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Celebrating 10 Years!

The main event for 1994 is the 10th anniversary celebration of our Society (see below for details). We have a first-class panel lined up to discuss an interesting topic. So all we need now is good support from members, friends and other interested people. Please publicise this event as much as possible at your church and elsewhere to help ensure a successful evening.

Since our first book, *Baptists in Queensland* was launched at the National Baptist Family Convention in January (see story p. 8) it has been received well and is selling fast. A reprint will soon be needed if sales continue at the current rate! (See photo of launching in the *National Baptist*, March 1994, page 4.)

This issue also features articles on early Baptist pioneers. We welcome articles or suggestions along these lines for future editions and for presentation at Society meetings. So why not try your hand? Please note that future meetings of the society this year will be **July 16, Nov 5** at B.G. Wilson Centre at 2pm.

BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND

10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

7.45 - 9.15pm Monday May 30

Annerley Baptist Church

SYMPOSIUM TOPIC

Baptists in Queensland - Past, Present . . . and Future?

Speakers

Mr Les **Ball**, Lecturer, Bible College of Qld - *The way we were - a century ago*

Rev. Norm **Weston**, Past President, Baptist Union of Qld - *Contemporary Baptist Life*

Panel discussion - *The future of Baptist history in Queensland*

Featuring - Mrs Helen **Smith** - Qld Baptist Women's Ministries; Rev. Stan **Nickerson** - Baptist Theological College of Qld; Rev. John **Sweetman** - Bracken Ridge Baptist Church

BHSQ literature available

Please bring a plate for supper

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Give me a Mountain **An Autobiography by Rev. John Knights, L.Th.**

Reviewed by David Parker

Rev. John Knights, well known Baptist minister who has served in Victoria and South Australia as well as his native Queensland where he currently lives, has written and published his autobiography. The 394 page book, well illustrated (including some colour photos) and attractively laid out, was launched in Brisbane in December 1993, and elsewhere in the country early in 1994.

The author has had plenty of writing experience, having been Executive Secretary of the Australian Baptist Board of Christian Education and Publication (1957-64) and Communications Officer for the Baptist Union of Queensland (1987-90). His facility with the pen (or word-processor) shows up well in this volume which gives vivid accounts of home and family life, the churches in which he was pastor, denominational affairs, international conferences and travel. Even so, a few infelicities, typographical errors, factual mistakes and loose editing have slipped through, although none of them serious enough to spoil the overall effect. The book is evidently based on good personal records kept over the years, effective research and the assistance of many friends, contemporary and recent.

Being such a large book, there is plenty of room for detail, all the way from small family happenings to comments on trends in ministry and analysis of important events in the Baptist community. Indeed, this is probably the most valuable aspect of a writing of this kind. In Australian Baptist circles there is too little recording and evaluation of contemporary church life. So the thoughtful and articulate observations of one such as John Knights who has participated in such a wide range of denominational events from humble local church affairs to the inner circles of the state and national unions and the Baptist World Alliance is more than welcome. Furthermore, he is not hesitant to name names and give specifics, expressing appreciation and clearly apportioning praise and blame as he feels appropriate. Descriptions of his own pastoral work and relations with churches, officers and members commencing with his first pastorate at Tent Hill and Gatton in 1939 to his present office as Associate Minister of Annerley Baptist Church focus on many important issues and invite further research and reflection on a wider basis.

The sections devoted to his family, including the consequences of his demanding ministry upon his family, the loving relationship with and ultimately the premature death of his first wife and his re-marriage are particularly poignant, reading in some places like a personal catharsis.

The production of autobiographies like this by other experienced pastors and denominational leaders would go a long way to unveiling the past and dispelling the myths so often associated with Baptist church life. In short, they would help provide a much more solid base on which to understand the past and build the future. (We would like to review Rev. Roy Conwell's autobiography which is another book of this type.) Mr Knights' book cost's just under \$20 direct from the author or from Christian bookshops.

Recent Acquisitions for the Archives.

Since the re-opening of the Archives on Sept 11, 1993 more material has been received for storage and use. In particular, several gaps in the holdings of *Yearbook* and the *Queensland Baptist* have been filled; there are still more, so if you think you can help, please let us know. A complete set of the *National Baptist* has been acquired.

A Bible (Revised Version) used by Rev. Ralph Sayce has been passed on by Mr Don Johnston; it had inside it a small photograph of Chaplain J. C. Farquhar baptising two soldiers in a river in 1945; the Bible is dated 15 May, 1917. Mr Eric Kopitke has donated a copy of his centenary history of the Taringa Church; Rev. Ian Gough has contributed a copy of his college thesis on the early Beaudesert Church (1888-1921) and Rev. Jim Johnston has passed on his life of Rev. Ralph Sayce; yet another thesis is Rev. P. Van Donge's 1987 work on Mr E.S. Jones.

A brief account of the development of Bracken Ridge Church has also been acquired, thanks to Rev. Melvin C. Williams; a brochure from the opening of the new Bundaberg Church has also come in. Another of Richard Scanlan's works has been received, a 25 year history of the Karinya Aged Persons' Home. Rev John Knights has donated a copy of his recently published autobiography (see review elsewhere in this issue). As a first, the Reg Jarrott Evangelistic Association has donated a computer version of the late Mr Jarrott's unfinished manuscript, *The making of an evangelist* which is both

A BAPTIST PIONEER - MR THOMAS WOOLLEY

by Rev. Stephen Cooper, M.Th., Senior Minister, Ipswich Baptist Church

In a room at the back of the Ipswich Baptist Church there hangs an interesting photograph. It is a picture taken in 1909 at the 50th church anniversary of the Pastor and deacons. One man in the picture has arrested my attention. He is fairly old, with a long white beard, a face that reveals intelligence and determination, a posture that indicates he was tall and alert, and muscular hands that suggest strong physical powers.

I began to ask some questions about this man, and to search through our old church records. His name was Thomas Woolley. I have discovered that he was the leading layperson of the Ipswich Church during its first 40 years. His noble life of service impacted not only his local church, but also Baptist witness in the regions around Ipswich.

Born in Nottinghamshire, England, in 1827, Thomas was received into membership of an English Baptist Church in 1844, at age 17. As a young man he read Christian books, and felt a deep burden for those who had not responded to the Christian gospel. He dreamed that one day he might be a preacher or a missionary.

In 1848, at age 21, he emigrated to Australia, settling immediately into Ipswich. Being of strong physique, he found work sawing wood for several years. In 1860 he commenced employment with the local newspaper, *The Queensland Times*, where he operated the printing presses and worked at related jobs for forty years. He retired in 1900 at age 73, and only gave up work due to increasing deafness!

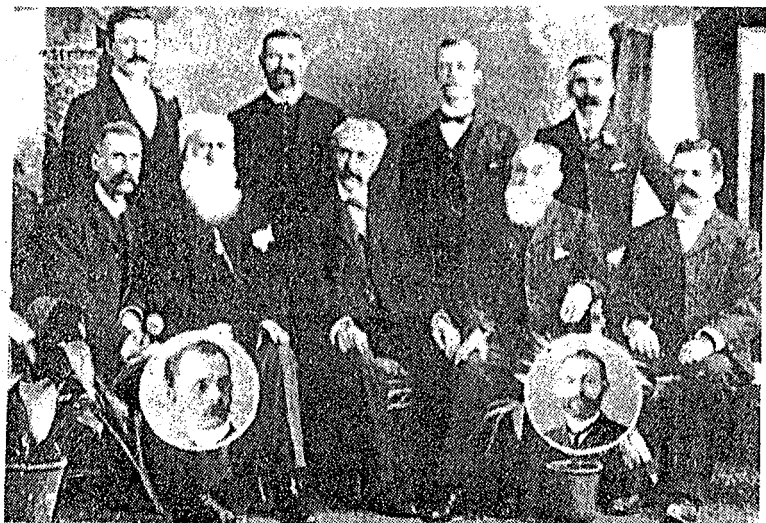
The Ipswich Baptist Church did not commence until 1859, so for his first eleven years in the city Thomas was probably involved as most 'Independents' of the district were, in the Congregational Church. He commenced lay-preaching in the Ipswich area, and Christian folk found his preaching ministry very acceptable. The Baptists of Ipswich began their own separate services in 1859, and when the new Baptist church was constituted in January, 1860, Thomas Woolley was one of the seven foundation members.

The newly established Baptist Church in Ipswich certainly had its share of small numbers and struggles. After one year membership had grown from 7 to 9, and slowly the membership grew to 21 in 1870. The small band of Ipswich Baptists met at first in a disused bowling alley then erected their own Chapel.

Thomas Woolley was willing to accept leadership and responsibility right from the start. In August 1860 he was appointed as one of the two first deacons. He was often given the job of visiting the applicants for baptism and membership, and he was always diligent in this task. When the Church decided to build its first Chapel in West St., Woolley was part of the Building Committee. Similarly, when the Church decided to build a new building for worship in 1872, Mr Woolley was again part of the Building Committee.

He was recognized as a practical man, and was given jobs like helping to erect the first toilet on church grounds (1883), and dealing with a cesspool problem (1890).

Mr Woolley continued to serve as an active deacon for most of the next 40 years. He willingly accepted responsible positions



PASTOR & DEACONS — JUBILEE YEAR — 1909
 Back Row: Mr. J.W. Ingram, Mr. J.W. Hastings, Mr. H.C. Frost,
 Mr. A. McKenzie. Front Row: Mr. J. Ivett (Sec.), Mr. T. Woolley,
 Rev. T.J. Malyon, F.S.Sc., Mr. E. Saunders, Mr. J.B. Colthup
 (Treas.). Inserts: Mr. S.G. Davies, Mr. J.A. Howell.

like Church Secretary, Treasurer and Sunday School Superintendent and deservedly enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his fellow-members. Even in the 1890s, Woolley was serving as a deacon, was Church Treasurer and often chaired the members' meetings.

Thomas Woolley was not afraid to deal with the hard issues which responsible leaders must face. In 1864 one of the deacons had to be disciplined, and Woolley was sent to visit that deacon and discuss the problems with him. In 1867 the members appointed him to negotiate with folk who had resigned from the church to persuade them to return. In 1879 he was sent with another deacon to visit a man who would have nothing more to do with Baptists. In 1893 he was asked to visit a Christian man to "show him his sin and tell him he is suspended from the communion at the Lord's Table for one month".

No church can function efficiently unless it has an orderly approach to transacting its business. Thomas Woolley was concerned to organize this aspect of church life. In 1864 he moved in a members meeting that *it is desirable that a meeting should take place prior to each forthcoming church meeting, to consist of the Pastor and deacons in order to cooperate together respecting the temporal and spiritual interests of the Church.*

The motion was carried.

In the same year he wrote up some rules for the acceptance of members. The records of members' meeting reveal that Woolley was always concerned about the "nuts and bolts" practical issues like "Are the fire insurances paid?" and "Who holds the property deeds?"

One of the passions of Thomas Woolley was preaching. For over 40 years he was a popular preacher, both in his own church, and in the local district. He regularly led the services of the Ipswich Baptist Church, was often involved in preaching, baptizing and officiating at the Lord's Supper. There were several periods when the Pastor was sick, or when there was no Pastor at all, and Thomas Woolley did a lot of the preaching. In 1867, for example, when there was no Pastor, Woolley did about half of the total preaching.

The vision of Thomas Woolley was much broader than his own local church. He was concerned to set up "preaching stations" around the district. By 1870 there were four of these stations in Ipswich, even though the Baptist Church was small and struggling financially. Woolley reported positively that year that *we feel encouraged to hope for the future welfare and enlargement of the Baptist cause in and around the neighbourhood.*

The next year, in 1871, Woolley himself commenced a preaching station in Rosewood, and each month personally visited the house of a Christian family there to preach and administer the Lord's Supper. Soon after, Woolley was pleased to baptise the first candidate from Rosewood, and to officially receive him into membership.

In 1893 he was part of a committee which supervised the ministry at the Dinmore Church. Woolley was a warm encourager of other Baptist Churches. In 1870 he was a foundation member (as Secretary) of the first Baptist Association in Queensland. It was called "The Ipswich General Baptist Association."

The German Baptist churches in the local district held Woolley in high esteem. In 1871 one of these churches invited him to come regularly each month to administer the Lord's Supper with them. He was invited by them to preach at the ordination service of the first two German Baptist Pastors.

Woolley was a Baptist who had very firm convictions. On some issues he was not willing to compromise. In 1865 the Church was engulfed in bitter disagreements with the Pastor. Rather than be involved in the public brawling, Woolley left the church and attended another denomination. He refused to see a deputation from the church, and wrote saying that he was determined to abide by his present course. When the upheaval was over, and the belligerent Pastor had left, Woolley returned and was restored to membership in 1867.

In another incident, in 1879, the church debated the issue of whether the Lord's Supper should be open to all believers, or restricted ("closed") to only the members. The Pastor argued for the closed position. Mr Woolley advocated a more open approach. He stated that the Ipswich Church had been established on open communion principles, and the Lord's Table should be open to all who are sincere and consistent Christians, with no other restrictions. The arguments of Mr Woolley persuaded the meeting.

Woolley was also very firm on the fact that the Ipswich Church was of "General" Baptist persuasion, not the more narrow "Particular" (Calvinistic) type. In 1872 he insisted, as Church Secretary, that in calling a new pastor the church should advertise for a "General Baptist" minister. The church reprimanded him for his refusal to delete the word "General", and he resigned as Secretary and a member for one year. In 1883, when the Ipswich Church were deciding what wording to place at the

front of the building, Woolley made sure that the words "General Baptist Church" were lettered.

Despite the fact that Woolley maintained his firm convictions, he was also a sympathetic and generous man. In 1861 the wife of the first Pastor was accused of drinking intoxicating liquor. Mr Woolley refused to investigate the allegations. When the appointed committee did conclude that the accusations were true, Woolley made sure that the lady was given every opportunity to show contrition or make a defence. When the church withdrew its fellowship from the woman, Woolley later moved that she be received back again.

In 1864 there was a disagreement between a church member and the Pastor, and Thomas Woolley functioned as the 'go-between' through whom they made peace and sought forgiveness. In the same year some church members wanted to take stern action against a deacon who had publicly degraded the Pastor. Woolley successfully persuaded the church to take a more lenient approach to the discipline of this deacon.

In 1871 Mr Woolley, aware that the church did not have much money, sold the old Chapel horse and bought a new one at his own expense. He was concerned that a horse be available for mission work.

Towards the end of the 1890s, Mr Woolley's health began to break down. In 1899 he had to resign as Treasurer, due to poor health. During the next decade he suffered from physical sickness, for periods was unable to attend church activities. The church continued to honour him for his years of faithful service in the past. Each year he was re-elected a deacon, even though he could not function in that capacity, to recognize his important place in the esteem of the church.

On the 6th July, 1910, Mr Woolley died. He was 83 years of age. At a church meeting later that year the Pastor spoke "feelingly and tenderly" of what Mr Woolley had meant to the church. The church placed on record its *thanks and appreciation for the noble and self-sacrificing efforts of our Bro. T. Woolley in the interests of this Church.*

Thomas Woolley was a Baptist pioneer. In a Church that was new and struggling, he gave himself in tireless service for 40 years, laying a firm foundation that would bear fruit in the strong vigour of the Ipswich Baptist Church in the 20th Century. We give thanks to God for the devoted life of his servant.

Archives (from page 2)

autobiographical and instructional.

Of particular importance are two collections of material - one set of photos and slides from Rev. J.C.W. Ward coming from his time with *The Queensland Baptist*; the other is a large collection of material from the library of the late Rev. John White, which includes books on Baptist history and principles, yearbooks, periodicals, histories and papers on Queensland churches and personal items.

Other items include the proceedings of the Golden Jubilee Congress of the Baptist World Alliance, London 1955, a copy of an early BMS poster, an impressive volume of papers from the Victorian BHS, and a 25th Anniversary account of Baptist Women in the SW Pacific. John Parker of Emerald has sent material on Petrie Terrace, Lawnton, Peace, Gympie and Gladstone churches.

We are most grateful to those who have donated and passed on all of these materials, adding as they do significantly to the holdings of the Archives. (Note that it is well to check with the Archivist before despatching material.) The Archives continue to be used by a variety of people seeking information and assistance in their research and publication. It is to be hoped that in the future, with extra facilities and person-power, services can be greatly expanded.

Further cataloguing of material has continued over recent weeks, with detailed listings being produced for several more boxes of material. The computer catalogue has also been virtually finalised giving complete control over the material and making searching much easier.

The next major development planned for the Archives is the purchase of shelving, which will take place when finance and suitable units become available. When the shelving is installed, the final sorting and placement of material will take place. Other projects to be completed are further listings of material and indexing of *The Queensland Baptist*. Work is needed on the collection of building plans and a large number of photos is awaiting identification. It is also hoped that more initiative can be taken in the future in seeking acquisitions for the Archives; furthermore, it would be desirable to develop a number of additional research aids, including lists and indexes of important places, people and events in Queensland Baptist history.

Comeos of Early Queensland Baptists No 2 Bernard Gilmore Wilson

by Rev. Melville C. Williams, BSc, BD, MA.

This is about B.G. No. II. What does the son of an illustrious minister do when he is not called to be a minister himself? Last century, without a British education the options were few. He starts his own business as an ironmonger or as we would say today, a hardware store. He was very good at it too! B.G. Wilson and Co's Queen Street store in Brisbane's heart was, at its peak, the largest and most successful of its kind in the city. But he had a heart for God too, and was generous with his time and money in the cause of Christ.

The home of Rev. B.G. Wilson, first minister of the Wharf Street Baptist Church (later, the City Tabernacle Baptist Church) and Mrs Wilson was a modest one, built by himself on acreage in Gregory Terrace (corner of Union Street) when the Terrace was an unmade road on the outer edge of Brisbane. Here BG was born in 1862, the fourth of an eventual family of six, two brothers and three sisters. Life was very difficult in those days except for the few with money.

Queensland had been separated from New South Wales and given statehood in 1859, but with an empty treasury. Only 7 1/2d remained in government funds. In 1862, the total population of Queensland was 28,000. Besides Brisbane, the only towns were Ipswich, Warwick and Drayton-Toowoomba. But pastoralists with their sheep and cattle were following the tracks of the explorers and squatting on so-called empty land wherever they found it. Immigrants were much needed and the Queensland government encouraged migration by the refund of passage money from Britain in the form of a land order. Population grew rapidly. Squatters waited on the wharf for ships with migrants to arrive and to offer the new migrants work. The first section of the railway (between Ipswich and Bigge's Camp) was built in 1865. Also new ports in the north were established at this time. Queensland's population rapidly rose to 78,000.

But boom is followed by bust. In 1866, prices for exports such as wool fell and the more distant farms became unprofitable, throwing newly arrived people out of work. The labour market now for a short time became a labour problem. In 1866, the *Sydney Morning Herald* published this comment:

Large numbers of tramps are reported to be coming into this colony from Queensland, and the northern part of New South Wales is said to be overrun with detached parties of two to six persons, evidently recent immigrants to Queensland who have made their way overland. This is becoming a nuisance and the influx of idlers cannot fail to have a most detrimental effect upon our working population. It is a great pity that Queensland should be flooded with immigrants that she cannot support, and it is a greater pity that we should have to support them.

For the Wharf Street church, the population growth coupled with the excellent preaching of the Rev. B.G. Wilson meant rapid growth and some financial stability for the Wilson home. The children would grow up with two main impressions of their father. First that he was pre-eminently a missionary devoted to the Gospel of Christ. Secondly that he was greatly interested in the whole welfare of people. His prior training in medicine gave opportunities to freely serve in a practical way the physical needs of people far and wide. Mrs Wilson kept open house, and the poorest to the State Governor were frequent callers. The family later acquired a small holiday home on the beach flats at Sandgate (seven acres facing what is now Third Avenue.) It was nicknamed "Wilson's folly" by the residents of this seaside township.

After the father's death in 1878 aged 54, the house and the land in Gregory Terrace were sold and family moved to Sandgate. Here they became involved in the small church work being developed there as an outstation of Wharf Street church by a veteran retired minister, the Rev. J.J. Voller who had been the first appointed Baptist minister to Sydney. There is a reference in the *Queensland Freeman* to a meeting on September 26, 1886 to mark the retirement of the Rev J.J. Voller after ten years' service. The farewell was presided over by Mr E.B. Southerden with speeches by Messrs. Davis, B.G. Wilson, J.S. Southerden and S. Voller, the three being sons of famous fathers.

After attending the Brisbane Grammar School, BG did his apprenticeship with Cribb and Foote of Ipswich. In April 1888 he began his own business, at first in partnership with his friend, J.S. Southerden at 81 Queen Street, but by 1892, it was B.G. Wilson & Co.

In August 1888, in the newly-opened Sandgate church, BG married Miss Esther Cribb, one of his

boss's several daughters. (Did he have to prove himself before asking for her hand?) They lived at first in Boggo Road, later building the house known as *The Wilderness* at 12 Tarragindi Road, Annerley.

After a short time the business in George Street was re-established at 152 Queen Street where it was to remain until the 1970's. (See advertisement below) The George Street site was retained as a branch until 1904 when it was relocated in Wickham Street, Fortitude Valley. In 1920, he sold out. The name was changed to Ironmongeries Pty Ltd and it continued as a leading hardware store in Brisbane for many years. It went out of business around 1971.

With his family B.G. worshipped at the City Tabernacle all his married life. He became a deacon as a young man and served for a time as treasurer. He also served his denomination as a member of the Council of the Queensland Baptist Association, beginning in 1887 and continuing, minus a few years, until 1916. Upon his retirement in 1920, he was honoured by being made a Life Deacon. He also went to live on a property called *Bremmer View* just outside Ipswich on the Mt Walker road. Later he sold this, and his last days were spent in the Graceville area where he outlived his wife by a number of years. He died in 1945 aged 83.

It was not the fashion then to describe the personality of anybody in detail, but he was described as a good living man about 5ft 10ins high, who, like his father, always wore a beard. With his wife he raised four boys and two girls. They were Benjamin Gilmore (the IIIrd), a doctor; Lindsay, a dentist; Kenneth, a doctor; Harry, who was to take over the store but could not take the long hours of standing. He was killed in World War I in 1916. Esther married a surveyor and Clarissa a school teacher. None of the Rev. B.G. Wilson's sons or later progeny became ministers, except a great grandson who was an Anglican minister; however several took up his alter ego, the medical profession.


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Launch for first BHSQ book

The Baptist Historical Society of Queensland launched its first book during the National Baptist Family Convention. The book, *Baptists in Queensland* was written by Rev Norm Weston, former President of the Baptist Union of Queensland, Rev. Stan Nickerson, Principal of the Baptist Theological College of Qld, and Mr Les Ball, lecturer in Church History at the Bible College of Queensland. It was edited by Rev Dr David Parker, Chairman of the Baptist Historical Society of Qld.

The forty-page book was launched at an informal luncheon on Wednesday January 5, by the late Ollwyn C. Abbott, Secretary of the Baptist Union of Australia. (Mr Abbott was tragically killed in a car accident returning to Victoria after the convention.) The function was attended by officers of the Society, some of the writers, interstate and local delegates. Mr Abbott commended the BHSQ on its initiative in producing the book, and stressed especially the value of writing history as it was being made, remarking that the volume captured well the state of Baptist life in Queensland at the present time. (see photo March 1994 *National Baptist*)

The book which is a guide to Baptist practice, belief and heritage is written in an informative but popular style angled to the Queensland context. Dr Parker said that it was prepared in response to enquiries from students, family history researchers, the media and church members who sought information about the life and faith of the Baptist denomination.

He said, "It answers all the most common questions about who Baptists are, what they do and what they believe. It is the first publication to be written specifically about the Queensland scene and so it will be very useful to put into the hands of enquirers, public officials and people who are new to Baptist churches. We hope that churches will buy multiple copies for distribution to interested people and especially to school and public libraries in their area. It is also suitable for personal and group study and for new church member orientation classes."

As well as the three main sections on practice, faith and history, the book contains suggestions for further reading, statistical information and background details on various points of Baptist life. It is illustrated with photos and sketches of leading Baptists and their buildings.

It is available from the BHSQ at a cost \$2.50 (plus \$1.00 p & p). (Enquire about special rates for bulk and trade orders.) Your Christian Book Store and the Baptist Supply Centre also have stocks.

(**Correction:** Please check that the membership of the Baptist Union of Victoria on page 29 is shown as 16,421, as an error was found in some early copies.)

BHSQ and other publications

BHSQ Newsletter - the official organ of the Baptist Historical Society of Qld. (3 times p.a.) included in subscription fee or \$2.00 per copy posted.

Baptists in Queensland: a guide to their life and faith (40 pages) edited by David Parker \$2.50 + \$1.00 p&p

Your Local Church History - four page guide to preserving and presenting church history - free with s.s.a.e.

Church Archives Register & Inventory Form - for organizing & recording historical records - free with s.s.a.e.

The Baptist Archives, Qld - a Guide - basic information about the holdings and procedures of the Archives of the Baptist Union of Qld - free with s.s.a.e.

Managing Church Records - a Guide - helpful information on local church records - free with s.s.a.e.

A Fellowship of Service by J.E. White - the official history of the Baptist Union of Qld. \$2.00 plus postage

The Small Archive's Companion by L.J. Ansell - a detailed guide on caring for archives & historical records

Register of Church Archives by L.J. Ansell - lists collections of church & related historical records throughout Australia

Christian Camping (2 vols) by Joan Maxwell - the history of Baptist Camping in Queensland (from author)

Handbook - A directory of the Baptist denomination in Queensland published annually by the Baptist Union

The Queensland Baptist - monthly news-magazine of the Baptist Union of Qld.

Give me a Mountain - autobiography of Rev. J. Knights (from author)