

"Burgum-Weitemeyer"

On November 9, at the Mission House, Leichhardt-street, Spring Hill, Brisbane, by Rev. J. B. Johnson, William, eldest son of Mr. T. Burgum, of Cinderford, Gloucestershire, England, to Cossette, only daughter of Mr. T. P. L. Weitemeyer, of Matta Matta, New Zealand, formerly of Blackall Range.

(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland; Saturday 16 November 1907)

"Father and Son Missing"

William George Burgum and his son, aged 12, residents of Landsborough, have been reported as missing from their home since Tuesday. On that day they set out for the purpose of driving home the cows, but they have not been seen since. One of their horses and a dog were found on the side of the Obi Obi Creek, which they had had to cross on their way. The Landsborough police were immediately notified, and investigations were commenced. The theory has been formed that while crossing the creek the boy fell off his horse, and that while the father was trying to rescue him both were drowned, as a little further down the creek from where they crossed there is a small water waterfall. The police are now engaged in dragging this part of the creek.

(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland; Thursday 10 March 1921)

"Missing Father and Son"

With reference to William George Burgum and his son, who have been missing since Tuesday from their home at Landsborough, and are believed to have been drowned while crossing the Obi Obi Creek, the police have found the cap of the boy attached to a snag in the creek. This seems to further strengthen the theory of the police that they were drowned in the creek.

(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland; Monday 14 March 1921)

"Recent Drowning - Fatalities"

The police were advised yesterday that the bodies of William George Burgum and his son, of the Maleny district, who were drowned while crossing Obi Obi Creek, have been recovered. The father's body was found on Sunday, and the boys was recovered yesterday. Dr. Anderson, of Landsborough, certified that death was due to asphyxia by drowning.

(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland; Tuesday 15 March 1921)

William was born in Littledean, son of Timothy and Mary Burgum, part of the "RR" family tree. He drowned at Obi Obi Creek 8th March 1921, together with his son William Frederick Burgum who was just twelve. Cosette lived another 51 years.