

## William Eugene Finucane Archive

William Eugene Finucane was born in 1844 in Corfu Garrison during the British occupation, the son of Colonel George Thurles Finucane, a British army officer. He was educated at Lord Gilfoyle's College at Corfu and became a painter, sculptor and journalist in his adult years.

In 1865, at the invitation of Sir George Bowen, the first Governor of Queensland, he came to Brisbane where he joined the staff of the Lands Department. He was one of Australia's earliest pioneers. During this time, together with Messrs Thistlethwaite, Atkinson and Burkitt, he established the Ipswich *Punch*, the first publication of its kind in the colony.

He was transferred to Normanton in 1866 and was amongst those responsible for the opening up of the district about Burketown and Normanton. His career also included sixteen years as Chief Clerk with the Police Department and a period in Europe as the commercial agent for Queensland. He died in Melbourne on 13 March 1927.

The records are in the form of a scrapbook which includes old letters, photographs and documents relating to W.E. Finucane's family and career.

Reference:

"Finucane, William Eugene (1844-1927)," *Obituaries Australia*, National Centre of Biography, Australian National University, <http://oa.anu.edu.au/obituary/finucane-william-eugene-14328/text25397>.

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### **Detailed Listing:**

WEF/1 William Eugene Finucane scrapbook. On cover: Pioneers. W.E. Finucane. Contains photographs, letters and documents. Includes two loose printed obituaries. One for W.E. Finucane and one for his wife, Johanna, who died in 1943 aged 94 years. Mss., typescript, print and photographs. 70p.

The following descriptions were received from Graeme Thistlethwaite.

- Page 2. Record of history of my father W. E. Finucane. In the interest of the future people who one day will live in this lovely part of Australia “the Gulf Country” Mary B. Crowle. Address 5 Hartington Court Hartington Road Chiswich London W4 (1966).
- Page 3. Book used to record the scrapbook belonged to paymaster’s office of HMS Karrakatta Aust Sqd. Engineer / Captain Crowle son-in-law to W. E. Finucane.
- Page 4. Record of Service W.E.F. 1865 – Drafting Surveying office etc.
- Page 5. Reason given for the history by Mrs Crowle, daughter of W.E.F.
- Page 6. Letter of thanks - Premiers Dept. 19 May 1962. F. Nicklin Premier signed. Photo. Reverse side, Aerial view City Brisbane of Executive and Treasury Buildings. Marking WEF's office cnr Queen St and North Quay in Treasury Bld.
- Page 7. Finucane’s wife's father lived at Westbourne House Sheehan St Milton Brisbane. List of children: Mary Beatrice, Ellena Euphmina, George William Baron Thurles, Albert Cleveland “Jack”, Eileen Gorginia Lucinda.
- Page 8. Family Tree in Mrs Crowle family.
- Page 9. Family - Grandchildren.
- Page 10 – 12. List of Mrs Crowle’s interests for e.g. National Council of Women in England. Born 1874.
- Page 13. Photo. W C Finucane.
- Page 14. Photo. Colonel Finucane served under Sir De Lacy Evans KCB 1835 – 36.
- Page 15. Naval life of Henry Augustus Finucane (uncle of WEF).
- Page 16. Newspaper article. “The British Aust and New Zealander” Vol XLIX No.2, 222 Thursday April 1927. Obit Photo included.
- Page 17 – 22. Journal Article: “Commerce”- an *Illustrated Weekly Journal* 1897 6 Oct No. 223 Vol IX. Illustrated.
- Page 23. Newspaper article. *Brisbane Courier* Aug 21 1897- WEF.
- Page 24. Photo. Olive fruit. Notes on Bowen Park, Bowen Bridge Road, Herston, Brisbane. Note, “as Children we lived at ‘The Bower’ Bowen Bridge Road often visits to Bowen Park with father and Mr Grimley to tend and maintain Bowen Park.” St Helena Island [assume Moreton Bay] had olives planted there under WEF directions.
- Page 25 – 26. Newspaper Article: *Brisbane Courier* Written by W.E.F. called “Mr. Finucane's Mission”.
- Page 27 – 28. Photo. Rocks at Riversleigh Qld. Map (small) of Pilbara region Western Australia.
- Page 29. Photo. Mrs Johanna Finucane. Photo Mrs Finucane with third daughter Eileen.
- Page 30. Article and photo: Re: Achille Simonetti (sculptor). Photo Capt Arthur Phillip RN monument.
- Page 31. Photo. Late Mr William Sheehan father-in-law to WEF. Born County Cork and died 1868 Brisbane. Photo. Table Tombstone Paddington Brisbane. re interred Milton Christ Church graveyard. Photo. “Star of the Sea” decoration in Catholic Church Cleveland to Mrs. Finucane.
- Page 32. Mr Sheehan married Ellen Healey. Re: Table Tombstone “Christ Church” Milton (Mr Sheehan).
- Page 33. Re: Masonic Medals WEF. Photo King Edward VII.
- Page 34. Letter of Thanks. The Grand United Lodge dated 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 1946. Mounted photo of William E. Finucane.
- Page 35. Letter of Thanks: Ipswich Council dated 24 Dec 1959. Finucane Scrapbook donated.

Page 36. Scrapbook: Includes many photos of early pioneers 1866. Lodge people 1874. Mission to Europe by WEF.

Page 37. Record of William E. Finucane's father's Army record.

Page 38. Photo. Magazine Photo.

Page 39. Article and photo "Vanity Fair" play.

Page 40. Photo. Mr William E. Finucane and three sons as young adults and brief history of boys lives.

Page 41. Letter of Sympathy to Mrs Crowle on death of William E. Finucane (her father). 3 May 1927, letter.

Page 42. Photo. Capt. Crowle died 1937. Photo Mrs Crowle. Some history of Capt. Crowle's naval service.

Page 43. List of Australian Naval Fleet. 4 Dec 1913.

Page 44. Photo. Naval College Greenwich. Photo Battleship. HMS "Implacable".

Page 45. Newspaper article. Anzac Service held in Bath England.

Page 46. Photo of Anzac Service. Newspaper article, *Bath Weekly Chronicle*, 1 May 1937. Mrs Crowle and others helped deliver these services from 1916 onward.

Page 47. Photo x 2. Mrs Crowle served in Red Cross 1914 – 20.

Page 48. Letter of Nomination Union Bath addressed to Mrs Crowle Boomerang ??? Park Bath. Union ideals.

Page 49. Photo. Mrs Finucane 1915. "Auntie Babes".

Page 50. Photo. Born 1906 – Died 1960. "Pigeon" Crowle (artist) (Eileen).

Page 51. Article. "Pigeon" Crowle and drawing.

Page 52. Letter of Acceptance Aug 1962. Qld Art Gallery. Painting by "Pigeon" Crowle. Gallery director Mr. Thomas.

Page 53. Advert for artistic event Pigeon Crowle. One contributor.

Page 54. Photo: W C F grandson Thomas Bedford.

Page 55. Photo. Windsor Castle. Not date

Page 56. Newspaper. 2 Aug 1897 WCF as Qld Government Representative on work for Government.

Page 57 – 58. Adverts various products e.g. train carriages.

Page 59. Advert. "Original Maker" Bath England

Page 60. Advert. "Bovril"

Page 61. ?

Page 62. Nil.

Page 63. Advert. Ice boxes.

Page 64. Advert. Fridge.

Page 65. Photo. TJ Byrnes

Page 66 – 67. Newspaper. TJ Byrnes Att. General Qld.

Page 68 – 92. Report. Presented to Qld Parliament 15 May 1899. Report by FCW on work for Queensland Government. 1899. (One side of report pasted into book, the other side of report hand-written into book).

Page 93. Nil

Page 94 – 95. Newspaper. *The Telegraph* (Brisbane) Saturday May 1934. "Brisbane in the Early Days" re George Melton Snr.

Page 96 – 99. Newspaper. On early "Legal People of Qld" in history.

Page 100. Photo Postal Stamps of Victorian times.

Page 101. Newspaper. Lady Bowen

Page 102. Family of Governor Bowen.

Page 103. Letter of Thanks. Mounted photograph of WEF. Queensland House London  
Page 104. Article. Opening Queensland House London 16 Aug 1966.  
Page 105. Article. Prince Consort.  
Page 106. Article and photo. Queen Victoria Daughters.  
Page 107 – 108. Empress Eugene good friend of Queen Victoria.  
Page 109. Nil.  
Page 110. Newspaper. Arnhem Land byline James Cunningham  
Page 111 – 112. Newspaper. *The Redlands Weekly* 14 Nov 1952. Story of WEF Biography  
Page 113. Newspaper. Arnhem Land 1968.  
Page 114 –144. Articles. Exploration of Australia e.g. Burke and Wills' end.