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ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHT

In this issue, we are pleased to report the success of the Society's involvement at the Annual Baptist Convention at Ashgrove in September. We had the opportunity to make a presentation to the Convention, and we were very warmly received. The result was a number of new members, a large number of sales of our books, and a general increase in the awareness of the work of BHSQ.

Publications: *As President, I was able to highlight both the recent publishing activity of the Society, and the general value of the preservation of and research into our history being undertaken by BHSQ. As well as publications mentioned in the last issue of Forum, attention was drawn to the ongoing nature of the work. Last year, a valuable document was unearthed by David Parker. This document was the complete manuscript of the history compiled by Edmund Gregory, originally deemed too long for publication, which was subsequently abridged by William Higlett and published as The Jubilee Record Volume in 1905. At the 1995 Convention, BHSQ launched the now printed text, along with Gregory's working notes and emendations, of The Gregory History of Queensland Baptists, edited by David Parker. So, our new series called Documents of Queensland Baptist History has begun.*

Just prior to the Convention, another early document was discovered by member Doug Adam, when he found in the possession of a Bribe Island man a manuscript handed down through his family. This is another 1905 history of Brisbane Baptists, recorded by Joshua Jenyns, a founding member and deacon of Fortescue Street Baptist Church, one of the early churches formed as a protest against the ministry style of B.G. Wilson at Wharf Street. As such, it provides another perspective on our history, with a leaning somewhat contrary to other versions. It is proposed to print and publish this

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1996 Presentation: Watch for details of the 1996 Presentation. With the return visit of Billy Graham to Queensland, it will focus on 50 years of Evangelism among Queensland Baptists, featuring amongst other events, the jubilee of the Baptist Union Gospel Waggon which was staffed by Rev Max Howard, the father of one of our BHSQ members and prolific author, Joan Maxwell.

Meeting dates for 1996: April 13; July 27; November 23 (AGM) Annual Presentation - to be announced

Membership: Please note that for the first time in several years, membership subscription rates have been slightly increased for 1996. Renewals and new subs. are now invited.

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Annual Report - Baptist Historical Society of Queensland

Annual General Meeting November 4, 1995

It has been a good year, in a variety of ways, and we can thank God for his hand of blessing on the activities of our BHSQ. Membership growth has been encouraging (six) and the addition of the Burleigh College in South Australia means that all states' theological colleges now receive copies of our regular "Queensland Baptist Forum".

The Annual Presentation on Saturday July 6th was held in the hall of the Albion Baptist Church (Fire of Hope) which also housed a wide range of displays. The theme for the day, "Families in Queensland Baptist History", featured a presentation by our President, Dr Les Ball, based on four families who collectively had an involvement of over 100 years in Queensland Baptist Churches. This, with supporting presentations, took up the morning. After lunch, the "Family History Workshop" led by Eric and Rosemary Kopittke, was a practical time of learning how to go about researching one's own family history.

Attendance ranged between fifty and sixty people throughout the day. Continuing the emphasis on producing further publications by our BHSQ was the very interesting book, *So, Your Ancestor was a Baptist in Queensland* edited by the Kopittke's, which was launched at the outset of this special day. From the combined efforts of Dr David Parker and Rev. Keith Applegate come "The National Guide to Australian Baptist Historical Resources and Services." This contains listings of all the historical data of the archives and Historical Societies of the Baptist Unions of all Australian states, the ABMS and the Baptist Union of Australia.

At the Half-yearly Assembly opportunity was given to our President to launch *Cameos of Baptist Men in 19th Century Queensland* by Rev. Mel Williams. Many copies of this excellent and eminently readable book have been sold.

During the Annual Convention, we mounted a table display of samples of all of our publications. This proved to be a good talking point about the activities of the BHSQ, and many people availed themselves of the opportunity to buy of variety of the books displayed.

Archival material can now be satisfactorily stored at the Archives with new shelving, finally installed late in 1994. A considerable amount of new material has been received during the year including Baptist Union files and the records of the Roma Church.

In conclusion, I would thank our President, Les Ball, for his enthusiasm and dedicated work in all matters relating to the BHSQ. To the Treasurer for his patient work in keeping the financial records in order and to all who comprise the working committee, my thanks. It has been a rewarding experience for me to have functioned as Secretary for this decade, 1985-1995.

In 1892, centenary celebrations for the Baptist Missionary Society were held. An appeal for financial help for the Mission to Tangail made by Alan Webb foundered. Australia was in the midst of a severe economic depression. Webb was probably too hard in his satirical rebuke, "Perhaps we have made a slight mistake in reading Carey's sermon and fancied him to recommend - Attempt little things for God - if we do, we shall probably accomplish little things!" May we ever cherish and act upon Carey's robust watchword in this coming year and "Expect great things from God - Attempt great things for God."

Ellen Chataway, Secretary

Financial Statements November 1994 - November 1995

General Fund - Income		Publication Fund	
Balance B/Fwd	463.26	Income	
Membership Subscriptions	399.00	Balance B/Fwd	702.22
Donations	35.00	Sale of books	1426.65
Presentation day fees	210.00		
Bank Interest	11.75	Expenditure:	
General Fund - Expenditure		Printing, editorial, post	1564.20
Xerox & post Forum	84.15	(Cameos, Nat Guide, BIQ)	
Secretary Petty Cash	60.95	Balance C/fwd	564.67
Archives expenses	10.00		
Presentation Day expenses	133.61		
Tax	4.95		
Balance C/fwd	825.35	Total Balance	1390.02

V. F. Chataway, Treasurer

Pastoral Profiles No 5

Rev. Carl Krueger

by William Higlett

Reproduced from the *Queensland Baptist* May 1, 1898

REV. CARL KRUEGER, pastor of the German Baptist Church, Engelsburg, was born at Seehausen, in Prussia, in 1850. As a boy he was of a studious turn of mind, and after school was greatly helped in the furtherance of his studies by his schoolmaster.

In the year 1865 he came to Queensland with his parents, who first settled near to Ipswich, and subsequently at Mount Walker. His first religious impressions were received at a German Baptist love feast held on the Ipswich reserve in 1872. This he attended out of curiosity, all his connections hitherto being with the Lutheran Church. It was an excitable meeting and was carried on till after midnight, but young Krueger left with the conviction that they were the people he must join. Three days afterwards he was brought into light, and on 11th June, 1872, he was baptized by Pastor G. Schneider at Franklin Vale. Through the migration of the settlers this church presently removed to Mount Walker, and after many changes it is now an out-station of the Engelsburg Church.

In 1876, Mr. Krueger removed to Engelsburg, where a church had been formed on 25th August, 1875, and which, when he arrived, numbered about twenty-five members. He was speedily appointed a deacon, and preacher in the absence of the pastor, John Stibbe. In 1877, Mr. Krueger was appointed pastor, and held that position for about a year, until the arrival of Rev. H. Windolf from Germany in 1878. After three months, however, Mr. Windolf removed to Marburg, and Mr. W. Peters, who had in the meantime settled in the district, assumed the charge, Mr. Krueger serving as deacon and assistant minister.

This arrangement continued until 1885, when Mr. Peters' health failed, and Mr. Krueger was again appointed minister in charge, being installed by Mr. Peters before he removed to Redland Bay. Since then, Mr. Krueger can say in the language of the apostle, "Having therefore received the help which is from God, I continue unto this day." It is a happy circumstance that those formerly connected with the pastorate are still associated with the church. Mr. Windolf still takes an occasional service, Mr. Stibbe is a deacon and treasurer, and Mr. Peters (who has returned to the

district) is conductor of the brass band.

Under Pastor Krueger's ministry the church has enjoyed much prosperity. Eight years ago it was found necessary to enlarge the building, and even now the additional seating capacity is often taxed to its utmost, though the building will accommodate 250 persons.

At first Mr. Krueger worked on his farm in addition to his pastoral duties, but the increased prosperity of the church made it possible five years ago to set the pastor free from such cares, so that his whole time is now given to his church. The Engelsburg Church now numbers 194 members, including 22 at Mount Walker. It has always been one of our best supporters of Foreign Mission work, while its Home Mission enterprise is shown in preaching stations at Mount Walker, Boonah, Siloam and Milbong.

Pastor Krueger lives in the affections of his people, "in labours more abundant, in journeyings oft," and all will pray that further years of happiness and prosperity may be in store both for himself and the church at Engelsburg.

W. H.



REV. CARL KRUEGER.

Pastoral Profiles No 6

Rev. J.B. Sneyd

by William Higlett

Reproduced from the *Queensland Baptist* June 1, 1898

The subject of (this) sketch is an Australian native, having Braidwood, New South Wales, as his birthplace. Pastor J.B.Sneyd was (the) third son of Mr. S. Sneyd, who was one time Governor of H.M. Gaol, Brisbane. The family came to this colony in 1850, by which time the boy was 8 years old, and must needs be sent to school. He was educated at the R.C. school and appears to have been well grounded in all the subjects of a good elementary education.

When grown to young manhood, Mr. Sneyd was by some means influenced to hear the Rev. B. G. Wilson, then pastor of Wharf Street Baptist Church, and under his powerful preaching the Word of God was applied by the Holy Spirit to the conversion of his soul. He made profession of faith, was baptised by Rev. B.G. Wilson, and received into the Wharf Street Church.

Being of earnest faith and with an active temperament Mr. Sneyd soon sought for employment in the service of the Saviour. He began by teaching in the Sunday School, then developed into a preacher, taking up work in the outlying districts, then not so populous nor so easily approached as now. His first sermon was preached at Moggil, to which place at that time Baptists carried the Gospel message. The records show that at a church meeting held May 3, 1867, the following resolution was passed:-

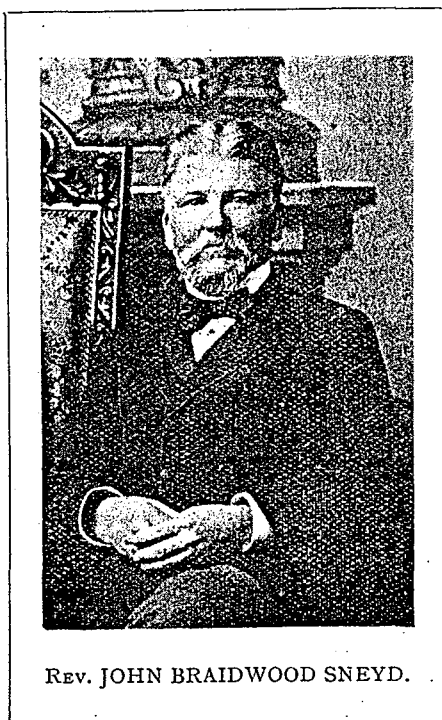
"The church having heard our Brother J. B. Sneyd preach on three different occasions, desires to acknowledge the gifts that God has bestowed upon him, and recommends him to a prayerful study of the Word of God."

This resolution indicates (1) The interest taken by the church in the spiritual progress of young members. (2) The fact that Mr. Sneyd was recognised as having gifts in the direction of preaching. (3) That to qualify in other respects the church exhorted to a prayerful study of the sacred scriptures.

After this Mr. Sneyd was sent by the Church to labour in the districts of Beenleigh, Pimpama, and Coomera. In this work he continued for four and a half years in Queensland. In 1876, he received an invitation to South Australia, which was accepted, and in that colony he laboured in the ministry of the Gospel for eleven years. Whilst pastor of the Southwark Church, Adelaide, Mr. Sneyd received and accepted a call to work in Victoria, where he continued until 1894. In each colony and in every district in which he has laboured, Mr. Sneyd had been honoured of God in saving and blessing men and his character is held in high esteem by all who know him.

In 1894, the opportunity offered for Mr. Sneyd's return to his home. Matured in personal experience and in full vigour of his powers he has served the church at Sandgate, and the denomination in Queensland, for though here but four years, he has been for two years in succession president of the Baptist Association. The Rev. J. B. Sneyd has visited most of the churches, is known by all the brotherhood, among whom he has loyally served in the Gospel of the Grace of God and is held in high esteem for His sake, who is the one Master of all.

W. H.



REV. JOHN BRAIDWOOD SNEYD.

Note:

Rev E.R. Makin

In the last issue of the *QB Forum* (No 31 July 1995), the first Pastoral Profile was devoted to Rev. E.R. Makin. A little over a year after the original publication of that profile, his death was reported (*QB* May 1899) at the age of only 38 years.

In October 1898 he had to relinquish his pastorate at Rockhampton due to ill health. Upon recovery ex-

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THE SOREN JENSEN FAMILY

PART 2

by Dr Les J. Ball, President, Baptist Historical Society of Qld.

In the last issue, the Soren Jensen Family story was begun. We left off at the third generation of the family, as it developed through Soren's daughter Lillian. In this issue, the next three generations are detailed, to bring the record up to date.

Everard Jackson married Mary Joyce Chalmers in 1932, and the couple had five children, all of whom are currently involved in Baptist churches in Queensland. The first, John Douglas (Douglas), a farmer and company manager, has been active in Banyo, Salisbury and Nambour churches, and is now enjoying a more leisurely life, in his sixty-third year, at Coolum. For several decades, he has served in Sunday Schools, in Youth Leadership, in church administration as Secretary and Treasurer, and as an elder and lay preacher.

Kenneth James (Ken) was born a year after Douglas, and he continued the farming tradition of the family. In 1957, he started what seemed another sort of tradition, when he married Yvonne Castle on February 2. Within the next 16 weeks, older brother Douglas had married Sylvia McMahon, and sister Ruth had married Don Masters. Of all this generation, Ken most embodied the intrinsic love of the land. Blessed with an affinity with "the bush", Ken's love of all things arboreal has led him into some fascinating places and adventures. A champion wood-chopper, he has developed more recently into a champion wood-turner, an art form which allows him to express his unique sensitivity to his natural environment. Grateful to God for this special gift, Ken has also been involved in several churches in Queensland, including Wamuran, Inala, Gailes and Silkstone.

Everard's first daughter Alison Ruth (Ruth) was born in 1936, and moved to Brisbane to train as a school teacher. In this period, she began her church service in Banyo Baptist, but her married life took her to Geebung Baptist, where she still serves. Over the last 30 to 40 years, Ruth has been involved in Sunday Schools, Women's Fellowships, and Cadets (Boys' Brigade). She is currently a Deacon at Geebung Baptist Church, where she also teaches Sunday School and co-ordinates an "Over 50's Fellowship".

The next daughter, Lillian Joyce, moved from Wamuran to Salisbury with her parents in 1955 and, being 17 years old, she began a career in nursing. A decade later, in 1966, she married Neal Elliman, a member of a well-known Townsville family. She has lived in Townsville ever since, and after having attended Rosalie and Salisbury churches in Brisbane, she has been

a member of Currajong (now Townsville District) Baptist Church since 1966. Along the way, Lillian has exercised her talents in teaching Sunday School, in her involvement in missions committees, and in other general church work.

The youngest son of Everard and Joyce is Ian Clifford, born 1944, whose boyhood was in Wamuran, but who came into membership at Salisbury Baptist after the family's removal there. He married Rosalie Mendham in 1968, and now Ian, a maintenance engineer, uses his skills in the maintenance of the Salisbury church, where he has also taught Sunday School.

Arthur Jackson's contribution to the Wamuran Church has been detailed in the previous issue. His marriage to Ruth Mollenhagen produced two children, both of whom were to continue the tradition of constant service to God. Stanley Arthur was born in 1944, and in his teens he combined with his father to work the family farm at Wamuran Basin. In 1960, Stan came into church membership, and the records show that, from an early age, he took a keen interest in all aspects of church life. In 1965, he was appointed Sunday School Secretary/Treasurer; in 1967, he became a Deacon; in 1974, he superintended the resumption of the temporarily lapsed Sunday School. In 1965, Stan met a young girl on a church youth exchange from Wynnum.

In 1967, he married that girl, Elizabeth Rose Mathers (Beth), and they established their home in Wamuran. The main avenue of service for them both at Wamuran was in the Sunday School, but when the church amalgamated with the larger Caboolture congregation, more opportunities appeared. Again, Stan became a Deacon, Stan and Beth both taught Sunday School, and in the 1970-80's, they found a new area of ministry which was to prove a long-term passion, namely, youth work. As youth leader for many years, Stan gave himself energetically to helping young people come to a better knowledge of the Lord.

A big man, with great physical strength and a hearty laugh, Stan had the capacity to develop that all-important rapport with youth which was to pay good dividends. After a bad leg injury which prevented him from working the steep hills of the banana farm, Stan

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and his family moved to Innisfail for work. There, he continued his Christian service with his typical vigour, becoming involved in administration as well as youth leadership.

Stan's younger sister, Carol Elaine, was born in 1948. For the first 10 years of her life, she rarely left the idyllic surrounds of the farm, with even a school built on the property, and the teacher typically boarding in her home. She then went further afield to Wamuran and Caboolture Schools for some six years, but even then, a family trip to Caboolture, let alone Brisbane, was a significant event. So it must have been something of a culture shock when, at age 17, less than a year out of school, she suddenly decided to train as a nurse at the Brisbane Hospital. Again, a youth exchange was to prove significant.

The 1966 exchange with the youth from Upper Mt Gravatt church led Carol to meet Les Ball, a trainee teacher whom she was to marry in 1968. Although Carol had become a church member in 1964, it was not until after her marriage that she discovered a number of ways to be in active Christian service. In 1968, she began teaching Sunday School at Maryborough, followed by further teaching at Noosa District, Wamuran and Caboolture. In the following 27 years, she has had extensive involvement in Sunday Schools, Children's Clubs, Religious Education in schools, and youth work. More recently, she has turned to a counselling ministry, with a special capacity to relate to those whose problems seem too profound for many others. Currently a member at Ashgrove Baptist, Carol is now developing a teaching and preaching ministry, as she is undertaking formal degree studies in theology, with a view to full-time ministry.

Irene Dau had no children, but sister Beryl Beasley seemed to make up for that. The Beasley household at Northgate seemed always to be a centre of semi-controlled chaos, with children (Beasleys and a motley assortment of others) coming and going to all sorts of functions. The country cousins from Wamuran, as well as anyone else who felt so inclined, would often congregate there - for holidays, for visits, or for various functions that Beryl and Les would facilitate. Their house became a well-known base of generosity and hospi-

ality for all.

Les and Beryl had six children, born between 1938 and 1952. The eldest, John William, a company manager, is a member at Salisbury Baptist Church, where he is a Deacon, a Sunday School teacher, and a Boys' Brigade leader. Sole daughter Helen Beryl married Bruce Gynther from Deception Bay, and they settled as farmers in Wamuran, joining the church there in 1961. Over the last 35 years, Helen has made a major contribution to both the children's work and the music ministry of Wamuran and, since 1968, Caboolture.

David Leslie Beasley, another company manager, was raised in the Banyo Church environment, and today he and wife Lyn attend a Lutheran church. Stephen Richard, a lecturer at the Gatton campus of the University, has been a member of various churches, including Banyo, Caboolture and Gatton, where he has been involved in Sunday Schools, Bible study leadership, and administration. Currently, Stephen and wife Robyn are serving as members at Gatton Church of Christ.

Ronald Andrew started at Banyo and, after some movements, is back there again. He is married to Anne, is a Manual Arts teacher, and both he and Anne are heavily involved in conservation issues, especially as they relate to their beloved Nudgee Beach, where they live. The youngest of the tribe is Laurence Paul (Paul), also a lecturer at Gatton, and he and wife Leanne are members of Rangeville Uniting Church, where Paul serves as both elder and leader of "Space Pilots", a children's program.

Beryl's family is large and widely involved, but Pearl's family is somewhat more remote from the original Queensland roots, having taken Tasmania as their base. Pearl's first son, Donald William, was accidentally killed at age 16 in 1961. Graeme Robert, a farm caretaker, was born in 1946, and attends a Brethren Assembly. Twins John and Glenys Elaine were born in 1949, with John being a Brethren Pastor at Glen Waverley in Victoria, and Glenys a nursing sister, worshipping with her mother at Punchbowl Brethren Assembly in Tasmania.

This account has led to the

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Four generations of the Jensen family descendants at BHSQ Family History Day 8 July 1995
Arthur Jackson (seated), his nephew Ken, his daughter Barbara and her son Levi

contemporary generation of the Jensen descendants. However, although Australia's population growth rate has slowed, the Jensen line continues to expand. The five children of Everard Jackson have all married and produced more offspring.

Douglas Jackson has three children: Bronwyn Joy Barbe, David and Trevor. Bronwyn has served as pianist and a youth leader at Coolum church, and has three children of her own: Jerome, Peter and Josie. David is married to Joanne, has two children Alana and Nathan, has been assistant youth leader at Nambour Baptist Church, and now attends Yandina church. Trevor and his wife Suzie have three children Courtney (deceased), Brittany and Brianna, and attend Mountain Creek church.

Ken Jackson also has three children: Barbara Quinn, Peter, and Sandra Vogler. Barbara has been a member of several Baptist churches, serving in youth and women's work. She is currently a member of Leichhardt Church, near Ipswich, and her first son, Levi Jackson Quinn, born 6 May 1995, is, at this stage and to my knowledge, the youngest descendant of Soren Jensen, five generations on. Peter and his wife Karen, with their children Tania, John and Jessica, attend the Inala Dutch Reformed Church. Sandra and husband Steven currently attend Ipswich Baptist Church. Tragically, their only daughter, Stacy Jane, died at birth on 30 March 1994.

The first of Everard's daughters, Ruth Masters, has three children: Andrew Donald, an architect married to Allyson, with children Bethany Ruth and Caitlin Shannon, and attending the Everton Hills Wesleyan church; Rodney Michael James, an engineer and currently a student at the Bible College of Queensland; and Alison Joyce Harris, a school teacher who attends Bridgeman Downs Baptist with her husband Paul.

The other daughter, Lilian Elliman in Townsville, has three children: Paul Anthony, a radio technician; Jennifer Ruth, an industrial chemist who is a member of Townsville District Baptist Church; and Douglas John, a chef, who also attends the Townsville church. The youngest of Everard's sons, Ian Jackson, has two children, Belinda and Kerri Sue, both of whom are members of Salisbury Baptist Church.

Similarly, Arthur Jackson's issue have multiplied. His son Stan has three children: Debbie Hayter, Kathleen Tina, and Graeme. Debbie and husband Mervyn, members of Innisfail Baptist, have two children, Ivana and Shannen, while Kathy and Graeme, both single, also attend the Innisfail church. Carol now lives in Brisbane, and she has two adult single children: Anthony James and Karen Leigh. Karen is a graduate of the Bible College of Queensland, now working with Drug-ARM, and looking to enter a full-time ministry in evangelism.

Beryl Beasley's clan has multiplied even more prolifically than that of Everard. Oldest son John's family has grown to include Meryl MacCay, a librarian, married to Harry, worshipping at Gateway Christian Outreach; Peter John, married to Jillian, with children Brendon and Katelyn, serving at West Bundaberg Baptist; and Lindsay Philip, a wool classer. Helen Gynther's family now comprises: Christine Bird, married to John, conducting music and children's ministry at Caboolture, while raising her three children, Dean, Matthew and Felicity; Robyn Gutzke, farming with husband Merv at Wamuran, with three children, Jasmine, Jeffrey and Jamie, and providing music at the Wamuran Brethren Fellowship; and Warren, a radio/TV technician, married to Stephanie, with young son Jack.

David and wife Lynne have two children, Fiona and Brent, who have been associated with several churches, most recently a Lutheran church. Stephen and Robyn also have three children, David, Allison, and Daniel, all students, all members of Churches of Christ, and all contributing to a ministry of music in their churches. Ron and Anne's three sons, Scott, Ben and Lee, are also students, and this Beasley family also attends Banyo Baptist. Paul has moved a little further afield, but his four children, Bruce, Roger, Samara and Tiffanie, all students, accompany their parents to the Rangeview Uniting Church.

Irene Dau had no children, and Pearl Maxwell had much family tragedy. As well as the death of Pearl's husband Robert, Donald Maxwell died in an accident as a teenager. Graeme is not married, and neither is Glenys. John married Patricia, but they have no children. Only Kelvin, who married Sue Elliott, has children: three daughters - Anita (b. 8/3/65), Anna (b. 12/3/88) and Cherene (b. 29/3/90). In what seems a stark contrast to the other siblings, these branches of the family have not resulted in an extensive increase of the Jensen descendancy.

A look at the Soren Jensen family tree shows that a wide network of families has sprung from the pioneering couple. Soren Jensen, like Abraham of old, looked out over a fertile land, and made his selection. Like Abraham, he had a vision of hope and promise. Like Abraham, God blessed him with good land and numerous descendants. Yet not even Soren Jensen, with his vision for planting a church in Australia, could have foreseen the extent to which his family would multiply, and to what degree they would be responsible for the historical development of the Baptist denomination in their section of Queensland.

Soren and Dorthea Jensen were simple people, simple farmers, who knew nothing of the strange language or ways of their mission placement. They simply knew

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their Lord, and served Him constantly. The secret of their church growing success lies in this very simplicity. As a family, the name of God was honoured in their midst, with no equivocation. They taught this simple faith to their children, who in turn taught it to their children.

This is the Biblical principle of spiritual procreation: believers who reproduce their own faith by precept and practice. It is not so much the great leaders who make a denomination grow: it is rather the grass roots level people who make it or break it by their everyday belief, family teaching, and consistency of witness, especially in their homes.

From Soren Jensen to Levi Quinn, this is the way it must be if our denomination is to have a continuing history. We learn a lot by looking back on our history.

We want also to see a lot when it comes to looking forward to our history. Families, parents, take the lessons from the Jensens and others, and resolve to be a contributor to the ongoing development of our identity as the Baptists of Queensland.

Post-script: In the last issue, in Part 1 of the Soren Jensen Family Story, a somewhat romantic idea about Soren and Dorthea was put forward. Since then, some documents have turned up which show that they were indeed engaged to be married before leaving Denmark, but their ship left too soon. So, they were married on board the ship *Humboldt* by the ship's Surgeon Superintendent, Dr Albert Rheiner, on Sunday July 15, 1877. The place of marriage is shown on the Document of Marriage as "Atlantic Ocean near Cape Finisterre, Longitude 10,38. Latitude 43,32."

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exercised short ministries, including one with the Presbyterian church in Inverell. He died from complications accompanying typhoid after about three weeks of acute suffering, leaving a widow and a two-month old baby.

It was reported that Mr Makin's death was the first in twenty-one years to claim a serving minister, the previous one having been that of Rev. B.G. Wilson

(By way of interest, immediately following the *Profile* of Mr Makin in QB May 1899, there was printed the text of a talk his wife gave to the Rockhampton Christian Endeavour Society, but neither in that article nor in the obituary article is she identified as other than "Mrs Makin" or his "widow"! So the question is, What was her name?)

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work in our series (hopefully to be launched at the Half Yearly Assembly 1996), as well as numerous other pieces discovered by Society members in their quest for a greater understanding of the truth of our denominational heritage.

Secretary: *After ten years' outstanding service, our Secretary, Ellen Chataway, has stood down from the position. Even since taking up the office at a crucial time in the life of the Society, Ellen has been a most enthusiastic advocate of our interests and an effective worker, without whom our record would not have been so strong at all. Thanks, Ellen for a wonderful contribution to BHSQ! We welcome as our new secretary Pat Godman who was appointed at the Annual meeting. Pat has recently completed his doctoral studies in history at the University of Queensland and in between looking for work, will now have another interest! He has already been a valued active member of the Society for some time. Welcome aboard, Pat!*

New Project Grant: *The preservation of our historical records received a welcome boost in late October, with the announcement of our successful application for a BapLink grant. At our November AGM, Mr Steve Wanmer, manager of BapLink, presented a cheque for \$1200 to BHSQ to be used to commence the project of micro-filming 19th century Queensland Baptist Church records. Our thanks go to BapLink and the Union Executive Council for this grant, which will be put to good use in getting our Baptist historical records into a more usable format for effective research.*

Les Ball, President BHSQ

News from the Numismatics Officer:

Rev. Melvin C. Williams phone 07-3261 3661

In response to our call to donate medals and badges no longer wanted or valued by descendants, there have been several enquiries and some information in regard to Sunday School medal winners.

We appreciate the gift by Mrs Glassop (nee J. R. Kent) of her Intermediate Division gold medal for the Baptist Sunday School Exam in 1927, and also the gift of several Christian Endeavour national Convention badges.

Baptists were among the winners of Brisbane (later Queensland) Sunday School Union gold medals of 1893-1916. I am anxious to locate any such medals. All enquiries and donations will be acknowledged.