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INTRODUCTION

The Logan River and District Family History Society was started back in June 2001 with a small group holding meetings in Jimboomba before moving to Logan Village and setting up a Library and Research Centre in the back room of the Logan Village Library. In May 2005 a group known as the Beenleigh Family History Society, who had started holding meetings under the leadership of founder Mrs. Bet Halliwell in the Beenleigh Senior Citizen Centre, agreed to join the Logan River and District Family History Society. We are located on the mezzanine floor of the Kingston Butter Factory.

In 2007 the Logan River & District Family History Society Inc. was approached by Mr. Evan Moorhead M.P. Member for Waterford to produce a book on the early settlers of the Beenleigh area for the 150th anniversary of the State of Queensland in 2009 and the result is this book. We applied for, and were granted \$2,200 in Q150 funding to help publish the first edition.

Following advice from Mr Bill Kitson, Museum of Lands Surveying and Mapping, we obtained a copy of Record of Lands Alienated and Deeds Issued Vol.4, pages 237-241 from Queensland State Archives. This was for the Parish of Boyd in the County of Ward. It was decided to concentrate on the area bounded by the Logan River in the north, west to Holmview Road, south to Tallagandra Rd, east to Beaudesert-Beenleigh Rd, south to Mt Warren Boulevard, east to the Albert River and north to the junction of the Albert & Logan Rivers. The criterion for inclusion in this book is that the person must have lived in the area prior to 1885.

We obtained a map of this area that listed the first land owners. Not all of the land owners actually lived in the area. These names and land details have been listed in the back of the book. Members of the Society were asked to research the early pioneers and settlers for the book. This resulted in over 2 years of researching by many members who have put their own family history research temporarily on hold.

Some of the other resources used to select names are:-

Beenleigh Divisional Board Valuation Registers and Rate Books, 1880 to 1885.

Aldine History of Queensland (1888)

Parents of children who were enrolled at Beenleigh School.

Postmasters prior to 1885, Beenleigh Post Office History.

Post Office Directories.

Tradespeople who advertised in The Logan Witness newspaper.

An article in the local paper encouraged members of the public to come forward with their family histories and these have also been included in the book. While every reasonable effort has been made to verify the information, some mistakes may have occurred. If you feel that some of the information is incorrect please contact the Society so we can correct our records. Due to the limitation of time and space not all the information we found could be included in this book and should you require further information on any of the families or have any other information please contact the Society. We apologise to any of the families whose ancestors lived in this area during this time and are not included in this book as it was difficult to find all the names of the families who were living in the area from official records.

The sources used for research are listed in the back of the book. Further information on these can be found in the Family History files and library of the Logan River Family History Inc.

