

## Henry BIGGS (1840-1892)

### *1841 Census Nelson St, City Road, St Luke, Middlesex, England*

John BIGGS	40yrs	Teacher	born in the county
Ann BIGGS	35yrs		born in the county
John BIGGS	12yrs		born in the county
James BIGGS	10yrs		born in the county
Thomas BIGGS	3yrs		born in the county
Henry BIGGS	2yrs		born in the county
Jane GREY	15yrs	Female servant	born in the county
James ANDERSON	30yrs	Clerk	born Scotland
John ANDERSON	35yrs	Clerk	born Scotland

### *1851 Census 5 Ask?... Terrace, Hoxton New Town, Shoreditch, Middlesex*

John E. BRIGGS	Head	49yrs	Teacher of languages	b Shoreditch
Martha W. BRIGGS	Sister	42yrs	[widow]	b Lambeth
James BRIGGS	Son	19yrs	Merchants clerk [unmarried]	b St Lukes Middlesex
Thomas BRIGGS	Son	13yrs		b St Lukes Middlesex
Henry BRIGGS	Son	11yrs		b St Lukes Middlesex
Elizabeth Ann BRIGGS	Dau	9yrs		b St Lukes Middlesex

### *Brisbane Courier 03 Jul 1886 Advertisement*

Natone leaves Hart's Wharf for Southport:- Today (Saturday), 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 9 a.m.; Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 10 a.m.; returning Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 9 a.m.; Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 9 a.m. Henry Biggs, Jun., Stanley-street, S.B.

### *Brisbane Courier 09 Nov 1886 Funeral Notice*

The Friends of the late Hon J. C. Ellis, deceased, are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral, which is appointed to move from the residence of Henry Biggs, Esq., Stanley-street, this (Tuesday) afternoon, 9<sup>th</sup> November, at 3 o'clock, for the General Cemetery, Toowong. J. & J. Hislop, Undertakers, Queen-street and at Tribune-street, South Brisbane.

### *Brisbane Courier 15 Jun 1889 Marriage*

On the 13<sup>th</sup> June at St Andrews, South Brisbane, by the Rev Herbert F. Hunt, M.A., Frederick A. Kenyon, eldest son of Thomas Kenyon, Brisbane, to Mary Helena, eldest daughter of Henry Biggs, sen., Grey-street, South Brisbane.

*Brisbane Courier 07 Jun 1892*

We regret to have to record the death of Mr Henry Biggs, and old and highly respected resident of Brisbane, who died at 8 o'clock on Sunday evening from blood poisoning. Mr Biggs had been under treatment for some time. He was a native of London, and arrived in the colonies when a boy, about thirty-five years ago. For a long time he was connected with the early Ipswich trade, and was well known in connection with Captains Burns and West in those days. Afterwards Mr Biggs occupied the old Steam Packet Hotel in Brisbane for many years. After a prolonged visit to the old country with his family Mr Biggs became licensee of the Oxford Hotel, Queen-street, but retired from business some time ago. He was largely interested in Southport properties. The deceased gentleman leaves a widow and nine children. His funeral takes place this morning from his residence in Stanley-street.

*Brisbane Courier 07 Jun 1892 Funeral Notices*

The Friends of Mr Henry Biggs, deceased, are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral, to move from his late residence, Stanley-street, South Brisbane, this (Tuesday) morning, 7<sup>th</sup> June, at 11 o'clock, for the South Brisbane Cemetery. J. Hislop, Undertaker, Stanley-street, Woolloongabba; Wickham-street, Valley; Head Office, 71 Queen-street.

The Friends of Messrs Henry Biggs, Jun., John and Thomas Biggs are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their deceased father Mr Henry Biggs, to move from his late residence, Stanley-street, South Brisbane, this (Tuesday) morning, 7<sup>th</sup> June, at 11 o'clock, for the South Brisbane Cemetery. J. Hislop, Undertaker, Stanley-street, Woolloongabba; Wickham-street, Valley; Head Office, 71 Queen-street.

*Brisbane Courier 18 Jun 1892 Death*

On the 5<sup>th</sup> June at his residence, Stanley-street, South Brisbane, Henry Biggs, aged 52 years.

*Brisbane Courier 01 Apr 1901 Funeral Notices*

The Friends of Mr George Ernest Biggs, deceased, are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral, to move from the residence of his mother, Mrs M. A. Biggs, Stanley-street West this (Monday) afternoon at 4 o'clock, for the South Brisbane Cemetery. John Hislop, Embalmer and Undertaker.

The Friends of Mrs M. A. Biggs are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her deceased son, George Ernest, to move from her residence, Stanley-street West, this (Monday) afternoon at 4 o'clock, for the South Brisbane Cemetery. John Hislop, Embalmer and Undertaker.

The Friends of Messrs A. H., J. E., T. W., and J. S. Biggs are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their deceased brother, George Ernest Biggs, to move from the residence of his mother, Mrs M. A. Biggs, Stanley-street West this (Monday) afternoon at 4 o'clock, for the South Brisbane Cemetery. John Hislop, Embalmer and Undertaker. Head Office: 63 Queen-street, opposite Town Hall.

*Brisbane Courier 25 Jul 1903 Marriage*

On the 8<sup>th</sup> June, at Christ Church, St. Lawrence, by the Rev Canon Julius, Thomas William Biggs, third son of the late Henry Biggs, to May Elizabeth, second daughter of Edward Eldridge Smith, of St. Lawrence, North Queensland.

*Brisbane Courier 17 Aug 1904 Funeral notices*

The Friends of Mr M. J. McGuire, of Breakfast Creek Hotel, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his deceased wife, to move from the residence of her mother, Mrs Biggs, Grey-street, South Brisbane, this (Wednesday) afternoon at 4 o'clock, to the South Brisbane Cemetery. K. M. Smith, Undertaker.

The Friends of Messrs Henry, John, Thomas and James Biggs are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their deceased siser, Mrs M. J. McGuire, to move from the residence of her mother, Grey-street, South Brisbane, this (Wednesday) afternoon, at 4 o'clock, to the South Brisbane Cemetery. K. M. Smith, Undertaker.

The Friends of Messrs Thomas, James and Richard McGuire are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their deceased sister-in-law, Mrs M. J. McGuire, to move from the residence of her mother, Mrs Biggs, Grey-street, South Brisbane, this (Wednesday) afternoon at 4 o'clock, to the South Brisbane Cemetery. K. M. Smith, Undertaker.

*The Queenslander 01 Oct 1904 Birth*

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> September, at Farleigh Private Hospital, Christchurch, New Zealand, the wife of Ernest H. Reeve, Kirwee Estate, Canterbury Plains, a daughter. [RGO Registration 1904/21289 Beatrice Yvonne REEVE dau of Ernest Henry / Ethel Madeline]

*Brisbane Courier 16 Aug 1909 In Memoriam*

In loving memory of our dear sister, Beatrice Amy, fourth daughter of the late Henry Biggs, who died 16<sup>th</sup> August 1904. At rest.  
In loving memory of our dear sister, Maria Elizabeth, second daughter of the late Henry Biggs, who died 16<sup>th</sup> August 1908.

*Brisbane Courier 07 Aug 1914*

Mr Henry Biggs writes: Sir, Not knowing exactly who to address in this matter, I should be pleased if you let it be known to the proper authorities that my well-known auxiliary yacht 'Fairleigh', together with the motor tender 'Sid' is at the disposal of the Empire in whatever capacity they may be of any service. The 'Fairleigh' is 36ft long by 11ft beam, while the tender is 18ft long by 6ft 6in beam, and both are propelled by Wilson engines, made by British workmen in Brisbane.

*Brisbane Courier 18 Dec 1915 Marriage*

On Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 1915, by the Rev E. M. Baker, M.A., at St Paul's Church of England, East Brisbane, Mary Helena, eldest daughter of the late Henry Biggs, Brisbane, to Horace Sydney MacPherson, second son of late Hon Peter MacPherson, M.L.C., Brisbane.

*Brisbane Courier 15 Mar 1924 Civil Jurisdiction*

Mr B. \_eahey (instructed by Mr T. W. Biggs, moved for a grant of letters of administration of the estate of the late James Sidney Biggs, licensee of the Globe Hotel, to John Emmanuel Biggs and Thomas William Biggs, brothers of the deceased. The deceased who was a bachelor, left real and personal estate of a net value of £27,000. He did not make a will. The application was granted. The usual bond for the due administration of the estate was dispensed with.

*Brisbane Courier 02 Nov 1925 Early Settlers - Life of Henry Biggs*

So varied are the interests which are found in Southport that it is not surprising that many venturesome men chose it for their home when the time came for them to settle down. One of the earliest and best known arrivals in the town was Henry Biggs, whose father, Emanuel Biggs, was head master at Finsbury Park School, London. When 15 years of age Henry went to sea; and 12 months later, when his vessel was at Sydney, he followed the lead of many other sailors, and deserted. Unlike them, he went north instead of south, where large numbers were apprehended in Melbourne, Ballarat, and Bendigo. For two years Henry roamed about safely, but one day a man said: "You answer the description of a lad who is wanted for ship desertion. Are you Henry Biggs." In the two years which had elapsed since quitting his boat Henry had amassed a fortune of £20. This purchased his liberty. Shortly afterwards young Biggs came to Southport. For 12 months he carried the mails free of charge between Southport and the Tweed. Requiring paddocks for his horses he bought the property which is now the site of the Southport School. He also acquired main beach land, reaching from what is known as Meyer's Ferry at a cost of 5s an acre, payable in 20 years. Where the school now stands a house was built, which was subsequently rented as a residence for the then Governor of Queensland, Sir Anthony Musgrave. Subsequently this was acquired by Canon Dixon, and from this has risen the great buildings of the Southport School. Mr Henry Biggs died in 1892, but his widow Mary Biggs survived him until 1918. Their son, Mr. Henry Biggs, who is well known in Brisbane, and was formerly the owner of the fine boat, the "F.J.B." now lives on Marine Parade, Labrador. He is an enthusiastic motorist, but even the joys of his car pale before the lure of the fine motor launch housed in the boatshed in front of his home. He and Mrs. Biggs, both of whom are noted for their hospitality, spend a great deal of time on the bay. They have four children. The eldest son, Captain F. Biggs, is automotive engineer, Vacuum Oil Co, the second is in his final year for medicine at the Sydney University, and the third is a mechanical engineer. There is also a daughter, Mrs. Wyndham Pike, whose husband is a member of the firm of Pike Bros., Brisbane.

*Brisbane Courier 13 Mar 1926 Southport*

Mr and Mrs Henry Biggs (Kallara, Labrador) are making a tour in their car as far as Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide.

*Brisbane Courier 22 Mar 1926*

Mr and Mrs Henry Biggs (Kallara) have reached the Blue Mountains, and are spending a few days at Jenolan Caves House before continuing on their overland trip to Adelaide.

**On the Brisbane-Adelaide Trail.**



Mr. Henry Biggs, whose trip from Southport to Adelaide is described in an accompanying article, snapped beside his 1926 Oakland on a rough patch of road on the Coorong Desert, between Melbourne and Adelaide.

Brisbane Courier 12 May 1926 (article also)

*Brisbane Courier 04 Jul 1929*

Mr and Mrs Henry Biggs and Mrs Wyndham Pike, who have been on a visit to Dr T. Biggs at Willoughby, Sydney, have returned to Kallara, Labrador. Miss L. Smith is the guest of Mr and Mrs Henry Biggs at Kallara. On Wednesday afternoon Mrs Henry Biggs have an enjoyable bridge party at her residence, Kallara, Labrador. The reception rooms were beautified with bowls of gerberas and pale pink cactus. The invited guests included Mesdames Alf. Ward, H. Freeman, J. Nicoll, J. H. Munro, E. E. Forth, S. Kennedy, T. R. Hall, Edwin Pike, Gordon Lamont, Misses C. Ward, M. and R. Ward, M. Frederick, L. Smith, C. E. Bourne.

*Brisbane Courier 10 Jul 1931 Southport*

In honour of her guest, Mrs. Gordon Lamont, Mrs Henry Biggs gave an enjoyable bridge party at her residence, Kallara, Labrador, on Wednesday afternoon. Crystal bowls of camellias and linaria were used to beautify the tea table and reception rooms. A prize for bridge was won by Mrs. Harold Freeman. The guests included Mesdames Gordon Lamont, Alfred Ward. F. M. Little, H. Freeman, T. Millis, G. W. Beilby, Sydney Robertson, Percy Ward, G. H. French, T. R. Hall, Misses M. Ward, and S. Robertson. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lamont, who have been the guests of Mr and Mrs Henry Biggs at Kallara, Labrador, for a fortnight, will return to Greenslopes on Sunday. Mr and Mrs Sydney Robertson and family (Greenslopes) are spending a holiday at Kunioon, Brighton-parade.

*Brisbane Courier 15 Dec 1931 Bride-Elect Honoured*

Mrs E. H. Reeve (Balgowan) entertained a number of friends at a pre-wedding afternoon yesterday at Atcherley Roof Garden in honour of her daughter, Ethel, whose marriage to Mr W. H. Boden will take place at an early date. The guest of honour wore a frock of pink floral georgette. Mrs Reeve received her guests wearing a frock of black georgette with white trimmings. She was assisted in entertaining by her daughter, Miss Beatrice Reeve. Musical items were rendered by Mesdames Lindsay, J. Hawkes, F. Bennett, and Misses D. Jensen and C. Clark. Afternoon tea was served in the roof café at a long table beautified with puffings of pale pink and blue tulle, and silver bowls of pink roses and hydrangea. Those present included Mesdames J. A. Boden, J. McNamee, D. Davies, H. Mish, W. R. Pitter, A. Boden, R. Boden, T. Keys (Toowoomba), R. N. Bligh (Toowoomba), Hazard, J. Clarke, J. Hawkes, H. S. MacPherson, T. W. Biggs, jun., E. Biggs, Lindsay, Hendren, R. Findley, F. Bennett, G. Gray, Misses S. Wienke, F. Findlay, T. Keys, T. McRoberts, M. Clarke, C. Clarke and D. Jensen.

*Brisbane Courier 16 Jan 1932 Death*

On January 8<sup>th</sup>, 1932, at No.3 Henry-street, Ascot, John Emanuel Biggs, aged 51 years.

*Courier-Mail 31 Aug 1933 Mr A. H. Biggs*

The death of Mr Albert Henry Biggs occurred suddenly at his residence, Willoughby, Sydney, yesterday. In June last, the late Mr Biggs, who was well known in the commercial and sporting life of Brisbane, took up his residence in Sydney where he intended to live in retirement, and during his residence there he appeared to enjoy the best of health. Yesterday, however, while tending his garden, he was overcome by a heart seizure, and died almost immediately. The deceased, who was 63 years of age, was born in Brisbane, and his father, the late Mr Jos. Biggs, for many years kept the Jetty Hotel, which was on the site now occupied by the premises of Macdonald Hamilton and Co., Mary Street. Mr A. H. Biggs was educated at the Brisbane Grammar School. Ten years of his life were spent at Southport, where he took a prominent part in public life, being president of the local chamber of commerce. A wide variety of sports, including boating, fishing and bowling, occupied much of his attention, and he was a popular member of the Southport Bowling Club. During his visits to Brisbane, he played with the Toowong Bowling Club. The late Mr Biggs was also keenly interested in Masonic affairs, and was a member of Fenwick Lodge till the time of his death. The deceased is survived by his widow, also by three sons, Messrs Sidney Biggs (of Hotel Victory, Edward Street, Brisbane), Frederick Biggs (Hawkwood, Chinchilla district), and Dr T. J. Biggs (practicing at Willoughby, Sydney) and one daughter, Mrs Wyndham Pike (wife of Mr Wyndham Pike of Pike Bros., Ltd.). He is also survived by one brother, Mr Tom Biggs (of Messrs T. W. Biggs and Biggs, solicitors, Brisbane) and two sisters, Mrs H. S. Macpherson, of the firm of Macpherson and Co., solicitors, Brisbane) and Mrs E. H. Reeve, of Muldu, Toowoomba.

*Sydney Morning Herald 01 Sep 1933 Obituary – Mr A. H. Biggs*

Mr Albert Henry Biggs, whose remains were taken to Brisbane by train yesterday, for interment in the Presbyterian Cemetery at South Brisbane on Saturday morning, was a native of Queensland, being the eldest son of a Queensland pioneer. He had resided in Queensland all his life, and was in business in Brisbane until his retirement. He came to Sydney to make his home a few weeks ago, and had just taken up residence in Willoughby when he passed away on Wednesday aged 62 years. He is survived by his widow and three sons and one daughter. Dr Biggs, of Willoughby, is one of the sons.

*Courier-Mail 23 Nov 1933 In the Supreme Court of Queensland No.323 of 1932*

In the Will of John Emmanuel Biggs late of Henry Street Ascot Brisbane (formerly and in the Will described as of Hardgrave Road South Brisbane) in the State of Queensland Company Manager Deceased. And in the Trusts of the Will of the said Deceased. Notice is hereby given that the account of Thomas William Biggs and John Emmanuel Biggs Executors and Trustees of the abovenamed Estate from the eighth day of January 1932 to the thirty-first day of October 1933 has this day been filed in my office duly verified by the said Thomas William Biggs and John Emmanuel Biggs and that the said Thomas William Biggs and John Emmanuel Biggs intend to apply to the Court for an allowance of a commission on the income and proceeds of sales of trust property received by them. All parties claiming to be interested in the said Estate are at liberty to inspect the said account at my office in the Supreme Court House William Street Brisbane on or before Wednesday the third day of January 193\_ next and if they think fit to object thereto. Notice is also given that whether any objection is taken to the said account or not I shall after the aforesaid day proceed to examine and inquire into the said account. Notice is further given that any person who may desire to object to the said account or any item or items therein or to the allowance of a commission to the Executors and Trustees must before that day file in my office a memorandum stating that he claims to be heard on the examination and passing of the account. Dated at Brisbane this sixteenth day of November 1933. For the Taxing Officer, J. J. Herlihy, Senior Clerk. T. W. Biggs & Biggs, Solicitors of Executors, Celtic Chambers, George Street, Brisbane.

*Sydney Morning Herald 25 May 1935 Death*

May 24, 1935 at her son's residence (Dr T. J. Biggs) 182 High-street, Willoughby, Janet Crawford, of Brisbane, beloved mother of Fred, Sid, May (Mrs W. Pike), and Tom and widow of the late Albert Henry Biggs, aged 62 years.

*Courier-Mail (Brisbane) 26 Aug 1943 Funeral Notice*

The Funeral Service of the late Thomas William Biggs (Solicitor) will be held in St. Paul's Church of England, Vulture St., East Brisbane, at 3 o'clock, this (Thursday) afternoon, after which he will be privately cremated at Mt. Thompson Crematorium. (No flowers). John Hislop & Sons Funeral Directors.

*Courier-Mail 22 Aug 1947 In Memoriam*

Dearest and precious memories of my devoted and loving husband, Thomas William Biggs, who passed away suddenly at Southport, on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1943. Forever linked by loving memories. Inserted by his loving Wife.

*Courier-Mail 16 Mar 1948 Funeral Notice*

The Funeral of Mrs Mary Helena MacPherson (Wanoonga, New Cleveland Road, Norman Park) widow of the late H. S. MacPherson will leave St Paul's Church of England, Vulture Street, East Brisbane at conclusion of service, commencing at 3.45 o'clock this (Tuesday) afternoon for the Mount Thompson Crematorium. Private Cremation. No flowers by request. John Hislop & Sons, Funeral Directors.

*Courier-Mail 12 Oct 1953 Golden Wedding*

At St Paul's Church of England, Papanui Road, Christchurch, New Zealand on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1903 the marriage was solemnized of Ernest Henry Reeve to Ethel Madeline Biggs, both of South Brisbane. Present address: 179 Geddes Street, Toowoomba, and late of Balgowen, Muldu.