliest traceable Dale forefather was born.

Our Dale family comes from the area around the border between County Tyrone and County Derry (see maps). Records listing many of their births baptisms and marriages are found in the Magherafelt Presbyterian Church.

Magherafelt Prebyterian Church today.

Magherafelt is in county Derry in Northern Ireland and is still a thriving market town.

These church records tell us some of the places in which the Dales lived. Two names come up repeatedly, Ballymulderg and Killyfaddy. These are what are known as townlands-the most ancient and smallest territorial divisions still in use in Ireland. These are now incorporated as suburbs into the modern town of Magherafelt.



Early Dales

Our early Dale forefather Samuel was a farmer who married sometime around 1780. He had four children that can be traced Thomas, William, John and James all recorded as being born in Ballymulderg.

John born in 1790 was the grandfather of the four Dale children who came to Australia. Like his father Samuel, John was also a farmer. He married some time before 1814 when the birth of his first child John was registered. Unfortunately the baptismal records of his children do not list his wife's name.

On 5th September 1820 in Ballymulderg John (then 30) and his wife have their third son and fifth child Alexander baptised.

Sixteen years later in Killyfaddy on 21st July 1836 Eliza McIllwaine wife of Samuel Crossett (also a farmer) gives birth to Sarah Anne.

Alexander and Sarah were married on the 10 June 1853 and

The Family is Created

Records from Magherafelt show that at the time of their marriage Alexander was a weaver. The area around this part of Derry and Tyrone was involved in textile manufacture, which may explain why Alexander was a weaver. Being a weaver probably meant that he did not own land and would have been employed by someone else.

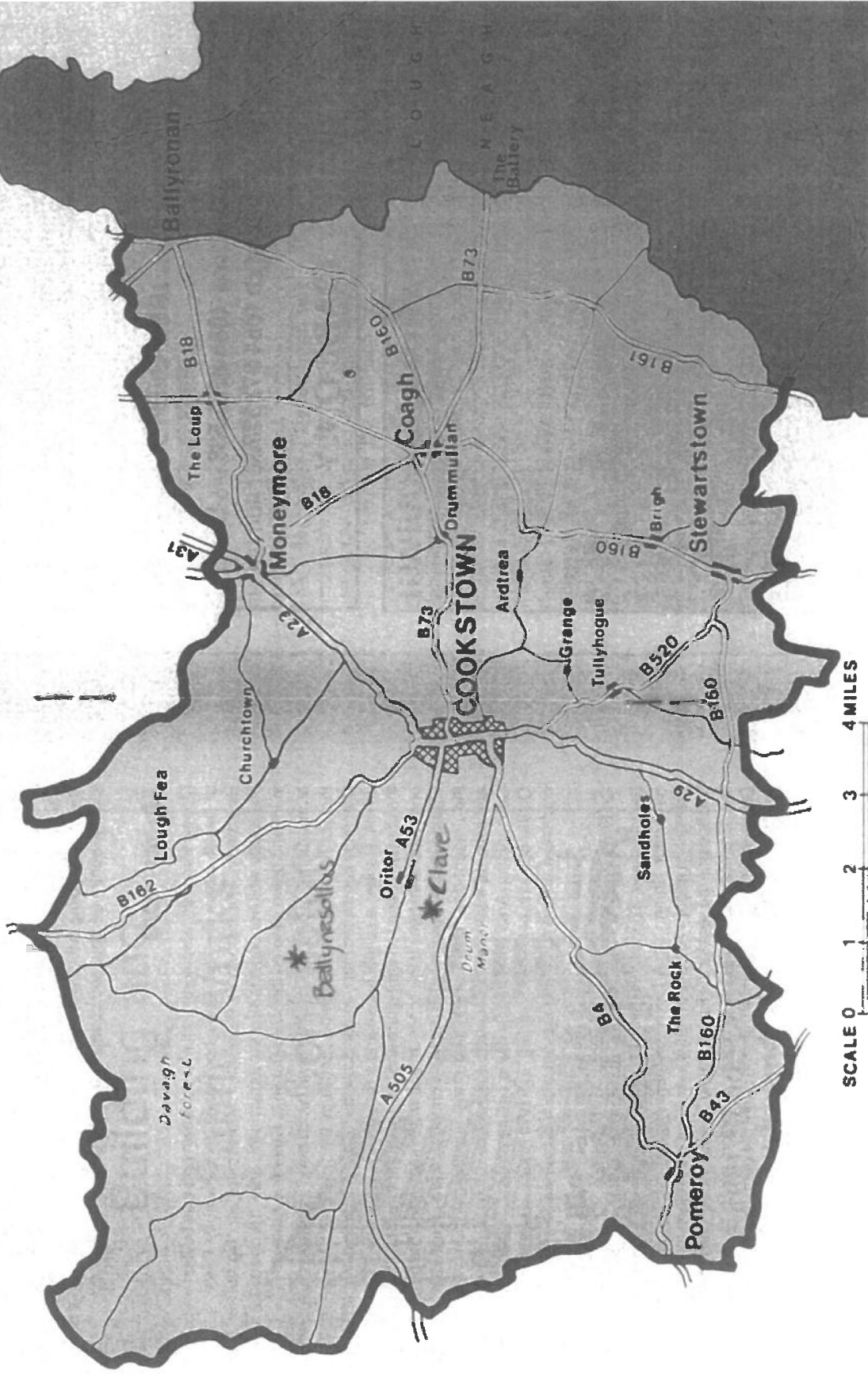
Map of County Tyrone showing location of Cookstown.



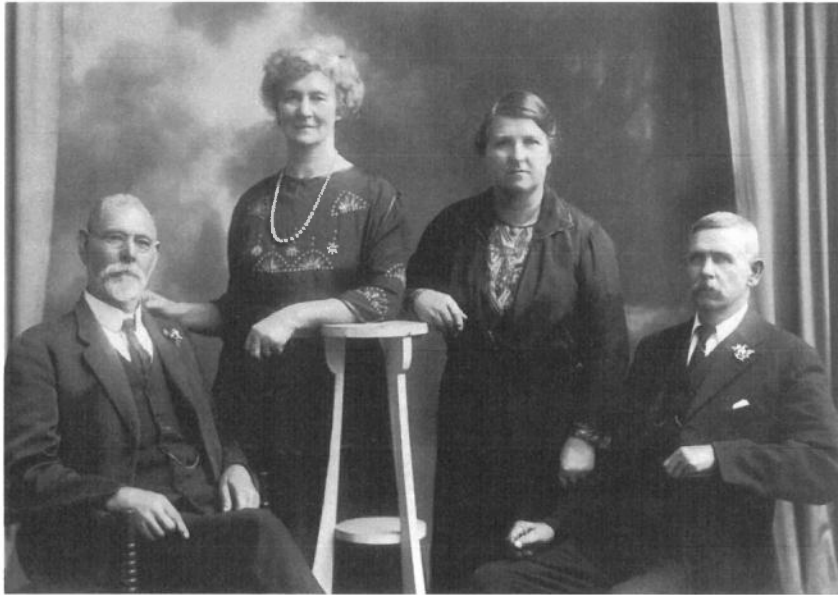
Sarah gave birth to their first child John on 23rd July 1854. This is around the time that Alexander and Sarah moved from Ballymulderg to Ballynasollus (near Cookstown in County Tyrone).

* Approximate locations of Townlands

COOKSTOWN DISTRICT



Map showing location of Ballynasollus and Clare.



John, Elizabeth, Margaret and James.

Four more children were born to them over the next 13 years, Elizabeth in 1857?, James on 10 December 1859, Margaret on 2nd March 1863 and Sarah on 26 March 1867.

Although we know very little of the family during this time it can't have been an easy life. The Potato Famine from 1846 – 1850 changed forever the face of Ireland. The

population decreased by one third from starvation alone and large numbers of people made the decision to emigrate.

Whether the affects of the famine were a driving force in the family's decision to emigrate we can only speculate. Undoubtedly, it would have been a contributing factor.

All five of Alexander and Sarah's children made the decision to emigrate - John, James Margaret and Elizabeth to Australia and Sarah to the United States. How Alexander and Sarah felt about never seeing any of their children or grandchildren again we don't know. Nor do we know of or have any letters that may have been written between parents and children.

When Sarah died is unknown but we do know that Alexander died in November 1894 at the age of 74 and that they are both buried in Clare Churchyard (see map page 11).

On the 27th May 1878, John married Sarah Haddock in the Clare Church, Church of Ireland (see map page 11) and their first son Alexander was on born 27th November 1878. John states his profession on their certificate of marriage as shoemaker.

Sarah Haddock taught at Ballynasollus School near Cookstown in County Tyrone and is thought to have had a Bachelor of Arts Degree. If true this is a significant achievement for a woman of her time in post famine Ireland.

Sarah was the daughter of Thomas Haddock, a miller, and his wife Eliza Robinson.

In 1879 John and Sarah then expecting their second child, make the decision with James to immigrate to Australia.

Chapter 2

Arriving in Australia



James Dale (20), John (25), Sarah (25) and Alexander Dale (1) travel to Plymouth England to board the Silver Eagle for its journey to Australia disembarking in Maryborough 15 May 1880.

With all the places in Australia to settle, Maryborough seems an unusual choice. However at that time Freemantle and Maryborough were the only destinations available for immigrants. The Australian authorities of the day were directing immigrants to the less populated areas of Australia.

What James did immediately after arriving in Australia is unknown although he did settle in Gympie not long after arrival. John and his family stayed in Maryborough for a short time and then they travelled to Tiaro in a Mr Barriskill's wagon.

John goes to Tiaro

The township of Tiaro was first surveyed in 1864. Among the first settlers was James Nash, the man who discovered gold in Gympie.

The town grew rapidly. A Post office opened in 1868 and the first school began in 1870 in a slab hut. In 1875 the population was between three and four hundred and this further increased when the railway opened in 1881.

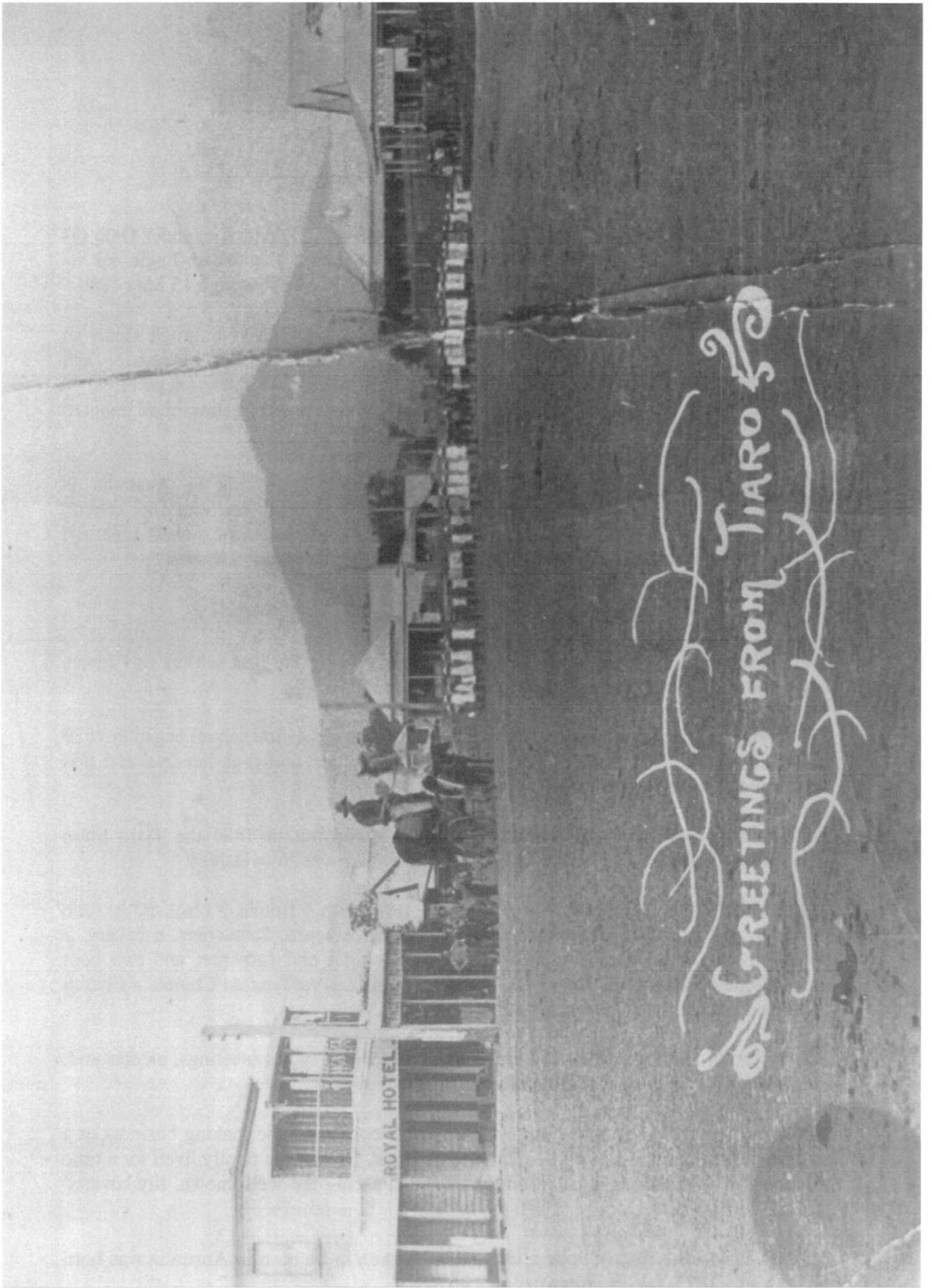
A Divisional Board initially administered local affairs but in 1884 the Tiaro Shire Council was gazetted. One of the early council members was John Dale.

Between 1881 and 1900 Tiaro was a very busy town with 4 Hotels, 3 blacksmiths (one of which still functions as a modern day garage), a sawmill, 2 butchers, a bakery, 2 general stores, a saddler, an auctioneer, a wheelwright and carpenter and two boot makers (one of whom was John Dale). There was also a Presbyterian Church, a Church of England, a Catholic Church and a Protestant Hall.

For recreation there were dances held nearly every week, sports meetings, picnics and, every Boxing Day, there was a big race meeting.

And it was here in 1880 that John established his boot and shoe making business in a small building near the site of the old Queen's Hotel. He and his family lived for a time in one of the old houses situated on the elevation facing the well known, lily covered lagoon.

Thomas James, the first of John and Sarah's children to be born in Australia was born on 20th July 1880, two months after they arrived.



Mayne Street Tiaro circa 1884

The Girls arrive

Whether John and James sent home letters glowing with praise of the Australian way of life is not known but it is known that Elizabeth (25) and Margaret Dale (18) sailed from Glasgow in September 1882 aboard the Shenir bound for Australia. They arrived in Maryborough on 1st January 1883. It is interesting to note that the girls' ages were recorded incorrectly on the ship's manifest.

The disembarkation of its passengers must have been quite an event as it was reported in the Maryborough Chronicle for no less than 6 days in a row from the 1st January to the 6th January 1883.



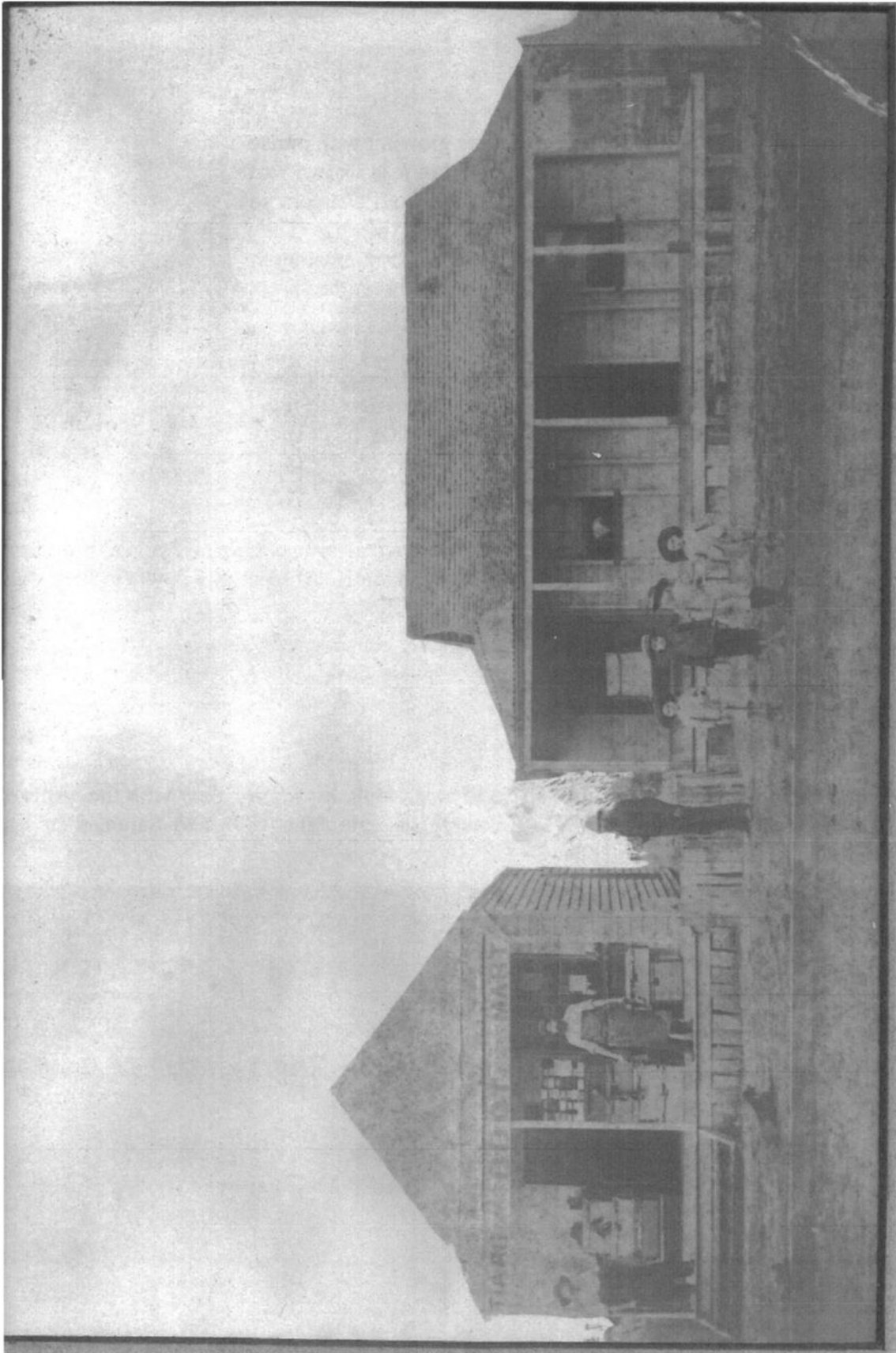
Where the girls went immediately after their arrival is uncertain, however, it appears from Sarah's letters to them that they went to Gympie. At least this is where they were living as early as January 1884.

Tragedy Strikes

While John's business went from strength to strength, his family grew with the births of William on 13th December 1881, Elizabeth on 15th June 1883 and Sarah, their last child on the 28th December 1884.



James Dale, W McMullan, Alex Dale and William Dale standing in front of their house in Tiaro.



John Dale in front of the BOOT MART. The other building is his home. From left to right Mr Cain, John Dale, Sergeant Pickering, James Dale, W McMullan, Alex Dale and William Dale, 1884.

Tragically Sarah Dale (nee Haddock) died the same day her last child was born due to complications following the birth.

While Sarah only lived for a short while after she came to Australia, letters she wrote to her sister-in-law during 1884 have survived. These letters (Appendix I) give us a first hand look at life in early Australia for the family. They chronicle the last year of Sarah's life and you can't help but wonder at how this apparently highly educated woman made the transition from Ireland to Australia.

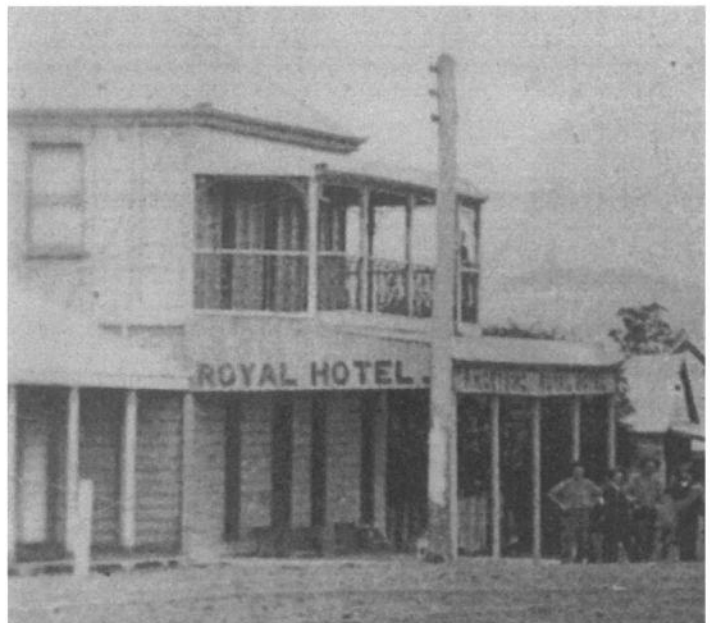
Sarah, a baby, just a few days old was sent to live with Granny Smith and was to stay there for the next six years. Where the other children, Alexander 5, Thomas 4, William 2 and Elizabeth 1 lived during this time is unknown.

John moved his business to a shop opposite the post office and shortly after he built what now forms part of the Royal Hotel, a two-storied structure. On the lower floor he carried on his business, known as the "Tiaro Boot Mart" whilst the upper floor was used as his residence.

In 1884 John was a Councillor for Tiaro Shire Council and was made Chairman in 1885.

John's place of business the Boot Mart was a popular meeting spot and being situated opposite the post office, the

business men of the time would invariably meet near the front of the shop to discuss the events of the day after receiving their "Maryborough Chronicle" and mail from the post office at 9am. Some of the businessmen who gathered here were Mr Job, Mr McKewen, Mr Gardiner, Mr Hopper, Mr Poulsen and Officer Pickering.



Royal Hotel Tiaro

A New Beginning

Local lass, Marion Cochrane Murray was to become the second Mrs John Dale. Marion born 26th November 1869 was the daughter of long time residents James and Alison Murray of Preston Grange (James and Alison were married on 2nd November 1866). Their property Preston Grange was approximately five miles from Tiaro along Glenbar Road situated on the Mary River.

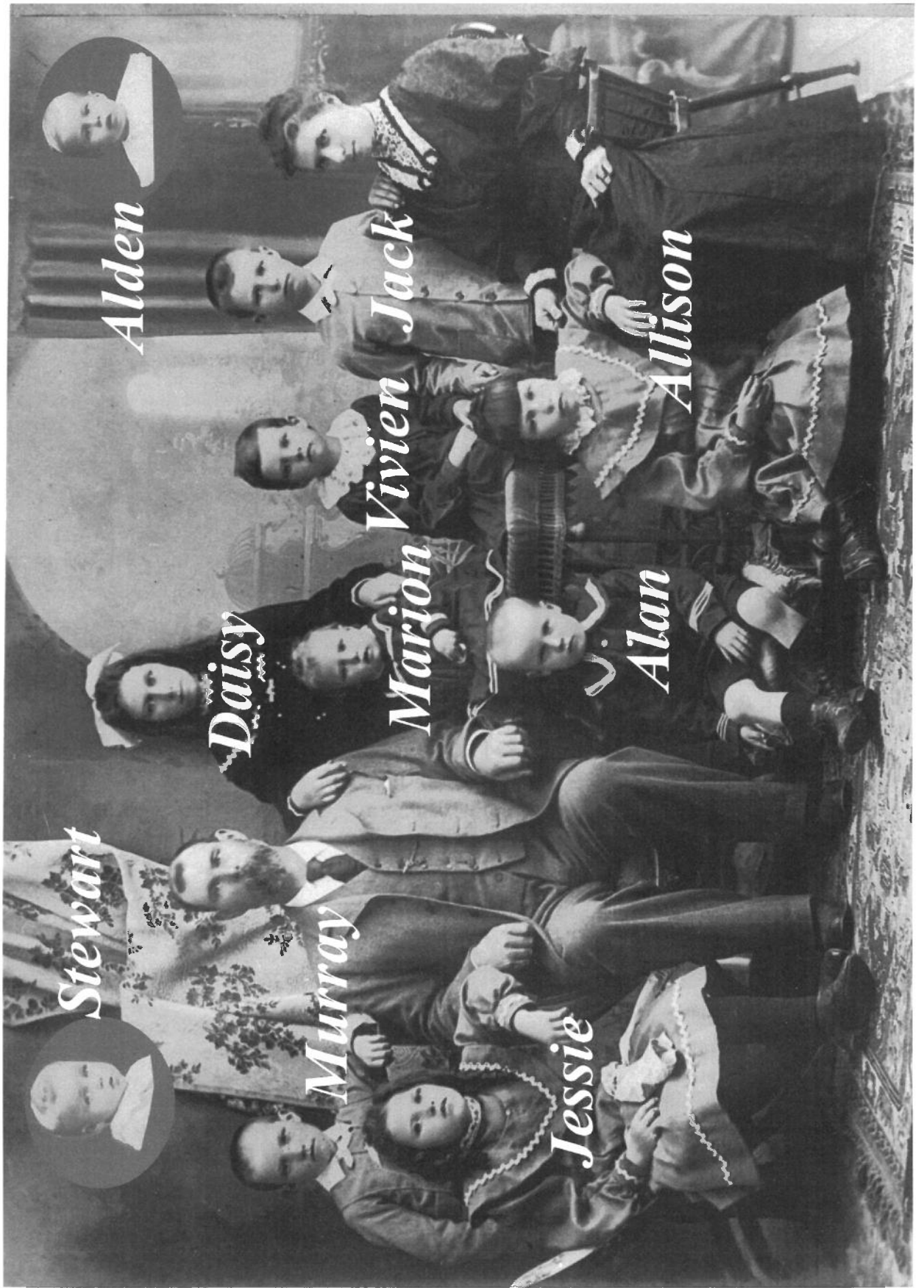
They were married on 9th June 1890 in the front room of her parents' house with her brother James Jnr and sister Martha as witnesses.

We don't know how long after they were married that John's 5 children came to live with them but Marion only had a very short space of time to adjust before she had a baby of her own. It can't have been easy for Marion at 20 having to deal with an instant family of five and it must have been even harder for five small children to adjust to a woman none of them knew.

John and Marion were to have a large family Daisy, Jessie, Alison, Vivienne, Jack, Murray, Marion, Allan, Alden, Stewart and Eric.



Marion Dale in 1909 with her parents James and Allison Murray. Marion is holding Stewart and Henry Alden is standing between his grandparents.



John and Marion Dale with their children circa 1904. Stewart and Alden (insets) were not born when this photo was taken. They were added later.

Around Town

About 1892 – 1894 John purchased a well-known property “Ballandinas” on which he grew fruit. His orchard was well known for its excellent fruit. In addition he went in for dairying and grazing. He put lots of energy and activity into an attempt to establish a fruit-canning factory for the area, which unfortunately was not a success due to the effect of the First World War.



John in Brisbane visiting his son William

He also played a very prominent role in the establishment of the first cheese factory in the area. This was in an old house he owned that was situated in what was “Frog’s Hollow” at the lower end of Mayne Street, Tiaro.

In the early history of the Presbyterian Church in Tiaro he was a very helpful supporter. He was also a member of the Good Templar Lodge – at that time one of the largest and most influential societies in Tiaro.

He was a representative on the Town council on no less than 15 occasions and was Chairman 4 times between the years 1884 and 1914. During this time he also stood unsuccessfully for the seat of Wide Bay at the state election in 1907.

He died suddenly on Wednesday 6th February 1929 aged 74 years at the General Hospital in Maryborough. After his sudden death a local newspaper article had the following comment to make, “ He was a man of sterling honesty, a good friend to many, of very progressive ideas, a keen debater, and well informed, and would not hesitate to “tread on the toes” of anyone opposed to his views”.

He died intestate leaving Marion to carry on by herself. Ballandinas was leased out to give Marion an income and she moved to Brisbane.

Marion was to live the rest of her life in Brisbane with Lal (Allison) first at Creek Road then at Cavendish Road.

Grandchildren came to stay with her at holiday time and she went to help her children when needed. She was affectionately called “The Mater” by the children and is remembered by all as an extremely



Marion in later life

kind and generous woman who was well loved by all of her children and grandchildren.

She died on the 18th April 1958 aged 88.



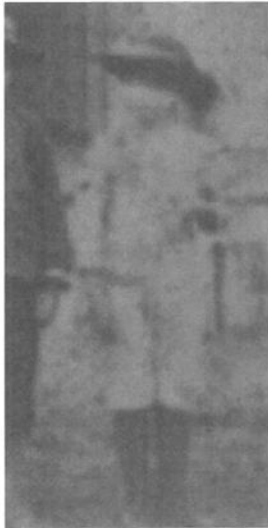
Label for fruit consignment

Chapter 3

John Dale's Family

John & Sarah Haddock's Children

Alexander Dale (Sandy)



**Alex Dale aged 5,
Tiaro**

Sandy was born on 27th November 1878 in Ballynasollus Tyrone Northern Ireland and travelled to Australia with his parents when he was two years old.

Sarah, his mother, refers to him as Sandy in her letters and says that he is still wild. A very early photograph shows him with his brothers William and Thomas standing outside his fathers Boot Mart. This photo was taken about 1884 not long before his mother died when Sandy would have been 5 years old.

Sandy attended Tiaro State School enrolling in 1884 when he was five. Sandy became a carpenter by trade.

Later in life he married Stella Currie and they lived in an upstairs flat in George Street (near the old Macdonald and East Store) in Brisbane.

Sandy who was a crossword fanatic died childless in 1946 and is fondly remembered by all.

This is believed to be the only known photo of Sandy as an adult. Taken in 1911.



Thomas James Dale (Jim)

His mother was pregnant with him when the family left Ireland to journey to Australia in 1880. He was born two months after their arrival on 20th July 1880.

Jim also attended Tiaro State School enrolling in 1885.

Jim enlisted for the Boer War and was in Unit 5 Qld Imperial Bushmen Contingent. His name can be seen on the War Memorial in Tiaro.



**Jim Dale in full Boer
War Dress**



Jim and Edith's Wedding Photograph July 1911

He became an architect and some examples of his work including the Rotunda can still be seen in Gympie. He married Edith Williams on the 6th July 1911.

They lived in Gympie opposite the hospital for the rest of their lives and unfortunately had no children.

Jim died on the 14 December 1951.

William Robert Dale

William, John and Sarah's third son was born 13th December 1881. He also attended Tiaro State School and was enrolled in 1886.

Very little is known about William other than he lived in Eagle Junction in Brisbane where Jessie, his younger sister came to live when she moved to Brisbane to work.

He was run over and killed by a train at Eagle Junction Station on 13th August 1923.

**The only known photograph of William Dale taken in 1884
when he was 3 years old**



Elizabeth Dale



**Elizabeth (Ciss) Dale & John
Cunningham on their wedding
Day 1908**



**Ciss' daughter
Elizabeth
Cunningham on her
wedding day 1944**

Elizabeth was born on 15th June 1883. Her mother in her letters says that she will call the baby Lizzie but Elizabeth came to be known to everyone as Ciss.

Ciss also attended Tiaro State School enrolling in 1888.

On the 8th July 1908 she married John Cunningham. Their marriage took place in her parents' home.

She had 2 children, Beryl Jean born 24th January 1909 and Elizabeth Annie born 6th June 1912.

Sadly Elizabeth (Ciss) died on the 10th June 1912. Her obituary says that she died from pneumonia after having been taken to the hospital in Maryborough. She was 28 years and 11 months old when she died.

Sarah Dale

Written By Barbara Smith Daughter of Jean Bryant, granddaughter of Sarah Cunningham (nee Dale).

My Grandmother Sarah Cunningham, born Sarah Dale youngest daughter of John and Sarah Dale, on 28th December 1884. Her mother, Sarah, haemorrhaged after her birth and died the same day.

Sarah was given to very good friends, Granny Smith of Tiaro to be cared for as Granny Smith had a daughter Alice of similar age. She lived with the Smith family for approximately 6 years, until her father, John, re-married Miss Murray.

Grandma had a very unhappy childhood – only going to school for 18 months (first enrolled at Tiaro State School 1897). Apparently she went to school while her stepmother was having children in Maryborough. She never called her stepmother any other name but “The Mater”. Her job was to dig the holes for the toilet. Even on the day she got married she had to kill and cook the fowls for her wedding breakfast.

She taught herself to read well and write and also to play the piano and organ. She loved music as did her husband and daughters.

Sarah married my grandfather, Stewart Cunningham (brother of John Cunningham who married Elizabeth) on 1st January 1908.



**Sarah and Stewart on their
wedding day 1908**

Their first home was a small hut with dirt floors and Hessian walls. Grandma always told me how cold it was in winter and I truly believe this. They had a small property known as "Gilberts", which later became Kilmarnock, 3 1/2 miles off the Tiaro-Bauple Road. The first few years were a struggle but they overcame this with persistence and good managing, Grandad growing sugar cane. My mother, Jean was born on their first wedding anniversary, 1st January 1909



Sarah with Stewart holding Beulah in 1915 at Bauple

They lived at Kilmarnock until 1921 when they bought Gardiner's Store in Tiaro. It was then renamed Cunningham's Stores.

Grandma joined the Tiaro Presbyterian Church in July 1902 and her husband, Stewart in October 1902. This is where they met.

Grandma was church organist for 47 years. They both lived for their church and were the backbone of Tiaro church. Their church was their 'STALWART in LIFE'.



Sarah and Stewart in later life

Whilst Grandad was Chairman of the Tiaro Shire, They represented the shire and were introduced to HRH Princess Alexandra of Kent in 1959.

My Grandmother (Sarah) was the most wonderful, loving and giving person but owing to her unhappy childhood never trusted anyone at first. She always said "Never trust a man until you

find him otherwise". She had a fine sense of humour.

She was the most devoted and loyal wife – a wonderful and loving mother to her three daughters Jean, Beulah and Beth.

As her eldest grandchild I can never remember her saying a bad word about anyone. I loved my grandmother as a second mother. Although my brothers and I lived in Brisbane we always spent every holiday at Tiaro with our grandparents.

The valued gifts she has left me are to be loyal and loving to everyone.

She was a woman of great standing, respect, sincerity and her standards of living were valued by everyone who came in contact with her in all walks of life are an everlasting memory to my Grandmother.

She passed away on 23rd August 1976 in her 92 year.

Her direct family are her 3 daughters, 7 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 9 great-great grandchildren.



John and Sarah's Children - Sandy (top left), James (top right), William (centre), Ciss (bottom left) and Sarah (bottom right).

John & Marion Murray's Children

Daisy Dale

Daisy the first child of John and his second wife Marion Murray was born on 13th April 1891 at Preston Grange her grandmother's home.

She went to school at Tiaro State School and passed through the fifth standard of education in 1919. She and her sisters rode horses to school.

Some time after 1919 Daisy left home to work in Brisbane as a maid.

We know very little about her until she married aged 32 on 9 April 1924 to Alan Hinchcliffe.



Daisy in 1912



Daisy with Alan on their wedding day Her sister Vivien is her bridesmaid.

Alan was a widower with 3 children and they settled in South Brisbane.

Daisy's only child Raymond (Jokey) was born on 18 February 1928. Unfortunately Raymond died in 1932 and Daisy and Alan's life was never the same.

During the rest of her life Daisy ran a small shop at Stones Corner and every Sunday afternoon come rain, hail or shine she would visit Raymond's grave at the Toowong Cemetery.

The following are excerpts from Beverley Shanahan's (nee Dale) recollections of her Aunt...



Daisy and Jokey with Alan and his children Hazel and Keith

As a very young child Aunty Daisy was my favourite Aunty. I thought she had such a beautiful name, suiting her beautiful hair; soft, shiny, white curls that bounced when she moved. At times I remember being mystified as to why she lived alone, unaware as a child of the heartache she silently carried.

Whenever we visited we were warmly welcomed. Then after making ourselves comfortable, sitting in the steps of her house that had been her shop in previous decades, she gave us children a boiled lolly from a tin, kept just inside the door. The tin seemed centuries older than Aunty herself. We always enjoyed the treat

We would sit quietly pondering the mysteries of our Aunt and her surrounds. I remember being

intrigued as to what the inside of her home must have looked like. I never entered it.

Every visit was finalised with an escorted wander through her cottage garden. The garden while heavy with the sent of herbs and perfumes, boasted flowers in abundance, vines and climbers everywhere and vegetables mostly tomatoes.

Every Sunday afternoon Aunty would be found at the Toowong Cemetery. Often we would take her there and bring her back to her home again. I imagine when we didn't take her she walked from Stones Corner to Toowong and back.

As a small child I knew that she was tending to the grave of her dead son. As an adult now, I am saddened by the enormous grief she carried, and perhaps guilt, that her son had died from a disease that she chose not to have him immunised against. (After her death, I was told that his room had been left exactly as it was when he died, untouched, enforcing the grief and pain that she silently felt.)



Raymond (Jokey).

My brother Barry and I were keen to please and would bucket the water from the tap to the grave, back and forth. The grave was a reflection of her garden, luscious with plants and new life, vases hidden among the foliage.

Beverly continues... After my youngest brother Raymond was born my mother was very ill for quite some time. During that time Aunty Daisy (never being asked) insisted on

coming to our home, walking I imagine from Stones Corner to Mt Gravatt to do what she could to help.

I don't remember her sitting down, surely she must have, but my memories of her are of her ironing for hours at a time. I would sit at the table in the sewing room and chat to her.

At that time in my life green was my favourite colour. Aunty Daisy, ever superstitious, was not impressed and tried earnestly to dissuade me, for whatever reasons I cannot remember. I suspect though she really did like my child-like chatter.

I can remember well the day that she arrived (always with bags of spotted fruit and vegetables to help mum and dad make ends meet) carrying a bag with a dress she had found for me. It was white cotton, collar, pintucks, short sleeves, zip down the back, pleated skirt and GREEN stars all over it. It was my favourite dress for as long as it fitted. I remember Aunty Daisy saying, "Oh no, it's back in the ironing!" and would ever so carefully iron in every pleat from waist to hem. All of her ironing was perfectly neat.

It was outside the cemetery that she was struck by a car and killed in 1968.

Jessie Dale

Jessie the second of John and Marion's children was born on 28th February 1893. This date came as a surprise to Jessie's family as she had always celebrated her birthday on the 20th February. The reason for this has not been discovered as yet.

Jessie was also known as Pete and later in life as Tilly.

She left home at about 14 years of age. She apparently didn't like life on the farm and came to Brisbane to be a domestic servant. In Brisbane she boarded with her brother William at Park Street Eagle Junction.

While working Jessie put her self through secretarial college at night to learn shorthand and typing. She then got a job with a legal firm in the city. She was working here when she married Alexander Devene.



Jessie 1915



Jessie and Alex on their wedding day her sister Vivien is her bridesmaid.

They married on 9th April 1921 when Jessie was 28 years old. Her younger sister Vivienne was her bridesmaid.

After their marriage they lived in McGregor Terrace Bardon near where Alex was working at the time. Jessie did not stop working until six weeks before the birth of her first child Joan on 2nd July 1922.

Their second child James Dale (Bill) was born on 22nd August 1925 followed by twins Jill and Jack on 2nd October 1927. (Apparently having twins was quite a shocking thing for a well brought up lady to do. The twins were also the first to be born at the Kennedy Terrace Hospital)

By 1929 Jessie and her family moved to Lowerson Street Woolloowin and Alex was a Van salesman for Bushells Tea Company. In 1936 they moved to Wesley Street Lutwyche where they remained for the rest of their lives.

Her children went to local schools and she and Alex were active in the community. Jessie was a member of the Temperance League and they were active in the Liberal Party.

During WWII Jessie went back to work, she wanted to do her part for the war effort. She worked for Queensland Pastoral Supplies and George Pickers (tent Makers). Alex was a Major in the Volunteer Defence Corp.

Jessie's eldest son and daughter were both in the armed forces during the war and her son Bill saw active service in New Guinea.

Jessie and Alex were lucky enough to live across the road from the local picture theatre and they went every Saturday night for a time. She also made a point of visiting her mother every Sunday.

In 1950 Alex stood for Parliament, as the local member for Windsor but was unsuccessful. He then worked as Chief Clerk for the Royal Automobile Club of Queensland (RACQ).

In 1953 they were invited to the Queens Coronation Ball in Brisbane and her children still remember this night vividly. The invitations and menu cards and souvenir booklet show us a bygone time.

By now, all but Jack her youngest son who lived in Melbourne, had married and Jessie was a

Grandmother. Her children would visit on Saturday mornings and as her grandchild I

remember these times with fondness. She always had some lolly for us, usually fruit tingles or liquorice or she would take my sister and me into her room to look at her evening dresses, my favourite part!



Jessie and Alex in the sunroom of their house at Wesley Street.



Jessie Alex and family in 1956

Sadly on 3rd August 1959 Alex died suddenly. Around this time her son Bill and his family moved in to share the big house.

Never one to let the grass grow under her feet, she went back to work. This time she worked as a tea lady with the RACQ. After 2 years Jessie retired.

In 1966 Jessie went on a cruise to Fiji with her son Jack. As they disembarked on 14th February 1966 at the end of the cruise Jessie fell on the railing. This injury was to lead to the discovery of her final illness.

Jessie died in June 1967 after a long battle with lung cancer. She left 4 children 8 grandchildren and if she were alive today she would have 17 great grandchildren and 3 great- great grandchildren, a total of 32 descendants.

Allison Margaret Dale (Lal)



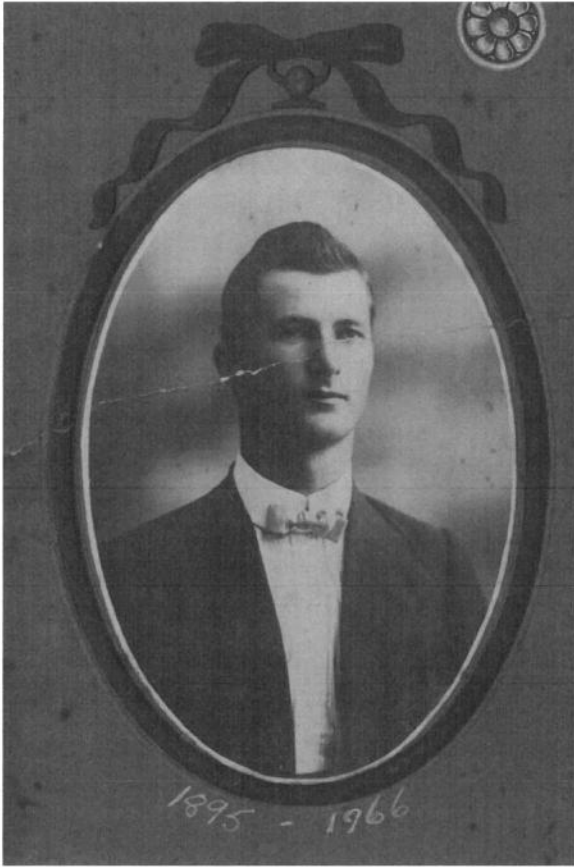
Lal as a young woman and in her later years

Allison (Lal), John and Marion's third daughter was born on the 17th April 1894. It is interesting to note that Marion's mother's name was Allison, so perhaps Lal was named after her.

Lal never married and lived her life with her mother. As she became older she became a wanderer usually carrying her life's possessions in a couple of string bags. She is remembered as a generous soul who would curl up and sleep on any park bench or on a train travelling between Brisbane and Tiaro.

Sadly, like her sister Daisy she was knocked and killed by a car in Brisbane in 1964.

John Harold Dale



Jack as a young man

John (Jack) first son of John and Marion was born on 20th December 1895. He also attended Tiaro State School enrolled in 1901.

Jack also enlisted during World War I and his name can be found on the War Memorial in Tiaro.

Very little is known of Jack but we do know that he married Frances Shard at the Annandale (Sydney) Presbyterian Church on 1st November 1924. They did not have any children.

Dulcie Hewardine (nee Dale) remembers her Uncle...

Uncle Jack was my favourite, he could ride horses, fight or was Errol Flynn in real life. Was a member of the L Brigade in 1914 – 1918 War. He and his brothers were having a few ales in the refreshment section of the Mungar railway station, when the locals called

the constabulary to come and quieten the lads. When the police called for them to come out the lads invited the police to come and get them. Guess what? The police decided that retreat was the better part of valour. Years later while Uncle Jack was working in Darwin I kept him informed of the family news. His letters were eagerly looked forward to. After the war her married a lady, Auntie May. They set up a boarding house at Highfields near Toowoomba. This marriage which was childless was not to last.

He spent his last years at "Wahroonga" Aged Persons' Home in Maryborough and tragically took his own life in 1966 aged 71.

Jack sitting on the steps of Ballandinas



Jonathan Murray Dale (Murray)

Written by Athol Dale son of Murray Dale



Murray in uniform

My father, known to me as Pop, was born in Gympie on 16th June 1898. He was the fifth child of John and Marion Dale. When he was born, there were also five living children from John Dale's first marriage. I know little about the early life of my father. I believe Grandma Dale had considerable affection for her family but I understand John Dale didn't necessarily have much time for his children. I recall Pop referring to his school days when he and the other children of the family would ride horses to school in Tiaro from the family property Ballandinas. (Murray was enrolled at Tiaro State School in 1903)

The Great World War commenced when Pop was 16. He put his age up a year (as was common with many young patriotic chaps at that time) to enlist in the Army. He served on the Western front during the latter stages of the War. In April 1918 he was shot in the upper left arm by a German soldier in at Dernacourt in the Battle of the Somme. He was taken POW for the remaining four

months of the War. Later in life he would recall how he was forced to carry a wounded German soldier from the battlefield despite being wounded himself.

It is interesting to note that Pop completed his war service just days before his 21st birthday. His name is etched on the Soldiers' Memorial in Tiaro.

Subsequent to his discharge Pop was presented with a brass badge comprising a shield flanked on the left by a kangaroo on the right by an emu with a boomerang across the top.

The following inscription appears on the reverse side

*Pres to
Pvt J.M. Dale
No. 2779
By
Tiara F & R
Committee
For Duty Done
Great War
1914-1918*



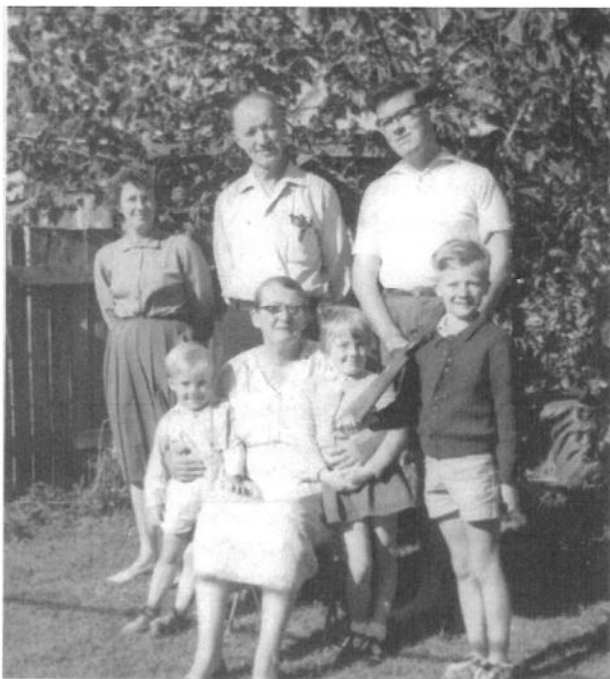
My mother proudly wore this as a dress brooch with Pop's initials 'JMD' engraved on the front.

Athol, Murray and Jean Dale

Between the wars Pop spent many years travelling the world as a merchant seaman. From comments he made later in life it was obvious that he had very fond memories of his travels which perhaps were better called adventures. I recall him mentioning Genoa, Italy and Galveston Texas as two of his ports of call. In the thirties he settled in Brisbane to work for the Darra Cement Company as first mate on their dredge "SS Kyogle".

On 18th January 1941 he married my mother Sarah Jean Willey (nee Ross) widow of Joseph Willey. Pop first met mum in earlier days in Maryborough before her first marriage and his world travels.

Pop was not required to enlist in World War II as he worked in a reserve occupation.



Murray with his family in 1962

I was born on 1st March 1942 at the family home in Bess Street Windsor. My earliest recollections of my father (from before the end of the war) were him leaving home Sunday evenings to go to his work on the "Kyogle" where he would remain until Friday night when he would return home for the weekend. I expected to see him when I woke up on Saturday mornings. During the week the dredge regularly plied between Darra and Mud Island at the mouth of the Brisbane River. I recall with fascination when Pop described how the funnel of the "Kyogle" with its attached steam whistle was lowered to allow the vessel clear passage under Victoria Bridge at high tide. This bridge preceded the present Victoria Bridge.

Some of my earliest recollections of Pop were toward the end of the war when he would take me out into the dim Brisbane evenings to observe the military searchlights scanning across the dark sky.

From 1948 to 1952 our family moved several times around Brisbane and the Redcliffe Peninsular. Our family resettled in the Windsor area in 1952 and Pop commenced work with Queensland Railways as a porter based at Brunswick Street Station in Fortitude Valley. This was a shift work position and he regularly bicycled to work on early or late shifts. He retired from the railways at Brunswick Street on his 65th birthday in 1963.

A short time later Pop and Mum retired to a cottage at Scarborough at the northern end of the Redcliffe Peninsular. For a period they also had a holiday cottage at Burrum Heads where they visited regularly.

Their shared recreational passion was fishing and on many occasions they would hire a dingy to go fishing from one of the bay side suburbs of Brisbane or on the Burrum River.

Pop and Mum were still living at Scarborough when Pop passed away at Christmas time 1967 after a 5-day admission to Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital.

Pop was fortunate to enjoy good health through his life virtually to the end.

Pop was a quiet, humble, easygoing man who made many friends in his lifetime. Family and friends alike universally loved him.



War Memorial in Tiaro showing Murray and his brother's names



Vivien as a young woman

Vivien Annie Dale

Vivien, the fourth daughter and sixth child of John and Marion was born on 22nd June 1899.

Vivien like the other Dale children attend Tiaro State School and was enrolled in 1904.

Before her marriage Vivien was bridesmaid to her sisters Daisy and Jessie and spent time in Brisbane with them. She also worked as secretary for Mr Lambert Hyne owner of a large sawmill in Maryborough.

She married Joseph Stephen Scougall on the 22nd June 1931 and they lived at "Glenbar" near Aramara all their married life. She and Joe had three children Dalea Gregory and Blair.

Athol Dale remembers visit to Glenbar...

I especially enjoyed visits to Aunty Vivien and Uncle Joe Scougall and cousins Dalea, Gregory and Blair at their dairy farm 'Glenbar' near Aramar on the Gayndah line. The opportunity for horse riding and to help with milking cows was a great experience for a city lad. And there was the fascination of experiencing a bygone era at the old barn with its memorabilia and artefacts of country life of earlier days. Aunty Vivien

was the next child in the family after Pop and they maintained a close relationship.



Joe Scougall

Some special Memories of a Special Lady.... By Vivien's Daughter, Dalea

My mother was a wonderful person, Strong in character and body. She endured many hardships and disappointments in her long life. Coming sixth in a big family of 10, she learnt independence early. Many a time the story was told, of having to walk the 5 miles to school. There were too many to go in the sulky and she and her brother Murray took turns riding one horse between them.

I understand her earliest wish was to become a schoolteacher, but on finishing Primary school, she was too young to teach, took a commercial course, and became a shorthand typist.

She lived in Brisbane with her sister Jessie, who did office work as well, however, she always had a love for the country life and came home to Ballandinas when ever possible.

Years passed and eventually she came home and got a job as a typist at the local sawmill in Maryborough, staying at home on week ends and riding her horse to Maryborough from Ballandinas on Sunday evening, boarding with people in town through the working week. Her horses name was "Wallemtar".



Vivien in her garden

Eventually she met and married my father who had a tractor and did contract ploughing as well as horse breaking. Between them, they took over his fathers land and debt and brought a milking heard and started dairying. Facing and enduring droughts and floods and bushfires, having three children, two of which had severe horse riding accidents and the loss of the youngest at aged sixteen, whom they had brought the adjoining property for some years earlier, when it had come up for sale. This was a sad blow and my mother took years to get over his passing.

Mum taught us all school by correspondence, none of us wanted to learn. We would much rather be outside riding horses or climbing trees – the boys liked to get under the house and make roads and play trucks!!

Eventually I was sent to boarding school, Mum hoped I would do the typing and shorthand, which I did but not efficiently. A school bus service soon started for the local school about 12 miles away. The boys went for a time. Nothing turned out the way she had hoped.

After my brother and I both were married, mum had something different to think about, her Grandchildren. They came as years passed and brought much pleasure, in fact, she was much more lenient with them than with her own children. She looked forward to having them when they were little and on school holidays. This joy was marred by the loss of our eldest child at six and a half, whom mum had become very fond off indeed. Still there were the others, and she indulged herself with these.

Time went by and children grow up and start their own lives. We approached Mum many times about leaving and retiring closer to town, but she always wanted to live in the country. Especially where her memories were. So she stayed and looked after my Father who was ailing in health and in his 90's – as she was herself. Telephones are a great source of keeping in touch. My brother and I would ring her every day; one day there was no answer ...

Vivien passed away in 1993



Sisters

Vivien (top left), Lal (top right), Marion (middle), Daisy (bottom left) and Jessie (bottom right).

Allan Dale

Written by Elaine Lumby daughter of Allan Dale

Allan was born on 18th July 1901 at Maryborough in Queensland. He was the seventh child of John Dale and Marion Murray. There were five older stepsisters and brothers.

He spent his childhood at Tiaro (enrolled at Tiaro State School 1905) and during the First World War he put his age up to join the army. He talked of being in Egypt but the war ended before he could see any action.

He did labouring work for some time and then on 17th June 1926 he sat and passed an exam to be a linesman with the PMG. He worked and lived in Ipswich.

He married Catherine Elizabeth (Cassie) Geysing in St Stephen's Presbyterian Church Maryborough on 29th December 1928. Their

first child David Allan Dale was born on 12th March 1928. They moved to Ballandinas as share farmers on 25th September 1928.



Alan Dale in uniform



Allan and Cassie in their going away clothes on their wedding day.

On 6th February 1929 his father John Dale died. Their second child Elaine Joyce was born on 11th May 1932 at St Mary's Hospital Maryborough. Early in 1933 Elaine was rather badly scalded and spent time in hospital.

Their third child Brian was born in Maryborough on 28th August 1934' about this time Allan and Cassie were living on a farm at Yerra. The farm was owned by Peter Geysing.

Sometime later in 1936 they purchased their own farm at Yerra called "Glenfern". Ken Fairlie previously owned the farm. It was a cane and dairy farm.

During the Second World War my father was an air raid warden for the district. There was one serious alert but no real raid.

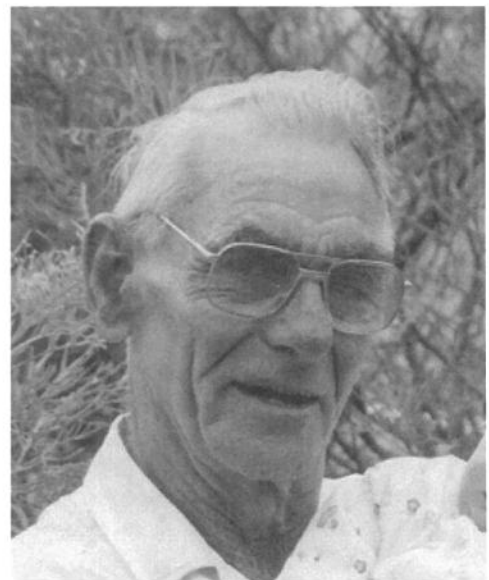
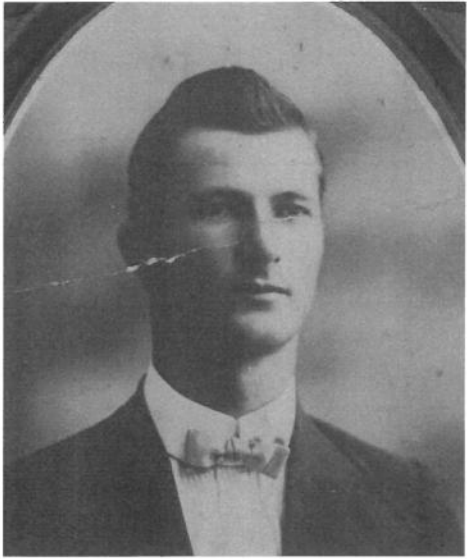


Alan and Cassie with Mick and Dulcie ANZAC Day in Tiaro

A win in the Golden Casket in 1956 allowed him to purchase another farm and increase his cane assignment. David, Alan's eldest son moved from Melbourne to help and he and his family lived on the second farm.

Allan's health was not the best in later years. He and my Mother left the farm and went to live in Maryborough.

He passed away suddenly on 3rd April 1976 at the age of 74.



Brothers

Jack (top left), Murray (top right), Allan (centre left), Alden (centre right), Mick (bottom left) and Eric (bottom right).

Marion Jean Dale

Marion, the fifth daughter and eighth child of John and Marion Dale was born on the 10th December 1903. Like her brothers and sisters she attended Tiaro State School first enrolling in 1909.

On the 18th August 1928 Marion married James (Jim) Murray. It interesting to note that Marion's mother was Marion Cochrane Murray before her marriage and her daughter became Marion Jean Murray after her marriage.

After their marriage Marion and Jim built a house in Mackay next door to Jim's parents. They had two children Marion Dawn and Dale



Marion in 1904



Jim and Marion Murray

In the early days of World War II families were encouraged to relocate 100 miles inland from coastal Queensland. Marion and her two children went to stay with her sister Vivien on her farm "Glenbar".

Marion's daughter, Dawn remembers

Mackay did not have trams - as Brisbane did - so a ride in a tram was a real treat for us. Mother took us on a Sunday jaunt - where for 1/- we could ride on as many trams as we liked.

I remember mother taking us to the City Hall - SEVEN floors up - to have a wonderful view of the city. What a noise when the clock chimed...Lunch at Coles Cafeteria was very special.

Tragically Marion died on 28th April 1945 at the age of 42.

It is also interesting to note that the name Marion has continued to be given to Marion's descendants (see family tree).

Henry Alden Dale (Alden)



Alden circa 1910

Alden was born in Maryborough on the 16th July 1906 and was the ninth child of John and Marion Dale.

Little is known about Alden, we do know that after his schooling (enrolled Tiaro State School 1912) he worked in the family timber business.

After the war Alden worked as a Powder Monkey in Darwin. Subsequently he moved to North Queensland cutting cane.

He met and married Edna May Coops in Ayr on 14th December 1935. Over the next ten years they had 4 children, Daphne May, Robert Alden, Kevin John and Barbara Heather.



Garry Dale remembers a family tale about....

Alden swimming among large sharks while recovering timber that had been cut and floated into Kauri Creek, the timber was then transported by barge up the straights inside Fraser Island.

Alden passed away in Tiaro in 1960 aged 54.

Daphne, Robert, Kevin and Heather Dale



Alden and Edna on their wedding day

Stewart James Dale (Mick)



**Marion Dale holding Mick
circa 1910**

Mick the 10th child of the family was born on the 11th February 1909.

Mick married Dulcie May Moffatt on 5th December 1933 and they have two children Dulcie born in 1934 and Garry born in 1942.

His story is told by his daughter Dulcie.

I was taken to Ballandinas as a newborn baby. My father and mother were living there with my grandma who was rearing Eric. Mum told me that when we arrived to live there, Grandma was bathing Eric and

he like all boys was adverse to water and was yelling top note. Mum spoke sternly to him to shut up his screaming, which he promptly did.

I can remember my father ploughing the farm with two horses in a disc plough. The pineapples that were grown were a source of income for the family and they were packed in pine boxes and railed to centres in Queensland. There was a line of about 25 mango trees. This beautiful fruit was also cased and railed to centres throughout Queensland. Sometimes only three mangoes would fit on the bottom layer of a pineapple case. A slice off one of these delicious mangoes was a treat.

As time went by Dad started to grow sugar cane and less area was allotted to pineapples as the cane assignments grew. Dad and Eric would pass for aborigines after a day of cutting and loading the sugar cane onto the truck to be hauled to Tiaro and loaded onto rail trucks to be sent to the Maryborough Sugar Mill. Some cattle were run in the bush area around the farm. My father was renting the farm from the estate of his father by this time. My grandfather died without a will and the Union Trustee leased the farm out. The rent from the farm was to keep my Grandma for a long time after his death.



Mick and Dulcie

My mother developed asthma and I can remember her struggling for breath many times. As her attacks got worse, she was sent to Brisbane for allergy tests. These showed her worst allergies were cow hair and cane flowers.

My brother, Garry arrived in August 1942; we were still at Ballandinas at this time. My Grandma came to be with us while my mother was confined with Garry. In early 1943 we moved to a small house in Tiaro and my father went back and forth to work the farm.

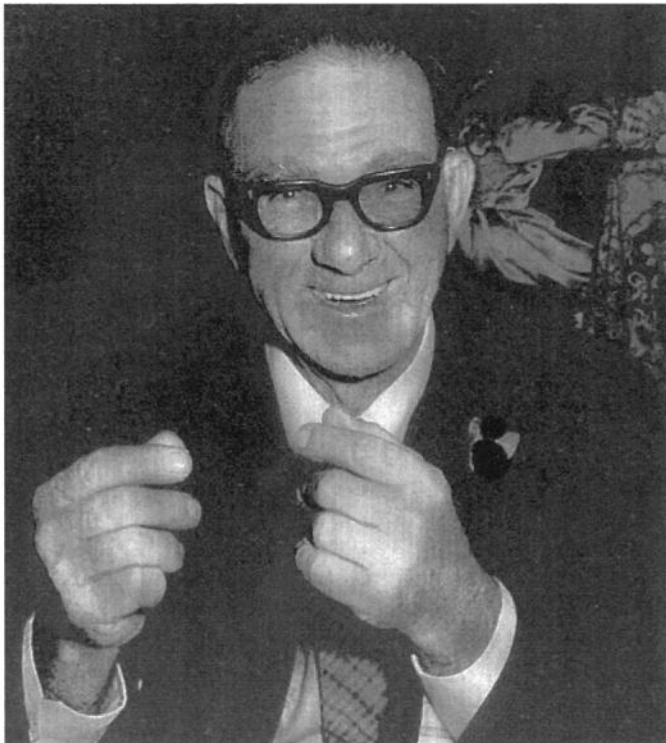
Early in his life my father was a keen horseman, Buckjump rider of renown. He was asked to go to America to represent Australia but was homebody

lacking the adventurous spirit to travel into the unknown like his dad. In later years he travelled to Scotland with his second wife Jessie and he cut the trip short as he became homesick for hi own familiar bush country.

Dad was a workaholic; this caused friction off and on as work came first before all else. It took me many years to come to grips with this, but as he grew up in the depression years his principal was 'waste not want not'.



Mick riding 1928



Mick later in life

One of his dearest pleasures was dancing, he was an excellent dancer. He could waltz me round and round in such a small area that I'd become dizzy. I inherited his love of horses.

Mick suffered a hearing loss quite early in life and was dissatisfied with hearing aides of that era. He was to be in the timber hauling business for almost 35 years and the constant droning of the engines didn't help his hearing problem.

After my mother's untimely death at the age of 47 from the dreaded disease, cancer in 1958 my father was devastated, he and mum were a devoted couple.

Later, after several years he met and married Jessie Ree (nee Gordon). This relationship was stormy but Jessie in her own funny way thought a lit of Mick and looked out for him. If he was not home on time

from the paddock she soon had someone out looking for him. Jessie survived Mick for 19 years.

Mick never spoke about his family. Only one time he told me as a lad he and a brother thought that their father was asleep in his veranda chair and proceeded to dance about in front of him and make faces towards him, when he surprised them by opening his eyes and saying "That's enough of that lads".

Mick died in 1979 aged 70.

Eric Dale

Eric was born at Maryborough on the 19th April 1925 and lived at Ballandinas until just after the death of John Dale in 1929.



Eric aged 2 having a bath at Ballandinas.

As John died without a will the family farm Ballandinas was in the hands of the Union Trustees who leased the farm to obtain an income for his family to live on.

About 1932 the family (Marion, Lal and Eric) moved to Creek Road in Brisbane. Over the next few years the family moved around and Eric attended Mt Gravatt State School and Stafford State School before moving back to Tiaro. Here he lived with Mick and Dulcie Dale and enrolled at Tiaro State School in 1937 to finish his education. Before he went to school in the mornings Eric had to bring in the cows and then he rode to school either on a horse or by pushbike. The Tiaro State School had a paddock for horses as a lot of children rode them to school.

Eric also helped Mick with his sugar cane harvesting and carting. They also carted cane for other farmers in the district. Eric remembers cutting cane with Sandy and Mick Dale and Keith Hinchcliffe for Stewart Cunningham on his farm at the top of Hopper's Hill Tiaro. A union organiser drove up in his car to sell union tickets. Sandy spoke to the fellow and at the end of the conversation the union organiser didn't sell any tickets but offered to lend or give Sandy some money.

Around 1940 with his schooling completed Eric came back to Brisbane to live with Marion and Lal at Cavendish Road, Coorparoo. He found employment with an engineering firm (working with steel - lathe turning milling shaping and welding) for around 12 shillings per week (around \$2.40). He joined the RAN 1942 but because he



Eric and Betty on their wedding day
(The white blurs are actually grains of rice that were thrown over the bride and groom)

Eric left and returned to Brisbane to work for Gilmour Earthmoving for whom he and his son Warren still do work.

On the 7th July 1956 Eric married Ivy Edith Wigley and they moved into their new home on Armistice Day the same year. Eric still lives here.

Eric and Betty were to have 5 children Beverley, Barry, Warren, Gayle and Raymond Tragically their beloved son Raymond died while in his first year at school.

In the early 1960's he built and raced a go-cart and still uses some of the trophies he won in his kitchen today.

worked in a protected industry was not allowed to leave. He was eventually allowed to join in 1945.

In 1946 when Eric was in Japan on the HMAS Quickmatch, the Australian Army invited some off duty sailors to their camp for the weekend. Eric was one of them. The Army Sargent in charge of their welfare asked Eric what his name was and where he came from. Eric told him his name and that he was from Maryborough Queensland. The Sargent immediately asked if he was related to Mick Dale. Apparently the Sargent used to compete against Mick in Buckjumping.

Eric left the navy in 1947 and went back to the engineering trade.

Eric joined Thiess Bros in 1948 and worked in Brisbane, South Australia, Blair Athol and Biloela to name a few. Life consisted mostly of work 6 and 7 days a week.



Beverley, Barry, Warren, Gayle, and Raymond

He retired in 1990 only to be reemployed by another company the next day. Like Mick, Eric is a workaholic and is still working as this goes to print.

Chapter 4

James goes to Gympie

James travelled to Gympie sometime between 1880 and 1884. He can be placed in Gympie in 1884 because of the letters Sarah Dale (nee Haddock) sent to his sisters.

He was involved in mining gold and had a part share in the South Monkland Gold Mine.



Inside South Glanmire and Monkland Mine.



James in later life

On the 10th February 1885 he married Jane Brown and they were to live in a house at One Mile.

Jane was born on the 10th August 1866 in Gympie. Her parents Andrew Brown and Jane Keith (both from Scotland) had been married in Brisbane 1863 and Jane was their eldest daughter. Andrew can count Robbie Burns the famous Scottish poet as one of his relatives.

James and Jane's 10 children were all born in Gympie and they attended the Gympie State School.

James after investing well retired at 50 and the family moved to 26 Lever Street Albion in Brisbane. (The house is still there.)

By all reports he was a shy retiring man who loved gardening especially vegetables. His grandson John Dale inherits his love of gardening.

James died on the 26th July 1944 after a battle with cancer.

Jane survived him by 10 years and died on the 19th December 1954.

Chapter 5

James Dale's Family

Jane Dale

Jane the eldest of James and Jane's children was born on 29th June 1885.

Known as Jeanie, she married Thomas Rees in 1915 and they were to have four children Jean Lillian, Annie Grace, Jessie Noel and William John.

Sarah Dale

Sarah the second child in the family was born on the 10th July 1887. Sadly Sarah died on the 25th January 1889.

Ellen Dale

James' third child, Ellen was born on 22nd April 1889. She was known to the family as Nellie.

Nellie married Jim Garbutt and they had 8 children – Jessie, Joan, Alan, Keith, Stewart, Enid, Myra and Peter.

Jessie Dale

Jessie was born on the 19th March 1891.

She married Boyd Wallace an Electrical Engineer and they settled in Ipswich. Jessie and Boyd had eight children – Ken, Bill, Marie, Roy, Doug, Nick, Sid and Audrey.

Their sixth child Nick, an RAF pilot during WWII was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He flew Lancaster Bombers.

Jessie died on the 3rd January 1975.

James Alexander Dale

James, known as Jack their fist son was born on the 10th May 1893.

In 1916 he enlisted for World War I and was in the 1st Machine Gun Squadron. During the war he was gassed and as a result he suffered from sever respiratory problems for the rest of his life. He was also very unnerved by sudden loud noises no doubt a result of time in the trenches. He returned to Australia in 1918.

On the 21st December 1923 Jack married Violet Collins and they lived at Mount Alban Street Ipswich. Jack and Violet had three children – Beryl, Jean and John.



Jack and Violet when young

Jack worked for Cribb and Foots Vacuum Oil Company and Electric Oil and Light (SEQEB).

Jack's grandson Ian Dale and his wife Jill are the proud parents of Maggie Rose Dale born on the 11th April 2001. (The youngest descendant of James Dale.)

Jack died in June 1975 aged 82.

William John Dale

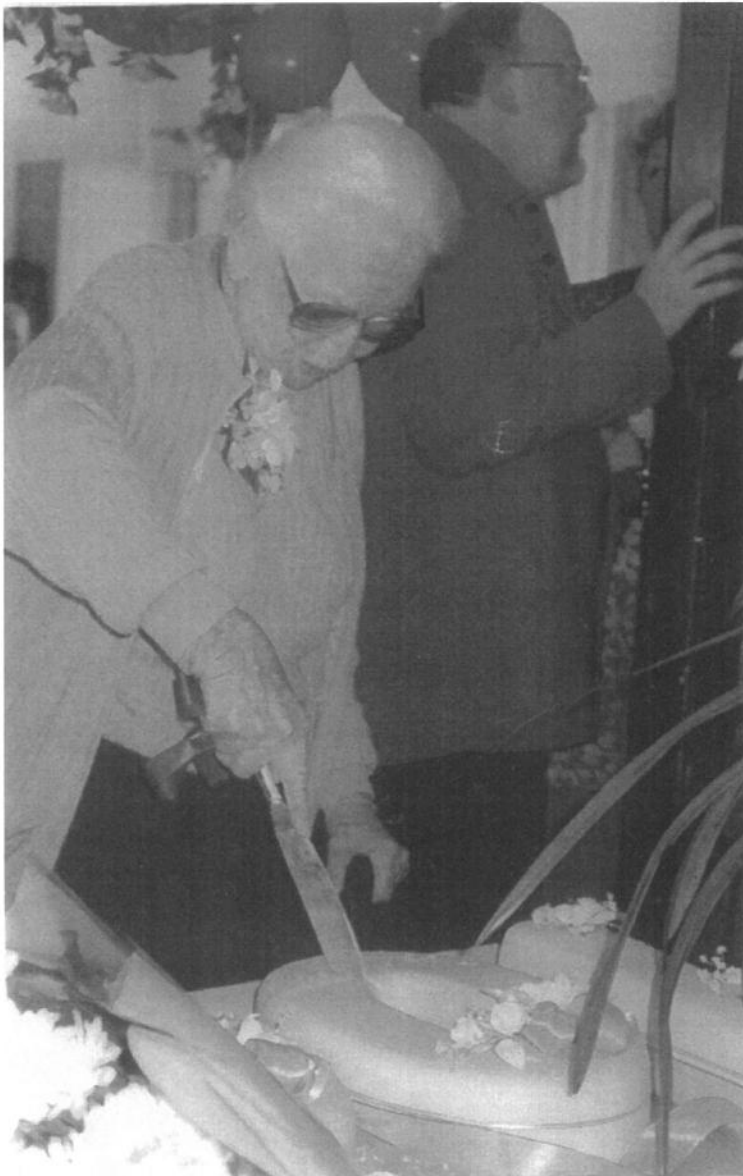
William known as Wally was born on the 17th August 1895

He married Harriet Sandy on the 20th November 1922 and they had one daughter, Dawn.

Wally was a tram conductor for a time and later he worked for Mathers Shoes.

Margaret Dale

Margaret born on the 4th August 1897 was the only one of the children from the four Dales who immigrated to Australia who was still alive when this journal was begun. Sadly she passed away on 11th December 2001, aged 104 years just weeks before the journal was published.



Margaret remembered going to Tiaro on the school holidays to stay with her aunt and uncle.

Margaret never married and spent her working life with the Commonwealth Bank. She was also a keen lawn bowler and was made a life member of the Windsor Lawn Bowls Club. She was such a devoted member of the St Paul's Presbyterian Church that she was rewarded with a pew permanently named in her honour.

Margaret lived at the Baptist Retirement Home Gold Creek Road Brookfield in Brisbane.

**Margaret Dale on her 100th
birthday**

Henry Robert Dale

Henry James and Jane's seventh child was born on the 29th March 1900.

Known as Harry for most of his life, like Margaret he spent most of his working life for a bank. Harry worked for the Union Bank, which later became the ANZ.

Harry married Beatrice Mary Hall Bridge on the 27th November 1922. They unfortunately they had no children.

He lived in Lismore in latter life and was honoured for his work for that town with a street name in his honour. Harry died in 1995

Andrew Dale

Andrew, known as Andy the ninth of the family was born on the 23rd August 1903.

He married Viv and they had two children Rae and Barb.

Andy lived and worked in Northern Queensland in Ayr and Townsville in the insurance industry.

He was also at one time the Grandmaster for the Masonic Lodge in North Queensland.

Andy died in Sydney on the 14th February 1987.

Thomas Dale

Thomas was born on 15th April 1907 and tragically died two months later on 29th June 1907.

Chapter 6

Elizabeth Dale



Lizzie in later life

Elizabeth, born in 1857 ? the eldest of the Dale girls to emigrate from Ireland was living in Gympie not long after she arrived in Australia. Her sister-in-law Sarah writes to her in Gympie in 1884.

Elizabeth, known as Lizzie worked as a general servant until her marriage on 14th March 1885 to Joseph Lawson. Their marriage took place in Joseph's house in Nash Street Gympie. Her sister Margaret and her brother John were at her wedding both signing the certificate as witnesses.

Joseph was a miner who had travelled from Victoria probably to work in the gold fields. His parents George Lawson, a miner and Ann Snowdon came from St Andrew's in Durham England. Joseph had been born there in 1861.

Lizzie and Joseph were to have two children, Alexander and Sarah over the next few years.

Joe died before 1919 and Lizzie died on the 16th July 1940 aged 83.



Lizzie in her garden

Chapter 7

Elizabeth Dale's Family

Alexander George Dale Lawson

Alexander Lizzie's first child was born on the 13th October 1886. He married Bell Fleming and they had a daughter Irene.

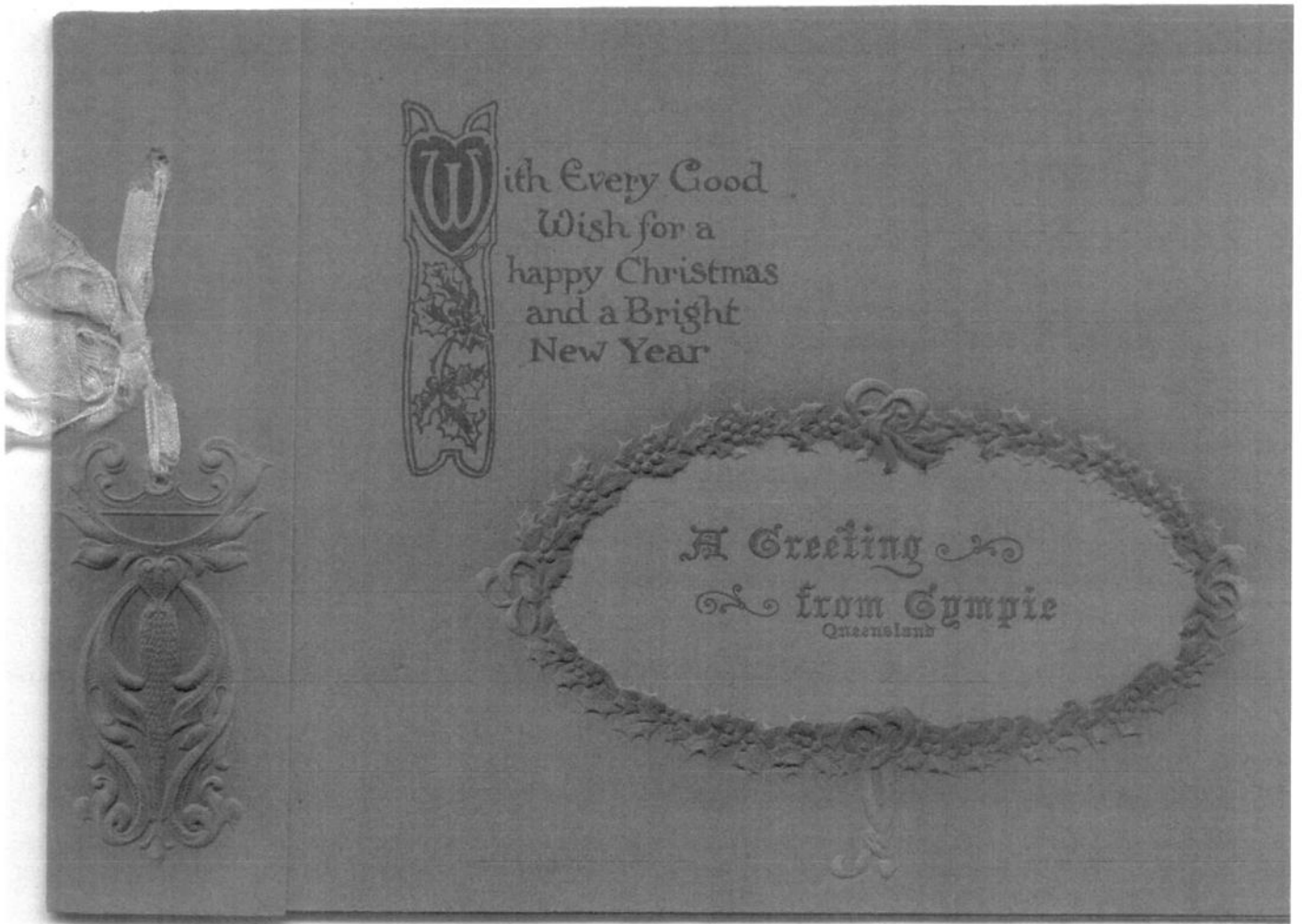
Sarah Lawson

Sarah, their only daughter was born on the 25th February 1888.

Sarah was a dressmaker and living in Gladstone Street Gympie when she married George Buist on the 8th October 1919. He was a 59-year-old widower and was the Shire Clerk.



Lizzie with her daughter Sarah



This Christmas card was sent in 1924 to Jim and Edie Dale (Gympie) from Lizzie and her family. The photograph was inside the card and is Lizzie with her daughter Sarah and her son-in-law George Buist in their garden at Bower House.

Chapter 8

Margaret Jane Dale



Margaret in later life

Margaret was born on the 2nd March 1863 somewhere near Cookstown Tyrone in Ireland.

Margaret was corresponding with her sister-in-law Sarah Dale in 1884, so we know she was in Gympie then. Sarah writes to tell her of a job in Tiaro with Mrs Williamson.

Margaret was the last of the Dale's to marry. On the 31st August 1886 she married Henry (Harry) Lee.

She and Harry had three sons Harry, John and Jim (born 25th May 1900).

They lived for a time in Gympie where their son Harry died as a young man. The family moved to Moray Street New Farm in Brisbane.

None of their children marry.

Margaret's son John died of a heart attack at work and her other son Jim died on the 3rd June 1989.

Nephews and nieces remember her as Aunt Maggie.

Margaret died at the age of 90 in 1953.



**Margaret in the garden of her
New Farm house**



Margaret's son Jim Lee

Chapter 9

Reunion

On September 29 2001 the reunion that Dulcie had dreamed of was held. Almost 100 of the descendants of our four Dales arrived in Tiaro for the event.



The Reunion Dinner

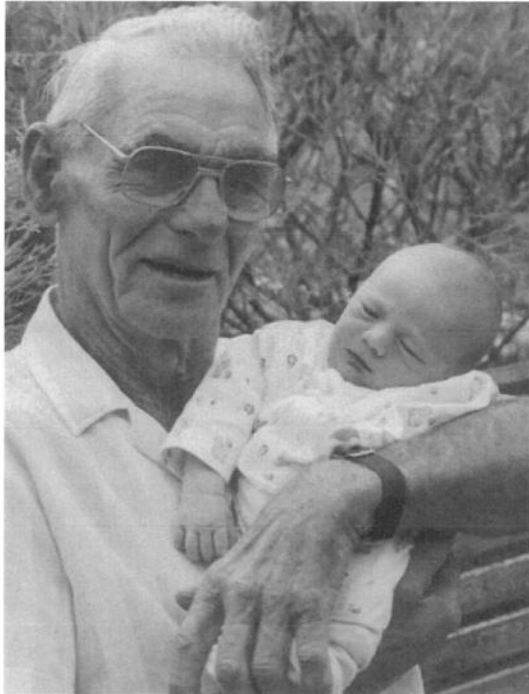
It started with a picnic in Tiaro Park on Saturday followed by a dinner in the Tiaro Hall that same night with a barbeque lunch at Bauple the next day.

There was also a small memorabilia display in the hall during the weekend and Garry Dale gave guided tours of the Tiaro area pointing out places of significance for the Dale family.

John Dale's chair



The oldest and youngest descendants to attend were given commemorative glasses to mark the event. Beulah Barker (a granddaughter of John Dale and Sarah Haddock and daughter of Sarah Dale and Stewart Cunningham) who still lives in Tiaro was the oldest descendant who attended and Brandon Dale (a great grandson of John Dale and Marion Murray, grandson of Eric and Betty Dale and son of Warren and Angela Dale) was the youngest descendant to attend.



Eric Dale holding Brandon Dale the youngest descendant at the reunion.



Beulah Barker (right) with Dulcie Hewerdine at the reunion. Beulah is holding her commemorative glass

For those of you who are interested in doing more research into our family history the working documents, a hard copy and CD of the journal will be held at the Bauple Historical Society for us.

Everyone had a great time and there was lots of support for another reunion in 5 years. Lets hope we can keep in touch in the mean time.

Some photos of the Reunion



Dale family gathering at Tiaro this weekend

MORE than 100 people will converge on Tiaro this weekend for the Dale family reunion.

Celebrations will start with a picnic in the park today. They will move to the Tiaro Hall for dinner and tomorrow. Family and friends will gather in the grounds of the Mt Bauple museum for a barbecue.

John Dale was prominent in the Tiaro shire. He held the position of shire council chairman and councillor on and off from the 1880s through to the early 1900s.

Grandson Garry Dale said that the family would present mayor John Horrex with a photo of John Dale, which would be hung in the council chambers.

For information, contact Garry on 4129 2575.



Dale family meets for first time

COUSINS who had never met before were introduced at the Dale family reunion in Tiaro.

About 100 people attended the two-day celebration, which included a formal dinner and a barbecue in the grounds of the Mt Bauple Museum. Guests ranged in age from five months to 86 years. They travelled from Port Douglas and Canberra and centres in between.

John and James Dale sailed into Maryborough on the Silver Eagle in the early 1880s. Sisters Margaret and Elizabeth followed, leaving their home in Ireland for a new life in Australia.

Dulcie Hewerdine of Rockhampton said that her grandfather, John, was a man "who gave his all".

He settled in Tiaro, buying a property and working the land. He turned his attention to local government in 1884 and was elected to the shire council. He held the position of councillor and chairman on and off until 1913.

That ambition flowed through the family with grandsons Brian and Garry serving terms on the Tiaro Shire Council. They presented to mayor John Horrex a framed portrait of John Dale, which will be hung in the council chambers.

"It was a wonderful chance for the family to get together," Mrs Hewerdine said.

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The framed portrait of John Dale.



Josene Corey (left) of Port Douglas and Beulah Barker of Tiaro share memories at the reunion.

ABOVE: Guests (from left) Dawn Hunter of Brisbane, Dalea Simpson of Maryborough, Dulcie Hewerdine of Rockhampton, Athol Dale of Canberra, Jill Dungleison of Brisbane and Eric Dale of Brisbane travelled to Tiaro for the reunion.

Here are some of us! Local Paper.

Appendix 1

Sarah Dale's (nee Haddock) Letters

Sarah's letters are reproduced in the following pages.

Some of the writing together with the deterioration of the paper made translating them a bit difficult but we made an attempt. Each letter is followed by its translation.

Read them for yourself. They are a fascinating look at the life of the early settlers.

These letters are all the more poignant because they were all written in the last year of Sarah's life.

Siara
Jan 3rd 1884

Dear Sister
I send you these few lines to let you know we are all well, hoping these few lines will find you in the same good health. I would have written sooner only I expected some of you's down at writing. I think you must like Gomp's very much. I hope you were not angry because I kept your address I know you had a better way of getting them than I have. And there is some holes in them. Sandy was very ill since you left we had the Doctor for him but he is getting all right now.

Dear Sister, it is not good makes me write to you but she is only charging me 5.0 for making my Brown dress I told you to ask her so I think I can get bag & bonnet and a couple of pinajores after paying for my dresses to the farmer to give you something to send me for a hat and tell Edja to send me a few lines in your letter write soon if you and anything I am afraid of her leaving and I don't want her to send to John how he would be angry I would pay for rather for get money is scarce and at present on account of the farmers having so much

Top - Letter dated 3rd January 1884 page 1

Bottom - Letter Undated page 1

I have got my dress 3 weeks
ago I want you to send me
what will pay the dressmaker
I think it won't be more than
I don't know for she sent it home
it is to warm for the summer
if you will, it will be soon as
you get these few lines for them
there is no money in hand, I think
I have nothing more to say baby
it will be long as Eliza, I will
call her Lizzie Sandy is always
talking about the suit of sailors
clothes he says your is good now

No more at present
Your affectionate Sister,
J. Dale.

Don't forget to write,
I will write to Eliza this week time

I would like to go to
Gympie some time I wish
to talk of going to Gympie
the trucks day is there is an
excursion and she I should
go to she says I have friends
there now she is a very kind
neighbor she is in and in
in a plate of ginger bread
cakes and I like them very
much do not know would trade
them I don't think I have
any more to say at present
give me love to Eliza
and take it your self
James is well.

We have not heard from
home yet.

J. Dale, please write my love
it is D. O. Black good night don't forget

Top - Letter dated 3rd January 1884 page 2

Bottom - Letter Undated page 2

Tiaro Jan 3rd 1884

Dear Sister

I send these few lines to let you know we are all well hoping these few lines will find you in the same good health. I would have written sooner only I expected some of you's down at Christmas. I think you must like Gympie very much. I hope you were not angry because I kept your squares I knew you had a better way of getting them than I have and there is some holes in them. Sandy was very ill since you left we had the Doctor for him but he is getting all right now. I have got my dress 3 weeks ago I want you to send me what will pay the dressmaker I think it wont be more than ??? I don't know for she sent it home it is to warm for summertime If you send it write as soon as you get these few lines for I think there is no money in Tiaro. I think I have nothing more to say Baby is well her name is Eliza I will call her Lizzie Sandy is always talking about the suit of sailors clothes he says your to good now.

No more at present
Your affectionate Sister
S.Dale

Don't forget to write
. I will write to Eliza the next time.

Undated

Dear Sister It is not greed
Makes me write to you
But she is only charging
Me 5 shilling 6 pence for making my brown
Dress I told Emma to ask her
So I think I can get baby a
Bonnet and a couple of
Pinafores after paying for
My dresses tell James to give
you something to send me for
a hat and tell Eliza to send
me a few lines in your
letter write soon if you send
anything I am afraid of her
leaving and I dont want her
to send to John now he would
be angry I would far rather
pay it myself so please don't
forget money is scarce in Tiaro
at present on account of
the farmers having no crops
I would like to go to
Gympie sometime Mrs McIllewen???
Is talking of going to Gympie
St Patrick's Day if there is an
Excursion and she I should
Go to she says I have friends
There now she is a very kind
Neighbour she often sends me
In a pleate of gingerbread
Cakes and I like them very
Much It's not many would trouble
Themselves I dont think I haven't
Any more to say at present
Gime me love to Eliza
And take it youself hoping
James is well

We have have not heard from
Home yet

S Dale please write very soon
It is 10 0'clock good night/don't forget

Liaro
Feb. 1st. 1884

Dear Sister
I write you these few lines
to inform you Mrs Williamson
wants a girl she would like
very much you would come
to her she wanted to telegraph
to you so I told her I would write
I am sure you and Elijah
would not like to separate
but it is a good place old
Williamson never leaves the veranda
now he can scarce move the
girl she has is going to be
married, if she was not she
would not leave you are
to write as soon as you get
this if you only say yes or no
as she will be expecting an
answer on Saturday if you dont

come she will have to go
to Mansborough, on Monday
so don't neglect if you only
say one word, send me some
news let me know how Ely is
is doing and what wages
you have, Mr Deacon has
got married to his Housekeeper
this was a very nice batch of
ool. weather we had a good
deal of rain last week it is
threatning rain at present
milk is very scarce this summer
and water was almost done
when the rain came

I think I have got no
more at present.

Your Affectionate
Sister

give Ely my love

S. Dale

don't forget to write some answer
I hope you will come

Tiaro
Feb 1st 1884

Dear Sister

I write you these few lines to
inform you, Mrs Williamson
wants a girl. She would like
very much you would come
to her. She wanted to telegram
to you so I told her I would write.
I am sure you and Eliza
would not like to separate
but it is a good place. Old
Williamson never leaves the veranda
now he can scarce move. The
girl she has is going to be
married, if she was not she
would not leave. You are
to write as soon as you get
this if you only say yes or no
she will be expecting an
answer on Saturday if you don't
come she will have to go
to Maryborough on Monday
so don't neglect if you only
say one word send me some
news let me know how Eliza
is doing and what wages
you have. Mr Deacon has
got married to his Housekeeper
this was a very nice week of
cool weather we had a good
deal of rain last week it is
threatening rain at present
milk is very scarce this summer
and water is almost done
whishing the rains came
I think I have to got no

Give Eliza my love
Dont forget to write some answer

I hope you will come

more at present
Yours Affectionately
Sister
S Dale

Piara

Feb. 12th - 84

Dear Sister

I again take the opportunity of writing to you I am glad to hear you like your Mistress & that Mr. William was very sorry you could not come but I thought you would not come let me know if your health is better now this cool weather and what it was that poisoned your fingers, I hope they are better now I don't feel very well myself I was very bad last week and I did not know what ailed me I told Mrs. W. Jewan the way I was and she told me it was piles they have troubled me since baby was born but not very bad till last week I thought I would have to give up my hair is all coming

out the way Eliza's did let
me know if she has a good
head of hair now Willie has been sick
this last month with diarrhoea Jim's
the old man still and Sandy's is rough
is our baby is just is fat is she can be
kind is good but she is getting very
nervy she has one tooth through and
another one coming and she has
never got anything since you
left not even a pinajore Mrs
Lassan does not know how soon she
will be going away and she's never
paid yet for my dress if it would
not be too inconvenient for you
to send me something I would
get Eliza's present mad now
she is only taking 1 dress in at a time
she has mad a very nice one for
Mrs M. F. F. she is making 1 for
Emma now if I had the money she
would make mine after Emma's

Tiaro Feb 12th 1884

Dear Sister
I again take the
Opportunity of writing to you
I am glad to hear you like
Your Mistress Howell?? Mrs Williamson
Was very sorry you could not come
But I thought you would not
Come let me know if you health is better
Now I don't feel very well my self
I was very bad last week and I
Did not know what ailed me
I told Mrs McIlwem?? The way I was
And she told me it was piles
They have troubled me since baby
Was born but not very bad till
Last week I thought I would have
To give up my hair is all coming
Out the way Eliza's did let
Me know if she has a good head of hair now Willie has been sick this last month with
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another one coming and she has
never got anything since you
left not even a pinafore Mrs
Lassan? Does not know how soon she
Will be going away and she's never
Paid yet for my dress if it would
Not be to inconvenient for you
To send something I could
Get Eliza's present made now
she is taking 1 dress in at a time
she has made a very nice one for
Mrs McIlwem?? She is making 1 for
Emma now if I had the money she
Would make mine after Emma's

Top - Letter - 9th June 1884 page 1
Bottom - Letter - 9th June 1884 page 3

And a few Hymns he and Jim
goes to Sunday school to, there
is a good many deaths here
since you went to Glympie
old Williamson is dead, she is
nearly the last of her kind
have got a new Church built
in Piaro and a bell on it
it makes me think of home
to hear the bell could you
not come to Piaro for a
week and then you could
let Mary J. come when you
go back it would do you
good have you heard
from home lately if you
have send me some news
are you both in the same
place still be sure to write
I will be looking out for a

Tiaro June 9th 1884

Dear Sister I sit down to
Write you a few lines I am
Tired waiting to hear from you
So I thought I would write
Is Margaret J and yourself
Well and have you good
Health I don't care very much
About the weather for its
Nothing but rain here the
Children are all well baby is
Growing fast she is a big
Girl now and the best of
the lot Sandy is at school
And is learning well he is
There about two months he
Can spell three letters but
Just is wild as ever he
Can say the Lord's prayer
And a few Hymns he and Jim
Goes to Sunday school to, there
Is a good many deaths here
Since you went to Gympie
Old Williamson is dead She is
Keeping the hotel herself we
Have got a new church built
In Tiaro and a bell on it
It makes me think of home
To hear the bell could you
Not come to Tiaro for a
Week and then you could
Let Marg.J. come when you
Go back it would do you
Good have you heard
From home lately if you
Have send me some news
Are you both in the same
Place still be sure to write
I will be looking out for a
Letter on Mon. or Tuesday
Tell Marg.J. to send me a piece
To what kind of a sweetheart
Has she got when she cant
Take time to write if I was
????????????????????
be sure to write
There is nothing more to tell
about Tiaro. Goodnight
Your affectionate sister
Sarah Dale

Let me know when you
Will write home I want
You to send for Hennys
Directions I would like to write to her

Liazo

October 13-1884

Dear Sister

I was glad to hear from you
I would have written to you
but I thought you would
have answered, I am as
glad you are not coming
now I think John is about
to build a shop so I think
it will be more pleasant
to come at Christmas as
I might have the house to
live in I expect to be confined
in December but I hope all
will be over before Christmas
as I think it will, you want
to know if the children want
anything they are never but
wanting you can send them
what you please yourself

I would want a little white
bonnet for baby for the summer
and tell Eliza to send me
and old pink dress of hers
if you send anything you can
say you are sending me a
present I would not like
John to know I would write
for anything he might be angry
Sandy is doing very well at school
Jim will soon be going to
Willie is nearly as tall as Jim
Sissy is commenced to walk
3 weeks ago she is a little larger
you might send me a bit of
summer something, the more
the bet I am sending you
that is convenient, we can
have a good talk when
I see you, dont forget to write ^{soon}
Your loving sister
S. Dale
Good bye
for the present

Tiara October 13th 1884

Dear Sister
I was glad to hear from you
I would have written to you
But I thought you would ???
Have answered it I am as
Glad you are not coming
Now I think John is about
To build a shop so I think
It will be more pleasant
to come at Christmas as I
might have the house to
live in I expect to be confined
in December but I hope all
will be over before Christmas
as I think it will you want
to know if the children wants
anything they are never but
wanting you can send them
what you please yourself
I would want a little white
Bonnet for baby for the summer
And tell Eliza to send me
An old print dress of hers
If you send anything you can
Say you are sending me a
Present I would not like
John to know I would write
For anything he might be angry
Sandy is doing very well at school
Jim will soon be going to
Willie is nearly as tall as Jim
Sissy is commenced to walk
Three weeks ago she is a little large?
You might send me a bit of
Trimming something the same
Is the bit I am sending you
That's if convenient. We can
Have a good talk when
I see you. Don't forget to write soon
Your loving sister
S Dale
Goodbye for the present

Appendix II

Dale Family Trees

Samuel Dale
B 1750-1760's

Thomas
of Magherafelt

William
of Ballymulderg

James *M?*
of Ballymulderg

John
B 1790

John 1814
Jane 1816
Robert 1818
Nancy 1822
Mary 1827
Catherine 1829

Samuel Crossett *M* Eliza McIlwaine

John
B 1814
M?

Thomas
B 1816

Jane
B 1820
M 1850

Esther
B before 1840
M 1864

Alexander
Baptised
5 Sept 1820
Ballymulderg

M
10 June
1853

Sarah Anne
B 21 July 1836
Killyfaddy

Matilda
1839

Elinor
1841

Elizabeth
1846

Rebecca Brown

John Crossett
Thomas Hutchinson

Margaret
B 1852

Esther
B 1856

Jane
B 1857

John
B 23 July 1854
Ballymulderg

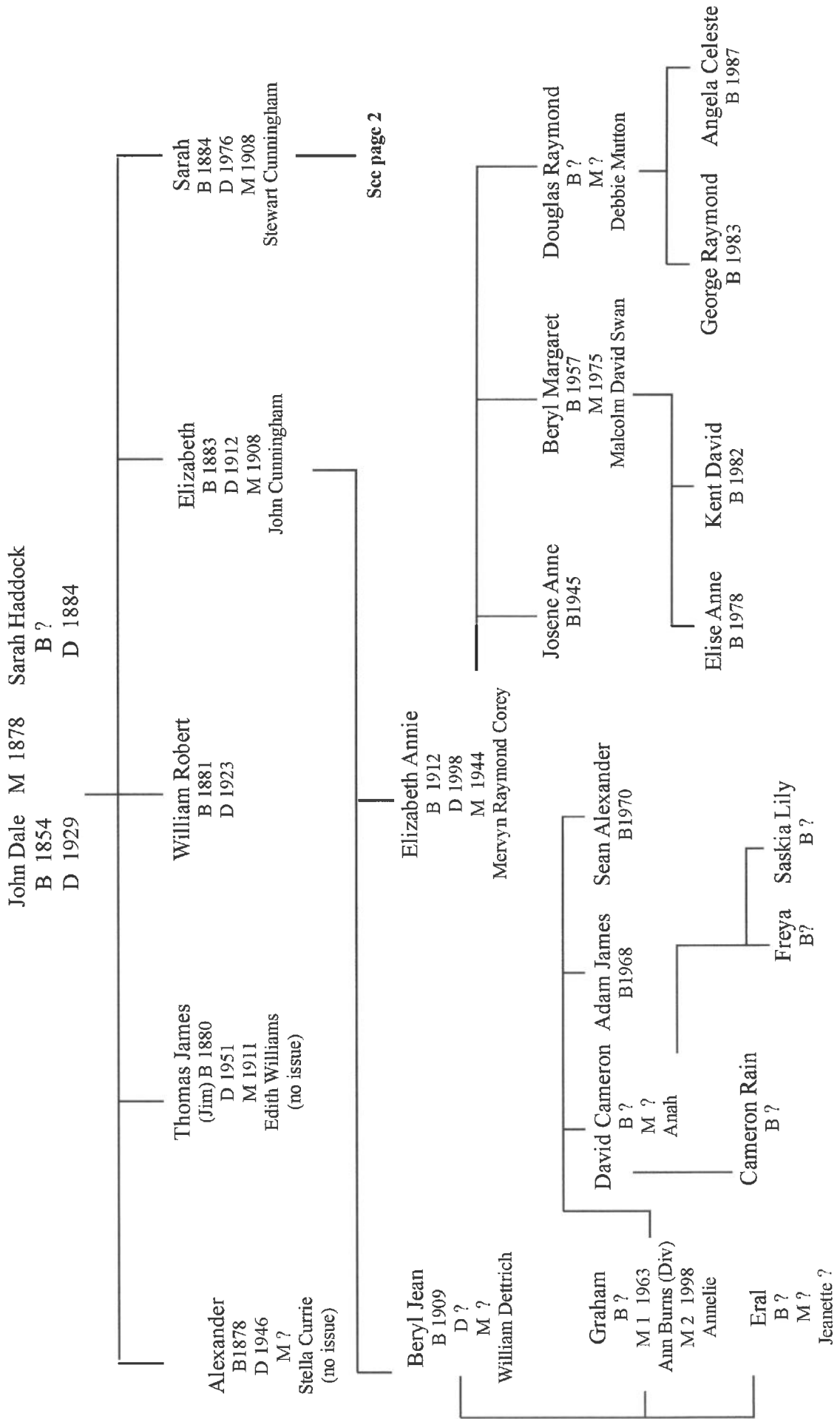
Elizabeth
B 1857

James
B 10 Dec 1859

Margaret
B 2 Mar 1863

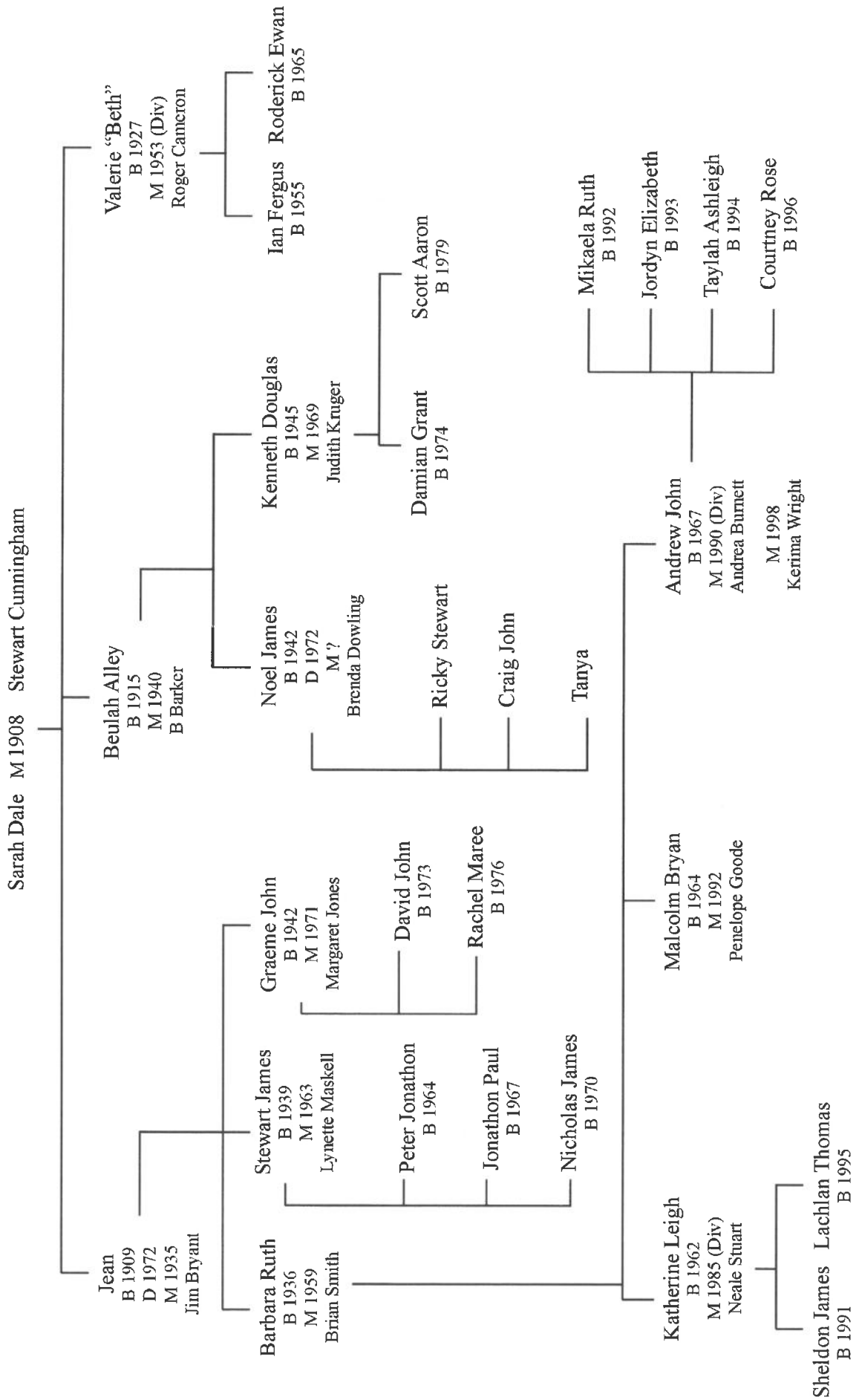
Sarah Matilda
B 26 Mar 1867
Cookstown

Descendants of John Dale and Sarah Haddock



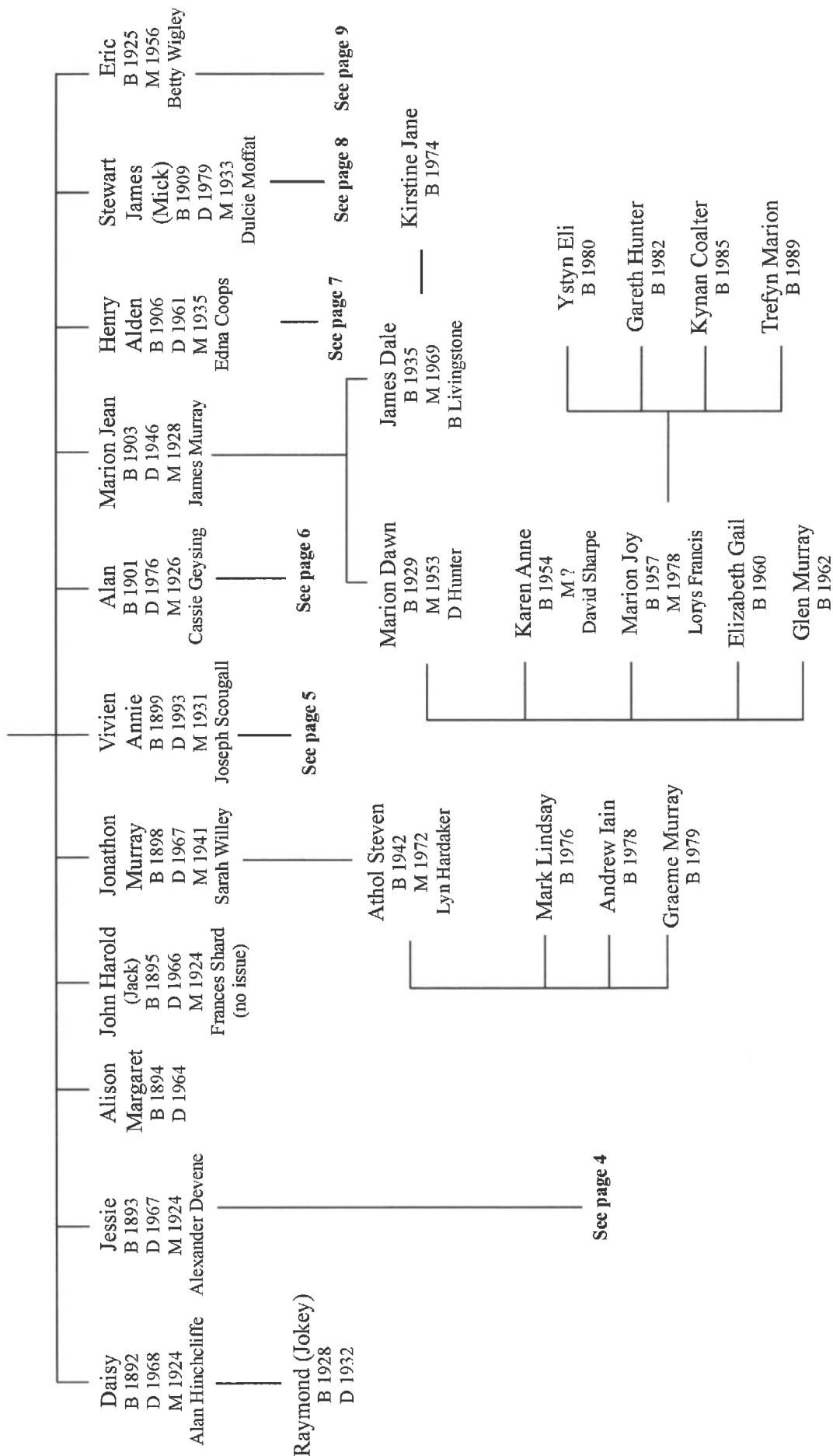
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Descendants of John Dale and Sarah Haddock
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Descendants of John Dale and Marion Murray

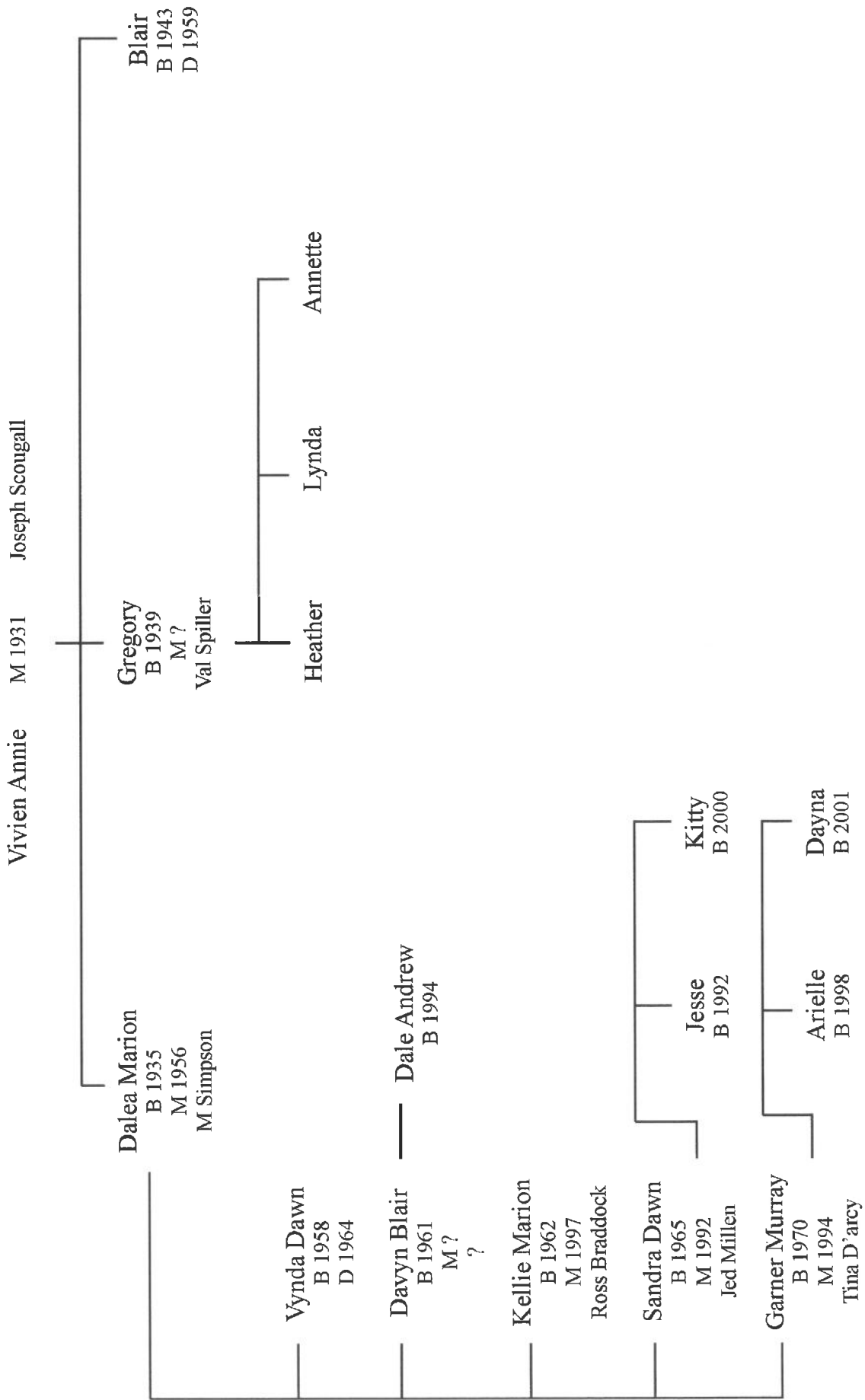
John Dale M 1890 Marion Cochrane Murray
 B 1854 B 1869
 D 1929 D 1958



Raymond (Jokey)
 B 1928
 D 1932

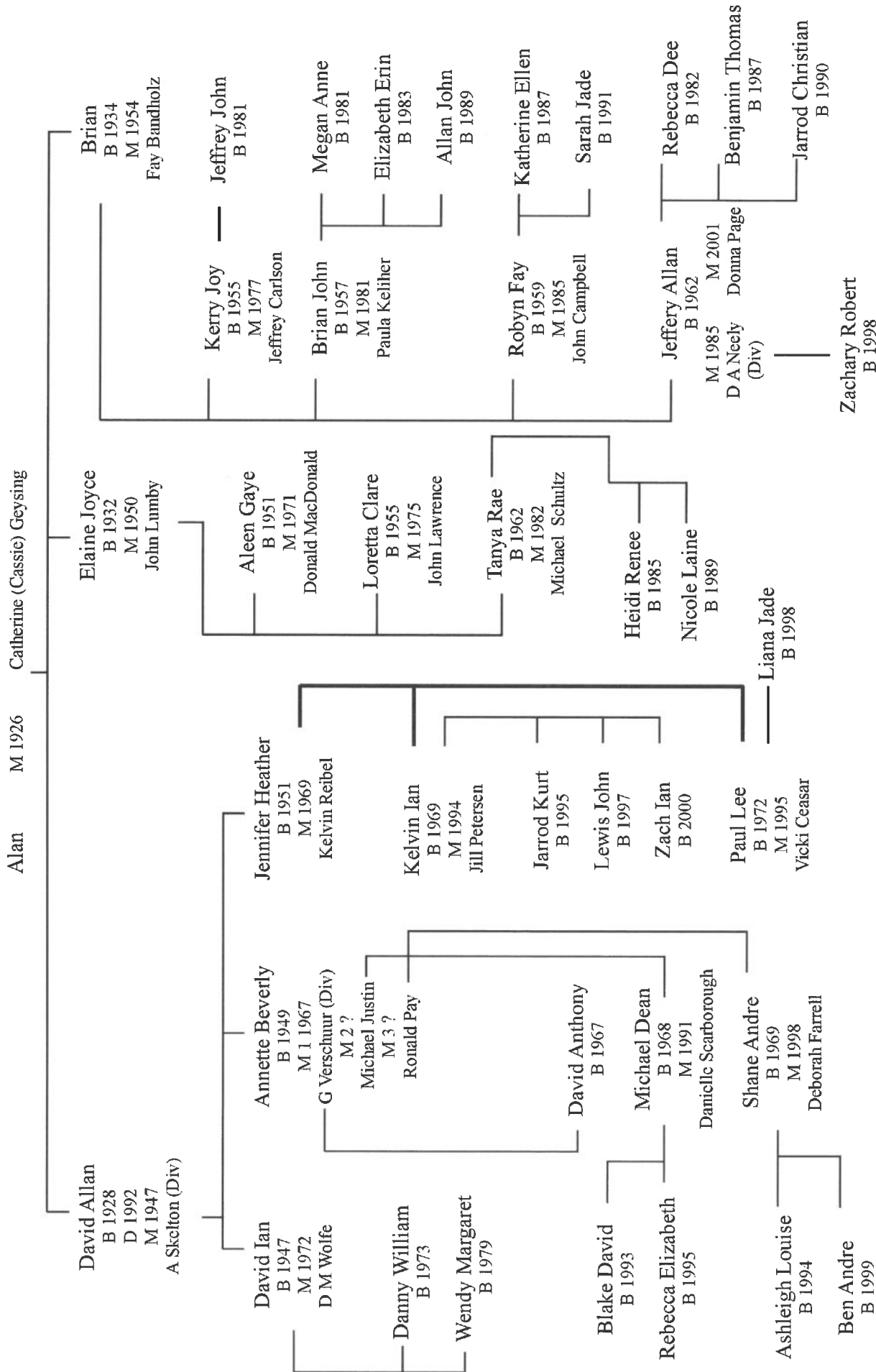
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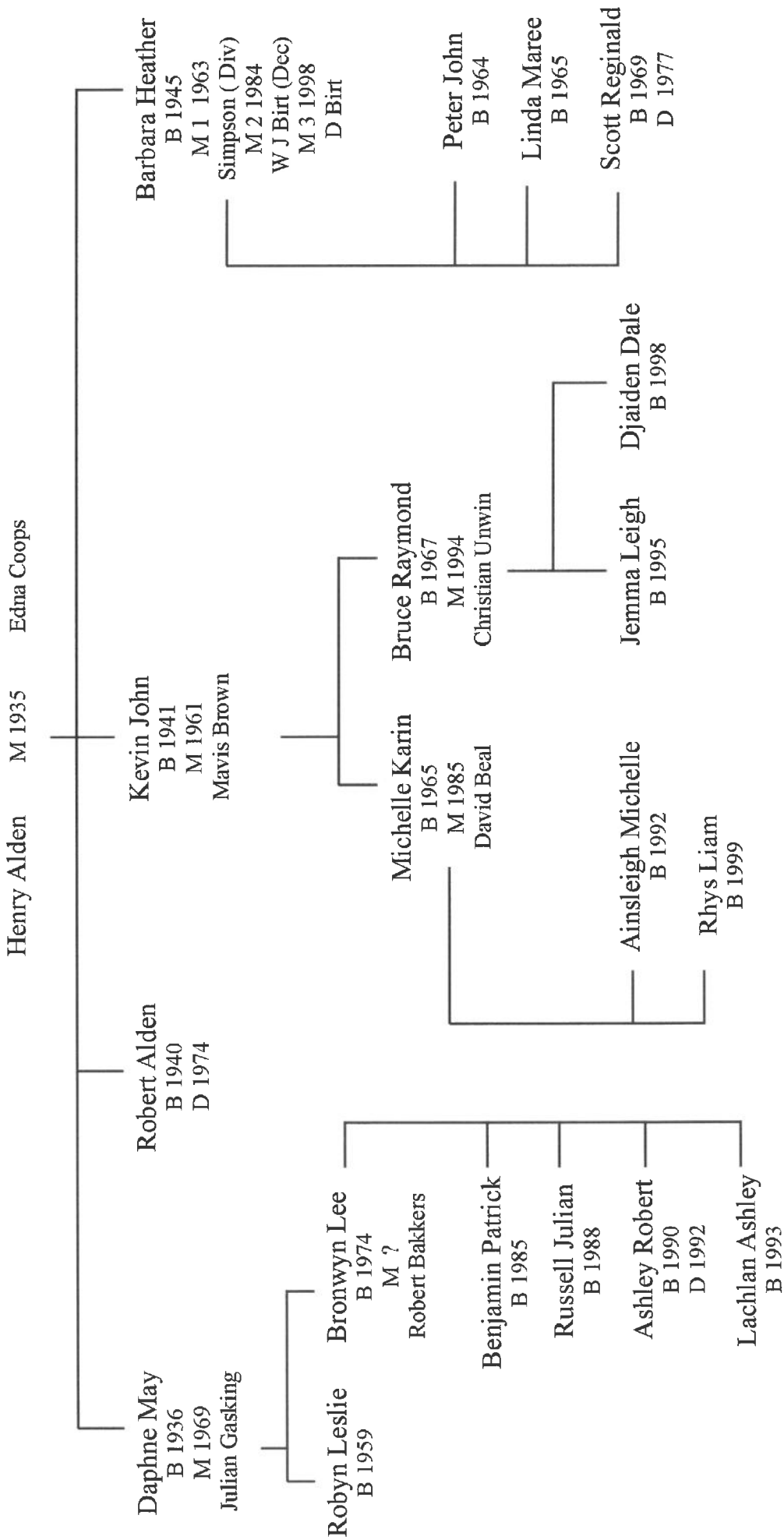
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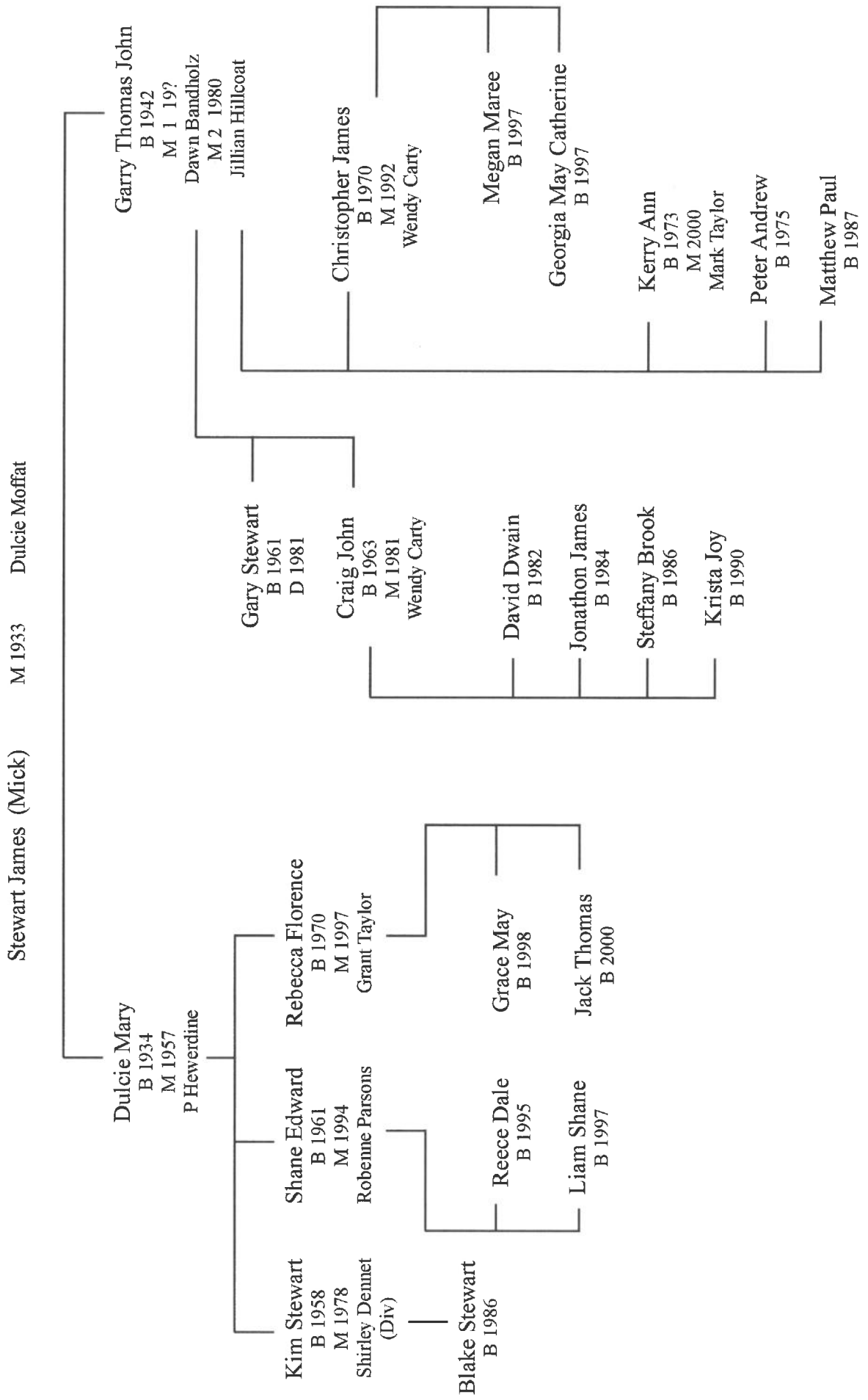
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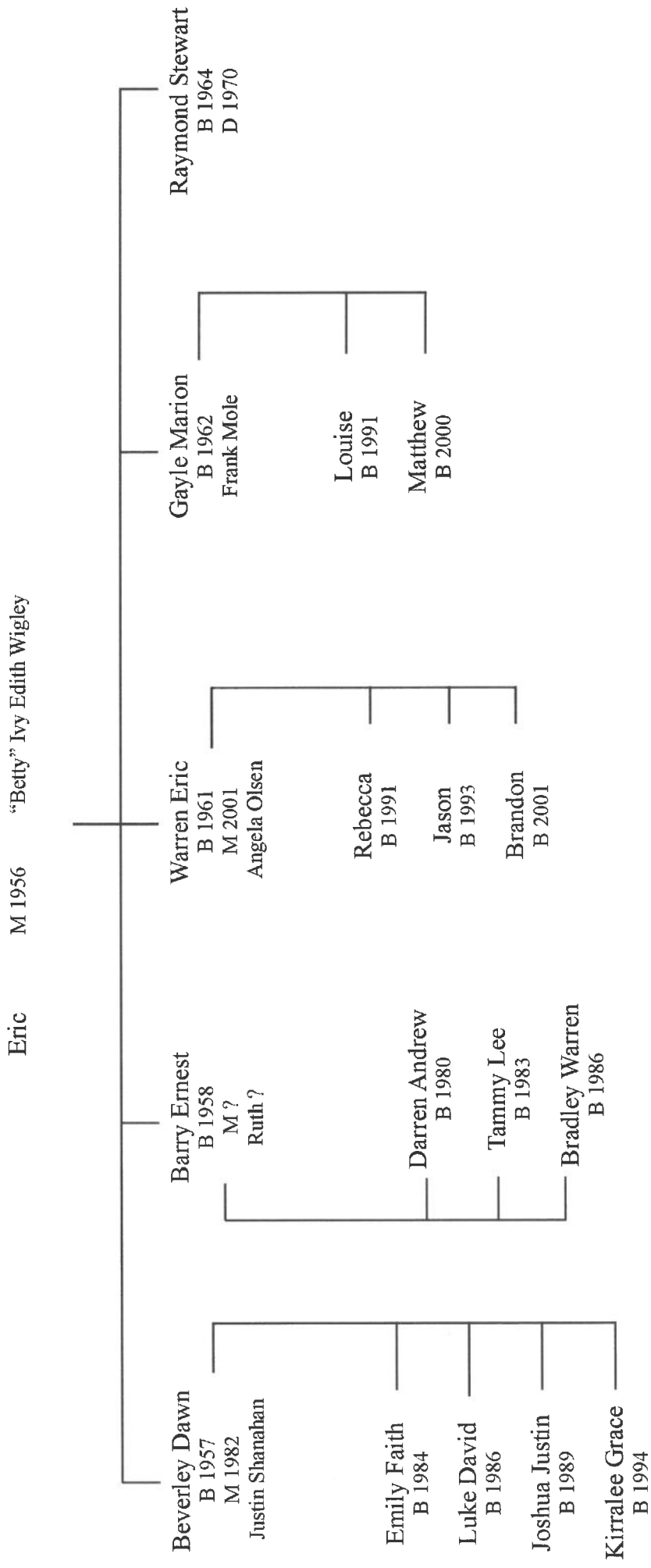
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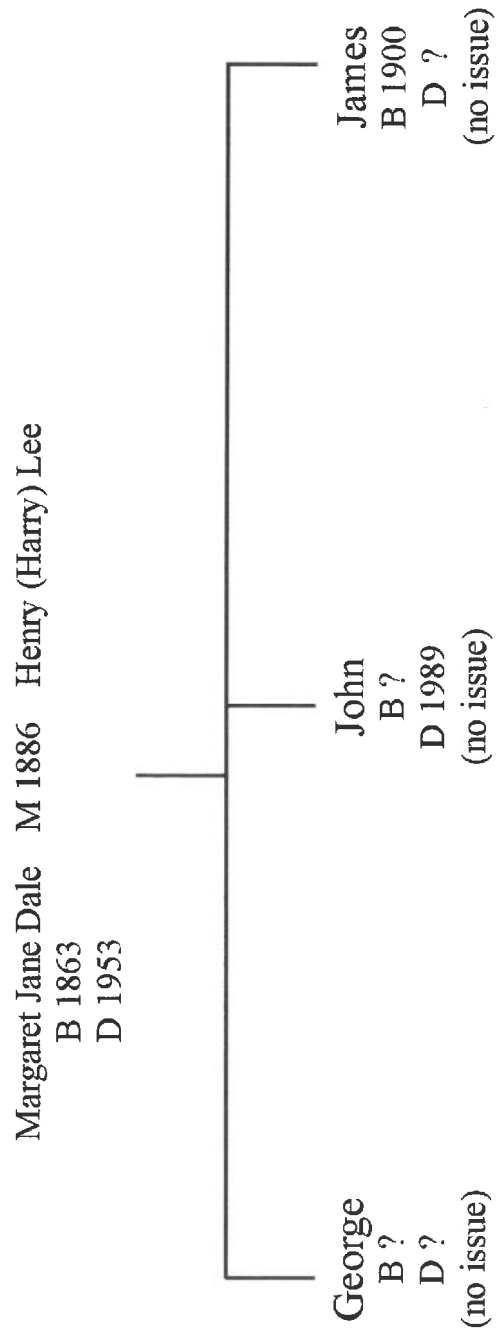


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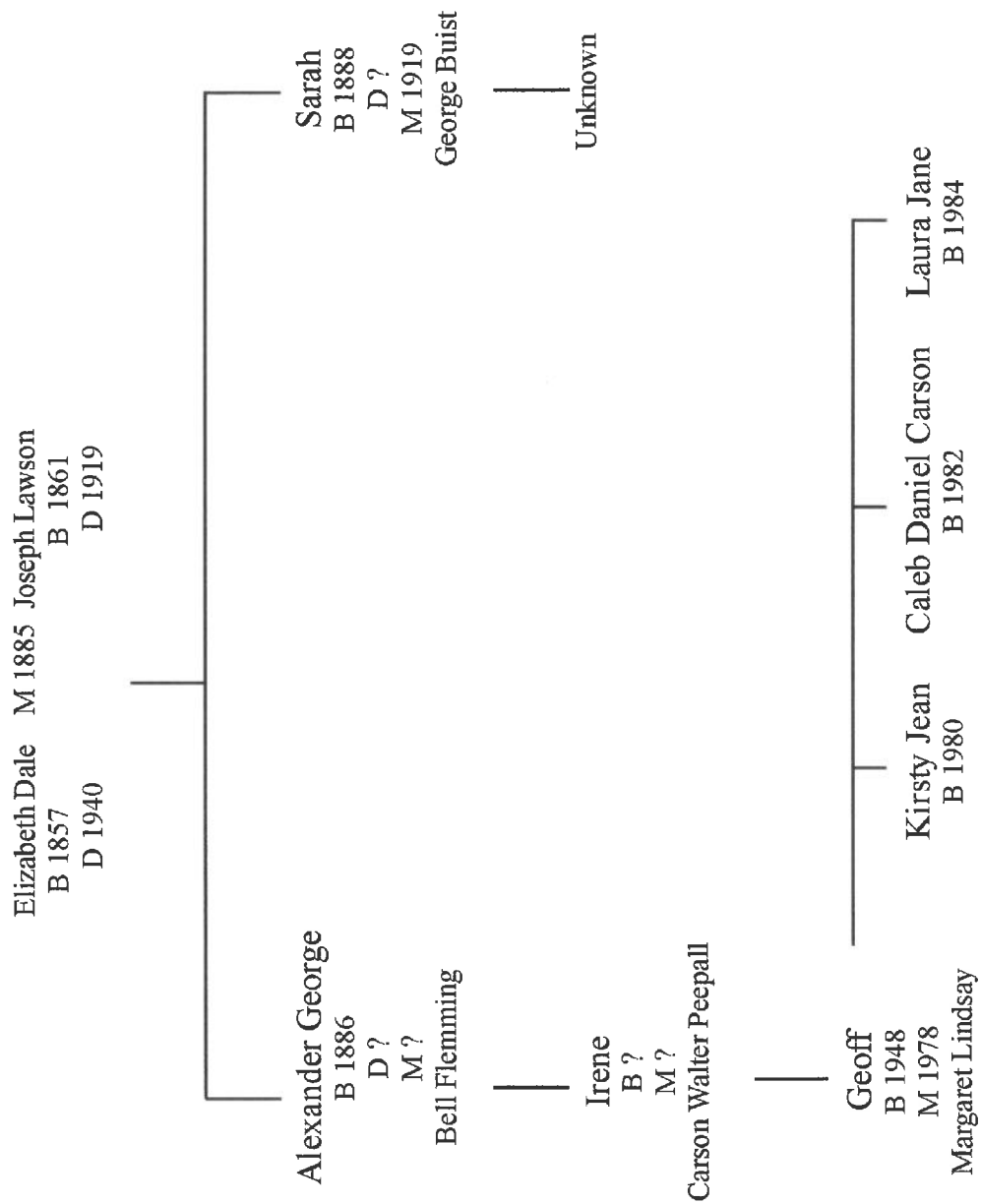
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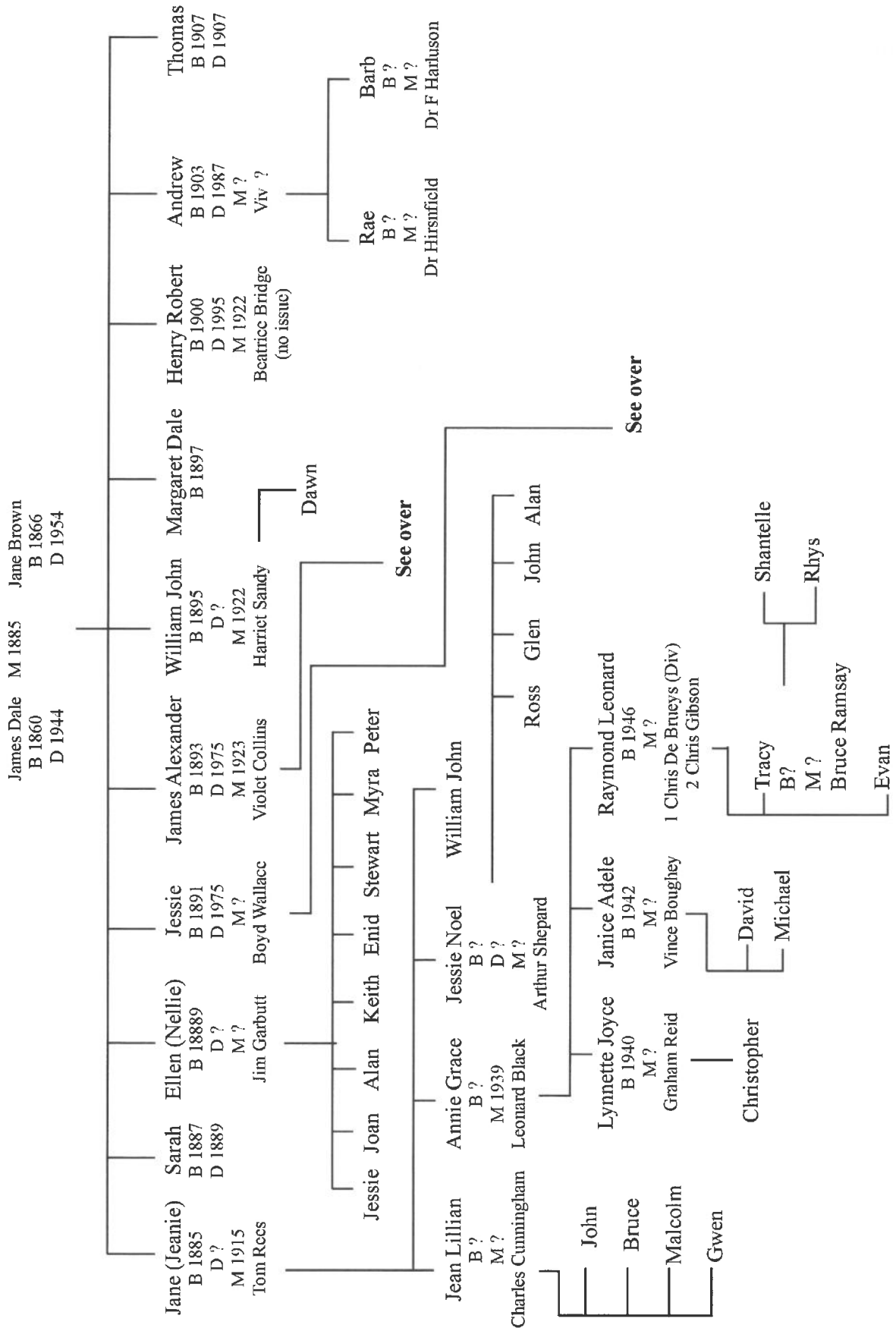
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Descendants of Elizabeth Dale



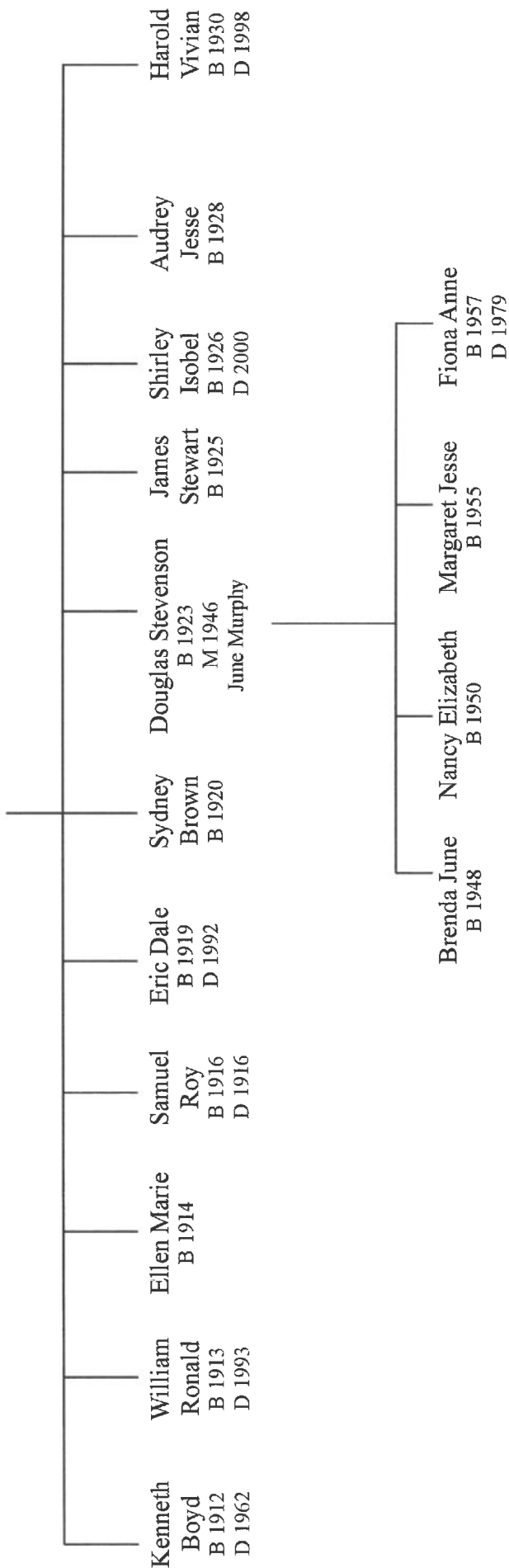
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Descendants of James Dale

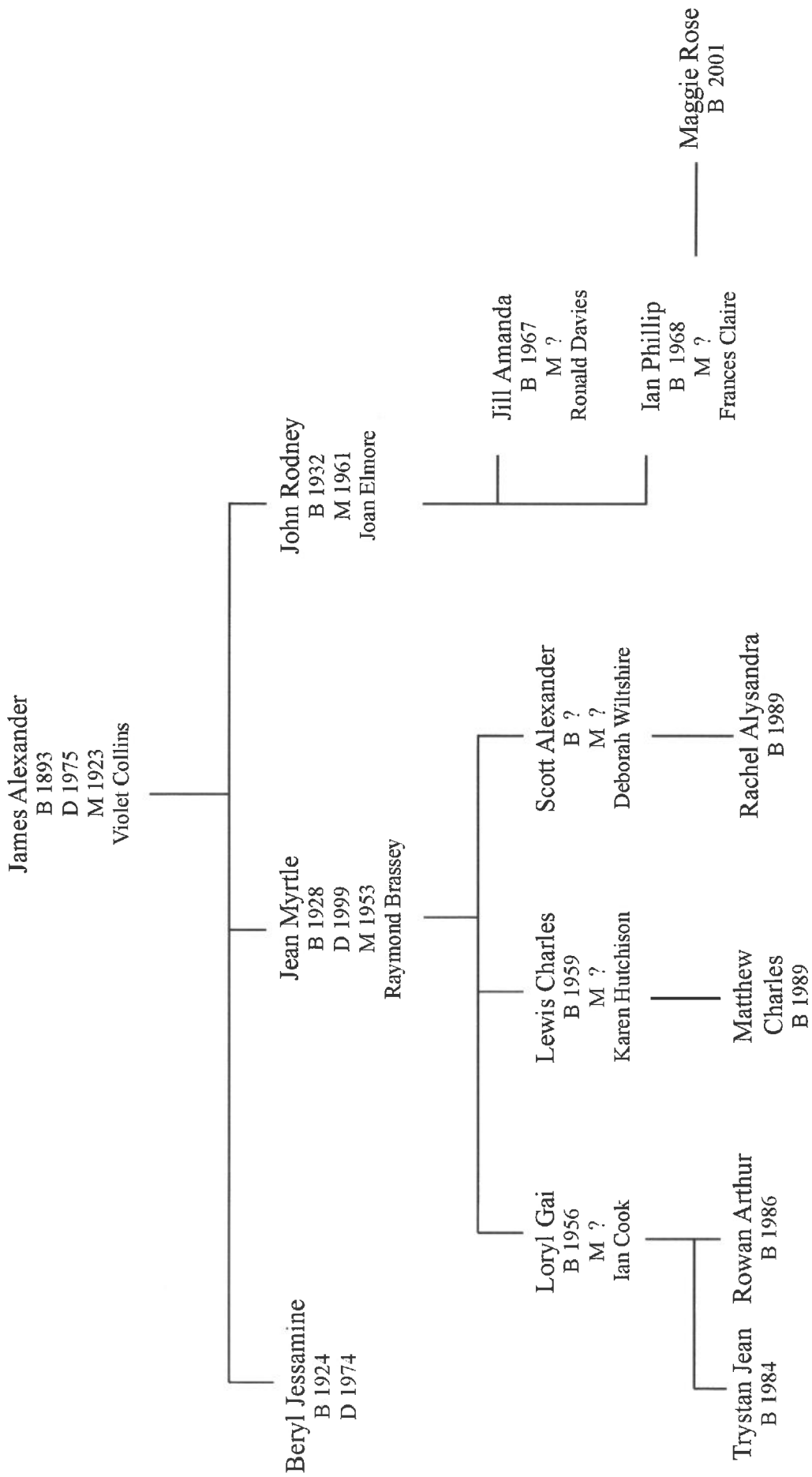
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Jessie
 B 1891
 D 1975
 M?
 Boyd Wallace



Descendants of James Dale

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Appendix III

Marriage Certificates John Dale

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1878. Marriage solemnized at Calace Church in the parish of Tiltaness in the Co of Tyrone

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
(11)	May 24 th	John Dale	Full	Bachelor	Book-maker	Ballynane Tiltaness	Alexander Dale	Farmer
		Sarah Haddock	Full	Spinster			Thomas Haddock	Miller

Married in the parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the United Church of England and Ireland, by license by me,
Isaac Adhe

This Marriage was solemnized between us, }
 { John Dale
Sarah Haddock }
 in the Presence of us,
Elizabeth Dale
Abelle Smith

John and Sarah's Wedding Certificate

MARRIAGE

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MARRIAGE solemnised in the District of TIARO

Colony
in the State of Queensland

19 1890

Registered by Jonathan Pickering

District Registrar

Marginal Notes (if any)	Column 1 Number	2016	90
	2 When and where married	9th June 1890	Tiaro
	3 Name and surname ..	Bridegroom John DALE	Bride Marion Cochrane MURRAY
	4 Condition	Widower	Spinster
	5 Birthplace	Ballymoughan Derry Ireland	Maryborough Wide Bay Queensland
	6 Profession, trade or occupation	Shoemaker	-
	7 Age	36 years	20 years
	8 Usual place of residence	Tiaro	Preston Grange Tiaro
	9 Father's name and surname and Mother's name and maiden surname	Alexander Dale Sarah Crosset	James Murray Senr. Allison Davidson
	10 Father's rank or profession	Farmer	Farmer

Married in the House of James Murray

This marriage
was solemnised
between us)

John Dale
Marion Cochrane Murray

according to the rites of the Presbyterian Church

In the presence
of us)

James Murray Junr.
Martha Hislip Murray

Date of registration 11th June 1890

By me

John Stoddart

Officiating Minister

I, Keith William Redman
Registrar-General, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an entry in
a Register of Marriages kept in the General Registry Office, Brisbane, and I
further certify that I am a person duly authorised by law to issue such certificate

John and Marion's Wedding Certificate

