

Annotated Bibliography

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Greek Café Project: The Greek Café as a Pathway to Success for Greek Migrants

BOOKS, etc.

Allen, Ross and Robert Chapman. *Coffee 33: Brisbane's iconic cafes in poetry, prose & photographs*. SLQ JO, Books J 647.95 ALL:

Contemporary cafés only, and no Greek connection

Andronicos, Rene. *Maudie Put the Record On*. Brisbane 2013. J920.72 AND

Memoir about growing up as a Greek child in Brisbane 1920s/30s. Rene's father Theo Kyros (Andronicos) worked in Sydney and country NSW, had a mixed business in Brisbane, then from 1923 a café in Edward Street. Parents worked together, closed 7pm, lost business 1929. Description of café (12-13). Rene started school 1924 and came home for lunch (14). Astoria Café (15). Bobby Bond (17).

Australasian Confectioner and Soda Fountain Journal 1925 (12 issues bound: Vol. 9 Nos 104-108 and Vol. 10 Nos 109-115). Call No. RBS 641.85 001

Published monthly on 24th of the month (Jan-Dec). "The official organ of the Victorian retail confectioners' association." Covers 900 members. Excellent record of products and equipment available to café proprietors in 1925 and companies that supplied them. Comprises articles, histories (e.g. series of articles by Macpherson Robertson on Australia's confectionery industry), excellent advertisements and illustrations of products used in cafés. One Parramatta café featured: Psaltis Bros. shop in Parramatta (Nov. page 48, Dec. page 2) but none in Queensland. Issues range between 80 and 112 pages.

Bailey, Dennis, David Hinchliffe and Hans Peter Rols. *Two to the Valley: Fortitude Valley, a portrait in black and white*. Fortitude Valley Qld, Fortitude Valley Business Association, 1992.

Californian Café owned by George Apostolos features on pages 38-9 (photos mostly by David Hinchliffe)

Boccabella, Zoe. *Joe's Fruit Shop & Milk Bar*. Sydney: Harper Collins, 2015:

The story of Zoe's Italian grandfather; similar to the Greek migration story. Includes a chapter "Astoria Café," in which Joe and his wife work for the Freeleagus brothers at the Astoria Café in Adelaide St.

Bottomley, Gillian. *After the Odyssey: a study of Greek Australians*. SLQ JO, Books J 305.889094 BOT:

References Sydney Greeks only but notes the influence of country cafés on migrants and the availability of Greek foodstuffs (99-102). Also explores concepts of kinship, time, religion, music, dishonour, hospitality, and Greek social life (churches, schools, AHEPA, publications, clubs and societies).

Conomos, Denis. *Images of Greek and Greek Cypriots in Queensland 1859 to 2009* Lions Club of Brisbane Hellenic Inc. SLQ JO, Pamphlets P 305.889 LIO:

Mostly images found in the collection (40 pages) around themes like religion, food, work, war.

Conomos, Denis. *The Greeks in Queensland: a History from 1859-1945*. SLQ JO, Books J 305.889 CON:

Excellent records of hundreds of cafés and migrants throughout Queensland. Chapters follow chronology, though most references to cafés are brief.

Conomos, Denis. *History of the Greek Community of Queensland to 1939*. SLQ JO, Pamphlets P 994.300489 COM:

A briefer, much earlier, version of the above with references to *Life in Australia*, produced in Greek by John Comino in 1916.

Damoussi, Joy. *Memory and Migration in the Shadow of War: Australia's Greek Migrants after World War II and the Greek Civil War*. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2015

Some background in chapter 1 (mentions Greeks in the food-catering industry p17-18) but mostly concerns post-WW2 migration to Melbourne, and barely mentions cafes. Focus is war trauma and how war stories are passed on to children. Addresses the impact of the Ferry Report (34-41) and use of the term *dago*: "They don't call you dago or anything like that if you're good at sport" (Con, 238).

Donkin, Nance. *The Greek-Australian experience: stranger and friend*. Melbourne: Dove, 1983. SLQ CHG300s G 305.889094 1983:

Explores complex interplay between Greek and Australian communities—especially that between Kythera and Australia—records historical patterns of migration, and statistics, and explains Greek customs like *proika* (bride price) and the *cafenion* and the effects of these on migrant behaviours. Documents experience of Greek-Australians in Melbourne, specifically difficulties with language and racism, and their observations of how different from their own was Australia's lifestyle: why they felt alienated in a culture of an eight-hour day and then home—no public life after work. Includes childhood memories of Greek shops in country NSW.

Drakos, Despina. *The 90 year commemoration of the 1922 catastrophe of Smyrna, Asia Minor: the refugees who made a new life in West End, South Brisbane, Queensland*. Mt Gravatt, Queensland: Asia Minor Greek Historical Society Incorporated, 2012. Q 956.25 DRA:

Details the story of what happened to Greeks in Asia Minor with reference (from p31) about families (Girdis, Lathouras—who later went to Bundaberg—Tsolakas, Drakos etc.) who came to Brisbane. Includes photographs of Girdis's Coffee Palace (1917) and Melba Milk Bar.

Georges, Marcia. *Greek by heritage Italian by heart*. SLQ JO, Books, Quarto Q 641.5092 GEO:

Marcia owns Il Centro. Her father Michael Karlos migrated from Kastellorizo, had Liberty Café in Stanley Street Woolloongabba (picture page 14) and the Astoria Café, and later pioneered coffee lounges and restaurants in Brisbane. Includes picture of father's café and advertising images related to subsequent restaurant history.

Hackett, Joanna. *The Oyster Industry of Moreton Bay*. SLQ JO, Pamphlets P 338.37244 HAC:

Useful history, with some focus on oyster saloons, noting that Greeks often ran these.

Kingsmill, John. *Australia Street: A Boy's Eye-View of the 1920s and 1930s*. Sydney: Hale & Iremonger, 1991. G994.042:

Milk bars in Bondi (76-8)

Kotzas, George. *A photographic record of member's families of the Greek Orthodox community of Innisfail and North Queensland 2010* / compiled by George Kotzas. SLQ JO, Books, Quarto Q 281.99436 KOT25 (not useful)

Marinos, Lex. *Blood and Circuses*. Crows Nest NSW, Allen & Unwin: 2014.

Marinos was born in 1949 and grew up in Wagga Wagga, where his grandparents operated a café and where there was a large Greek community. Chapter 1: "Papou's Café" describes the food Greeks ate, explores the life of a Greek (café) boy, and situates the Bridge Café within the "dozen" Greek cafes in Wagga Wagga in the 1950s.

Post Office Directory (1906, 1915-16, 1935, 1946):

These provide names of shops and proprietors in various towns and signal the change from oyster saloons to cafés.

Price, C. A. Ed. *The study of immigrants in Australia: proceedings of conference on immigration research*. Australian National University. Department of Demography. Conference. SLQ JO, Books, Quarto Q 305.800994 AUS:
Not useful.

Pugh's Almanac (1925, 1927, etc.) SLQ JO, Rare serials RBS 919.43 065:
The names of shops and proprietors in various towns.

Reminiscences and memories of early residents of Greek origin in Brisbane before 1960 / The Greek Orthodox Community of St. George, Brisbane Greek Orthodox Community of Saint George, Brisbane SLQ JO, Pamphlets P 994.3100489 rem29:
Not useful.

Report of The Royal Commission Appointed to Inquire into and Report on the Social and Economic Effects of Increase in Number of Aliens in North Queensland. Alien Immigration Commission. SLQ JO, Pamphlets P 353.484 REP:
Damning claims about Greek living standards. Concludes that Greeks are of no value whatever as migrants. Ferry's observation of the 13-year-old boy being neglected is culturally specific. Greek boys were travelling across the world alone by age 12 and had been working prior to that.

Risson, Toni. *Aphrodite and the Mixed Grill: Greek Cafés in Twentieth-Century Australia*. Brisbane 2007:
Details chain migration and its effects of the island of Kythera and explains the evolution of the Greek café from C19th oyster saloons. Explores women's and children's experience. Uses Ipswich as a case study.

Smith, Glen S. *Southern Queensland's Oyster Industry*. 1981 pages 45-58
https://espace.library.uq.edu.au/view/UQ:241127/s00855804_1981_82_11_3_45.pdf
Useful history, though no reference to Greeks as oystermen or saloon proprietors.

Souvenir and addresses delivered by Mr. Christy Freeleagus Goold-Adams, Hamilton John, SLQ JO, Books J 301.45189 PRO:
Christy Freeleagus's address at the unveiling of the Hector Vasyli memorial (1918) and his welcome speech at the Hellenic Club, where Governor Sir Hamilton delivered a lecture 'The island of Cyprus.' Lady Goold-Adams was also present. Also, Freeleagus's vote of thanks. Impeccable English. Reinforces connections between Greeks and British. Two articles in the Protestants' Sentinel, 13th Dec. 1918 and 31st Oct. 1919.

Tamis, Anastasios Myrodis *An illustrated history of the Greeks in Australia* SLQ JO, Books, Quarto Q 305.889 TAM 24:
Little about Queensland Greeks.

ARTICLES

\$13 million development in Darwin: a café called Zero in the Tropics:
Modernised version of iconic café, which Kyriakos family operated in the 1930s, is part of major development. No detail – not useful.

Newsletter / Greek Orthodox Community of Townsville. (Oct. 23, 1989-Mar. 4, 1992) Greek Orthodox Community of Townsville. SLQ JO, Serials, 200s S 281.9 00130
Not useful.

COLLECTIONS

Palmas Family Album and Poster SLQ OM Box 15752:

Jerry and Elizabeth Palmos had first shop in East Brisbane, then Day Dawn Café Queen Street, South Pacific Café Stanley Street, High Hat Fortitude Valley, Black & White Milk Bar corner Queen & Edward Street, Colony Club Edward Street, Palms Cafe Queens Street (Regent Theatre). Collection includes a brief family history, photos (small copies only, also digitised) of family and some shops. The 'poster' is not in evidence.

Ross Johnston Greek Emigration Research

Johnston, W. Ross SLQ OM Boxes 17731-17732

Two boxes—a useful resource based on interviews with Greek people conducted in 1986. It comprises interview questions, transcripts, an unpublished manuscript entitled *A Greek Odyssey* (chapter 6 “Going into Business”), and photographs (copies). Those interviewees who mention cafés are listed below. Their stories provide family histories and insights into migration, marriage and the café business.

(Box 17731):

Interview questions

Folder 1: Bellas, Black, Christofis, Castrisos, Carpadios and Aroney mention cafés

Folder 2: Drakos, Freeleagus and Inglis mention cafés

Folder 3: Defteros mentions cafés

Folder 4: Comino and Fouras mention cafés

Folder 5: Sourris mentions cafés

(Box 17732):

Folder 6: Samios mentions cafés

Folder 7: Moskos and Marendy mention cafés

Unpublished manuscript entitled *Greek Odyssey* (chapter 6 “Going into Business” is useful)

Photographs (3 folders: copies only)

K.C. and M. Carides Family Papers 1899-1975.

SLQ OMOS Box 18034 O/S and SLQ OM Box 18858

Box 18034 Acc 29215 holds only a large Freemasonry Certificate (mostly Uniting Church material)

Box 18858 Acc 29428 holds a detailed family history entitled *Recollections of the Quality Fruit and 4d. Milk Bar No 5 Adelaide Street* by Chris and Mary's four children.

In addition, the box holds the following material related to the milk bar:

- Original large photo of couple in fruit shop
- cheques
- B.C.C. receipt for application for an electrical advertising sign under the awning at 5 Adelaide Street bearing the words “Quality Fruit 4d. Milk Bar” dated 1940, and licence for same
- receipts for rent 3 pounds 10/- a week 1942
- License and Certificate of Registration of Premises (Jack Carides under “The Milk-sellers’ Regulations of 1930”) dated June 1937
- milk sellers’ license being 10/- for period 1 July 1942 to 30 June 1943 (and similar)
- Licence to Sell and Deal in Tobacco under the Tobacco Act of 1894, commencing 25.5.1937, 5/- for tobacco licence (1943)
- Memorandum of Agreement whereby Jack Carides purchased fruit and mixed business at 5 Adelaide Street in the Chancery Chambers Building from George Smaris (25.3.1937) for £400 paid in instalments over the following year (and receipts for 25- and 15-pound payments).
- Auction advertising 25.11.1954 for sale of Quality Fruit and 4d. Milk Bar building (and other tenants) 5-9 Adelaide St at one remove from George St.

- Auction advertising 19.10.1964 for sale of Black and White Milk Bar 238 Edward St (a few doors from Queen St).

Other contents:

- Greek Day badge 1941, cost one shilling.
- Identity Card (Q4/M 99/14658) issued to Kiryacos Chris Carides of 5 Adelaide Street (“You must carry this Identity Card with you whenever you are away from your home”)
- *The War Illustrated* magazines 1940 and 1941
- AHEPA: *The Ahephan* magazine (1945), Constitution, Secret Rituals, letters, receipts, Daughters of Penelope (ladies auxiliary) membership card for Mary Carides, ticket to performance, medals. Chapter established in Brisbane 1936. Chris was one of earliest members, and first official president.
- The United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Queensland: certificates and booklets, letters and souvenirs, medals, books
- Two pocket-sized volumes: Greek/English dictionary (New York, 1917); compendium for newcomers to the United States (similar vintage)
- Telegram to J Christie of 146 George St Sydney to send 15 pounds sterling to Port Said
- Medical Certificate of Unfitness (1942) for K. C. Carides shopkeeper
- Red Cross messages from Greece 1944, receipts and letters re contributions to Red Cross of £5-10 (1943/1944/1945) and vegetables for stall, certificates of Life Membership to Mr Carides and to Mrs Carides.

EPHEMERA

Coffee and Coffee Shops: ephemera material collected by the State Library of Queensland (1 box) SLQ JO, Ephemera Coffee and Coffee Shops.

Not useful. Brochure from Coffee Club – Greek founders but only one with café background and no reference to this.

VIDEOS

Girdis: from Asia Minor – Mark Girdis arrived 1923, cafés in Fortitude Valley and Toowoomba, famous Girdis Candy Store, also made ice cream.

Freeleagus (Eiris Nicolaidis): the contribution to Queensland of Eiris (Rene) Nicolaidis, nee Freeleagus

Syrmis (Beulah Castan): cafés in Townsville and South Brisbane—broad family stories; no detail about Brisbane.

Four Brothers: Liberty Café in Tully until 1936, Up-To-Date Café in El Arish, shops in Coorparoo and South Brisbane in 1956. Claims that Angelo Efsthatis had the “first” fish roe business (Charlotte Street shop exported) which may not tally with Samios Foods story.

TAPES

Solomos Society talks 2004-2012: “Growing up in Greek cafés”

Stories about children’s experiences in cafés, including working there and wartime interactions with ‘Yanks,’ and family café stories (Con Castan and Julie Nichles)

PHOTOGRAPHS

Greeks in Queensland: some digitised, including Freeleagus and Palmos families, Paragon Café Dalby, Busy Bee Café Kingaroy, oyster saloons—Athens Oyster Saloon, Longreach.

Brisbane Streetscapes including city streets (Adelaide, Albert, Ann, Edward, George, Roma, Queen and Burnett Lane) and inner-city suburbs like Fortitude Valley as well as Processions, Theatres, and Americans in Queensland: these reveal positions of several Greek cafés, and some yet to be confirmed as Greek. The best of these include the following (known Greek cafés indicated in italics):

- *Atlas Café* Adelaide Street **Neg. No. 42990** (Bilinga air crash victims' funeral) 12.3.49
- *Atlas Café* Adelaide Street (tram in front) **Neg. No. unknown** "specialising in hot and cold luncheons" 1960
- *Astoria Café* Adelaide Street **Neg. No. 202329** (Edward Street intersection) ca. 1946
- *Astoria Café and Sundae Shop* **Neg. No. 185692** (behind Anzac Square crowd) ca. 1930

- *Mayfair Café* Albert Street 1960 (with FX, Black Cat Casket and D'Brazil Coffee Lounge) **Neg. No. unknown**
- *Mayfair Café* Albert Street 1960 (rubbish bins) **Neg. No. unknown** also D'Brazil Coffee Lounge
- *Peter Pan Coffee Lounge* Albert Street **Neg. No. 46263** (near Metro Theatre) 1973
- *Café Oasis* **Neg. No. 188206** (to right of Tivoli Theatre) – demolition of theatre for development of Civic Square September 1965

- *Anne Hathaway Café* George Street **Neg. No. 99724** (also . . . een Café) Charlotte St corner ca. 1937

- Zebra Café, Railway Fruit Exchange, chemist, *Golden Gate Café*, Busy Bee cake shop, barber **Neg. No. 88768** Roma Street near Makerston corner 1973

- *Quay Café* Queen Street (rainy day on corner Queen/George looking towards Quay) **Neg. No. 102760** 1952
- *Quay Café* Queen Street (Royal visit Queen/George corner) **Neg. No. 92647** 1954
- *Treasury Café* Queen Street **Neg. No. 177724** Brightlights, Poulsen Studios, City Fruit Exchange on west face of Queen between George and Quay ca. 1956
- *Sydney Oyster Palace* Queen Street **Neg. No. 68964** (peace celebrations) 1919
- *Black's Dining Rooms* Queen Street **Neg. No. 65133** ca. 1920 (east face, bet. Albert/George)
- *FRUIT LOG-ST* (could be Fruitologist) **Neg. No. 204354** (beside OK Building) 1926
- *Jack Black* Queen Street **Neg. No. 169704** near George St intersection left of Wertheim's and Sneyd's Draper ca. 1912. Another photo from 1912 (tramway strike procession) reveals white markings on façade to be signage
- *Paris Café* Queen Street **Neg. No. 204347** near intersection with George, left of Wertheim's and Sneyd's Draper ca. 1929
- *The Palms* Queen Street **Neg. No. 177038** (beside Regent Theatre) 1950
- *Christie's Café* (balcony over Queen Street) **Neg. No. 157069** ca. 1950
- *Christie's Café* Queen Street **Neg. No. 109426** 1973
- *Patty Bros* Queen Street in Belfast Hotel Building near Mooney Memorial Fountain **Neg. No. 137062** (welcoming Bert Hinkler) 1928
- *A.S.D. Café* Queen Street **Neg. No. 41460** (Ophir Tea Rooms almost directly opposite) 1918

- *Comino Bros* (Petrie's Bight between Adelaide and Ann) **Neg. No. 55838** 1939
- *Comino Bros* (Petrie's Bight opposite Eagers) **Neg. No. 129005** Queens Visit 1954

