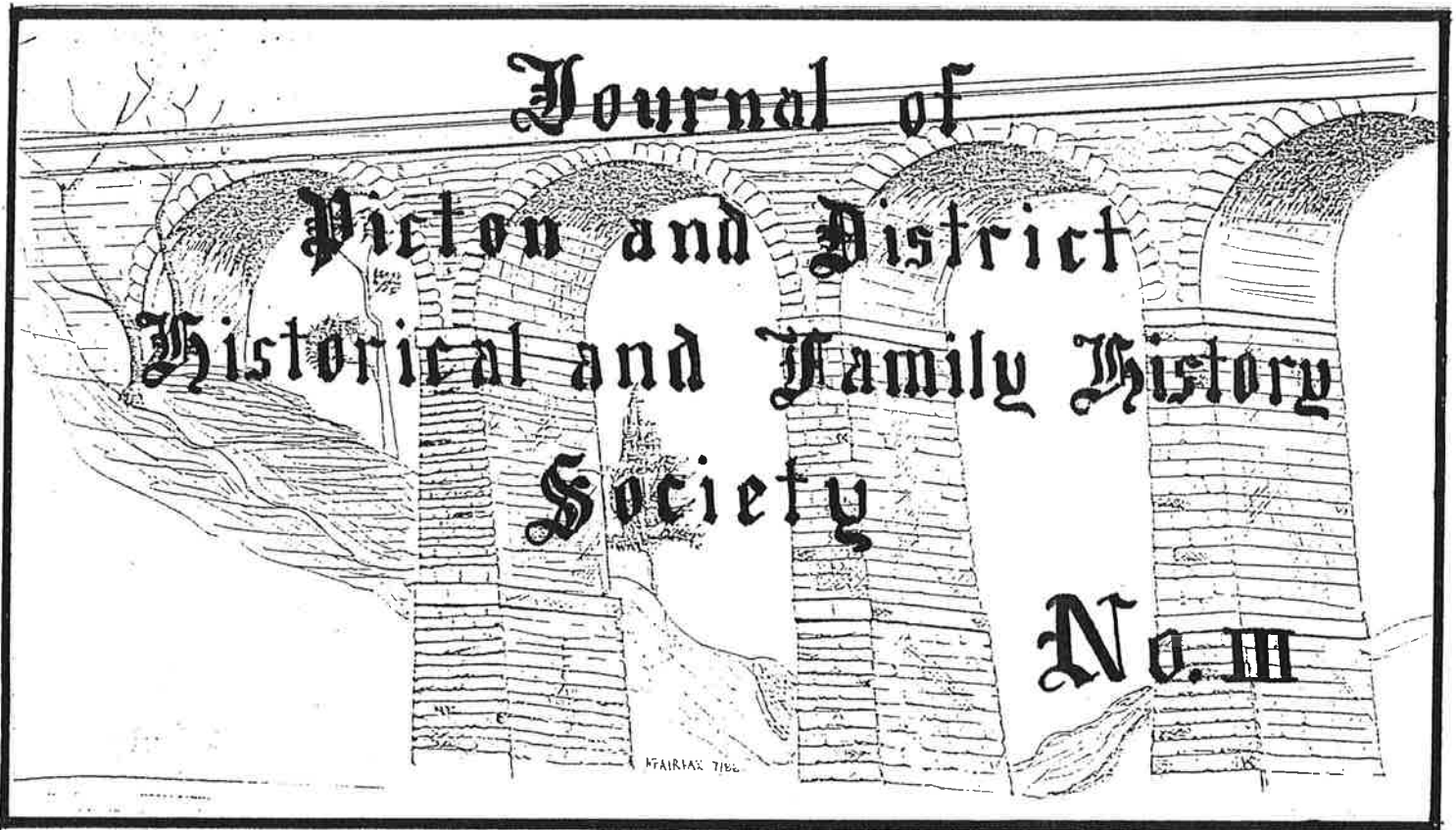


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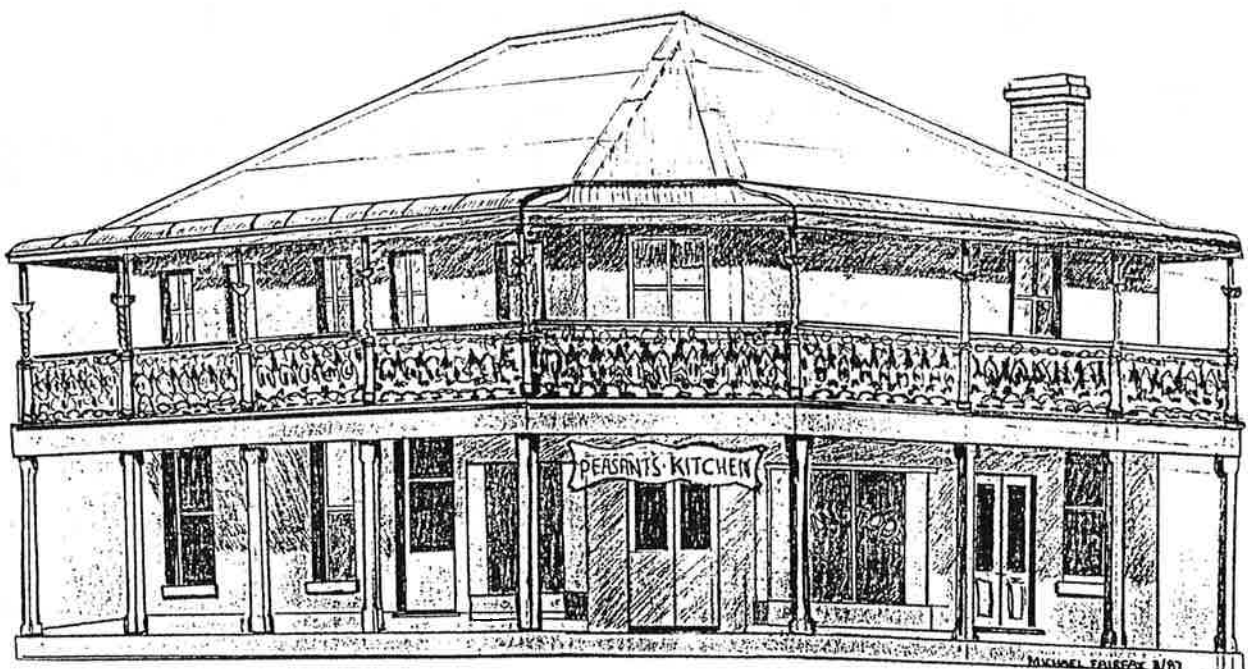
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The Railway Hotel was situated on the corner of Oaks Road and Argyle Street, Picton, opposite the George Inn.

In the early days, the trains ran across the road up "Picton Hill" and went through the old tunnel.

As the railway station at Picton was a long way from the centre of the town, it was usual for Picton passengers to alight at the railway gates on Picton Hill and then walk down to the main part of town. The Railway Hotel, later named The Royal, was first licensed in the early 1860's and ceased operation as a hotel in 1913.



Part of the old hotel is now The Peasants Kitchen Restaurant.

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The Picton & District Historical & Family History Society meets at The Peasants Kitchen Restaurant on the second Monday of each month at 7.30 pm.

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The Editor welcomes all contributions suitable for the  
magazine, coming events, your questions, historical articles,  
genealogy queries, and articles, book reviews, new research  
avenues, members name interests, etc.

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

In view of the Christmas break, we are publishing the Journal a month earlier. I hope you find it interesting. From all reports, our last Journal was well received, the Petition re Postal services being of particular interest.

Our inaugural Ball held on 10th October was a great success, thanks to Grant McClafferty and his committee. A total of \$653.00 was raised. Not bad for a first effort.

The address by Father Power at our October meeting was very enjoyable and members who attended the Picnic Day at St. Mary's Towers the following Saturday had a great day.

Parramatta Historical Society members entertained us at our November meeting followed by the tour on Saturday 14th. Due to lack of numbers, the bus had to be cancelled but fortunately, we were able to use the Community Bus. Special thanks to member Ray Ames for driving the bus.

SHIRE PICNIC DAY Wollondilly Shire Council will be holding a Shire Picnic Day on Sunday 6th March as part of the Bicentennial celebrations. The Picnic will be at The Hume Oval, Picton. Our Society has been invited to participate and have been offered the use of the Shire Hall in Menangle Street to put on a display. The Oaks Historical Society will also be involved. There will be a Grand Parade in the morning which we will also participate in. It should be a great day, so come along and join us.

The Society will hold a meeting at the Hall on Wednesday 20th January at 7.30 pm to plan the lay out of the display.

Speaking of THE OAKS, Jan & I recently attended the book launching of Sonja den Hertog's "The History of The Oaks from The Records". While I don't consider myself qualified to give a book review, I think it is a great book, easy to read with many lovely old photos. The book is a must for anyone with an interest in or connections with The Oaks, Oakdale, Glenmore and Mt. Hunter. It is available from The Oaks Historical Society, c/- Post Office, The Oaks. 2570, at a cost of \$8.00.

Besides the Shire Picnic Day, there will be a Colonial Day at WILTON (in the early days known as East Bargo), on 16th April. The Society has also been <sup>invited</sup> to participate and anyone with Wilton connections who would like to know more should contact - Pat Shephard - (046) 309380.

I mentioned in the last Journal that we were exchanging Journals and Newsletters with other Historical Societies. We have also commenced exchanging with Family History Societies and this is of great benefit to all family history addicts. Not only do you get access to the magazines covering your area of research, if you place an enquiry in our magazine, you have a good chance of getting a response. Thanks to the Librarian of the Hawkesbury Family History Society, I had success with the enquiry I placed in our last Journal. As mentioned further on in the Journal, all Journals/Newsletters from other Societies are now available for reference at the Wollondilly Community Library, Picton. You don't have to be a member of the Society or the Library.

NEXT MEETING: 8TH FEBRUARY, 1988 - Speaker yet to be confirmed.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND "LETS MAKE IT GREAT IN '88"

Marlane.

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#### INVITATION

Picton & District Historical & Family History Society invites your group to visit our historic area.

Come for a guided walking tour through the town of Picton, originally part of the Cowpastures and opened for settlement in 1822. Visit beautiful St. Marks Church and many other historic buildings.

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### ST. MARY'S TOWERS

St. Mary's Towers at Douglas Park was once the home of the celebrated explorer, surveyor and road builder, Sir Thomas Mitchell - - a man who played a very important part in opening up and developing the colony of New South Wales. Mitchell, with the keen eye of the explorer and surveyor, chose the site as a good place for a country residence. In 1834 he received a grant of 2,500 acres, later increased by an additional 1,250 acres in what was then known as East Bargo. In 1842 Mitchell hired stone-masons, carpenters and labourers to begin work on his home which was to be named "Park Hall". In spite of certain misconceptions, there is ample historical evidence that no convict labour was employed on the building. Sir Thomas surrounded the house with vine-yards of Madeira grapes from which he had his own wine. "Park Hall" was completed in 1845 and its owner, with his family of six sons and five daughters took up residence in the new home.

A new phase in the history of St. Mary's Towers began with its purchase by Dr. Richard Lewis Jenkins about 1861. He made considerable improvements to the house and estate, adding a beautiful stone colonade or cloister to the northern and eastern walls and building a private chapel. He re-named the home "Nepean Towers". Under his management "Nepean Towers" became famous for its herd of Durham Shorthorn cattle which were well known throughout the colony. The beautiful grounds with well planned lawns and gardens and a grand avenue, attracted many visitors from the city including Queen Victoria's second son the Duke of Edinburgh who planted trees at the head of the avenue.

In 1883 Dr Jenkins died in Brisbane and "Nepean Towers" was bought by Mr John Wetherill who later subdivided the estate. The main portion of 1720 acres was acquired by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

With the coming of the Missionaries the name was changed to St. Mary's Towers and a new era began for the old estate. It was used for many years as The Apostolic School with many changes and new buildings erected for school use. St. Mary's Towers is now one of the well known religious centres of New South Wales.

As "Park Hall" then as "Nepean Towers" and finally as St. Mary's Towers this fine old house has seen over 150 years of history.

From Picton Past and Present.

DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION IN N.S.W. DURING  
THE 1800's

In the very early days of the colony education was of course nonexistent. Some families brought their own governesses but the policy was to send children, particularly male children back to England at about 8 years of age to be educated.

Gradually the Church of England with financial assistance from the Government opened schools. This was formalised in the establishment of the Church and Schools Corporation in the 1820's. This was dissolved in 1830.

There was much disagreement over the education system and finally the Board of National Education came into being. They had responsibility for creating the Government schools and the Denominational schools Board was appointed to handle the government subsidies to the church schools.

The first national school was opened at Kempsey in 1848 and by 1851, 42 National Schools existed. By 1866 the Board controlled 260 schools, 20 in Sydney and the remainder were 1 teacher country schools.

Disagreement still continued over the system and in 1866 the two boards were replaced by the Council of Education and in 1867 all National Schools were re-named Public Schools.

There was also continuing debate over state aid for denominational schools which resulted in the Public Instruction Act of 1880. This created 3 new types of schools.

1. Superior Public Schools -- primary and secondary together.
2. High Schools -- began in 1883 with separate high schools for boys and girls. Entrance was by competitive examination and were for students intending to go on to University. These had high fees.
3. Evening Public Schools -- these existed only in major centres.

By the turn of the century there were 2,800 schools in existence in N.S.W.

EDUCATION IN THE PICTON DISTRICT - PART 1

The present primary school was opened in June 1910. Prior to that date the first school was conducted at the George Inn by Mr Cummins son of the Mr Cummins, who had the Inn at the time. Major Antill of Jarvisfield had an ex-convict Thomas Denkinto teach his children and the children of settlers in the district. Later

a Mr Campbell taught school at Jarvisfield living in a house not far from the Razorback Inn.

A denominational school catering for Anglicans was built on what is now the carpark adjacent to the Bank premises. This edifice was built of mud, a pise building and so was called "Pisa House".

The Presbyterians had a school in Colden Street taught by a Mr Graham.

In 1867 the Government had a school built on the site of the present Shire Hall. This was the fore-runner of our present school though it was a central school for some time until enrollments enabled the present High School to be built.

There were small schools dotted around the district, one in particular whose sad story is perhaps worth re-telling.

On the 13th January 1865, a grant was made by the Governor Sir John Young to the Board of National Education of a site at Upper Picton, for a school house. A brick on stone building was erected and also a small residence for the headmaster.

Enrollments were adequate and John Poole Ollis, a teacher who had been born and educated in Portsmouth England settled in well with his second wife Annie who had been born in Calcutta India. They had a large family of 3 sons and 6 daughters.

However tragedy struck when the two youngest boys, William aged 3 years and Albert aged 17 months drowned in a well in the grounds of the school, on 26th March 1870.

The general public became worried about the prospect of their children suffering the same fate and school attendance declined. Some children were taken to Myrtle Creek school, now Tahmoor and others had to attend the Menangle Street school, running the risk of being run over by the trains crossing the main road near the tunnel.

The Ollis family remained at Upper Picton where another son was born to them on the 13th April 1871. He was named Albert William, so taking the christian names of his two deceased brothers.

Soon after the National school was closed and it is believed Mr Ollis became a clergyman and left the district.

The site was then used by Mr Dowse for his cordial making business until the mains water was laid down along the main street in 1900 and he moved his business there. The school was sold and demolished by the purchaser Mr Fairley who used the stone and bricks to build the dwelling close to the creek on the east side of the road.

NEXT ISSUE - HISTORY OF LOWER PICTON SCHOOL



100 YEARS AGO

100 years ago the Picton Argus was the local newspaper for our town relaying news from all over the world and conveying local events and gossip to the district residents. The cost was 3d. Many issues are now on micro-film held at the Campbelltown Library and on open access. The following however, are taken from printed matter held by the Campbelltown Library donated by Mr Bruce Knox due to the fact that 1887 issues are not on film.

September: Rifle match at Mittagong -- a team from the Picton Volunteer Corp with Captain Antill in charge went to Mittagong to have a friendly rifle match with the Mittagong Corps. The Picton cadets accompanied the men and contributed much to the interest of the affair.

The scores:	Col. Sit. Reeves	49
	Pvte. Harding	50
	Pvte. Burgess	39
	Pvte. Bateup	37
	Pvte. G. Bell	38
	Pvte. J. Harters	24
	Pvte. J. Reid	23
	Pvte. J. Sladen	49
	Pvte. Woodward	33
	Pvte. D. Sell	25

We are informed that the carrying-on at the Salvation Army meeting at Campbelltown was disgraceful!

Dogs must be registered this month.

Mr. J. Douglas Watt M.B.C.M. Edinburgh University, fellow of the Obstetrical Society of Edinburgh has commenced practice at "Alberfoyle" Menangle Street Picton.

The Minister for Works, the Minister for Lands and Mr. W. McCourt M.P. will visit Picton arriving at 12 noon. They will be shown the requirements of the place and afterwards entertained at lunch. There will be no public demonstration and politics are to be eschewed. At lunch the chair will be occupied by Mr. J.M. Antill and the vice chair by Mr. James Hooke.

October: R.H. Inglis reports selling 400 head of cattle 5 Pounds a head. Bullocks and young cattle 25/60/- store cows 2/18/0d. to 4.

Mr D. Libeau has finished his bicycle track at the rear of Mr Monson's hotel and may be seen for several hours each day spinning around.

Mr W.B. Bell sells his auctioneering business to R.H. Inglis after 3 years. Compliments are extended to both.

100 YEARS AGO CONT.

Mr Bell originated the idea of weekly sales. Mr R.H. Inglis will conduct the weekly sales in future.

For Sale -- the materials of the old Court house Campbelltown.

Brownlow Hill estate -- Mr D.L. Dymock will sell about 1500 acres of this well known property, 4 miles from Camden, 1 miles Westbrook factory and public school.

Prince of Wales birthday -- Picton Volunteer Sports.

Mr B. Barnsley states that he has been in Picton 5 years. (practical bootmaker).

Mr T.B. Woodhouse of Mt. Gilead warns trespassers.

Tenders called for repairs to Picton School.

A meeting is held at Thirlmere in order to try to form a Progress Committee.

Mr Joseph Creighton is chairman.

November: Mr. Baxter of Picton buys Mr. Billett's farm at Brownlow Hill (66 acres at 13 Pounds per acre ).

Mr H. Traveller who has a poultry farm a few miles out of Picton killed a big carpet snake that was eating his eggs. This makes the 17th carpet snake this season.

Mr W. Coull J.P. and his nephew George Smith returned from a trip to England. After a Ministerial visit the Picton Railway station has had a gent's waiting room added.

Senior Constable Sykes is still at Picton, also Senior Constable Thos Crawley.

Tenders are called for the raising of Crocodile Creek and approaches to same.

Thomas G. Rhodes, hairdresser and tobacconist. Menangle Street Haircut 6d. Shave 3d.

A concert will be held in the Catholic Hall by the children attending the school.

Tickets 3/- and 2/-. A quadrille party will be held after the concert.

Picton Railway Sports will take place on the Showground on New Years Day. A plain and fancy dress ball in the Protestant Hall to follow.

Formal opening of a Parsh road description -- road along the eastern side of the great southern railway from the southern boundary to Joseph Creighton's 1118 acres to the road from the Oaks to Picton via Windmill Hill within Joseph Creighton's 35 acres. Parish of Couridjah.

Henry Monson is the host of the George.

J.A. Lucas has the general store nearly opposite the Commercial Bank.

PICTORIAL HISTORY

OF

BARGO PUBLIC SCHOOL

As part of the schools 1988 Bicentennial project, the Bargo School is preparing a pictorial history of the school as far back as possible. They require ANY and ALL photos of events in or around the school e.g. class photos, excursions, sport carnivals or classroom activities.

The School would appreciate the donation of photos or copies of photos. If you wish photos to be returned, they will make arrangements for copies to be made and the originals returned to owner. Tender loving care will be given to all photos. Recent photos are also required.

Please mark your name, address and phone number on back of all photos and where possible attach any information pertaining to the photo e.g. approx. date, event and any anecdote available.

If the whereabouts of past headmasters - teachers - staff or pupils is known, please contact them or advise the school so that contact may be made and request presented.

Address all enquiries to Carol (046) 841073 or Lyn (046) 841317.

Photos may be left at or forwarded to the Secretary, Bargo Public School, Southern Road, Bargo. 2574. Arrangements may be made for collection of photos by contacting either of the above numbers.

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CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTS

As reported in the last Journal, Transcripts are available for the following:

Redbank Wesleyan Chapel	\$10.50
St. Marks Anglican	15.00
Upper Picton General	19.50

Plus postage

The publication of Thirlmere General Cemetery Transcript has been delayed due to further information coming to light re the deaths of some 120 children aged 3 weeks to 3 years between 1905 and 1912 and buried at Thirlmere.

The majority of the children appear to have been State Wards who were placed in "The Home for Invalid Babies", Harmony Home, Thirlmere.

# ST MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH PICTON

St Mark's was designed by Edmund Blackett in 1848, and the foundation stone laid in 1850. Although not in its original position, the foundation stone can be seen at the base of the eastern wall of the church.

Because of the rush to the goldfields and the consequent labour shortage in the 1850's, the building was not finished until 1856. The builders who completed the church were Ramsdale and Horne, and flanking the east window are two carved heads in the stonework, reputed to be self-portraits.

The building has been altered twice since 1856. In 1872 it was lengthened and the vestry added, and in 1885 the two transepts were added. In 1885 St Mark's was consecrated by Bishop Barry.

The church is of local sandstone, with interior fittings of cedar. The original roof was of oak shingles, which was replaced in 1904 by slate and in 1930 by tiles.

Some of the original pews are still to be seen. Lighting was originally by oil lamp and chandeliers have also hung in the church.

Flooding from nearby Stonequarry Creek has been a problem over the years. In 1860 floodwaters rose to a depth of 3' in the church, and other floods over the years since have brought water into the church.

The present pipe organ was installed in 1894, a Wordsworth & Co. instrument, built in Leeds, England and shipped out to Australia, then erected in the church. The cost of the organ was 193 Pounds. The earliest music however was provided by an ensemble playing violin, cello and flutina in the gallery.

The memorial windows were erected in the 1920's in memory of members of the Antill family, pioneers of the Picton district.

A stroll around the cemetery reveals many of the names of Picton's pioneer families. Early headstones still to be seen date from 1858. A monument in the southwest corner is in memory of three construction workers who died while working on the railway viaduct.

The rectors of the Picton parish from its earliest days are:

Revs. T. Hassall, F. Wilkinson, S. Rogers, J. Carter, S. Fox, F. Elder, R. Noake, D. Dillon, H. Begbie, M. Roberts, M. St. John Chase, E. Hargrave, A. Booth, H. Powys, F. Hall, R. Tacon, J. Owen, F. Shaw, D. Landford and J. Schofield.

Notes from the book "St Mark's Picton" by J. Maloney and K. Weaver.

BOOK REVIEW

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF N.S.W. LOCAL HISTORY INCLUDING N.S.W. DIRECTORIES OF  
1828 - 1950

This recent publication may be of interest to Local and Family Historians who have been hampered by the lack of any comprehensive bibliography of N.S.W. local history. This book will undoubtedly become a valuable resource for all researchers working in these areas. Some 2600 items have been included in this attempt to present a full listing of secondary work published in this field between 1788-1982. A supplement covering works published since 1982 is currently being prepared. Entries have been selected on the basis of a fairly broad definition of 'local history' and have been arranged in two sections.

The first deals with the Sydney metropolitan area, the second section covers the rest of the state and includes Lord Howe Island and the Australian Capital Territory. Each entry contains basic publication details together with a brief description of the item. Some cross referencing is provided to assist those interested in small villages or suburbs and also those seeking regional information.

The second section of the book N.S.W. Directories 1828-1950 will also be welcome by family historians. Described as "a working guide to published directories of N.S.W." it also includes almanacs, gazetteers and year books, the published edition of the 1828 census and some interstate directories which include N.S.W. towns or districts. The entries are arranged chronologically and include a brief description of the item as well as basic publication data.

Both Bibliographies are published in one volume by the N.S.W. University Press. The cost is \$19.95.

Bibliography of N.S.W. Local History by Christine Eslick, Joy Hughes and R. Ian Jack.

JOHN KOOYMAN - PHOTOGRAPHER

The Society is indeed fortunate to have as a member, professional photographer, John Kooyman of Tahmoor. John's intense interest in historical photography shows through in his work. He is kept very busy copying and restoring old photos for Libraries and Historical Societies.

He is also available to the ordinary person and having used his talents, find him a treasure. His work is first class, his prices reasonable and he is always co-operative to your ideas.

One service I have used is his "on-the-spot" copying of old photos. One can take relatives holding the old much treasured family photos to an appointment and while you wait, John copies them. The owner of the photos can then leave with them and so the photos have not left his/her sight. John then develops the negatives, which incidentally are yours to keep, and will print and even frame to the size etc., suitable.

John's wife Alex, assists him and will give much of her time in selecting the right frame to be made to your order. Family tree set photos can be framed beautifully.

John also has historical and contemporary photos framed and ready for sale. These will enhance your home or make the perfect gift for history minded friends and relatives.

Contact John and Alex Kooyman on 046-819379.

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MAGAZINE COMMITTEE

My thanks to the magazine committee now consisting of myself, Pat Shephard, Dossie Pemberton and Marlane Fairfax, for all their assistance in the production of our quarterly Journal. A thank you also to Mr. & Mrs. Dibley who have kindly offered to staple it all together, a great time saver.

HOWEVER, THE COMMITTEE IS DESPERATE!!! WE BADLY NEED SOME EQUIPMENT TO GET THE JOURNAL ONTO PAPER. WE NEED A TYPEWRITER AND A GESTETNER FOR THE STENCILS. CAN ANYONE HELP? CONTACT EDITOR ON 771726.

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### CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

One of nineteen successful nominations to receive a Certificate of Achievement at the recent Royal Australian History Society's Annual Affiliated Societies Conference was Mr. F.B. (Bruce) Knox of Pheasants Nest.

As there were over fifty candidates nominated for this award, our Society should feel justifiably proud of Bruce Knox. The majority of the certificates were awarded to those candidates who were foundation members of an affiliated society. The fact that Bruce Knox received his award for his contribution to the recording and indexing of Australian History is an achievement in itself.

Jan Ross.

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### LOCAL HISTORY/FAMILY HISTORY

Each month the Society receives journals/newsletters from a number of historical and family history groups throughout the State. These make very interesting reading and, so they may be more easily accessible to all members of the Society, they have been placed in the reference section of the Wollondilly Community Library, Council Building, Menangle Street, Picton.

Among the references that I found of interest to my own research were the following which relate to the Picton District and various Picton families.

COGNOMEN - Journal of the Jagga Wagga & District Family History Society. New Series No. 3 September 1987.

Article page 3,4. OUR GREAT UNCLE HARRY by Vic Wilkinson.  
Reference to the Forster family of Picton Lakes and Thirlmere.

MEMBERS INTEREST REGISTER - Wagga Wagga & District Family History Society. 1987.

The following names are listed for Picton: AHERN: CRAIN:  
McALISTER: McNICKLE: MULHOLLAND: MONTGOMERY.

The following name is listed for Appin: MIDDLETON.

The following name is listed for Menangle: CURTAIN.

JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY JUNE 1987  
V.73 Pt. 1. Article: Book review by Edgar Beale. Author member RAHS.  
William C. Forster. SIR THOMAS LIVINGSTONE MITCHELL AND HIS WORLD  
1792-1855 SURVEYOR GENERAL OF NEW SOUTH WALES 1828-1855.

ILLAWARRA BRANCHES No. 12 - September 1987

Descent lists in their additions to the Society of Australian Genealogists Microfilm Library (Joint Copy Project) -  
ST. MARKS ANGLICAN PARISH PICTON (INCLUDES WILTON & THE OAKS)  
SAG Reel No. 0195-0196.

Pat Shephard  
Family History Committee.

LIBRARY HOURS:  
Tuesday - 10 am to 12 Noon  
Friday - 10 am to 12 Noon - 1 pm to 5 pm - 7 to 8 pm  
Saturday - 9.30 am to 11.30 am

ENQUIRIES

ALLSOP: Does anyone know the exact date of death of Edith Alice Frazer ALLSOP who died at Buxton about 1954.

Contact: Mrs P.B. Rogers P.O. Box 55 Terang Vic. 3264.

CAMPBELL: Mrs Challinor of Tamworth noted with interest the petition which appeared in the Sept. issue of the Society's Journal. One of the signatures was that of her great grandfather, James Campbell. She would like to hear from anyone who is a descendant of James and his wife, Dorothea Earl.

Contact: Irene Challinor 33 Cypress Street, Tamworth. NSW. 2340.

LARKIN/GROSE: I seek to learn something about early storekeepers by the name of LARKIN. In 1890, James LARKIN was alive, the son of Henry Larkin who had a store at Picton c. 1830-40?. James Larkin was a beneficiary under a will of the widow of a pioneer whose life I am researching (his name is J.H. Grose) and I would like to find out something about the relationship between Henry Larkin and Grose.

Contact: Mrs C. Hunter, Hollydene, Russell St. Clarence Town. 2321.

CAMERON: Editor has found that the brother of her 2nd great grandmother was living in the Picton area c. 1900. His name was Gilbert Maitland Gordon Cameron and he died here on 14/12/1902. Wife no. 2 was Agnes Crawford Murray and children: George, William, Agnes, Gilbert and Victoria. Any descendants still here? Any info. would be most welcome.

Contact: Mrs E. Vincent P.O. Box 111 Picton NSW 2571.

MEMBERS INTERESTS

CRACKNELL: Charles, wife Louisa nee Stock, arrived ship "Constitution" with children, James and Sarah Ann. Family settled at Upper Picton in 1866.

Contact: David Ralp, 18 Gahans Lane, Woonona NSW. 2517.

BUGDEN: William, convict, arrived in NSW, 1824 aboard ship "Castle Forbes" wife Julia/Judith nee McCarthy settled at Upper Picton--6 daughters.

Contact: David Ralp, 18 Gahans Lane, Woonona NSW. 2517.

FIELDHOUSE: William born 1829 NSW, married Johanna AHERN., one daughter Eliza married James Cracknell. Seeks D.O.D. William.

Contact: David Ralp, 18 Gahans Lane, Woonona NSW. 2517.



MEMBERS INTERESTS

YELLING: Huntingdonshire, England. Would like to contact anyone researching families who emigrated from Yelling, Hunt., Eng. Some known families include SEARLE, SEE, SHEPHARD, READ, & PAPWORTH.

Contact: Mrs. P. Shephard, Lot 16 Almond Street, Wilton NSW. 2571.

BYRNE: John would like to contact anyone researching John Byrne (b.c.1812) who came to Aust. on the "Calcutta" in 1837. (There were 3 John Byrnes from Dublin on this ship). He was a labourer conv. Dublin 1837 of felony.

Contact: Mrs P. Shephard Lot 16 Almond Street, Wilton NSW. 2571.

HARMON/HAMMOND: Henry, wife Eliza and two sons, William Henry and John, emigrated from Beconsfield, Buckinghamshire on the "Equestrian" in 1848. Any descendants?

Contact: Mrs P. Shephard, Lot 16 Almond Street, Wilton. NSW. 2571.

ALLEN: Latimer Richard and wife Fanny KEELER married in Surrey and came to Aust. in 1874, first settled Qld. then market gardeners in Lakemba NSW. Would like to contact other descendants.

Contact: Mrs E. Vincent, P.O. Box 111, Picton NSW. 2571.

STANBRIDGE: Stephen, wife Harriet PENFOLD arr. in Aust. 1841 settled in Paterson NSW. Children; Stephen, Harriet, Fanny, Emily and Lucy. Stephen's brother William came c. 1855 settled Minmi. Together built many of the fine buildings in the Hunter region. Would like to contact other descendants and gather details of all buildings.

Contact: Mrs E. Vincent, P.O. Box 111, Picton. NSW. 2571.

DODD: Patrick, convict arr. 1829 on "Guildford" assigned Goulburn Plains. wife Ann and children John, Catherine, William, Richard, Mary & Michael joined him in 1836. died Narrawa in 1865. D.O.D. Ann DODD? D'ter Catherine m. convict Michael COTTER Sydney 1836 settled Yass. D.O.D Catherine?

Contact: Mrs E. Vincent P.O. Box 111, Picton. NSW. 2571.

### ARCHIVES OFFICE SEARCH ROOM - KINGSWOOD

The long awaited new public search room at the State Archives and Government Records Repository, Kingswood opened on 30th June, 1987.

The new search room duplicates the services, facilities, and many of the records held in the Archives Office at The Rocks, Sydney.

This new service will make it easier for people living in western Sydney to use the State Archives for family history, local history and all types of research requiring access to Government records.

About 85% of the State Archives collection is now stored at Kingswood.

The search room at Kingswood is equipped with over twenty new microfilm and microfiche reading machines. The Genealogical Research Kit, published by the Archives Authority, and most of the important 19th century records needed for research have been copied and will be available at Kingswood.

NEW HOURS:	TUESDAY - FRIDAY	9 am - 5 pm
	SATURDAY	10 am - 4 pm

For further information phone (02) 673 1788

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### TRACING YOUR FAMILY TREE

Many people have the urge to find their heritage but hesitate as they have no idea where to begin. A first class publication is available from The Society of Australian Genealogists, 120 Kent Street, Sydney, post free. It is called "Compiling Your Family History" by Nancy Gray - \$4.95. This book is a beginner's guide and advises one's first aim is to gather all the information available here in Australia before attempting any search overseas.

Once you are on your way and have an understanding of pedigree forms,, Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages, pre 1900 Index etc., the next book to purchase would be "Tracing your Family History in Australia" by Nick Vine-Hall. The author has many degrees in Genealogy related courses and has been Director of the Society of Australian Genealogists since 1978. It is intended as a guide to sources of information. \$17.95.

FAMILY HISTORY CONGRESS 1988

The Society of Australian Genealogists is hosting the 1st International Congress on Family History and the 5th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry. It is being held in Sydney to celebrate the Bicentennial of Australia's European settlement in 1788. The theme for the Congress is "Living Together".

Major topics for the Speaker Programme are:

How to do Research - beginners to advance in many countries on specialist areas.

Preservation and Conservation

Local and Social History

Computers and Data Bases

Professional Research Standards

Heraldry

Recording, Writing and Publishing

Over 100 speakers from all over the world will be attending the Congress.

Special events will be major genealogical exhibits, stalls, tours and social activities.

The venue will be the new Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, at Darling Harbour.

A Registration Brochure is available from:

Congress Secretariat,

Suite 103,

135 Macquarie Street,

Sydney. N.S.W. 2000.

Tel: (02) 27 3663.

DATE: 18TH TO 23RD OCTOBER, 1988.

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FROM THE PICTON POST AND ADVOCATE, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 1900

OLD IDENTITY GONE

An old Picton identity has gone to his long home - we refer to the Rev. D.H. Dillon's St. Bernard dog, "Lion". No dog in the town was better known, or more highly respected, (in the canine world) than "Lion". His great size made him an object of attraction, and he was a great favourite - except with other dogs and tramps. For five years he had his home at the Rectory, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Blumer's predecessor, having given him to the Rev. D.H. Dillon. "Lion" had a good "crib" at the Rectory, and now that the faithful beast has gone he is greatly missed by the whole household. He was buried with due ceremony in the Rectory grounds, his death occurring during Mr. Dillon's absence in Liverpool.

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NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. M. Wonson	41 Lunsdaine St. Picton
Mrs. B. Burge	Janderra Lane, Wilton
Mr. & Mrs. R. Ames	15 King Street, Tahmoor
Mrs. G. Collingridge	93 Balmoral St. Hornsby
Mr. C. Post	55 Endeavour St. Ruse
Mr. D. Harvey	Menangle St. Picton
Sister Rita King	St. Mary's Towers

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DONATIONS

Thank you to.....

Mr. Alan Gosper	Old papers, books and magazines relating to the Picton area
Mrs. Dahl	Bridal & harness parts

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REPORT OF CRIME COMMITTED NEAR APPIN ON 9TH DECEMBER, 1851

Stolen from Charles McInnes by William King.

1 blue pilot cloth coat, 1 holland blouse, 1 Colonial tweed coat, 1 pair black cloth trousers, 1 black cloth waistcoat, 1 pair white moleskin trousers, 2 fancy regatta shirts, 1 white shirt, 2 Guernsey frocks, 1 pair wellington boots, kangaroo leather, 1 pair new kip boots, 2 black silk handkerchiefs, 1 black satin handkerchief, 1 blue cotton handkerchief, 3 shoe brushes, 1 razor, 1 looking glass, 1 New Testament, 1 Universal Letter Writer, 1 cabbage-tree hat, some tobacco and several other articles.

William King described as 5'8" tall, complexion fair, hair light brown, long whiskers and hair, aged about 26 years.

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HE WASN'T A NATIVE

Cyclist (to sleepy looking villager): "Are you a native of this village?"

Villager: "Am I what?"

Cyclist: "Are you a native of the village?"

Villager: "Hey?"

Cyclist: "I asked you if you were a native of this place"

Mrs. Villager (appearing at the open door, acridly):

"Ain't ye got no sense, Jim? He means wuz ye livin' here when yer wuz born, or wuz ye born before yer begun livin' here. Now answer 'im."

From The Picton Post & Advocate, August 15, 1900.