

EXAMPLE OF HOW TO TURN THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE ON YOUR ANCESTRY INTO A FAMILY QUIZ BOOK

The original text from my family history research was:

I was born on Wednesday, 6th July 1955 at home, 9 Farringdon St, Glen Innes, Auckland. My parents were aiming for the 4th July because 4-Square Grocers gifted a full years' worth of groceries to any child born on the 4th July, their anniversary. I arrived 2 days late and my sister, also planned to arrive 4th July, arrived 2 days earlier – no groceries! My middle name is “Lister” named after a small temporary hospital (a converted brothel) in Gisborne where my father, Edwin (Eddie) Lister Handricks, was born in 1926. I was delivered by Dr. Bertram Colman Greenhill L.R.C.P. Edin. L.R.C.S. Edin. L.R.F.P.S. Glasg. and assisted in childbirth by midwife Sister Irismary Bradford-Smith. I was christened on 1st January 1956 at St. David’s Church of England, Seddon Street, Naenae, Lower Hutt, Wellington. My Godparents were Frederick Harris, William Sandison and Maureen Shackleton.

I never knew my grandfather, my father’s father, Norman Frederick James Handricks, known by all as Norrie, as he died in Auckland of a brain tumour on the 4th September 1936 (my father was 10 when he died). Norrie was a theatrical entrepreneur and promoter and was by all accounts well-respected and well-known in the community. He was born in 1879 Port Fairy, Victoria, Australia to Dutch Jewish and Irish Catholic immigrants, Jozef Levi Handricks and Sarah Elizabeth McKenna.

Our surname was originally “Turfkruijer” dating back to my 5th Great Grandfather, Joel Joseph Turfkruijer (born 1690 in the Ural Mountains of Russia). Joel’s sons, Mordechai Joseph, Levy Joel and Moses Joel Turfkruijer left the mountains and headed for Paris, France where they set up business selling the severed heads from the guillotine. For this activity they were given the nickname “Hangjas” meaning “hang head” or “hang coat”. When the Mob took control the three brothers feared for their life and they escaped northwards to Holland. Two of the brothers were murdered by the Mob and only Levy managed to escape. He settled in Haarlem near Amsterdam in The Netherlands. He stopped using the name Turfkruijer and instead adopted the nickname, Hangjas, as his surname.

Levy’s grandson, Levie Joseph Jozale Hangjas, was born in Amsterdam on 23rd May 1784. He is my great great grandfather. He married Henderijntje Hindele Prins Joseph Welkoomst and together they had eight children including my great grandfather Jozef Levi (Hangjas) Handricks born 30 December 1829 in Haarlem.

Jozef emigrated to Victoria in 1860. His naturalization certificate dated 17th Oct. 1863 spelt his first name with an "f" (Josef) and his surname without the "c" (Handriks). It was this confusion with “Hangjas” pronunciation and spelling which lead to “Handricks” becoming the surname. He was described on the certificate as "storekeeper of Ararat, county of Ripon.

The Ararat Advertiser of 10th June, 1862 lists the marriage of Joseph and Sarah. It states that Joseph was a fruiterer and formerly of Haarlem, Holland and that Sarah McKenna was from Armagh, Ireland. The marriage took place on 7th June 1862. Jozef stated that he was Jewish on his marriage certificate

At the time of her marriage, Sarah's parents were dead. However, she had the permission of her guardian for the marriage. Sarah Elizabeth McKenna’s arrived in Geelong, Australia aboard the ship “Carleton” from Liverpool, England on 9th July 1857, aged 19. The passenger manifest shows that Sarah Elizabeth was assigned to a “sister, Mrs. Scott in Melbourne”.

Jozef Handricks established a business as a greengrocer and was known to have run a boarding house. He was also the local bill-poster and bell ringer, meeting ships at the wharves in his cab.

Jozef and Sarah had nine children. Norrie, my grandfather was the second youngest. Most of the children became entertainers, musicians and theatricals.

The Port Fairy Gazette of 1893 announced the death of Jozef. The Death Notice said that he died on 6th February at his residence, Sackville Street, Port Fairy, aged 55 years. On 7th February there was a lengthy paragraph about his death entitled "A SUDDEN SEIZURE" and on 10th February another lengthy paragraph about him which mentioned that his remains were taken to "the metropolis for interment in the cemetery of the Jews, of which people, Mr Handricks was a member". My grandfather was only 13 when his father died.

My paternal grandfather, Norman (Norrie) Frederick James Handricks was born into a theatrical family – his brother, Harry, was a renowned mandolinist, bell-ringer and female impersonator, his sister, Isabella was a world-famous bell-ringer and vaudeville entertainer.

Norrie's life-long career was that of a theatrical agent. He was the manager of numerous popular vaudeville acts including bell ringers; The Corricks, Paynes and Belle-Crome families. Norrie travelled extensively throughout Europe, Asia, India and South Africa promoting and managing theatrical tours and seeking out new acts to stage. Later in life moved to New Zealand and became manager of a number of picture theatres. He was an accomplished middle distance athlete and donated the Handricks Rose Bowl for swimming.

I then fed that into ChatGPT and asked it to create the quiz. The prompt I used was:

The subject of this text is Ian Handricks. create a 50 question multiple choice quiz in the 3rd person, and provide the answers in a separate section, from the following –

I then pasted the text of the section of the book (blue text above)

... and this was the result

QUIZ QUESTIONS

What is the full name of the subject?

- A) Ian Lister Handricks
- B) Ian Edwin Handricks
- C) Ian Bertram Handricks
- D) Ian Frederick Handricks

When was Ian Handricks born?

- A) July 4th, 1955
- B) July 6th, 1955
- C) July 2nd, 1955
- D) September 4th, 1955

Where was Ian born?

- A) 9 Farrington St, Glen Innes, Auckland
- B) Gisborne
- C) Wellington
- D) Port Fairy, Victoria

Why were Ian's parents aiming for a July 4th birth?

- A) For patriotic reasons
- B) Because of a family tradition
- C) To win a year's worth of groceries
- D) They liked the number 4

What is Ian's middle name?

- A) Edwin
- B) Lister
- C) Frederick
- D) Bertram

After whom was Ian's middle name chosen?

- A) A hospital in Gisborne
- B) A family friend
- C) A famous doctor
- D) A city in New Zealand

Who delivered Ian?

- A) Dr. Edwin Handricks
- B) Dr. Bertram Colman Greenhill
- C) Sister Irismary Bradford-Smith
- D) Dr. Frederick Harris

Who assisted in Ian's childbirth?

- A) Dr. Edwin Handricks
- B) Dr. Bertram Colman Greenhill
- C) Sister Irismary Bradford-Smith
- D) Dr. Frederick Harris

When was Ian christened?

- A) January 1st, 1956
- B) July 6th, 1955
- C) September 4th, 1955
- D) December 30th, 1955

Where was Ian christened?

- A) St. David's Church of England, Seddon Street, Naenae, Lower Hutt, Wellington
- B) Gisborne
- C) Auckland
- D) Port Fairy, Victoria

Who was Ian's grandfather?

- A) Norman Frederick James Handricks
- B) Edwin Lister Handricks
- C) Jozef Levi Handricks
- D) Harry Handricks

What was Norman Frederick James Handricks' nickname?

- A) Eddie
- B) Norrie
- C) Joe
- D) Harry

When did Norman Frederick James Handricks die?

- A) September 4th, 1936
- B) February 6th, 1893
- C) July 6th, 1955
- D) October 17th, 1863

What was Norman Frederick James Handricks' profession?

- A) A greengrocer
- B) A theatrical entrepreneur and promoter
- C) A bell ringer
- D) A storekeeper

Where was Norman Frederick James Handricks born?

- A) Port Fairy, Victoria, Australia
- B) Gisborne
- C) Amsterdam
- D) Haarlem

To which ethnicities did Ian's great grandparents belong?

- A) Dutch Jewish and Irish Catholic
- B) Russian and French
- C) Dutch and Irish
- D) Jewish and Catholic

What was the original surname of Ian's family?

- A) Hangjas
- B) Handricks
- C) Turfkruijer
- D) Handriks

Who was Joel Joseph Turfkruijer?

- A) Ian's father
- B) Ian's great grandfather
- C) Ian's 5th Great Grandfather
- D) Ian's brother

What business did Joel Joseph Turfkruijer's sons set up in Paris?

- A) Selling vegetables
- B) Selling severed heads from the guillotine
- C) A theatrical agency
- D) A boarding house

What nickname was given to Joel Joseph Turfkruijer's sons?

- A) Handricks
- B) Hangjas
- C) Turfkruijer
- D) Handriks

Who among Joel Joseph Turfkruijer's sons managed to escape to Holland?

- A) Mordechai Joseph
- B) Levy Joel
- C) Moses Joel
- D) Jozef Levi

Where in The Netherlands did the surviving son settle?

- A) Amsterdam
- B) Haarlem
- C) Gisborne
- D) Ararat

What was the name of Levy's grandson?

- A) Norman Frederick James Handricks
- B) Edwin Lister Handricks
- C) Levie Joseph Jozale Hangjas
- D) Harry Handricks

What was the profession of Jozef Levi Handricks in Ararat?

- A) A greengrocer
- B) A theatrical entrepreneur
- C) A storekeeper
- D) A bell ringer

How was Jozef's first name spelt on his naturalization certificate?

- A) Josef
- B) Jozef
- C) Joseph
- D) Joe

What was the surname spelt as on Jozef's naturalization certificate?

- A) Hangjas
- B) Handricks
- C) Turfkruijer
- D) Handriks

What did the marriage announcement in the Ararat Advertiser state about Jozef?

- A) He was formerly of Haarlem, Holland
- B) He was a theatrical entrepreneur
- C) He was from Gisborne
- D) He was from Amsterdam

When did Jozef marry Sarah Elizabeth McKenna?

- A) June 10th, 1862
- B) June 7th, 1862
- C) July 6th, 1955
- D) September 4th, 1936

What religion did Jozef state he was on his marriage certificate?

- A) Catholic
- B) Jewish
- C) Protestant
- D) Dutch Reformed

From where did Sarah Elizabeth McKenna arrive in Australia?

- A) Liverpool, England
- B) Dublin, Ireland
- C) Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- D) Haarlem, The Netherlands

How old was Sarah Elizabeth McKenna when she arrived in Australia?

- A) 19
- B) 29
- C) 39
- D) 49

Who was Sarah Elizabeth McKenna assigned to in Melbourne?

- A) Mrs. Scott
- B) Mr. Sandison
- C) Mr. Shackleton
- D) Mrs. McKenna

What businesses did Jozef Handricks establish?

- A) A greengrocer and a boarding house
- B) A theatrical agency
- C) A bell ringing school
- D) A cab company

How many children did Jozef and Sarah have?

- A) 8
- B) 9
- C) 10
- D) 11

What was the profession of most of Jozef and Sarah's children?

- A) Greengrocers
- B) Musicians and theatricals
- C) Bell ringers
- D) Storekeepers

When did Jozef Handricks die?

- A) February 6th, 1893
- B) September 4th, 1936
- C) July 6th, 1955
- D) January 1st, 1956

Where were Jozef Handricks' remains taken for interment?

- A) The cemetery of the Jews in the metropolis
- B) Port Fairy
- C) Gisborne
- D) Ararat

What was Harry Handricks renowned for?

- A) Being a greengrocer
- B) Being a mandolinist, bell-ringer and female impersonator
- C) Being a theatrical entrepreneur
- D) Being a storekeeper

What was Isabella Handricks famous for?

- A) Being a greengrocer
- B) Being a world-famous bell-ringer and vaudeville entertainer
- C) Being a storekeeper
- D) Being a female impersonator

What was Norrie's life-long career?

- A) A greengrocer
- B) A bell ringer
- C) A theatrical agent
- D) A storekeeper

Which popular vaudeville acts did Norrie manage?

- A) The Corricks, Paynes and Belle-Crome families
- B) The Handricks family
- C) The McKenna family
- D) The Scott family

To which places did Norrie travel to promote theatrical tours?

- A) Europe, Asia, India and South Africa
- B) The Netherlands, Ireland, and Russia
- C) Australia, New Zealand, and England
- D) America, Canada, and Mexico

Where did Norrie move to later in life?

- A) New Zealand
- B) Australia
- C) The Netherlands
- D) Ireland

What was Norrie's role in New Zealand?

- A) Manager of picture theatres
- B) A greengrocer
- C) A theatrical entrepreneur
- D) A bell ringer

What athletic activity was Norrie accomplished in?

- A) Swimming
- B) Running middle distance
- C) Cycling
- D) Boxing

What did Norrie donate for swimming?

- A) The Handricks Cup
- B) The Handricks Rose Bowl
- C) The Handricks Medal
- D) The Handricks Trophy

What is the significance of July 4th in Ian Handricks' family history?

- A) Ian's birthdate
- B) His sister's birthdate
- C) The date his parents aimed for his birth
- D) The date his grandfather died

What is the connection between Port Fairy, Victoria, and the Handricks family?

- A) Where Ian was born
- B) Where Jozef Handricks emigrated to
- C) Where Norrie Handricks died
- D) Where Norrie Handricks was born

What unusual business did Ian's ancestors engage in Paris?

- A) Selling severed heads from the guillotine
- B) Running a converted brothel hospital
- C) Being theatrical entrepreneurs
- D) Managing vaudeville acts

What change occurred in the family surname over time?

- A) From Handricks to Handriks
- B) From Turfkruijer to Hangjas
- C) From Hangjas to Handricks
- D) From Handriks to Hangjas

... and the answers were provided

ANSWERS

- B) Ian Edwin Handricks
- B) July 6th, 1955
- A) 9 Farringdon St, Glen Innes, Auckland
- C) To win a year's worth of groceries
- B) Lister
- A) A hospital in Gisborne
- B) Dr. Bertram Colman Greenhill
- C) Sister Irismary Bradford-Smith
- A) January 1st, 1956
- A) St. David's Church of England

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