

Paul Erwin Roseler and Annie Caroline (Caroline) Richter.

Paul was the son of Diengott August Roseler and Minnia Sapiatzer, born in 1882 in South Australia. He came to Queensland from South Australia as a young boy with his parents and siblings. His youngest sister Doris was born in Cooktown, Queensland in 1887. In 1903 and 1905 Paul Erwen Roseler was living in Mosman, Central Mill working as a labourer.

Paul Erwin Roseler and Annie Caroline (Caroline) Richter married in 1908. Anna Carolina was born in 1883 in Queensland, the daughter of Carl Richter and Anna Charlotte Ernestine Hain. The Roseler's were all fair haired with very blue eyes and Paul had bright blue eyes - inherited by his great grandson Nathan Rowlings. The Richters were very dark - black eyes, black hair and olive skin. They were all strict Lutherans and Paul was very definite that Sunday was a day of rest and no work could be done on that day.

Paul and Annie are recorded in the electoral rolls as living in Palmer Road, Cooktown in 1908, 1913, 1919, 1925, and 1930. Paul was a timber getter and Annie was a housewife. Paul's mother Minna also lived with them doing home duties. By 1919 Paul's nephew Otto Herman was living at Three Mile, Palmer Road working as a gardener. In 1937 and 1943 Paul's son Arthur Paul is recorded as living with his parents in Palmer Road. He was working as a porter. Paul's mother Minna died on 16 February 1943 in Cooktown Queensland. In 1949 and 1954 Arthur John was working in dairying in Cooktown but still living as a single man with his parents.

Julie Ann Rowlings visited her grandparents at Three Mile - it was a house set up very high with a flat roof and was three miles out of town as the name suggests. You could walk everywhere from there; to the cemetery (where everyone was related), to the beach and up Grassy Hill. Families she visited in the district included the Parsons, an Aunty Evelyn, and a Doris Schipke. Mr Schipke was bandmaster at the charity balls which the family enjoyed attending and helping to run. The family history would be talked about and the connection to Millicent South Australia with the Roseler family was mentioned.

Paul's brother Franz was also living in Palmer Road Cooktown in 1908, 1919, 1925, 1930. Then by 1919 he and his wife moved to Helen St Cooktown. Paul worked as a labourer and Margaret did home duties.

Murtel, their eldest child married Robert Herries in 1928 and went to live in Cairns. In 1933 Paul and Annie's teenagers Arthur and Annie came down to Cairns from Cooktown to the Show Carnival in Cairns and stayed with their married sister Murtel. Annie was 22 years old.

Cairns Post 20 July 1933 - Mr. A. **Roseler** and Miss A. Roseler (**Cooktown**) are in town for the Show Carnival, and are staying with Mrs. Herries, McLeod-Street

Entertainments enjoyed during these years in Cairns included dances with live musicians. Paul's son Herman Roseler, aged only 19 was M.C. at one of these and Paul's daughter Annie enjoyed waltzing with some skill at them. They also put on concerts with plays, ballets and dancing afterwards. Annie played the violin in one of the concerts. Funds were raised for the Catholic Church, the Tennis Club, the Cooktown Hospital and the Red Cross. Arthur Roseler was still enjoying these dances in 1941 - he was 31 by then and still a bachelor.

Cairns Post 9 January 1932 - Entertainments - A very successful dance in aid of the Catholic Church was held in the Convent School on Tuesday evening, 29th. ulto. Mr. Herman **Roseler** was MC and the music was played by Mesdames A. R. Meldrum, J. Summerhayes, Misses G. Wallace, M. Meldrum, D. Ashwell, E. Patching and I. Evans. A chocolate waltz was won by Miss Ester Neill and Mr Leo Lakeland.

A highly successful dance in aid of the Tennis Club was held in the Oddfellows' Hall on Wednesday evening last Mr. Herman **Roseler** was M.C. and music was played by Mesdames J. Summerhayes, A.. R. Meldrum and Misses E. Patching, G. Wallace, M. Meldrum, D. Ashwell and I. Evans. Miss Annie **Roseler** and Mr. R. Elliot won the Monte Carlo waltz, and Miss Ester Neill and Mr. Leo Lakeland won the chocolate waltz.

Cairns Post - 3 May 1933 - CONCERT - A most successful concert and dance in aid of the funds of the Cooktown Hospital took place on Friday night, April 28, in the Oddfellows' Hall. One of the largest audiences ever seen for this institution turned out to see and enjoy to the fullest what proved to be a splendid programme, consisting of a one-act play, "The Advertisement," and two ballets presented by members of the Cooktown Younger Set.The dance which followed was also very popular with the large audience, and many complimentary remarks were heard on all sides concerning the splendid music rendered by the orchestra, ably led by Miss Enid Patching, and comprising Misses Dorrie Ashwell (violin), Lila Ashwell (banjo-mandolin), Annie **Roseler** (violin), Messrs. Ken Deinn (ukulele), G. Agnew (banjo), J. Savage (kettle-drum). Other dance items were supplied by the band under the baton of Bandmaster Schipke whose services are at all times available for any charitable function - A greatly appreciated fact. Piano items were capably rendered by Mesdames A. R. Meldrum, F. Shepherd, J. Summerhayes and A. Dowling; Misses Dorrie Ashwell, Edie Patching, Millie Meldrum, Irene Evans and Mr. M. P. Williams. The catering was in the capable hands of Mesdames J. Summerhayes, Clarke and Barry, who attended to the wants of all. Mr. **Herman Roseler**, as M.C., kept the ball "rolling" in fine style. The novelty dance was won by Miss Billie Allom. Mr. D. Ryan (Chairman of the Cook Hospital Board) spoke in appreciation of the efforts of the organizers of the function-Misses, Edie Patching, Joyce Meston and Mr. D. Fleming-and all concerned with the success of the evening.

Cairns Post 13 March 1941 On March 7 a dance in aid of the Red Cross funds was held with an encouraging attendance. The net receipts were £13. The children's lucky door number was won by Loraine Heaslop and the children's Monte Carlo by Loraine Heaslop and Marjery Moore. The adults' Monte Carlo was won by Miss Irene Russell and Mr. **Arthur Roseler**.

Young Annie married Myles Francis Rowlings in 1934 and they stayed living in Cooktown for many years raising their family with Myles working as a linesman for the PMG.

From 1937 to 1943 Paul and Ann are recorded as living the Kennedy electorate. Paul and Annie's son Herman married Cora Agnes Taylor at St John's Church of England Cairns in 1941.

Cairns Post 17 October 1941 - WEDDING – ROSELER - TAYLOR - A very pretty , wedding was celebrated at St. John's Church of England on Saturday, September 27, when Herman Frederick, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. **Roseler**, of **Cooktown**, was married to Cora Agnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor, 166 Grafton street. Cairns. The bride was well known as Sister Taylor, of the Cairns District Hospital nursing staff. Rev. H. Norton officiated at the ceremony, and the exquisite church decorations were the work of the girls of St. Mary's Guild, of which the bride was a member.

Entering the church on the arm of her father, who gave her away, the bride looked lovely in her frock of white drawn thread linen, which featured a softly shirred bodice and gracefully gored skirt. A cut tulle veil was held in place by a coronet of orange blossoms, and a bouquet of roses, carnations and frangipani completed a charming picture. The bride was attended by Miss Mavis **Roseler**, sister of the bridegroom, and she looked very sweet in her frock of sweetheart blue georgette, made with a fashionable cummerbund effect with a sun-ray pleated skirt. Her short pink tulle veil was held in place with pink roses, and she carried a dainty bouquet of roses and sweet peas. Mr. Chas. Taylor (Jun.), brother of the bride, was the best man.

The wedding reception was held at the Commercial Hotel, where the table decorations were carried out in a pink colour scheme. The glorious flowers given by Mr. H. J. Prince and Mr. J. Gould attracted much admiration. The bride's mother Mrs. C. Taylor, received the guests wearing a smart navy and white frock, with navy hat and accessories, while the bridegroom's mother. Mrs. **Roseler**, was becomingly attired in a blue frock with burgundy accessories.

From 1949 to 1954 Paul and Annie were living in the Leichhardt Electorate. Paul worked for the Railways in his later years. He was also a stone mason and cut the stone for a pyramid shaped monument at the mouth of the Endeavour River in Cooktown. He and Annie also ran a goat farm eating the meat from the goats.

Paul suffered from some illness in 1953 which necessitated him going from Cooktown to Cairns for treatment by air. He was 71 at this time and was a pensioner.

Cairns Post 22 April 1953 - The Cairns Aerial Ambulance landed in Cairns late yesterday afternoon from **Cooktown** with two men needing medical attention. They were Jean Rowssel (40), a prospector, and Paul Erwine **Roseler** (71), a pensioner. An ambulance bearer attended to the patients during the flight and they were both admitted to hospital in Cairns. The aircraft flew the 208 miles in two hours and 25 minutes.

Cairns Post 19 May 1953 - Mr. P. E. **Roseler** and family, of **Cooktown** and Cairns, wish to thank the attending doctor, matron, sisters and staff of the **Cooktown** General Hospital for their good attention to P E Roseler in his recent illness, also the attending doctor and nursing staff of the Cairns Base Hospital for their attention to him during his short stay in hospital.

Paul died in 1958 aged 76. He and Annie were buried in Cooktown.

Paul and Annie's children were:-

1) Murtel Caroline Rose (called Myrtle the turtle) (1908) married Robert John Mackie Herries (Jack?) in 1928. In 1928 Robert John Mackie Herries was living at 10 McLeod Street Cairns with his wife Myrtle Caroline. He was a waterside worker and she did domestic duties. They kept a large boarding house, which burnt down. It was a big 2 story house. Myrtle died in 1957. Robert Herries father was Robert Herries senior and his obituary appeared in the Cairns Post in 1941.

Cairns Post 13 October 1941 - OBITUARY.MR. **ROBERT** HERRIES. - The death occurred in Cairns on October 1 of Mr. **Robert Herries**, of McLeod-street, after a long illness. Deceased, who was 73 years of age, was born in Dumfries, Scotland, but came to Australia as a young man in 1890. Landing at Macleay he soon became interested in the sugar industry and for 10 years he saw its growth in that district from a primitive state, when all sugar was made by hand crushing. In 1900 he came north to the Mulgrave area and a little later he went still further north to Mossman, where for 13 years he made his home. At the outbreak of the last war he left Mossman for the Burdekin district, but in 1915 returned to Cairns. From the time of his landing in Australia until 1918 he was interested in the sugar industry and saw service in the mills of all the northern districts from Mackay to Mossman. After coming to Cairns he joined the Waterside Workers' Federation and saw service on the Cairns waterfront until about 10 years ago, when he retired owing to ill-health. Deceased is survived by a widow and four sons, Messrs. Jack, Charlie, Jim and Gib. **Herries**, also two grandchildren, Jean and Bob. The funeral moved from the Central Methodist Church. Cairns, on Friday morning, October 3, and was of a private nature. Rev. Hiscock officiated at the Church and graveside. Many floral tributes were forwarded from friends of the deceased.

They had two children:-

- i) Jeanie
- ii) Bob

2) Arthur Paul (1910) Arthur had a milk factory in Cooktown. His sister Annie and her children delivered milk for him and made butter for him but they always had to pay for the milk. He was going out with a girl, Miss Savage, but Julie doesn't know if he married her. He was still single in 1954 though and died in 1955 aged 45.

3) **Annie Pauline** (1911) married Myles Francis Rowlings in 1934. They lived in Cooktown and only moved down to Cairns with their family when a cyclone blew their house away. She died in 1996 in Cooktown. See separate notes.

4) Herman Frederick (1913) Herman was working as a postal clerk in Ravenshoe when he was promoted to postmaster in Georgetown.

Cairns Post 18 April 1938 - Mr. Herman **Roseler**, of the Post Office staff at Ravenshoe, returned to spend the Easter with his parents Mr. and Mrs. **Paul Roseler**. He arrived by plane on Friday, and left on Monday's plane.

By 1943 Paul had moved to Cairns where he lived with his wife Cora Agnes. Cora did domestic duties and Herman worked as a postal clerk (1943 at 53 Digger Street) and clerk (1949 at Rowe Street Earleville). By 1954 the family had moved to Ann Street Malanda in the Atherton district where Herman was the branch manager. He also had a haberdashery store and a milk factory in Malanda. His sister Ann and her children delivered milk for him and got free butter, milk etc. Herman and Cora had two sons:-

- i) Charles
- ii) Gordon

Cairns Post 9 August 1947 - The relatives and friends of Mr. Charles Taylor (Yorkey's Knob). Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Taylor (Martyn-street, Cairns), and Mr. and Mrs. H. **Roseler** and Family (Rowe-street. Balaclava), are respectfully invited to attend the funeral of their late beloved Wife. Mother and Grandmother (JEMIMA AGNES TAYLOR) respectively, which will leave St. John's Church of England, Lake-street, Cairns, after the service commences at 5 o'clock THIS Saturday) AFTERNOON en route to the Cairns Cemetery McLeod-street. - The Members of the F.A.F.S.O.A. King George Lodge No. 88 are also invited to attend.

5) Mavis (1914) married Johan (Jack) Hoeg-staun who was Danish. He had been crippled as a boy after he broke leg after falling from his horse. His parents didn't get the leg set and it didn't mend straight. They lived in Cairns and then moved to Malanda. Their children were:-

- i) John
- ii) Lynette
- iii) Christopher
- iv) Narelle

Jack seems to have traded in second hand cars as the following ads indicate:-

Cairns Post 25 September 1946 - LOST, kit of tools between Kuranda and Mareeba. Reward on return to J. **Hoeg-Staun**. M. V. Merinda. Cairns.

Cairns Post 7 October 1949 FOR SALE, Chev. Car, 1928 model. In good order. Enquire J. **Hoeg-Staun**, Hayles Flats. Esplanade.

Cairns post 4 June 1949 1938 Ford 10 h.p. Sedan, good mechanical order. J. **Hoeg-Staun**. Given Street off Till Street.

Cairns Post 17 November 1953 - FOR SALE. Terraplane Sedan, camping body, good mechanical order and appearance, long registration. £200. J. **Hoeg**-Staun. Given St off Till St

Mavis was called "Snow" because of her white blonde hair. She died in 2009 in Malanda and Jack died earlier.

Friedrich Wilhelm Roseler and Regina Elizabeth Fisher

Friedrich Wilhelm Roseler and Regina Elizabeth Fisher married and they had:-

- 1) Diengott August Roseler born 1850 Neu-Borui, Province of Posen; the eldest son. Diengott also called himself Resler in Australia.

Early Maroske's

C.F. Maroske who came as a single man on the ship *Leotine* 650 tons, under Captain Wilhelm Ihno Ariaans, from Bremen 10th May 1850. It arrived at Port Adelaide, South Australia on 13th August 1850.

George Sapiatzer and Anna Maroske

The Wends Society exists to collect, preserve and research Wendish and German family history, culture and heritage. The Wends or Sorbs are members of the slavic race of people who were originally located in the area north of the Black sea near the River Dnieper in Asia. The Wendish Society also has a file on the family - 1514 Sapiatzer [Family history file]. Frederick and Anna Sapiatzer are recorded as Wendish migrants (p197 in *In Search of a Home* by George R. Nielsen, 1977, pages 115 - 127. This book is available through Lutheran Bookshops in Australia.

<http://www.wendishheritage.org.au/news/>

George Sapiatzer was born in 1823. He married Anna Maroske in Germany. Anna was born on 16 January 1822 in Turnow, Brandenburg, Prussia. She married Frederick George Maroske in Prussia and they had at least one son George born in Turnow in 1844. Turnow is a municipality in the district of Spree-Neiße, in Brandenburg, Germany. Frederick George Maroske died and Anna then married Frederick George Sapiatzer. They had four children born in Turnow.

Then they migrated to South Australia from Hamburg Germany on 6 August 1855 on the *Asa Sawyer*. They arrived in Melbourne on 6 August 1855. Then they travelled on the barque *Alice Brooks* (ex barque *Bielefeldt*) arriving in Port Adelaide on 7 December 1855. Friedrich George Sapiatzer (32), a landmann from Ruben, Brandenburg and his wife Anna Maroske (33) were accompanied by their children Georg (10), Marten George (5), Marie (4), Elisabeth (2) and Johann Friedrich (infant).

The family lived at Klemzig (Adelaide), for a number of years. The family later went to Hope Valley (Adelaide). In 1870 they were living at Port MacDonnell (on the coast near Mt Gambier), and then settled at OB. Flat. Mount Gambier. When the drained lands at Millicent were opened up, they went to that district on November 6 1872, and took up the section later owned by Mr. E. J. Mitchell, a mile from the town. Henry was the youngest of three sons. He started to attend school under the first head teacher at Millicent - Mr. Edwards. (Obituary of Henry Sapiatzer and Maria Holzgreffe)

Anna died 20 June 1876 in Millicent South Australia. Frederick George died in 1883 in Millicent South Australia.

Anna had a son George Maroske born from her first marriage:-

- 1) George Maroske was born on 24 December 1845 in Turnow, Brandenburg, Prussia. He married Johann Emilia Kroehn on 19 April 1871 in Mt Gambier (1867 in family search records). George was naturalised in 1877 in Millicent SA when he was 31. He and Johann moved to Queensland in their latter years and lived in Rockhampton. They moved up to Eidsvold, Queensland. Their property was called "Trelinga" on the Burnett River. Their cattle brand 7GM, address Reserve, Muttaborra. They had 11 children who survived to adulthood including:-
 - i) Martin Heinrich Wilhelm (14 March 1872) Millicent SA
 - ii) Friedrich George (29 October 1873) Millicent SA
 - iii) Anna
 - iv) Bertha married Owen In 1928 Bertha Lee of Rockhampton, Widow and executrix of Johanne Emilie's will.
 - v) Maria (Mary) married William Flenady
 - vi) Louise Emilie married Alfred Byrne
 - vii) Julius Otto (20 July 1868) Mt Gambier; married Johanne Pauline Laenger on 21 February 1889 at Horsham Victoria. Their children, all born in Mt Gambier include Louise Ernestine (1889 – 1958), Mathilda Emilie (1892 -1956), Ernst Christian (1895 - 1957), Johanna Alma (1899 - 1980). Otto died on 30 March 1935 in Vectis, Victoria. J Pauline died on 2 June 1932 in Vectis, Victoria.
 - viii) George (1880) died 1928 in Queensland

CLONCURRY, December 26. George Maroske, newsagent and Jeweller, was taken suddenly ill on Saturday at midday and hurried to the hospital. He passed away that afternoon. The cause of death was heart failure. Deceased was 48 and fought in the Boer war. He has a sister at Cairns. The funeral on Sunday at midday was well attended.

ix) Albert

The Brisbane Courier 25 November 1919 - MAROSKE-CLARK --On 24th November, at the Congregational Church, Vulture-street, South Brisbane, Albert (late of the 49th Battery, A.I.F.), youngest son of the late George Maroske and Mrs. Maroske, 119 Alma-street, Rockhampton, to Ada, youngest daughter of Hugh Clark and the late Mrs. Hugh Clark, River-road, Lytton, Wynnum. Glasgow papers please copy.

x) Dora

xi) Alma

George Maroske died on 13 October 1918 in Ipswich, Queensland.
 Johanne Emilie Maroske died in 1928 in Queensland; the daughter of Andress Kroehn and Pauline Pollock.

Frederick George Sapiatzer and Anna Maroske had 9 children:-

- 1) Martin George (25 February 1849) Turnow; he married Adelaide Caroline Wilhelmina Juliana Polle on 31 December 1872 in Adelaide SA. Martin died 6 June 1897 in Millicent SA. They had 8 children:-
 - i) Wilhelm Herman (1873-1957)
 - ii) Heinrich August (1874-1954)
 - iii) Wilhelmina Martha (1876-1960)
 - iv) Pauline Luise (1880-1956)
 - v) Carl Frederick (1882-1914)
 - vi) Emma Henriette (1885-1973) married Altschwager

vii) Edith Clara (1888-1959)

viii) Martin George (1891-1983) married Louisa Anna Altschwager (born about 1882) on 22 Feb 1905 at Millicent. They had Hilda Myrtle (29 Dec 1906, Millicent, d. 19 Jul 1988)

2) Maria (14 January 1851) Turnow; married Mr H.F.I. Holzgreffe. They lived in Millicent and had 7 children – four sons and two daughters but only two were alive in 1924:-

i) Mrs R.H. Solly, wife of the harbourmaster at Beachport Victoria

ii) Henry. E. Holzgreffe (1863) lived in Millicent. He married and had 2 sons and 4 daughters. He died in 1945 in Millicent.

Maria died 1931 in Millicent SA. The Registrar (Adelaide SA) 17 April 1924 reported (somewhat inaccurately with Sapiatzer dates):-

There was a happy family reunion at Blue Gum Park, Millicent, on April 8, when Mr. and Mrs. H F L Holzgreffe celebrated their golden wedding. They were married in the old Primitive Methodist Church at Mount Gambier by the Rev. M. Stanton (Methodist) on April 8, 1874. Both reached the Millicent district in 1872. One day Mr. Holzgreffe asked his intended bride, 'What say if we ride to Mount Gambier to-day, and get married?' The proposal was accepted. The couple made the 35-mile journey on horseback, were married, and rode back to Millicent the same day. Mr. Holzgreffe was born in Hanover in 1846. He was eight years old when his parents, the late Mr and Mrs. Christoff Holzgreffe came with their family to Australia. They settled at Blumberg (Birdwood), in the Adelaide Hills, and lived, there for two years. Portions of the first home they built are still in existence at the old settlement. In 1857 the family went overland to Mount Gambier, where many of the early buildings were erected by Mr. Christoff Holzgreffe. Mr H.F.L. Holzgreffe served his apprenticeship in the foundry of the late Mr Krummel, with whom he remained for 13 years. In 1872 the opening of the drained lands attracted the young man to Millicent. He selected the farm area later named Blue Gum Park, after a belt of blue gum trees planted by him for Shelter purposes. Mr. Holzgreffe erected a blacksmith's shop on the farm, and worked at His trade there until the township of Millicent was surveyed. He bought a big section of what is now the main street of the town, and which is still owned by him. On this he erected a bigger smithy, employed labour, and took important agencies for agricultural machinery and implements. Mrs. Holzgreffe is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Sapiatzer, and was born in Germany in 1849. Her parents came to Australia in 1870, and selected land at Millicent in 1872. There was a family of seven children, only two of whom, survive - Mrs R.H. Solly, wife of the harbourmaster at Beachport Victoria and Mr H. E. Holzgreffe, of Millicent. Mr. Holzgreffe at one time owned a large area of land in the Hundreds of Kennion, Ridodch, Rivoli Bay, Mount Muirhead, and Mayurra. About 12 years ago he sold out, retaining only about 600 acres around Blue Gum Park, which lie works in partnership with his son. Since then however, his activities have found vent in another direction. He owns the most up-to-date business structure in the town, and personally supervises a large general storekeeping business. He has been intimately associated with practically every public body in the district. A large house party participated in the golden wedding celebrations. The Rev. Edwin Aurcht presided, and proposed the health of the pair. The toast was supported by Messrs. R. C. Mowbray, E. Unger (Mount Gambier), P. Krummel (Mount Gambier), and F. G. Dodge. Mr. and Mrs. Holzgreffe were the recipients of many gifts to mark the golden epoch in their lives, and were deluged with congratulatory messages by letter, telegram, and telephone.

The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) - 2 December 1932 – Obituary Mr. Heinrich P. L. Holzgreffe who died at the Thyne Memorial Hospital, Millicent on November 19, was a resident of Millicent for more than 60 years, and before that of Mount Gambier for 15 years. He was born at Hankensbittal, Germany, on November 15, 1846, and came to Australia with his parents in the ship Lawrence, landing at Port Adelaide on July 1, 1854. The family lived at Hahndorf, Macclesfield and Blumberg before settling at Mount Gambier in 1857, where the deceased worked for Mr. Krummell. In 1872 he took up land in the Millicent district, and two years later married Miss Maria Sapiatzer. Mr. Holzgreffe was recognised as one of the most thorough and up-to-date farmers in the district, and his property Blue Gum Park, as a model one. During his 60 years at Millicent he occupied practically every public office. He was chairman of directors of the first cheese

factory in the district, and was for many years a member of the council, the agricultural society, the drainage board, and the local branch of the Agricultural Bureau. He was a life-long member of the Lutheran Church, first at Mount Gambler and subsequently at Millicent. He leaves a widow, one son. Mr. H. E. Holzgreffe and a daughter Mrs. R. Solly, of Beachport.

The Advertiser (Adelaide SA) 20 September 1937 - Mrs. H- F L Holzgreffe 86 who died recently at Millicent was formerly Miss Maria Sapiatzer and was born in Turnau, Germany. She came to South Australia with her parents in 1856 and lived at Klemzig near Adelaide, for a number of years. The family later went to Mount Gambier. She married in 1874, and she and her husband lived at Gum Park, Millicent. When Mr. Holzgreffe later applied himself solely to agricultural pursuits, they made what has often been described as the most *mode* farm in the Millicent district. The deceased was a supporter of St. Paul Lutheran Church. There were seven children in the deceased family, four sons and three daughters. One son Mr H. E. Holzgreffe of Millicent and daughter Mrs. S. D. Solly, survive. Mr Henry Sapiatzer of Millicent is a brother and sister **Minna R. Sapiatzer**, Cooktown, Queensland is a sister.

- 3) Elizabeth (29 January 1853) Turnow died 1855.
- 4) Johan Frederick (17 February 1855) Turnow – died in SA as an infant.
- 5) Johanna (**Minna**) (9 July 1857) Millicent SA; married **Diengott August Roseler** on 16 December 1874 in Millicent South Australia. They migrated up to Queensland with their young family before 1887. See below.
- 6) Louisa (1858) married Mr Neville. She died before 1931.
- 7) William F. (Johann Frederick William) (25 March 1860) St Stephen's, Hope Valley SA; married Elizabeth Ann Whiteman (1861-1 April 1945). William died on 26 July 1912 in Fremantle WA, aged 52 at his home 44 Harbour Street, South Fremantle. The Registrar (Adelaide SA) 1 August 1912 reported:-

MILLICENT, July 30.-News reached Millicent last week of the death at Fremantle of Mr. W. Sapiatzer, a brother of Mrs. H. F. L. Holzgreffe and Mr. H. Sapiatzer, of this town. Deceased, who was well known at Millicent, was 53 years, of age, and has left a widow and three children.

The Western Australian 2 August 1912- The Funeral of the late Mr William Sapiatzer of the Fremantle Trading Co., took place on Sunday afternoon, and was very largely attended. The deceased, who was in his 53rd year, was born in Mudberry, South Australia where he resided for 27 years. He lived in New South Wales for 11 years and in Fremantle for the last 14 years. The lengthy cortege, including many on foot, moved from his late residence, Harbour Road, South Fremantle, and proceeded to the local cemetery, where the Rev. Alec Hay officiated at the graveside in the presence of a large gathering. The chief mourners were Mrs Sapiatzer (widow), Claris and May Sapiatzer (daughters) Willie Sapiatzer (son), Mrs. Whiteman (mother-in-law), Messrs. D. and Geo. Clark, and McCarthy (brothers-in-law), Mesdames Clark, McCarthy, and Pearce (sisters-in law), Messrs. Harold Clark, Russell, W. Kilpatrick, W. Russell, and J. and G. McCarthy (nephews), Mrs. Kilpatrick and Mr E. Russell (niece) The pallbearers were Messrs. D. M. Francis and D. L. Ryan (representing the Fremantle Trading Co.), and Messrs. W. Daly, J. Roach, D. Clark, and E. Hayes. The coffin-bearers were members of the South Fremantle Methodist Brotherhood, viz. Messrs. R. French. G. McKim, F. J. Aberle and J. C. Lunt. Amongst those present representing the South Fremantle Methodist Church were Messrs. W. J. Thorn, E. A. Day. A. T. Jackson, A. S. Francis, and J. R. Ross. Numerous wreaths, floral tributes, and numbers of letters and telegrams, etc., of condolence were received by the relatives. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Arthur E. Davies and Co.

Elizabeth Ann died on 1 April 1945 and her obituary appeared in the Australian Record 7 May 1945(http://www.adventistarchives.org/docs/AAR/AAR19450507-V49-19__B.pdf)

They had:-

- i) Mary Gladys (2 May 1896) Morgan Street, Broken Hill NSW. She died there on 20 October 1896.
- ii) Claris Emily Kate (1899) Freemantle; married Lyall T Richardson on 19 November 1927 at Subiaco
- iii) William Leonard (1901) Freemantle WA, twin to Lillian. He was living at Lapsley Road Claremont in 1927. He married Elspeth Drummond on 31 December 1938. He died in 12 June 1978
- iv) Lillian Elsie Mary (1901) Freemantle WA.
- v) Daghish WA and was buried at Karrakatta WA.
- vi) May

SAPIATZER.—On April 1, 1945, at her home in Claremont, W.A., Elizabeth Ann Sapiatzer died at the age of eighty-three years. She was brought into the message by Pastor Pallant and for forty years remained loyal and true to her faith. Sister Sapiatzer attended Fremantle and Cottesloe churches until quite recently, and her many friends will miss her cheery smile and regular attendance. To her surviving children, Mrs. Richardson, Miss May Sapiatzer, and Mr. Will Sapiatzer, and other relatives we extend our sympathies. We laid their loved one to rest confident that the great day of the Lord's return will unite those now separated.
Thomas J. Bradley.

8) Henry (20 September 1862) St Stephen; married Sarah Jane Skeer in 1888 in Millicent SA. He was living in Millicent in 1912 when his brother William died. Henry died 24 August 1945 in Millicent SA aged 82.

The Advertiser Adelaide SA – 9 May 1945 - OBITUARY Mr. Henry Sapiatzer died at his residence in Elizabeth street, Millicent, on April 24, in his 83rd year. He was born at Hope Valley, South Australia. His parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. George Sapiatzer, arrived at Port MacDonnell eight years later, and settled at OB. Flat. Mount Gambier. When the drained lands at Millicent were opened up, they went to that district on November 6 1872, and took up the section now owned by Mr. E. J. Mitchell, a mile from the town. Mr. Henry Sapiatzer was the youngest of three sons. He started to attend school under the first head teacher at Millicent. Mr. Edwards. After working on the land for some time, he was apprenticed to the late Mr. John Bowering as a bootmaker, whose business he subsequently acquired. He married Miss Sarah Skeer of Snuggery, 57 years ago. There was a family of eight children— Messrs. William George (deceased) and Charles Sapiatzer, Miss Eva, Mrs. Bert Hann, Miss Ida, Mrs. Alan Willshire (deceased), and Miss Clarice Sapiatzer, all of Millicent The widow also survives. There are three grandchildren. The deceased was the last of the original Millicent family of Sapiatzers.

Their children according to the obituary all lived in Millicent. They were:-

- i) William George (deceased 1945)
- ii) Charles
- iii) Miss Eva
- iv) Mrs Bert Hann
- v) Miss Ida
- vi) Mrs Alan Willshire (deceased 1945)
- vii) Miss Clarice
- viii) one other

9) Anne Luise (6 September 1864) St Stephen; married Mr Neville of Adelaide.

The Millicent Cemetery SA includes many Sapiatzer headstones. The ones with a * are definitely relatives:-

SAPIATZER, Agnus M
SAPIATZER, Albert Adolph & Myra Mary
SAPIATZER, Albert Adolph
SAPIATZER, Alice M & Herman W
SAPIATZER, Anna & George
SAPIATZER, August Henry & Louisa Anna

SAPIATZER, Charles Henry
SAPIATZER, Clarice Nellie
SAPIATZER, Edward William
SAPIATZER, Elizabeth Alice & Florence Lilian
SAPIATZER, Eveline May
SAPIATZER, Helen Maude
SAPIATZER, Henry & Sarah J *
SAPIATZER, Ida Doris
SAPPIATZER, Daniel David
SAPPIATZER, Martin & Caroline W J *
SAPPIATZER, Norma Joyce

Dienegott (Dingett) August Roseler and Minnia Sapiatzer

Dienegott August Roseler was born in 1837 in Neu-Borui, Province of Posen, Poland. He was the son of Friedrich Wilhelm Roseler and Regina Elizabeth Fisher according to his death certificate. He came to Australia in 1850. There were other Roselers from Neu-Borui who also migrated to South Australia in 1850 and they may have been relatives.

Dienegott married Minnia Sapiatzer on 11 December 1874 in George Maroske's house near Millicent, Mt Muirhead, South Australia by Pastor A Kappler. The witnesses were Elisabeth Roseler, a farmer from Millicent and George Sapiatzer from Millicent. Minna was born 9 July 1857 in Millicent South Australia, the second daughter of George Sapiatzer and Anna. George was a labourer. He and Anna were both from Turnow near Cottbus, Prussia. Her parents had emigrated from Turnow, Brandenburg, Prussia (now Germany) in 1855. On her wedding day she was 17, living with her parents near Millicent. She was born in Hope Valley near Adelaide. She had been living for 3 years at Mt Muirhead. Dienegott August Roseler was the eldest son of Friedrich Wilhelm Roseler, a peasant homestead proprietor ("Bauergutsbesitzer") in Neu-Boruy, Kreis Bomst, Province Posen, Prussia. Dienegott was 37 years old, a farmer from near Millicent. He was from Neu-Boruy and had been in the colony since 1850.

Dienegott and Minnia had four children in South Australia. Dienegott is mentioned in a Government Gazette in 1888 in South Australia. The young family came to Queensland before 1887 when their youngest and fifth child, Doris, was born in Queensland.

Dienegott died on 12 May 1903 in Cooktown, Queensland.

In 1903 Minnie was living in Three Mile, Palmer Road, Cooktown where she was doing domestic duties. With her were Franz, a labourer and Semla who was also doing domestic duties. In 1903 and 1905 Paul Erwen, Minnia's son was living in Mosman, Central Mill working as a labourer. Paul Erwin Roseler and Annie Caroline (Caroline) Richter married in 1908. They are recorded as living in Palmer Road, Cooktown in 1908, 1913, 1919, 1925, 1930 and 1943. Paul was a timber getter and Annie was a housewife. Paul's mother Minna also lived with them during these years doing home duties. By 1919 Paul's nephew Otto Herman was also living at Three Mile, Palmer Road working as a gardener.

Minna died on 15 February 1943 in Cooktown Queensland.

Cairns Post 6 March 1943 - **MINNA** ROSELER late of Cooktown, Widow, who died on the 15th February 1943 at Cooktown.

Their children were:-

1) Martha Maria (14 February 1876) married Soren Jensen 14 Feb 1900. Soren Jensen was living in the electoral district of Herbert from 1903 to 1913. Then Martha Jensen in recorded as living in Herbert from 1919 to 1925. Martha Maria Jensen died in 20 February 1949 in

Cooktown and was buried in the Cooktown Cemetery with her father Dinegott August, sister Selma, Nephew Otto and mother Minna.

Their children:-

- i) Minnie Maria (8 April 1901)
- ii) Martha Sophia Eveline (3 Sept 1902)
- iii) Annie Pauline (27 Feb 1904)
- iv) Soren August (19 Jan 1906)
- v) Louisa Doris (7 Sept 1907)
- vi) Henry Charles (16 Feb 1911 Cooktown) served in the air force in WWII
- vii) Rose Margaret (17 Mar 1914)

Cairns Post 18 September 1940 - Railway sidings and stations placed in lone surroundings space the 68 miles between Cooktown and Laura. The scene differs little today than that presented in the nineties, except that there are less people now along the roadside. A page from the past is reopened. **Jensen** named for **Soren** Jensen. Asmus named for the Asmus family (etc.)

Cairns Post 19 March 1949 - NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all Creditors and other persons having claims against the Estate of any of the undermentioned deceased persons are hereby required to send their claims to the Local Deputy Public Curator, CAIRNS, on or before the TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF MAY, 1949, and that after the expiration of this date the Local Deputy Public Curator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice. MARTHA **MARIA JENSEN**, late of Cooktown, in the State of Queensland, widow, who died at Cooktown aforesaid on the 20th February, 1949.

2) Selma Regina Josephine Roseler had an illegitimate baby:-

- i) Otto Herman (4 Nov 1897 Cooktown) Otto died on 6 Mar 1932 aged 34. He lived in the district of Herbert from 1919 to 1930.

In 1903 and 1905 Selma and her mother Minnie were doing domestic duties with their brother Franz working as a labourer at 3 mile, Palmer Road Cooktown. Selma married George Henry Rayner on 22 Aug 1905. Selina was living in Herbert from 1909 to 1919. George died in 1912; he was the son of Frederick Rayner and Eliza Thorne.

In the Cooktown Show 1914 (Cairns Post 11 July) Selma Rayner is recorded as wining first place for her hand bouquet, 6 granadillas (a tropical passionfruit), best variety beans and for hen eggs. The prize was 5/- in each case. This was a total of £1 - good money. She must have been a good gardener and poultry keeper.

She died 13 March 1922; named Selina on her death certificate.

3) Franz Conrad Roseler (1 October 1884, District of Grey, South Australia) In 1903 and 1905 Franz was working as a labourer at 3 mile, Palmer Road Cooktown with his mother Minnie and sister Selma doing domestic duties. He married Johanna Dolly Margaret (Margaret) Holzapfel on 27 Dec 1907. Margaret was born in 1886; the daughter of John Holzapfel and Hetty Braun.

Cairns Post 18 May 1917- Death, of a Northerner - After a protracted illness Mr. John Holzapfel passed away on Thursday morning last at his son-in-law's (Mr. F. **Roseler**) residence, Helen Street, says the **Cooktown** "Independent." Deceased was one of the early settlers in the district, and followed the pursuit of farming on the Endeavour for many years past. Until recently he was for several years a member and chairman of the Daintree Shire Council, the duties of which he carried out with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the ratepayers. A wife and family of two sons and four daughters mourn the loss of a dutiful and affectionate father. Deceased was 70 years of age.

Franz was living in Palmer Road Cooktown with or near his brother Paul from 1903 to 1930. Franz was recorded as a labourer. They had:-

- i) Frank John (1910) he was living at 12 James Street Cairns in 1943 with his wife Evelyn Violet. He worked as a fitter.
- ii) Evelyn Violet (1912, Cooktown) married Kenneth Vincent Wragg (1915) and had a son Vincent Frank (1947-1986) and a daughter Margaret Christine (29 June 1951 at Brisbane Women's Intermediate Hospital - Cairns Post 11 July 1951)
- iii) Colin James Stanley (15 Aug 1924 Cooktown?) enlisted in the army in Brisbane WWII

Franz Conrad Roseler died on 18 Sept 1931 aged 50. Johanna Margaret Roseler died on 2 May 1955 in Brisbane aged 68. They were buried in the Cooktown Cemetery.

4) Paul Erwin Roseler (1882) He married Annie Caroline (Caroline) Richter in 1908. Anna Carolina was born in 1883 in Queensland, the daughter of Carl Richter and Anna Charlotte Ernestine Hain/Hein. Paul died in 1958. Their children were:-

- i) Murtel Caroline Rose (1908) married Robert John Mackie Herries in 1928. Myrtle had a baby boy Raymond Rossler in 1928 who died aged 24 days.
- ii) Arthur Paul (1910) died 1955
- iii) Annie Pauline (Ann)** (1911, Cooktown) married Myles Francis Rowlings in 1934. She lived in Cooktown and only moved down to Cairns with her family when a cyclone blew their house away.
- iv) Herman Frederick (1913)

5) Doris Lydia (1 Mar 1887 Cooktown, Queensland NSW) married Christopher Joseph Holzapfel in 2 May 1907 in Cooktown. Christopher's parents had a farm in McIvor Road Flaggy Farm where they were graziers. After their marriage Christopher and Doris moved in with their parents' farm on the McIvor River, Flaggy near Cooktown from 1908 to 1954. Christopher died on 6 October 1964, the son of John Carl Holzapfel and Henrietta Brown. (His sister was Johanna Margaret who married Franz Conrad Roseler. So his sister married his wife's brother!) Doris died later the same year, on 10 December 1964 in Cooktown. They were buried in Cooktown Cemetery.

They had:-

- i) Louise Selma (20 Dec 1907)
- ii) Henrietta Doris (13 Feb 1909) died in 1975
- iii) Christopher Joseph (30 April 1912)
- iv) John William (17 Mar 1915 Cooktown) served in the army in WWII. He was living on the family farm on the McIvor River in 1954, working as a farmer.
SERVICE RECORD: Service: Australian Army, Service Number: Q230373, Date of Birth: 17 Mar 1915, Place of Birth: COOKTOWN, QLD, Date of Enlistment: 19 Oct 1942, Locality on Enlistment: COOKTOWN, QLD, Place of Enlistment: QLD, Next of Kin: C. HOLZAPFEL, Date of Discharge: 21 Oct 1945, Rank: Private, Posting at Discharge: 23 REG VDC (Source: Australian War Memorial website)
- v) May Christina (15 May 1916)

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waldock/waldock,g/pafg252.htm#12620>
BDM Queensland

Trove National Library of Australia

<http://austcemindex.com/cemetery-inscriptions.php?id=62>

Mother's Letter. The Queenslander - 27 August 1898

DELPHIA.

Dear Children,—Most of my young readers will remember reading "Dolly Holzapfel's letter, written from Flaggy, near Cooktown, in which she told of her journeys to and from school with her brother, and computed the number of miles they had ridden in the course of three years—10,050 miles. She also told us how they lived on the banks of the Endeavour River, in which, they could not enjoy a swim, because of the alligators. These amphibians were Dolly's only trouble then, but her peace of mind has been disturbed from quite an unexpected source, and I don't like to think of the alarm her parents must feel, and the sense of danger Dollie and Willie will experience in their hitherto happy rides through the bush. Let Dollie's letter speak for itself. Writing on the 8th of August, -she says :—

" In the Children's Corner, 10th July. It says ' if an English child was to read, my letter she would think me quite a heroine, and equal to writing a (book of romantic adventures.' I only wish I could. I am thinking if an English child reads this letter, she will possibly think one a coward, dear Delphia,—On Wednesday, the 20th of July, as myself, my brother Will, and one of her neighbour's boys (Willie Jones) were riding borne from school, we met with an accident. I had lent any dear little pony to my brother, and I was riding his. On our way home, as we were about half-way on our journey, we heard a shot, and a bullet struck my poor pony's side, just on the back of my brother's leg. The pony walked about a quarter of a mile, and died. At the place where the pony was shot the bushes and timber are very thick; from the direction whence the shot was fired you could not see more than fifty yards, and within five yards from where the pony was shot there is a gate across the road. Before we got through the gate, there were more shots from the same direction, and we could hear the bullets whistle past us. From enquiries made, we were told that the shots were fired by a party of gentlemen who were out from town shooting. So my poor pony was accidentally shot! We were on a public road, just outside of the railway line fence, where the accident happened, and if one of us children had been shot it would have been an accident only. Dear Delphia, — you can imagine how my poor father and mother felt when we got home and had told them what had happened. I myself got such a fright; I did not know what I was doing or what really had happened. I took ill, and I could see the whole thing happen over and over again in my sleep. I went to school the following week, thinking I would forget all about it; but it made me really worse, and I have not been to school since. Dear Delphia.- My parents always taught me to forgive and forget; I can willingly forgive, but I don't think I will ever forget this accident. Dear Delphia,—I write this because I know you are a good, kind lady, and feel for children in the bush."

I fear that dear little Dollie's feeling of security will never be the same; she will be thinking of unseen dangers and dreading to ride through the thick scrub and bush. In her next letter perhaps she will be able to tell us that the offence has been traced to the offenders, and that they have been made to answer for their carelessness at a proper court. Even so, that would be poor satisfaction, for Dollie's pretty pony cannot come to life again, and her peace of mind has been disturbed for some time to come. I know she will have the sympathy of all the little readers of our Children's Corner; their sympathy and Delphia's may be a little consolation to her and her brother, and to her parents.

Carl Frederick Herman Richter and Anna Charlotte Ernistine Hain/Hein/Hines

Carl was the son of Christian Richter and Caroline Cantill. He was born between 1841 and 1843 in Königsberg, Brandenburg, Prussia. Anna was born in about 1841 in Germany. Carl and Anna probably came to Queensland as a young married couple before 1874. They had 7 children; six born in Queensland born between 1874 and 1888 - they were probably all born in Cairns.

Julie Rowlings recalls:- "The Richters owned most of Smithfield (part of Cairns) on the way to the beaches. One of the family lost the land, apparently gambling (possibly Carl). The creek on the way to beach was called Richters Creek and later on was changed to Thomatis Creek. However when we were still up north the mouth of the creek was still known as officially Richter's Creek. It would have been some of the best land near Cairns for cane fields. It is probably all houses now." Carl was farming in the Leawell (Lesswell) area in 1901.

Cairns Post 21 May 1901 - On Tuesday, before Warden Ogilvie, Carl **Richter** renewed his application for a water right at Mount Lesswell, to which W. Rodgers, lessee of the ground, objected. Mr Zahel for applicant, Mr Patching for objector. It appeared that the water ran through the lease of objector, and that applicant claimed the right cutting a race through a corner of said lease.

In April 1884 Carl served on a jury in Cairns. He was described as a selector on a farm called Rosenberg, near Cairns. In November 1885 Carl paid a subscription of 10/6 towards the building of a school of arts in Cairns.

Then Carl and Anna's marriage may have broken down or financially things were going badly. Carl advertised in the Cairns Post 18 May 1887 that he would not honour any debts his family accrued:-

Notice. I HEREBY Caution the Public that I will not be responsible for any debt that my wife or family should incur in my name from this date. CARL RICHTER, Smithfield, 17 May, 1887.

Then on 31 October 1888 the Cairns Post reported:-

Carl Richter was charged on remand from Cooktown, for wife desertion, and was remanded to Friday next.

On 3 November 1888 the Cairns Post reported that the charge was dismissed on Ann's application:-

WIFE DESERTION. Carl Richter brought up on remand for wife desertion was discharged on the application of the prosecutrix.

The family may have been reunited but they were in difficult times financially. Jimmy Ah Ching was a prosperous man with at least two stores in town. Carl may have lost his money gambling with Chinamen but it is unlikely Ah Ching was directly involved in this.

DISTRAINT FOR RENT. - AH CHING against CARL RICHTER,

In accordance with a Warrant to Distrain for rent, I will Sell by Public Auction, THIS DAY (Wednesday) the 12th day of March, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at Carl Richter's dwelling-house, situate at Canton street, all the property taken possession of by me, consisting of Household Furniture, etc - unless this warren is previously, satisfied. . . WILLLIAM MUDFOUD, Bailiff. Cairns March 11th 1890.

Carl was trying to make some money selling timber; 4 May 1892 Cairns Post:-

Carl Richter asked permission to stack for one or two days at a time, firewood on the Esplanade opposite his residence. He would in no way interfere with the traffic.

The same addition reported that there was trouble with gambling amongst the Chinese in Cairns. It is possible this is how Carl got into financial trouble gambling with the Chinese:-

The Colonial Secretary wrote in reply to the Council's telegram, about the prevalency of gambling amongst the Chinese in Cairns, and stated that the Commissioner of Police had been communicated with, and instructed to take action in the matter.

Cairns Post 5 November 1890 reported on the "Chinese Gambling in Cairns". There were many other similar reports over the following years.

The eagle optic of the "fooree" in Cairns I seems fixed with a cold, glassy and impenetrable stare on the hotel proprietor, evidently under the genuine impression that the large sums in which Boniface is annually mulcted in licenses, taxes, etc, fully entitle him to a special surveillance. The Sphinx-like guardian of the peace seems oblivious to the fact that a yard or two of clock is of no particular moment. He cannot comprehend that it is always a 100 to 1 that no two timepieces in the town are over alike by except by accident, and firm in his conscious rectitude of purpose he displays unwearied, activity in seeing that all respectable hotels are hermetically sealed according to his own ideas of 11 p.m. and by dropping like a thousand of bricks on the recalcitrant publican whose notions of time show symptoms of confusion. We cannot, of course, contend that the police have not a perfect right to carry out their duties in a legitimate manner, but it can be argued, if a fractional part of the activity displayed against the heaviest taxed portion of the community were shown in Chinatown, the disgraceful scandals which now abound in that sink of infamy would speedily be wiped out. Why the inconsistency on the part of the police in dogging hotelkeepers for venial offences, while allowing the descendants of Confucius to break the laws with perfect impunity? In many of its relations to the Chinese, Cairns occupies a dishonourably unique position. Chinatown is so far out of the regions of justice that no border line is visible, it is superior to law and order, and out of every conflict it rises Phoenix-like from its disgusting ashes more triumphant than ever. There's apparently no conflict between the police and the Chinese, and gaming hells and lottery dens flourish as openly and unblushingly as the Joss-houses alongside of them. But let the police discover thirsty white men engaged in the heinous crime of throwing dice for drinks, and the terrible music of the law has to be faced. The Chinese, however, are not interfered with, and for some occult reason Justice turns only her blind eye in their direction. But what a satire on our laws, what a hideous excrescence on our boasted civilisation. Is the contagion of gambling, is the temptation of money lotteries as affecting the moral education of the youth of our town ever denounced from quarters other than the press? We think not. The fact remains that the law is the quarter from which redress should come, and it should require no denunciations from other sources to enforce the remedy. The activity of the police in minor matters would almost encourage the idea that some mysterious aegis of protection is thrown over Chinatown, so wonderfully lucky are the inhabitants thereof. Active indeed are the police in other matters, and two or three respectable citizens, having the misfortune to be white men narrowly escaped being "run in" during the week, one for disputing about the time and one for talking politics. The safest place for a row is Chinatown, so far as police interference is concerned..... In the precincts sacred to fan tan and other Chinese abominations disgraceful scenes are of frequent occurrence, in which the Asiatics, confident in their unseen halo of protection, fight like demons and generally get the best of it. The disgraceful riot that occurred in Chinatown on Wednesday evening last narrowly escaped the crowning point of murder, and as it was two white men were dangerously maltreated. A dispute over a Chinese gaming transaction occasioned the fracas, and as the matter may possibly form the subject of an investigation we need not dilate on it here. Still it is more than probable the affair will be hushed up; such matters generally die a natural, or

more correctly, an unnatural death. In the meantime for very shame if the leprous camel of Chinese illegalities is to be swallowed, the law as it is administered in Cairns should cease to strain at gnats.

On 20 June 1900 Carl was again in trouble with petty debt. The Morning Post (Cairns) reported that he owned Mr Fulton £10/ 13/10. Goods were sold to cover this and 5/- court costs.

Carl Frederick Richter was living at Mt Leawell in the district of Herbert in Queensland in 1903, working as a miner.

In 1904 Carl was described in the advertisement for kidney pills below as living in Roseville, Canton Street Cooktown and being one of the pioneers of Cairns. "He landed here (Cairns) in October, 1876, when the population of the place numbered only about half-a-dozen." He obviously suffered from a bad back.

Cairns Post 10 May 1904 - READ THE SIGN POSTS - LOTS OF CAIRNS PEOPLE HAVE LEARNED TO READ IT CAREFULLY - Read the sign post rightly. The sign post of health is the back. You must read its aches and pains. You must know the language of the back. When you know it the sign post reads: "Backache is kidney ache." Lame back is lame kidneys. Weak back is weak kidneys. To cure the back, cure the kidneys." A citizen adds his endorsement here.

Mr C. **Richter**, of Roseville, Cooktown late of Canton-street, this town, is one of the pioneers of Cairns. He landed here in October, 1876, when the population of the place numbered only about half-a-dozen. Mr **Richter** says: For years I was afflicted with pains in my back. They came on me at intervals and caused me very great suffering. Frequently I could not stoop down to pick up anything, at other times I could only straighten myself with great difficulty and very gradually. Several times the pain was so bad that I could not go to work but had to lay up with it. The backache was a terrible source of annoyance to me and I experimented for years with different preparations, including plasters, in order to get rid of it. But in no instance did I derive any effectual benefit. Headaches also afflicted me at times. At last I heard of Doan's Backache Kidney Pills and the wonderful things they were doing. I procured some of them at Craig's Pharmacy and took them. In a short time I found myself rid of the pains in the back which I have not felt since and that is now some time ago. In addition to the backache the secretions were unhealthy in appearance before taking the pills but they are now clear and in their proper state. In my opinion the pills are a very good remedy for backache and kidney complaints and I recommend sufferers to try them."

Success has brought up many imitations of Doan's Pills, but there is nothing "just as good" as the remedy which cured Mr **Richter** -Doan's Backache Kidney Pills. They are sold by all chemists and storekeepers at 2s 9d per box (six boxes 15s 3d) or will be posted..... But be sure you get DOAN'S

Carl died on 2 February 1904 in Cooktown aged about 60. Sadly their son William took his own life in 1911 at the Mossman Mill. He was said to be a young man of about 28. Anna was a widow then and William was her only son. Of her five daughters, two died as babies and three died as young women (aged 36, 33 and 24) before their mother. Only Anna Caroline survived her mother to live to an old age.

Anna died on 17 August 1919 in Cooktown. Anna was called Ernestine on her death certificate. She was aged 68/69, the daughter of a Hein and was born in Germany. She was buried in the Cooktown Cemetery.

Carl and Anna had 7 children:-

- 1) Annie Augusta Emiline (1870) married John Henry Hitchcock in 1890 in Queensland. Annie Richter died in 1906 in Queensland aged 36; the daughter of

Carl Richter and Charlotte Haines. John Henry married again to Mary Jane Brown in 1910. He died 13 June 1931 in Townsville. They had in Queensland:-

- i) Robert (1890)
- ii) Henry George (1891)
- iii) Robert Wells (1893) died 1933
- iv) Laura Alice (1895) died 1916 in Townsville
- v) Ivy Victoria (1897)
- vi) Elsie May (1901)

2) Augusta (1874 Queensland) died 1874 Queensland

3) **Anna Carolina** (1883 Queensland) married Paul Erwin Roseler in 1908. They had:-

- i) Murtel Caroline Rose (1908) married Robert John Mackie Herries in 1928. They were living in Cairns in 1933 when her brother Arthur and sister Annie came to stay to see the Show Carnival.
- ii) Arthur Paul (1910) died 1955
- iii) **Annie Pauline** (1911) married Myles Francis Rowlings in 1934
- iv) Herman Frederick (1913)
- v) Mavis (1914)

4) Herman William (1883 Cooktown; not registered) died 2 January 1911 Queensland as a young man aged about 28.

Cairns Post Tuesday 3 January 1911 - SUICIDE AT MOSSMAN - PORT DOUGLAS - Monday - A young man named William Richter committed suicide at Mossman Mill at 10o'clock on Friday evening by placing a detonator in his mouth.

Cairns Post 6 January 1911 SUICIDE AT MOSSMAN. - At the Mossman Central Mill Co's barracks, one of the company's tramline employees, named William **Richter**, late of Cooktown, committed suicide on Friday night last, at about 11:15pm by a detonator in his mouth(says the "Port Douglas Record"). It appears that the man after arriving home prepared for his end with deliberation. After writing an addressed letter, together with) 1/6 and a memo, for whoever found him to post the letter and forward his belongings on to his people, in Cooktown, it is believed that he walked along the barracks' verandah a few doors from, his own room, and sat down on a form, close to where he was found, and perpetrated the deed. Beside him was a box of matches and a fuse about five inches long, which had been used. The man in the room at whose door **Richter** was found, heard the report, which felt very slight, and then the fall, came out to see what was wrong. He was horrified to find the man dead and bleeding from the mouth, nose and eyes. He gave the alarm and then the police were informed: Constable Clines was immediately on the; scene, took possession of the body, and placed it in the deceased's own room under lock and key. In the room was found a coil of fuse and another charge similar to the one used. Deceased was only a young man of about 28 years and we understand a native of Cooktown; where his widowed mother resides. There has been no reason given as to the cause of the action of deceased. He was a man well liked by his fellow men and was a good worker in the gang.

5) Emma Louise (1884 Queensland) Emma was also called Rosina or Rossie. In the Morning Post Cairns, 11 June 1901, Rosie aged 17, got into a spot of bother:-

Miss Carl Richter in Trouble- Miss Rosina Emma Richter, daughter of Carl Richter, formerly of Cairns, last week proceeded against Robert Christie, Customs boatman, Cooktown, for having attempted liberties with her on the night of the 24th May at the rear of the Steampacket Hotel. The bench were properly of opinion that dear little Rosie only pretended to scream, that if she did scream it was only an accident, further that she did not scream, and lastly that defendant was by no means the bad bold man that Rosie's mamma made out. The case was dismissed.

Emma married Michael Murphy in 1906. They lived in Capricornia. They had:-

- i) Evelyn May (1908)
- ii) Unnamed female (1910)

Emma died in 1917 aged only 33.

6) Bertha Helena (1886 Queensland) died 1887 Queensland

7) Alice Eliza (4 June 1888 Queensland) married Robert William Parsons in 1910. They lived in Capricornia near Alice's mother. Alice Eliza died on 16 July 1913 aged only 25. She was buried with her mother in the Cooktown Cemetery. They had:-

- i) Eileen May (30 August 1911) married Joseph Whyte. She died 2 August 2003.

Robert William Parsons then remarried to Olive Emilie Olufson in 1921.