

FASCINATING FIND

SMYTH MEDAL



This Smyth gold medal for General Proficiency was presented to Esther L. Smith, a student at Monkland School in 1901.

William Smyth, whose grand old house recently burnt down, was a former Gympie miner, investor, mayor and MLA. After his death in 1899 his widow awarded these commemorative medals annually to a handful of Gympie school students. The medals are 15ct gold and weigh almost half an ounce.

Esther's medal was donated to the museum in the late 1900s by Mrs M Poulson.

Another Smyth medal which was awarded to Matthew McMahon in 1906 at Monkland School is displayed along with his railway watch in our Railway Display.