

Capricornia CQ Collection



Shannon Family Manuscripts MS X10/128

- **Photographs from large white envelope**
- **Glossy black and white photographs in a box - 17.8 cm x 12.7 cm (7"X5")**

The transcripts of notes from the backs of the photographs accurately reflect the spelling, grammar and punctuation of the original. If there is doubt about a particular word, this was indicated by **[?]** immediately following.

Editorial comment or clarification always appears in bold and italics.

Photographs from large white envelope

1. Man and young woman standing in front of large tree; brown-toned photo.

(written on back of photo) **"old tree in front of the Criterion Hotel -- John Shannon camped under it in 1865. Michael, (Tonge) & Carolyn in front."**

(Note from Alan Shannon 2002: Michael b.1963 and Carolyn b.1968 Tonge, children of Barbara and Rob, and grandchildren of Barbie and Tom Tonge. Photo taken in 1975 in front of Criterion Hotel Rockhampton.)

2. Colour photo older single storey house in country **"Rosebank"**

(Note from Alan Shannon: Believed to be Rosebank Farm, the site 150 years earlier of Martin and Catherine Shannon's original farm near Hinton and the Williams River outside Maitland.)

3. Photo (faded to brown) of two elderly men and two elderly women

(names on back of photo) from Left to Right: **S. Thomas, Julia, Maryann, John**

(Note from Alan Shannon: The children of Martin and Catherine (nee Kelleher); (from left) Stephen Thomas b.1838, Julia married Niland, John b.1840, seated Mary Ann married 1.Graham 2. McCooey.

Photo taken on the occasion of 80th birthday of Stephen Thomas or John in 1918 or 1920 at Ulmarra, on the Clarence River, NSW.)

4. (B&W photocopy of photo) Bride and groom -- groom in the uniform of RAF[?] **Ruby Margaret S.** See Also item 10

(Note from Alan Shannon: January 1921 wedding at Wyalla, Toowoomba, of Ruby Margaret b.11/3/1883, youngest of the four daughters of John and Margaret Shannon (nee Young) and Major Tom McLeod, Royal Flying Corps. Ruby was attended by her niece, Peggy Richardson, Olive Dalzell and Millicent Wharton, whilst Tom's attendants were Captain W Hay RAF, Captain J Capel RAAF, and Lieut. A H Richardson RFC. Ruby was a multi-talented person, who carved the pulpit in St Luke's Church, Toowoomba and the Church of England at Goondiwindi. She was a widely-loved vibrant personality, who travelled to Europe in 1920 and met many famous people. She sadly died of peritonitis through appendicitis or a pregnancy complication. Tom McLeod, born in Cornwall, England, was the son of Thomas McLeod, who came to Australia to be Headmaster of the Brisbane Boys Grammar School. Tom was a pioneer airman in Brisbane before joining the Royal Flying Corps and being decorated for bravery in the war over the Western Front with the OBE, Croix de Guerre with Palm.)

5. B&W photo; young woman with baby.

(on back of photo) **Mrs John Shannon, age 18, with her first baby son Johnny, born 1866 at Crescent Lagoon, near R'ton (now the city airport) from here they went to Lilyvale.**

(Note from Alan Shannon: Mrs John Shannon , nee Margaret Young, with her first child, Jonathon Bertmoor Shannon, known as Jonty. The birth took place in 1866 at Crescent Lagoon, the Shannon's property on the site of Rockhampton Airport. The family later moved to Lilyvale near Emerald and Saltbush Park near Nebo.)

6. B&W photocopy of 2 men and 4 women, holding reins of horses.

Left to Right identified as **Crowther W., Elsie W., Madge, Mous.[?], Crowther's bro, Edie W at old Burrenbring [?] one Sunday.**

(Note from Alan Shannon: At a gathering of the Williams family and the Shannon sisters from Oxford Downs at Burrenbring Station, near Nebo, before the outbreak of WW1 in 1914. Left to right: Allan Crowther Williams, Elsie Williams, Margaret Florence Shannon, Mona Shannon, Stuart Williams, Edith Williams. Burrenbring is 10km north of Nebo and Oxford Downs 13 km south of the township. Stuart Williams another brother, Edward were killed in France in 1917/18. Crowther Williams became a noted horse and cattle breeder at Homevale Station some years later. Mona Shannon and Edie Williams married brothers, Harry and Filder Gillham, station owners in the Nebo district. [Mona's daughter Margaret provided this detail.]

7. Two women riding side-saddle on horses

(identified on copy as) **Mabel & Katie taken Xmas 1898 by Maude McIntyre Gillham**

(Note from Alan Shannon: At Saltbush Park Christmas 1898. A photograph taken by Jane [Maud] Shannon of her sister Mabel Florence [who married Norman McIntyre in 1916] and Katie Gillham from Rookwood Station, 30km west of Saltbush Park. Note the slab hut which is still standing at the turn of the next century.)

8. B&W photocopy of country house across pond

(identified on copy as) **"Umbercolle house" on the McIntyre River (old house rebuilt) -- Goondiwindi later developed on portion of this sheep property.**

**Margaret Young my Grandmother was the first white child born here 1847.
"Umbercolla House" on the McIntyre River - S.W. Qld (Garden below photo)**

(Note from Alan Shannon: In later years the rebuilt Umbercollie Homestead on a lagoon in the Weir River, a McIntyre tributary, at Goondiwindi, was the headquarters of the Treweeke family's

stud sheep properties. When Margaret Young, John Shannon's future bride, was born at Umbercollie in 1847, she was the first white child born on the McIntyre River. Jonathon Young, who took up Umbercollie in 1840, employed John Shannon to operate one of his horse teams. The young couple met, Margaret eloped and they started the wonderful Shannon Family dynasty in Central Queensland.)

9. B&W photo cut from some publication - cattle in field

Some of the stud shorthorn cows. Items 8 and 9 were pinned together.

(Note from Alan Shannon: This is thought to be a photo of the Poll Shorthorn cattle on Rodney Downs near Ilfracombe where, in the decade before the outbreak of World War II, John and Margaret's son, J Y Shannon, developed a successful Poll Shorthorn stud. Early in the century

Rodney Downs was one of the properties owned by the John Shannon and Sons partnership and it remains in Shannon family hands.)

10. handwritten on blank piece of paper --

Later history of Ruby McLeod (Shannon) {?word} On 5th Jan 1923 [actually 1921] at Wyalla Toowoomba to Major Tom McLeod - born Cornwall England now in R.A.F. highly decorated from World War I O.B.E. C[roix] de Guerre with Palm, Rof C. Son of Thomas McLeod. Englishman Head Master of Brisbane Boys Grammar School ; sister was Dr. Elizabeth McLeod -- also a sister was the Hon. Mrs. Dawson Damben [sp?] whose younger son was the Earl of Portlannington [sp?] England. Ruby died in childbirth 1926. Her 3 bridesmaids were Peggie Richardson (Nercol), Olive Dalzell (Sydney) and Millicent Wharton (Sydney). All men wearing uniform of the R.F.C.: Capt. W. Hay, R.A.F., Capt K. Capel R.A.A.F., Lieut. Arthur Hudson R.F.C.

(Note from Alan Shannon: Alice Edith Richardson, known as Barbie, who has recorded a large portion of the Shannon Family history, was the grand-daughter of John and Margaret Shannon. Barbie married Tom Tonge, and after a lifetime on the land, they retired to a home at Coolum Beach. It is believed the details on this page have been incorporated in #4

11. handwritten on blank envelope --

**P.S. I am sending you this copy of my book [sp?] Part 1 as it is so Interesting and the Youngs really started our family and must have been a very brave pair and have [?word] a [?word] heritage -- I will add the Shannon saga part 2 when I can afford get my book published, but too costly at present -- I do hope all this early history work be kept for our children & I hope you enjoy it?
[?signature]**

(Note from Alan Shannon: The manuscript is of Alison Edith [Barbie] Tonge's book "The Youngs of Unbercollie" [held in CQ collection].

GLOSSY BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOS IN A BOX - 17.8 cm x 12.7 cm (7"X5")

These photos have been numbered in pencil on the reverse.

1A. Xmas 1908-09? Wyalla same place, people slightly differently arranged as in 1B

1B. group of 12 people, adults and children on the porch of a brick house

2. group of 4 men and 4 women with dog. See also photo #9 -- some of the same individuals

3. group of 3 men and 4 women beside early auto

4. group of 11 young people on lawn

There is no photo #5

6. group of 9 young people -- 2 men wearing ladies' hats

7. group of ladies on lawn [outside school?] [photo is quite blurred] [See also #14]

8. group of 3 men and 4 women

Back row Left to Right: **Mabel, Jonty, John, Henry Taylor?**;

Front row Left to Right: **Ruby, Margaret, Jane Taylor?**

9. group of 5 men and 4 women See also photo #2 -- some of the same individuals

10. group of 2 men and 6 women

Back row Left to Right **Mabel, Ruby, John, Gypsy, Winten [sp?] Taylor;**

Front Row Left to Right: **Margaret, Henry T?, Jane ? (pretty girl)**

11. group of 4 men and 4 women

Back Row Left to Right: **Winten[sp?] T, John, Jonty, Henry T.**

Front Row Left to Right: **Mabel, Margaret, Jane T, Ruby (in front)**

12. group of 3 men and 4 women. See also 10 & 11
[photos show same people in different combinations]

13. group of 7[?] people. See also 10, 11, 12
[This photo is very indistinct but apparently shows some of the same people as in previous photos]

14. group of ladies on lawn [outside school?] [photo is quite blurred] [See also #7]

15. Man sitting on porch steps reading

16A. Two women sitting in garden with dog Alfords?

16B. Two women sitting in garden with dog Alfords?

17. Two men in formal suits JY and Crowther Williams

18. Older and younger woman outside of wooden, high-set house

18A. Three women outside of wooden, high-set house

19. Woman with young child on knee Maude and Lorna or Barbie Richardson

There is no #20

21. 5 people sitting on porch

Identified on back of photo as "**John, Margaret, Maude, JY, Mabel**"

22. one-storey low-set house with water tank; trees in front "**old house**"

23A. group of people around table on porch; light damaged

23B. group of people around table on porch; only three identifiable

Possibly "Kilso" Toowong

24A. man and woman -- same couple as 24B ? and **Maude (Saltbush)**

24B. man and woman -- same couple as 24A ? and **Maude**

25. 4 women, 1 man and 3 young children

"Maude and friend; John holding Barbie; Margaret in house; Olive and Keith" (also noted as "same as 19, but seems to be a quite different set of people????)

26. group of 7 men and one young child on porch

Jonty, (C Broom?) ?, JY, Fred Fox, EY, John and baby Richardson

27. group of 4 men and 3 women taken outdoors photo is very dark;
only 2 women would be identifiable

28. two head and shoulder portraits of same woman **Olive or Mabel**

29. long view across field to single storey house Saltbush? Tierawoomba

30. group of 4 women, 3 men and a boy; one of the men holding a tennis racquet
-- outdoors on field; house in distance

31. group of 7 women, 1 man and a cat; taken outdoors

32. man and dog taken outdoors **JY and dog**

33. woman and horse; brand on saddle blanket showing K5 (stylized K)

Back of photo: OKS - brand of Olive Richardson

34. young girl

35. group of 5 women, 4 men and 2 young boys; one woman holding tennis racquet
-- taken outdoors same group as #30?

36A. man on horse **John**

36B. woman side-saddle on horse

37. 2 men on horses; woman(?) on horse in background **Cardowan**

38. 2 men and one woman in front of low-set building **Alan, Margaret, John**

-- Location? Ascot?

39. 3 women at edge of field Mrs Fox? Ruby?

- 40. three men in (?) irrigation ditch; low-set house in background Tierawoomba
- 41. 6 women on horseback at watering hole Funnell [?] Ck
- 42. man on horse in field
- 43. woman standing beside flooded field
- 44. woman seated under tree
- 45. man and woman in buggy behind two horses; another man with another buggy in background CK in hired [?] buggy
- 46. 5 people fishing in creek Furnel [?] Ck
- 47. 3 people sitting beside small creek; house and fence in background
- 48. woman beside flooded(?) creek
- 49. 3 women beside creek what are wood workings beside the creek? irrigation?
See also #50
- 49A. woman beside creek -- same venue as #49
- 50. 3 people beside creek with reflections in water Maude ? Bridly?
- 51. street scene -- people probably not identifiable; three storey buildings on either side of street
- 52. housing development?
- 53. 6 men on shipboard(?) one dressed as woman; 2 in lawyer court robes was this a "fancy dress ball"?
- 54. man and woman taken outdoors **Mabel and George Budby**
- 55. large 3-storey wooden house McKenzie's house; **Terara, Nowa R, Shoal Haven**