

Torrance's Bakery

Why would you close a bakery that has been operating since 1886 and producing thousands of loaves a week?

That's what the Torrance family did at the end of 1950.



Daniel Halliday Torrance was born on 24 March 1837 in Dalkeith, Scotland and married on 27 June 1862 Isabella Murray, daughter of David Murray and Janet Melrose who was born in 1843.

They quickly started their family with John being born on 9 September 1862 in Dalkeith. Following him were Janet on 28 September 1865, Margaret on 7 August 1867 and David in 1879.

In the 1881 Scottish Census, the Torrances are listed as residing with mother-in-law Janet Murray at 49 Hali-buton Place, Galashiels and Daniel's oc-

cupation is listed as a mason's labourer.

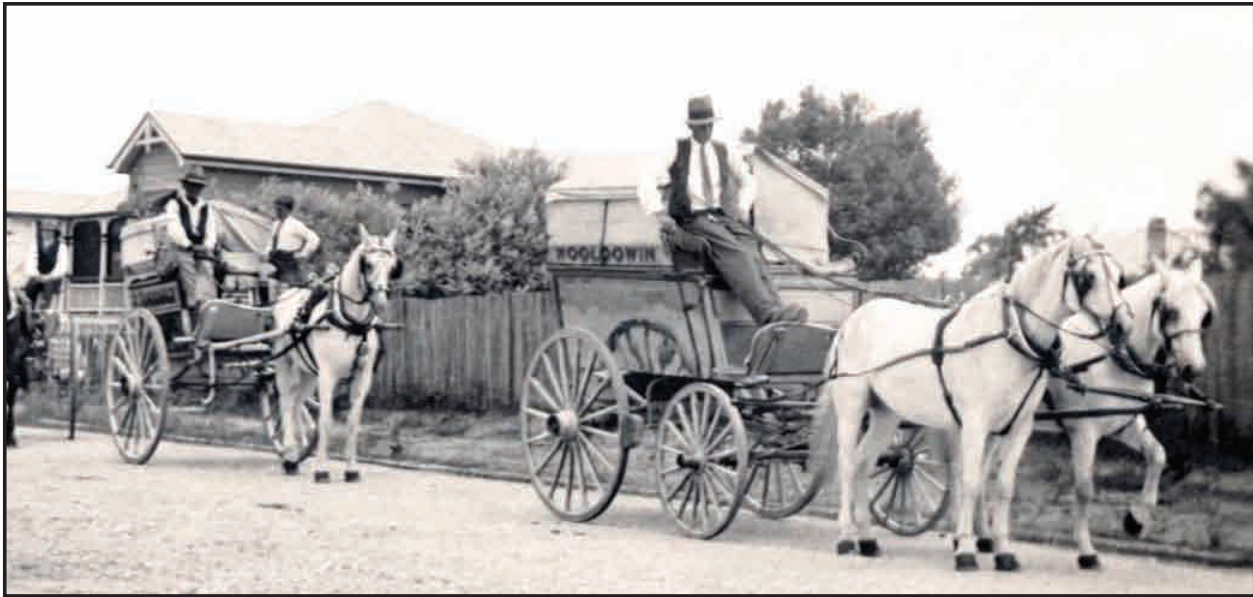
The Torrances are thought to have left Glasgow on 13 September 1883 on the **Anglo Indian** calling at coastal ports of Cooktown, Townsville, Bowen, Mackay, Rockhampton and Brisbane as free passengers. Within three years Daniel had purchased land on the **Town of Belfast Estate** and invited tenders for the erection of a baker's oven. The business prospered and in 1890 Daniel advertised for estimate for building two ovens and a bakehouse.

In 1891 the journeymen bakers of Brisbane went on strike demanding that their hours be cut to eight hours solid work. Sixteen bakers, including Daniel Torrance, acceded to the demands.

Life was not easy in the bakery business as inspectors regularly checked the weights of the loaves of bread. On one occasion in 1896, an inspector weighed 201 two pound loaves and found them deficient by 1.9 ounces each.

Many of the family members worked in the bakery business. In 1897,





Torrance's Bakery Carts: Photos from Gary Collett's contribution to our Facebook page. Gary's father is driving the front cart.

Daniel Jr was run over by his delivery cart. He was having his lunch and feeding the horse at Flinders Parade, Sandgate when the horse was spooked by children playing with bowling hoops as they passed.

Isabella Torrance died in 1914 and Daniel Halliday Torrance died on 10 July 1919. His sons took over the business.

The bread industry was highly regulated. Even the bread carters were fined for breaches. In 1928, a Torrance carter, Henry Drew was fined for having a boy, possibly his son, with him on his cart.

Later on when David Torrance was running the business (from 1926) he was fined in 1933 and 1934 for having worked in his bakehouse in prohibited hours.

David died in 1938. He was a great lover of horses and once owned a pony that was State Champion harness pony for three years.

He left behind his wife, two daughters - Isobel and Jess and two sons - John and Daniel Robert.

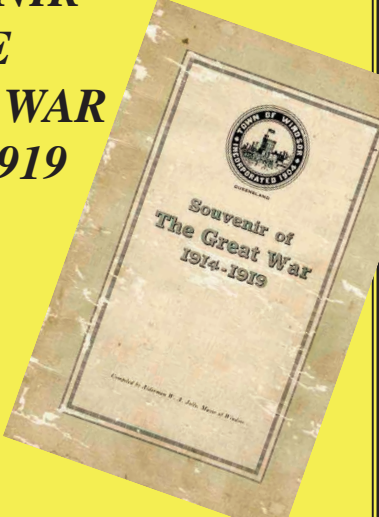
Meanwhile other members of Daniel Halliday's family married. John married Caroline Chesterfield in 1889. Their family included Mary Ann, 1890; Daniel, 1893; Isabella, 1896; Thomas Chesterfield, 1897; Jane Emma, 1900; David, 1903; William Edward, 1906; and John, 1911. Janet (Jennie) married William Wylie in 1891. Margaret married Herbert Goeldner in 1888. David Murray Torrance married Annie Scott in 1905. Their family included Daniel Robert, 1906, Janet Susan, 1907,

Isabella Annie, 1910, John Scott, 1910, Jessie Eleanor, 1912.

Closure: Now in 1950 the bakery was turning out thousands of loaves a week together with Keatings' Bakery of South Brisbane who also closed down the total was 56,000. The business was being run by Daniel Robert and John and the stated reasons for closure were that with the then regulated price was insufficient to survive, and it was impossible to obtain suitable bread carters.

So the bakery started by Daniel Haliday Torrance, their grandfather, in 1886, closed on 23 December 1950.

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Researched by David Teague.

First LORD Mayor

William Alfred Jolly, accountant, mayor and politician, was born on 11 September, 1881, at Spring Hill, Brisbane. He was the son of Alexander Jolly, a Scottish gardener, and Irish born Mary Kelly.

He married Lillie Maude Moorhouse on 8 January, 1907. They had seven sons. He died at Windsor, Brisbane, on 30 May, 1955.

Country Retail Traders' Association, and chairman of the Queensland branch of the Federal Institute of Accountants for five years. He holds the diploma of Fellow of the Federal Institute of Accountants.

Alderman Jolly has had considerable experience in municipal government. He was an alderman of the Windsor Town Council for 13 years and Mayor for



*Lord Mayor
William Jolly
Lady Mayoress
Lillian Jolly*



From 1925 he was the first mayor of Greater Brisbane, being raised to Lord Mayor in March 1930. Alderman Jolly was Mayor of Brisbane since the inception of the Greater Brisbane scheme.

He was educated at Ashgrove State school. He joined the staff of Messrs. Hamilton and Graham, solicitors as a clerk in 1898; was with Messrs Atthow and McGregor, solicitors, from 1900 until 1905; five years with the National Cash Register Company Limited; and accountant with the Lowood Butter Company Limited until 1913, when he joined Mr A. J. Robinson and founded the present practice under the firm name of Robinson and Jolly, accountants, auditors, and company secretaries. He was secretary of the Queensland

five years.

When Greater Brisbane was inaugurated he was selected as the Nationalist candidate for the Mayoralty, and at the elections on February 21, 1925, was returned at the head of the poll.

So successful was his administration and so great was the confidence of the people in him that, notwithstanding an expressed desire to retire, he was induced to seek re-election in 1928 and again was successful. He resigned from the office in 1931.

He was involved with many community organisations starting with the Woolloowin Progress Association.

He was elected Federal Member for Lilley and served from 1937 to 1943.

LORD MAYOR

NEW DIGNITY FOR ALDERMAN W. A. JOLLY, C.M.G.

Brisbane Raised to Status of Other State Capitals

The Premier of Queensland (Mr. A. E. Moore) this morning received the following dispatch from the Imperial Government :—

“His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the status of Mayor of Brisbane being raised to that of Lord Mayor. His Majesty has also been pleased to approve that the right to bear the title of Right Honourable together with the privilege of being addressed during tenure of office in instrument under Royal signed manual as ‘Your Right Trusty and Well Beloved’ should be conferred upon the Lord Mayor of Brisbane on the same conditions as those laid down in the case of the Lord Mayors of Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, and Perth.

The Telegraph: 3 March 1930.

Karl Wacker

DEATH OF MR KARL WACKER.

Mr Karl G. Wacker, one of the pioneers of the firm of Morgan and Wacker, motor cycle agents, died at his home at Albion on Saturday.

The deceased was born at Dagersheim, Germany, 69 years ago. He migrated first to Scotland and in 1884 came to Queensland in the steamer **Jumna**. He joined the staff of John Hicks and Co., and remained with that firm for 38 years.

He was a recognised authority on art furnishings, both ancient and modern, and was responsible for some of the fine altars and furnishing which decorate the interiors of Queensland churches. His skill and artistic taste also earned for him the honour of designing and constructing the furniture for several members of the Royal family during their visit to Brisbane.

Many of the Queensland Governors and several Government departments also were supplied with furnishings created by his artistic skill.

He was a life member of the Protestant Alliance Friendly Society at Lutwyche, and was at one time treasurer of the committee of the old state school at Bo-

wen Bridge, and an active member of the Lutwyche Progress Association.

He was one of the oldest residents of Albion, having settled in Thondley's Pocket (*Paddock*) 45 years ago. He is survived by his widow, two daughters, Misses Louisa and Gladys Wacker, and his sons, Messrs Henry, William, Frederick, Harold, and George Wacker. The funeral, which left his late residence at 10.30 a.m. to-day for the Lutwyche cemetery, was largely attended.

The Telegraph: 17 August 1931.

Postscript: *The editor always tries to check stories for accuracy but cannot always confirm items.*

Morgan and Wacker the motor cycle firm was started in 1917 by Henry Wacker and Bill Morgan.

Karl Gottlob was born on 25 June 1862, in Dagersheim, son of Johann Friedrich Wacker and Katharine Friedricke Wels.



*The **Jumna** arrived on her maiden voyage on 21 September 1886 - the first large ship to actually moor alongside a Brisbane wharf. It carried cargo for Rockhampton and Brisbane as well as migrants.*

Henry Wacker was a long time chairman of the Windsor State School Parents' Committee retiring at the end of 1964.



The Wacker Family in c1898 and 1914.

1898: Fredericke Louisa (Lee), Karl Gottlieb, Frederick William (known as actor Frederick Haldane), Heinrich (Henry), Elizabet nee Frickhofen, b.1865, and William Albert (Bill).

1914: Back - William and Karl Gottlieb, seated on chair arm - Frederick and Henry, front - Harold, Louisa, Elizabeth, Gladys, in front - George.

ANZAC DAY 1940

Young People's "Amazing Lack of Knowledge " of Anzac Day"

Many boys and girls growing up to-day did not realise the significance of Anzac Day declared Mr T. Farrell, a member of the Wilston-Windsor branch of the Returned Soldiers League, during a service at the Windsor War Memorial. Mr Farrell, who is an inspector of schools, said that he had been amazed at the lack of knowledge of Anzac Day during his tours of schools. Many young people were present at the service.

Mr Farrell was seconding the first resolution which had been moved by Mr R. D. Huish, the State president of the league. Mr Huish said that Anzac Day this year had assumed an even greater importance than in the past. He urged the young people to study the story of Anzac—a story of self-sacrifice, love, and devotion.

The second resolution was moved by Mr C. Wren, president of the south-eastern district of the league and secretary of the Kedron branch, and seconded by Padre E. L. Thompson. Members of the Kedron and Wilston-Windsor branches marched to the memorial, preceded by the Albion Salvation Army band. At the memorial was a Windsor company of girl guides with Miss Z. Stormonth in charge and members of the Junior Red Cross under the supervision of Mrs H. R. Moorhouse. A detachment of the 9th 43th Battalion was under the command of Sergeant H. St John Wood. Mr. H. Williams, M.L.A., attended, also Aldermen H. R. Moorhouse and E. Downey, Mr F. Butler, vice-president of the Wilston-Windsor branch, presided.

Rev. J. H. Brown-Beresford

Rector of St Andrew's Lutwyche

Rev. James Henry Brown-Beresford who has been appointed Rector of St Andrew's, Lutwyche, was ordained deacon in 1905 and priest in 1906. He left his London curacy in 1911 to become Rector of Cooktown, and entered the Brisbane diocese in 1913, going to Biggenden. He left Australia as a chaplain to the A.I.F. in 1916 later serving two and a half years in France as chaplain in the Imperial Army and on his return became acting Rector of Bundaberg. He went to North Ipswich in the following January.

In 1924 Bishop Crick took him to the Rockhampton diocese to do important organising work, to which was added in the following year the Rectorship of Longreach, which he resigned as from January 1, 1929, to take up his position of organising secretary of Home Missions.

Rev. J. H. Brown-Beresford succeeds Rev. C. C. Compton, who resigned in consequence of ill-health.

The Telegraph: 18 May 1933.



Vale: Jack Mann

Members will be sad to hear that Foundation Member Jack Mann passed away a week before Anzac Day.

Many well-earned tributes about Jack's life have been made during the past weeks. I first met Jack in 1964 when he became the President of the Windsor State School Parents and Citizens' Association taking over from long-standing President, Henry Wacker. Jack successfully carried a very heavy load during the ensuing year with the school centenary.

Next I met Jack over twenty years ago when I joined Windsor Historical Society. He was a foundation year member from 1988 and gave generously of his time carrying out many roles including building curator and especially with Anzac Day. He volunteered every Monday until about nine years ago when he joined me opening on a Sunday.

During that period I learnt of Jack's life story. Son of George Thomas and Gladys Mann, he was born on 8 November 1921 at Nurse Mason's hospital in Albion Road. He attended the Windsor State School from 1927 until 1934 when he passed his Scholarship Examination.

He was especially proud of his father who served in World War One as a bugler and in 2011, we made a display of his father's war service with many photos taken in Egypt.

Jack's father died in 1935. This set Jack on the path to be part of the work force and he soon started a five year apprenticeship as a compositor at Jones and Hambly, printers.

Beside being a most handsome young working man, Jack was a good sportsman and at different times in his life played Australian football, tennis, golf and croquet with some skill.

He often spoke of his war service in New Guinea where under the command of newspaperman Reg Leonard, he was involved with the production of *Guinea*

Gold, a newspaper for the troops which was published seven days a week from November 1942 under war conditions. At its peak 40,000 copies were printed for the U.S. troops and 20,000 copies for the Australian troops.



At Windsor Historical Jack was instrumental in the society's decision to keep the observance of Anzac Day at Windsor and was deeply involved in the planning. Jack and I would mount a photographic display in the chambers with new features added each year.

Jack had a tremendous knowledge of the local area from his childhood right thru into his nineties. He helped many visitors with their history searches and as he did most of the filing for decades, he knew where most information resided.

In 1954 Jack met the love of his life, June and soon they had three daughters - Alison, Glenys and Debra. He was a very proud father telling me often about them and his grandchildren.

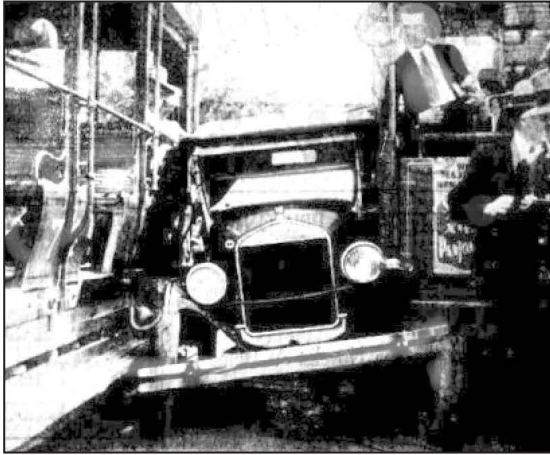
Jack had the foresight to write down some of his many reminiscences which are now in our files.



Personal Memoir: David Teague.

Photo: Judy Willis

Fortune Favours Ford



The driver of this car in the picture was coming down behind the Windsor Council Chambers and at the intersection of Thorne Street and Lutwyche Road, attempted to cross in front of an outbound tramcar. However he failed to see an in-bound tram coming down the hill and was sandwiched between the two. The driver's escape was miraculous, and the car was only slightly damaged - crushed mud-guards and running boards, and a punctured tyre.

The Telegraph: 15 December 1931



St Andrew's Scout Den, Lutwyche, which has been built by voluntary labour by the Scout Committee and members of the Troop. The foundation stone was laid by Sir John Goodwin in 1931 and the building was opened by Sir Leslie Wilson on April 27.

The Telegraph: 27 March 1935.

First Lutwyche Scout Group

NEW SCOUT HALL Opened by Governor at Lutwyche

Four years of strenuous and unselfish endeavour by those interested in the welfare of the St Andrew's (1st Lutwyche) Scout Troop culminated on Saturday afternoon in the opening by the Chief State Scout—the Governor (Sir Leslie Wilson)— of a very fine scout hall in the grounds of St Andrew's Church, Lutwyche.

Scouts, Cubs, Guides, and Brownies from the various city organisations formed an impressive guard of honour. Welcoming his Excellency, the president of the troop committee (Mr A. E. Jones) said the St. Andrew's Troop was a church-controlled body, and the utmost harmony existed between the controlling authority (the Rev. J. Beresford-Brown*) and the committee.

The first sod of the site had been turned on King's Birthday, 1931, and the foundation stone had been laid by Sir John Goodwin on August 1 of the same year. All work done on the building had been voluntary.

Sir Leslie Wilson congratulated the committee and all who had contributed towards the erection of a troop hall which, he said, was one of the finest, if not the finest, in the city. He was pleased to wish it 'many happy returns of the day,' for he had noticed that the foundation stone had been laid on his birthday. He trusted that the troop would increase to numbers more worthy of the suburb.

A vote of thanks was extended to his Excellency by the Rev. J. Beresford-Brown*, and supported by Chief Commissioner C. S. Snow.

Sunday Mail: 28 April 1935.

Name is Brown-Beresford. See Page 16

FROM MY AUTOGRAPH BOOK: What kind of member are you? Some are like wheelbarrows, no good unless pushed. Some are like trailers - they have to be pulled. Some are like kites, - if you don't keep a sting on them they will fly away. Some are like balloons - full of wind and ready to blow up. Some are like footballs - you can't tell which way they will bounce. Then some of them are like a good old watch, open faced, pure gold, quietly busy and full of good works.

Holy Cross Jubilee

HOLY CROSS GOLDEN JUBILEE Celebrations on Sunday, September 27, 1936

The golden jubilee of the Holy Cross Church, Woolloowin, is to be celebrated on Sunday, September 27. It is 50 years since the parish was separated from St Patrick's, Fortitude Valley, and a church provided for the benefit of the Catholics of the Woolloowin-Albion district. Holy Cross holds high rank among the metropolitan parishes by reason of the strong faith, backed up by good works (without which faith is dead) of the congregation. They may claim to have set an example in piety and benevolence, and, even denuded of the large areas which have been cut off in consequence of the establishment of other churches, the Holy Cross still is regarded as one of the most notable parishes in the ever-expanding city, being noted for the virtues already referred to and for harmonious cooperation between priests and people. The pastor of Woolloowin must be one of the prizes of the metropolitan priesthood.

At the golden jubilee celebrations Solemn High Mass is to be celebrated and the Archbishop will preside and preach the occasional sermon.

HISTORY OF THE SITE

The land on which Holy Cross Church stands was part of the property acquired from the Government of New South Wales before separation by Mr Reuben Oliver, a Queen Street grocer. Portion of it, an area of 12 acres was purchased by Mr G. C. Horstmann, who lived in a house on the land for some years and then sold it to the Right Reverend Dr Quinn, the first Bishop of Brisbane, who failed in an endeavour to secure a larger area in the immediate neighbourhood for the purpose of establishing a Magdalen Asylum or women's reformatory. The bishop did not live to see the fruition of his scheme, but the property passed on to the Sisters of Mercy at All Hallows, who carried it into effect, and later added to the property by the acquisition of part of the Wilmington estate, on the Albion side. They built the Holy Cross Retreat and laundry, which have been a conspicuous feature of the Church's philanthropic and industrial activities in the archdiocese for many years. The Sisters gave an acre of land for the church and vested the property in the Church trustees, who at the time were the

Bishop, Father Dunne, of Toowoomba, Father Byrne, of Dalby, Father J. J. Horan, of Warwick, and Father A. Horan, of Ipswich. Not one of these is now living.



SITE CHOSEN

At the time a movement was on foot to build a church either at Albion or Lutwyche, and steps were taken to acquire a site in Stoneleigh Street, Albion, near the building now known as the Labour Hall. On September 13, 1885, a meeting of residents was held in that hall. There was at attendance of about 20 persons, and Mr James Mogan occupied the chair. He stated that a canvas of the district showed that more than 200 families would benefit by the erection of a church. Father Philip Corrican, of St Patrick's, Valley was among those present at the meeting. He warmly supported the movement and said that the new church would be an outpost of St Patrick's. Another meeting was held a week later, Mr J. M. Macrossan presiding. At that meeting it was announced that Bishop Dunne had received a gift of a church site at Lutwyche (Woolloowin) from the Sisters of Mercy. In a letter approving of the establishment of a new church the Bishop gave advice to the committee as to how to go to work. An energetic and enthusiastic building committee was formed, including Messrs Mogan, W. and J. Lynch, O'Cane, Ryan, Chrisford, and Martin, and Mr A. Stombuco, a well known architect was appointed to prepare plans and specifications. The district was subdivided and collectors were appointed and money was raised in divers ways— by concerts, rallies, race meetings, and sports at Kedron Park.

The Telegraph: 9 September 1936

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