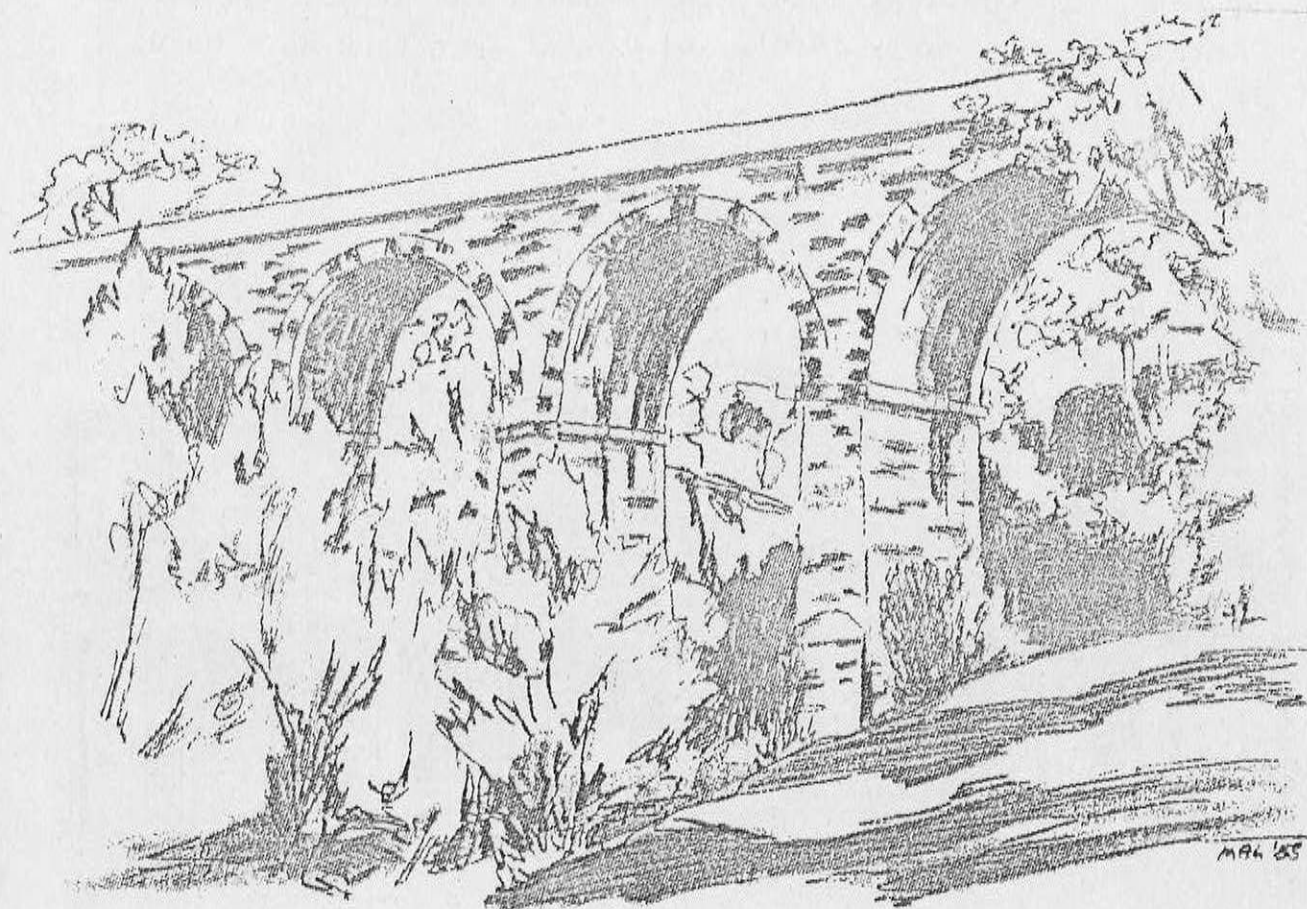


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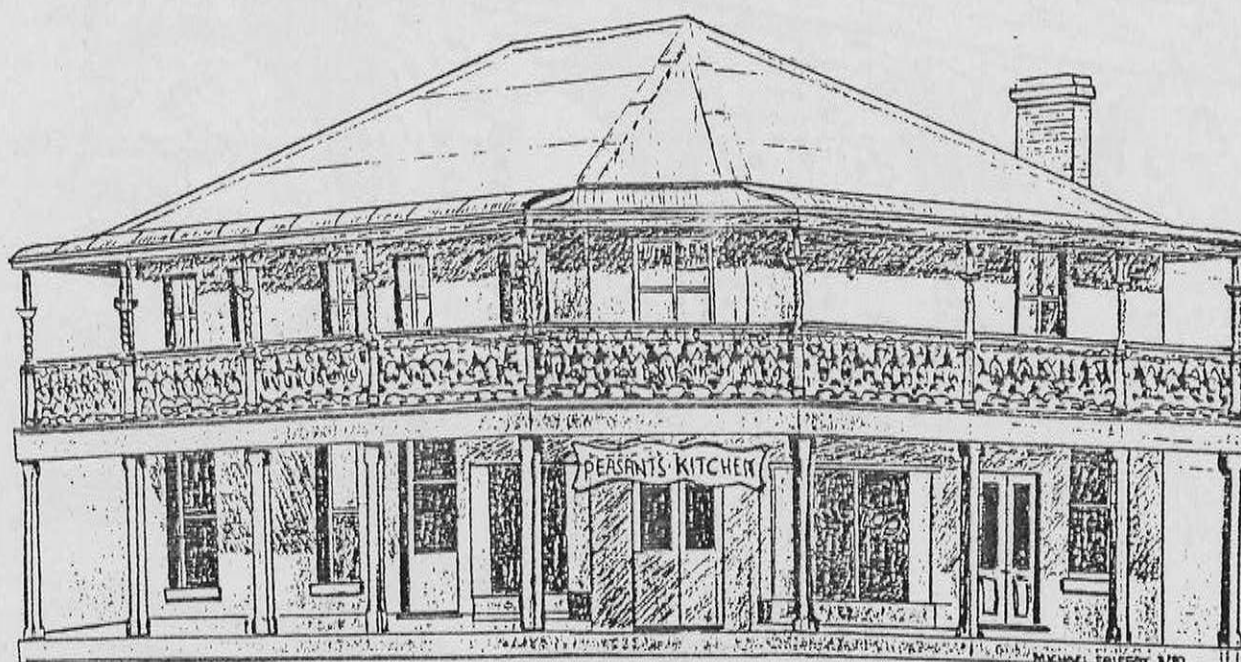


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"After crossing the Nepean, the line (railway), which hitherto has been making a very gradual ascent, begins to mount more perceptibly towards the table-land. The hills are steeper, the creeks babble down courses more abrupt, and between the patches of tilled land are dark tracts of bush. The next important stopping place is Picton, a quiet hamlet in the valley of the river surrounded by lofty hills. A coach-road between Picton and the rich alluvial valley of Burragorang passes through scenery of wild grandeur, while the Wollondilly flows down a valley flanked by mountain walls 2,000 feet in height."

The above quote is from: PICTURESQUE NEW SOUTH WALES - AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE FOR SETTLER AND TOURIST. Published by authority of the Government. 1903.

IT HAS NO DEFINITE NAME.....

A Postal History of Tahmoor - 1892 to 1917.

By Marlane Fairfax.

Present day Tahmoor was known in the early days of white settlement as Myrtle Creek, Bargo or Bargo West.

The following history of Tahmoor Post Office was compiled solely from the Official Post Office records held at the Australian Archives, 24 Market Street, Sydney. These records are an invaluable source for both local and family historians.

In July, 1892, Thirlmere Progress Association forwarded a Petition to the Chief Inspector, General Post Office, from 25 residents of West Bargo requesting the establishment of a Receiving Office. West Bargo was described as being situated on the Picton - Bargo mail line. A questionnaire was sent to the Postmasters at Picton, Thirlmere & Bargo concerning the proposed establishment of the Receiving Office and to the question "What is the correct spelling of the name of this place?", the replies were -

Picton Postmaster	-	Bargo Road.
Bargo Postmaster	-	West Bargo.
Thirlmere Postmaster	-	It has no definite name. Denfield would serve it well.

Picton & Thirlmere Postmasters were both in favour of the Receiving Office being established and recommended a Mr. Thos. Reid as a suitable person to conduct the Office. John Thompson, Postmaster at Bargo, did not think the Receiving Office necessary and Picton Postmaster F. Burgess, also had a change of heart. He wrote to the Chief Inspector on 20th July, 1892 begging to withdraw his "yes" answer and state "no". Mr. Burgess wrote: "I was under the impression that it would suit people living some distance out, but find it will only suit two people and they get very few letters. The people on the road (who get letters) are better suited with present arrangements."

Despite the Thirlmere Postmaster, Mr. W. Cuneo, being the only one in favour, the Receiving Office was established under the name of West Bargo on 8th September, 1892. Mr. Thos. Reid being appointed Receiving Office Keeper.

Mr. Reid left the district in November, 1893 and Mr. Norman Fletcher was then placed in charge.

In March, 1894, Mr. Peter Hewitt petitioned for the name to be changed to Couridjah. However, as Couridjah was and still is a settlement only a few miles away, the Department of Lands objected to it and suggested instead the name Cordeaux as "the Bargo Rivulet joins the Cordeaux River in this locality and perhaps "Cordeaux" might be an acceptable name instead of West Bargo."

So it was that Tahmoor was named "Cordeaux".

The Receiving Office was converted to a Post Office in January, 1895 following representations by the Receiving Office Keeper, Norman Fletcher, who was then receiving a salary of £5 per annum. p.3

At this time "there was a bi-weekly service between Picton and Cordeaux with an average correspondence of 25 letters and 30 papers each mail to Cordeaux and a fair correspondence from there." Mr. Fletcher's salary was doubled to £10 per annum.

That same year, Norman Fletcher left the district for Queensland and his sister, E.L. Fletcher, took charge of the Post Office although it would seem that the Department was not notified of this fact.

E.L. Fletcher wrote to the Postmaster General in April, 1898 advising that she also was leaving N.S.W. for Queensland but her sisters, E. Fletcher and Ida C. Fletcher, would carry on the running of the Post Office.

The address on one of Miss Fletcher's letters is "Denfield".

Ethel Fletcher was appointed Postmistress on 6th June, 1898.

In August, 1901 Ethel Fletcher resigned and her sister Eliza Lavinia took over the Post Office.

So ends the file on Cordeaux Post Office.

TAHMOOR Post Office file commences in April, 1916 with a Memo from Inspector Morris to the Senior Inspector advising of representations by Samuel Emmett for "the establishment of a Post & Telephone Office at the new Railway deviation between Picton Lakes and Mittagong close to where the old Cordeaux Post Office originally stood. He represents that apart from the deviation there is already settlement in the locality comprising 20 or 30 farmers within a radius of 2 miles and a college."

In this Memo the name "Wonga Park" is mentioned as having been suggested to the Railway Department for the name of the new Platform.

On 10th May, 1916, the Inspector visited the locality and reported that "there are about 100 navvies employed at the deviation on the Picton side and a ganger arrived on the day of my visit for the purpose of establishing another camp at the position marked on the Picton Lakes side of the Thirlmere turnoff and he informed me that when the camp is in full swing there will be about 300 navvies employed thereat. There are also about 25 permanent residences within the mile radius of the proposed Office."

The Inspector also reported that Wonga(h) Park was not suitable as there was already an Office of that name in Victoria, however Mr. Emmett suggests Bronzewing Park.

In an Agreement dated 10th May, Mr. Emmett states that he is prepared to provide free accommodation and conduct the Post Office. He also indicates that he will not be wholly dependant on the remuneration received from the Postal work as he will be carrying on a General Store in conjunction with the Post Office.

Bronzewing Park was not the only suggestion for a name. Mr. Emmett wrote to the Inspector a few days later asking that Bronzewing Park or Boronia Park be considered.

On 19th May, 1916, the Deputy Postmaster General wrote to the Lands Department asking to be advised if there was any objection to the name Bronzewing Park. The Lands Department referred it to the Railway Department as it was "desirable that both should bear the same name".

It was six weeks before the Lands Department advised the Postmaster General of the Railway Department's reply. In the mean time the railway workers at the camps were expressing their concern at the delay through their Union Organiser and Local Member. Mr. Emmett also made representations through the Local Member and advised the Postmaster General on 27th June that his store would be ready by the end of the week.

Finally on 28th July, 1916, the Lands Department wrote to the Postmaster General advising that the Chief Railway Commissioner suggests Tahmoor as a suitable name and that it is the aboriginal name for Bronzewing pigeon.

Mr. Emmett was not happy with this decision and wrote to Inspector Morris submitting a list of residents names "who are all decidedly opposed to the Commissioner's Aboriginal name and desire that the Office should be called Bronzewing Park".

The Inspector no doubt felt that the matter had gone on too long and advised the Senior Inspector on 12th August that in view of the objection by the Railway Authorities to the name Bronzewing Park, he saw no reason why Tahmoor should not be adopted.

Accordingly, the name Tahmoor was approved of for the Post Office on 18th August, 1916. Samuel Emmett was appointed Postmaster at an allowance of £12 per annum and commenced his official duties on 1st September, 1916. A Money Order Office was established on 25th September, 1916.

In June, 1917, Mrs. Emmett is Postmistress and is making representations through her local Member for an increase in salary and for an extra bell to be attached to the telephone so it will ring in the residence as well as the detached Office.

The file ends with this correspondence so we are left with the question - Did Mrs. Emmett get an increase in salary and an extra bell? To find the answers to these questions and more, I must visit the Liverpool Regional Office of Australia Post which holds the records from June, 1917 to date.

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MYRTLE CREEK, BARGO, CORDEAUX, TAHMOOR

All of the above names at one time referred to the present day Tahmoor. School files for Bargo date from 1872 to 1883 and Myrtle Creek from 1883 to 1904. There was also a private school called "Picton College, Cordeaux" which was operated by a Mr. Johnstone from 1914 to 1916 as well as a Public School called "Bargo Bridge Camp". If anyone out there has information and in particular, photographs of the schools or the area in general, I would be very happy to hear from you. p.5

LIST OF COMING EVENTS - DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

MONDAY	19 JUNE	GENERAL MEETING (12 June - Queen's Birthday - Long Week-end)
SUNDAY	25 JUNE	PICNIC AT THIRLMERE LAKES. Meet at Sking Lake at 10 a.m. Bring family & friends.
FRIDAY	30 JUNE	1989/1990 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEES DUE
SATURDAY	1 JULY	R.A.H.S. "LOCAL HISTORY WRITER'S WORKSHOP"
MONDAY	10 JULY	GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY	15 JULY	PICTON STREET STALL
		<u>STONEQUARRY FESTIVAL OF ARTS & CRAFTS</u> This is our big fund raiser for the year. Volunteers are needed to help on any of the following four days. Exhibits to be left at A.H.&I. Hall. 12 noon to 7.30 pm.
THURSDAY	27 JULY	Opening & Presentation. Workers needed all day. Presentation commences 8pm.
FRIDAY	28 JULY	Between 10.00am & 5.00pm.
SATURDAY	29 JULY	Between 10.00am & 3.00pm.
SUNDAY	30 JULY	
MONDAY	14 AUGUST	GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY	19 AUGUST	R.A.H.S. WORKSHOP. "Identifying & Dating Australian Furniture, Silver, Ceramics".
MONDAY	11 SEPT.	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY	16 SEPT.	PICTON STREET STALL
MONDAY	9 OCTOBER	GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY	13 NOVEMBER	GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY	11 DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS / END OF YEAR MEETING.

WOLLONDILLY HERITAGE CENTRE - Edward Street, The Oaks

NEW OPENING TIMES - SATURDAY & SUNDAY - 10am - 3pm Tel: (046) 571796

On the 16th April, The Oaks Historical Society opened their new display at The Heritage Centre. Believe it or not, it was one of those sunny days without a dark cloud in the sky. (Remember them?)

The main feature of this display is the Burragorang Valley which was flooded in 1959 to ensure the future water supply for Sydney. The Water Board helped mount the display which contains many photographs of the Valley and the building of Warragamba Dam.

Our Society has again put on a display, this one taking the form of a photographer's studio circa 1909. To give the display some local flavour, we named it "Cash's Studio".

John Richard (Dick) Cash of Thirlmere, operated in this area before and after the First World War and thanks to him we have a record of many local events and people from early this century. Dick Cash not only contributed his photographic skills locally, but also played a heroic part during the First World War by helping Australian soldiers escape from the German P.O.W. fortress Holzminden.

The following article was written by John Meredith of Thirlmere from the War Diary of Mr. Cash.

ESCAPE FROM HOLZMINDEN by John Meredith

Holzminden was a mansion of near-castle proportions before the Germans commandeered it from its aristocratic owner, enclosed it with barbed wire and floodlights, kennelled guard dogs, and came to regard it as an escape-proof military prison.

They filled it with Australian prisoners - and they didn't know that they were locking up men who were champion scroungers and escape artists.

Escaping became their favourite pastime. But the nearest friendly border was Holland, more than 140 kilometres away. With no maps to follow, most escapees were lost and recaptured.

Then Private "Dick" Cash provided the ingenuity that won him a medal and the lasting gratitude of the other Holzminden prisoners.

Before the war he had owned a photographic studio in Thirlmere township. Now he had a flash that fixed the focus on a brazen plan to build a tunnel with the help of half of the camp's 140 prisoners.

Work started on a tunnel leading from a disused wine cellar, under the fence and a main road to a farmhouse. Without tools, it took nearly nine months to excavate the 80 metre tunnel, hiding the spoil in another cellar.

Meanwhile, Cash had been bribing a dumb guard with Red Cross parcels. He took up a collection and gave the guard money to buy a plate camera, and even got a written receipt.

Then he bartered food for plates, developer, hypo sulphite, printing paper and a carbide bike lamp. Cash set up his studio in an old shed. All he needed now was a road map.

The guard protested that it was impossible to buy one. Cash produced the guard's receipt. "Beg, borrow or steal one," he said, "or I'll show this to your CO."

Next morning the guard brought the map. But it had to be returned that night. Cash went into his studio for the day, divided the map into 28 sections, photographed it and returned the original to the guard.

Then the one-time baby photographer set to work and made 12 complete sets of prints - more than 300 copies. These were handed to selected officers who sewed them into secret pockets inside their shirts.

The escapees had to be physically fit, so they conned the prison commandant into letting them hold a sports meeting. This provided an excuse for running, climbing, jumping and other vital exercising.

The day of the meeting was drawing near but the tunnel was only half completed. Somehow the sports had to be postponed. So when a colonel came to address them, the prisoners all booed, then got down to a game of two-up. As punishment the sports day was postponed for three weeks. Then all turned up smoking on parade to incur another three week delay as punishment. Finally, on the night of July 24, 1918, all was ready for the escape. One by one the men slithered into the small tunnel. Twenty-nine had gone out when it came the turn of a very stout officer. Half way through, he got stuck. Struggling to free himself, he brought down part of the roof, blocking the escape route.

By the time they dragged him back into the cellar, day was breaking and the others had to abandon the attempt.

All hell broke loose when the escape was discovered. The farmer over the road ran screaming up to the guardhouse. His field of rye adjoining the tunnel exit was trampled flat.

The Germans found the tunnel. A machine gun was set up and several bursts were fired into the exit. Then the remaining prisoners were set to work with pick and shovel to open it up.

Guards with tracker dogs followed the trail through the trampled rye - and no further. The clever diggers had saved bags of pepper and scattered it over their tracks, rendering the dogs useless.

Of 29 who got through, 19 were eventually recaptured, but the other 10, aided by Cash's maps, made it to the Dutch border and freedom.

When Armistice was declared, Cash brought out his camera and photographed the remains of the tunnel.

After his repatriation to London, John Richard Cash was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for the part he had played in outwitting the German Army.

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John Richard Cash died on 14th September, 1924 at the age of 48.

The Society gratefully acknowledges John Meredith's permission to reprint his article in our Journal. John is a man of many talents and has recently launched a new book "The Last Koorangi". More on the man and his works next Journal.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

MEMBERSHIP FEES JULY 1989-JUNE 1990 NOW DUE :

Single Membership \$5.00; Family \$8.00; Pensioner \$2.00.

See attached Membership Renewal Form - Supplement to Journal

DONATIONS :

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the following donations to the Society :-

F. B. Knox	Prescription Books & Wollondilly Crier
Gordon Cotton	Glass Display Cabinet
Eric Grant	Various Old Kitchen Items
Ruth Hand	Sewing Machine, Kitchen & Pastoral Items
Anonymous	\$200

STONEQUARRY FESTIVAL OF ARTS & CRAFT :

Don't forget to put aside some time between Thursday & Sunday 27-30

July to visit and help out at our major fundraiser for 1989 !

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE ALL WORK ! IT CAN BE FUN TOO.

STREET STALL :

So far this year we have conducted two street stalls in Picton on Saturday mornings. The first in March raised almost \$170. The second, on 13 May, \$200.96. This included approx. \$50 from the Mother's Day raffle:-

1st Prize (box of chocolates)	Mrs Danaher of Bargo
2nd Prize (Mother's Day Cake)	Mrs Thomas of Tahmoor

Thank you to all those members who donated items for sale and/or worked on the day. Also to the two members who donated the raffle.

THE LAST TWO STREET STALLS FOR THE YEAR ARE ON :-

Saturday 15 July 1989 & Saturday 16 September 1989.

LIBRARY REPORT :

The following people have worked on Roster Duty since our premises have been open on Thursdays (10.00am-2.00pm) and Saturdays (2.00pm-4.00pm).

Elsa Brayson	Cynthia Collison	Noel Collison	Marlane Fairfax
Peg Gard	Gail Hangar	Helen Hangar	Val Malcolm
Nancy Peisley	Colin Post	Jan Ross	Pat Shephard

Apart from being available to help with enquiries those on roster duty have been busy helping with printing of Entry Forms for the Arts & Craft Festival, printing & posting of the Journal, creating a card index & record of obituaries & death notices from the local newspapers and doing their own research. If you can spare two hours of your time on a Thursday or Saturday then put your name down in the Roster next to the appropriate date and time, or contact Pat Shephard 309 380.

FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH ENQUIRIES

MEMBERS INTERESTS :

MARGARET MALONEY P.O. BOX 66 INGLEBURN NSW 2565. - would like to contact anyone connected to the following families :

KENT : Thomas Kent b. England arr NSW 14/2/1827 on Albion (convict)m. 11/7/1840 to Ann Mitchell b. Ireland (convict arr NSW 28/3/1838 on SS Diamond. Children : Anne m Frederick Brassington; Thomas m. Ann Cole; Harriet m. John Condon; Edward & William.

BRASSINGTON : Sarah Brassington m. Milton Anglican Church 1/3/1893 to Thomas Hewitt. Children : Frederick James m. Elizabeth Thelma Mc Carthy 19/4/1922; Ivan m. Mary Flora Collins 19/2/1927.

HEWITT : James Hewitt m. Sydney 1859 to Janet Robb. Their son Thomas Hewitt b. 11/11/1871 at Berry NSW.

COLE : Isaac Cole m. 23/3/1842 Woolongong area to 1. Mary Grimsley. Children: Eliza 1840; Isaac 1842; Anna 30/8/1846. Married 2. Ann.

MUNRO / MURDO : Alexander Munro born Scotland m. 1857 at Exeter Farm Jembaicumbene to Alicia Meredith born Limerick Ire. Children : Richard b 1857 at Araluen m. Harriet Hall 31/12/1879 at Braidwood; Alice b.1859; Ann; L G Alexander; Allan George b.1870.

HALL : John Hall m. Derby England to Harriet Moorely in 1850. Children : Born in Eng-1 deceased; Harriet; born in Aust. - Thomas 1861; Ferguson; William; Emma & John.

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MAXWELL : Thomas Maxwell b. c. 1793 Ire arr. 1823. Ticket of Leave 1828 and worked for James Riley, Constable, Camden. Married Elizabeth Osborne (?) Their son Thomas Maxwell b.c. 1841-1843, Burragorang, married 26/1/1868 Burragorang to Mary Jane Sheehy b. 1846-1848. They moved to Eugowra where enquiror's grandfather, Timothy Maxwell, was born in 1886. CONTACT :- MRS B SYMONS 1/39 GIPPS STREET CONCORD 2137.

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RESEARCH ENQUIRY :

BOLAND : William Boland born c.1814 Dublin Ire, arr 1830 "James Pattison", died 1846 Picton, married 1836 Campbelltown to Ann Mannion (Marmion). Their Children : Christopher b.1837 Picton d.1887 Berrima; Mary Anne b.1838 Wollongong; Sarah b.1843 Picton d. 1881 Berrima married William Taylor; Catherine b.1846 Picton; John b.1841 Charcoal.
CONTACT : COLLEEN TAYLOR 37 BARCLAY STREET EVANDALE TAS 7212.

SKEATH : Would like to contact anyone researching this name.

KLINGE : Would like to contact any descendants of Johann Klinge and Eleanore nee Schultz. Eleanore later married Wilhelm Haeusler and their families arrived in South Australia on the "Pauline" in 1846.

CONTACT :- PATRICIA SHEPHARD LOT 16 ALMOND STREET WILTON 2571.

WOLLONDILLY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE READERS OF THE SHIRE

On Monday 1st June 1964 a Public Meeting was held at the Picton Memorial School of Arts building. The result of this meeting was that a "new" committee was formed "for the purpose of reviving the existing library at Picton."

The name chosen was the "Wollondilly Community Library". The president of the committee was Mr B.W.Miles of Tahmoor, secretary Mrs J. Parrott of Tahmoor, and treasurer Mr Colin Middleton of Thirlmere. Councillor K.McKinnon of Picton was elected vice-president.

Permission of the Wollondilly Shire Council was sought to proceed with the re-establishment of the library and it was also hoped that the council would offer some financial assistance.

On Thursday 18th June 1964 the Council agreed by a vote of 7 to 2 that the "public" library in the Picton School of Arts building should be conducted by the newly-formed committee "on a voluntary basis" £ 50 was donated towards the cost of replacing books.

One of the two Councillors opposing the above motion said that two libraries had closed down previously in Picton and this indicated a lack of interest in libraries.

The other councillor opposing the motion suggested that the small attendance (15 people) at the General Meeting on June 1 indicated the amount of interest and that it was simply "throwing money down the drain".

However, Shire President Middleton replied by saying that "most vital things in the community are left to a few people".

This last statement proved correct and, due to the efforts of many dedicated volunteers over the following 25 years, the people of Picton and district were given access to library facilities which would have been non-existent if not for their willingness to give of their time in running the Committee and staffing the library during the limited hours of operation on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

But a new chapter has opened on the history of our local library when Wollondilly Shire Council, in a statement released in September 1988, undertook the establishment of a Public Library Service.

I know of two other occasions when a request was made to Council to establish a public library to replace the community run library. The first was in April 1958 when a new high school was opening in the district and was made by the Picton Parents and Citizens Association.

The second was in 1961, but due to financial considerations the proposals were rejected.

However, the "time has come" and anyone who has visited the library in recent months will appreciate the Council's decision and in particular

the work undertaken by the two librarian staff members. Firstly by the appointment of Michelle Morgan and later by the addition of Melissa Wylie. Of course we mustn't forget the volunteers who still assist on the days the library is open to the public and whose help will be required for some time yet.

With the employment of professional staff, the enormous task of setting up a full time public library has commenced. One of the more noticeable results is the addition of many new books, including a large increase in the number of children's books, fiction and non-fiction and most important the purchase of large print and talking books for the visually impaired. Another recent purchase is that of Educational Toys for the use of Pre School children.

For those of us interested in history the following is a list of a few of the new acquisitions to the general Australian History Section and a list of the library's Local History Collection.

However, before listing these, after 25 years it is certainly appropriate to say "thank you" to all those volunteers who have worked in the library during that time. Also, congratulations to Wollondilly Shire Council for making the decision in September last year to become a Public Library and best of wishes and encouragement to the Staff of Wollondilly Public Library in laying the ground work for the future.

(The above article was written by Pat Shephard using information obtained from the Picton & District Historical & Family History Society's Local Newspaper Collection.)

A SELECTION OF THE LATEST BOOKS ON AUSTRALIAN HISTORY:

- 994 BURNUM BURNUM'S ABORIGINAL AUSTRALIA: a traveller's guide,
BUR by Burnam Burnam - edited by David Stewart. North Ryde NSW.
Angus & Robertson. 1988. 328 pp
- 994 AUSTRALIA, A HISTORY IN PHOTOGRAPHS by Michael Cannon - picture
CAN research: Jane Fenton Kingwood Vic: Viking O'Neil 1988 c1983
256pp.
- 994 SIX AUSTRALIAN BATTLEFIELDS: THE BLACK RESISTANCE TO INVASION
GRA AND THE WHITE STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIAL OPPRESSION by Al Grassby
and Marji Hill - North Ryde NSW: Angus & Robertson 1988. 324 pp.
- 994 STAINING THE WATTLE -edited by Verity Burgman & Jenny Lee.
STA Fitzroy Vic: McPhee Gribble / Penguin 1988. 308pp.
- 994 STATION LIFE IN AUSTRALIA. PIONEERS AND PASTORALISTS by Peter
TAY Taylor - Allen & Unwin.
- 994-01 THE FATAL SHORE: A HISTORY OF THE TRANSPORTATION OF CONVICTS TO
HUG AUSTRALIA 1787-1868 by Robert Hughes - London: Collins Harvill
1987. c.1986

994.4 ANNA BOSWELL'S JOURNAL: AUSTRALIAN REMINISCENCES ILLUSTRATED
205 WITH HER OWN WATERCOLOURS & CONTEMPORARY SKETCHES - North Ryde
NSW: Angus & Robertson 1987. 221 pp.

994.4 A COLONIAL WOMAN: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF MARY BRAIDWOOD MOWLE,
CLA 1827-1857 by Patricia Clarke - Sydney: Allen & Unwin 1986.
311pp.

994.41 EXPLORING SYDNEY'S WEST by Helen Proudfoot - Kenthurst NSW:
PRO Kangaroo Press. c 1987. 160pp.

AUSTRALIA COMES OF AGE: REBELLION, INDEPENDENCE, WAR AND THE
WORKER. Bay Books.

THE MECHANICAL EYE IN AUSTRALIA: PHOTOGRAPHY 1841-1900 by Alan
Davies & Peter Stanbury - Melbourne. Oxford Uni Press. 1985. Re
Print 1986.

BLANCHE An Australian Diary 1858-1861. The diary of Blanche
Mitchell with notes by Edna Hickson and illustrated by Jill
Francis - Sydney. John Ferguson. 1980.

(N.B. Blanche Mitchell was the youngest daughter of Sir Thomas
Mitchell & in her diary mention is made to Appin and Park Hall,
Douglas Park.)

LOCAL HISTORY:

There are booklets on the history of Picton, Bargo, Thirlmere and
Douglas Park schools; and on the history of Picton, Bargo, Tahmoor,
Yerranderie and Wilton districts.

ALSO

A HANDBOOK LOCAL HISTORY FOR ENTHUSIASTS by Hibbins, Fahey & Askew -
Sydney: George Allen & Unwin. 1985.

"TRANSPORTATION AND CHAINS" FAMILY HISTORY by Beauchamp. Printed by
PaMeSo printers: Fairfield Heights.

There are also books on How to Trace Your Family Tree by the following
authors: Marijke Alderson, A.G. Puttock and Janet Reakes.

For a more up-to-date look at our Local area the Reference Section has
copies of:

WOLLONDILLY COMMUNITY PROFILE

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ST LUKE'S ANGLICAN CEMETERY - WILTON.

& SOME OF THE EARLY SETTLERS WHO WERE LAID TO REST THERE.

by Patricia Shephard

I live just "a stone's throw" away from the little church cemetery at Wilton. The only cemetery at Wilton! Provision was made for a combined General, Presbyterian, Wesleyan, Church of England and Roman Catholic cemetery when land was dedicated on 22 March 1883, but I presume that due to a lack of population there was never any need. (1) Some of the Roman Catholic families of last century made use of St Bede's cemetery at Appin and St John's at Campbelltown.

Two acres of land for St Luke's Church at Wilton was officially dedicated on 1 June 1866. (2) However, the earliest tombstone inscription in the cemetery dates back to 1852:

SACRED
TO THE MEMORY
OF

JANE ROBINSON

DIED APRIL 22ND 1852

AGED 55 YEARS

ALSO

JOHN ROBINSON

DIED SEPT 9TH 1853

AGED 63 YEARS

ERECTED BY PATRICK MOORE

I know nothing of John and Jane Robinson nor of their connection to Patrick Moore who died in 1889 at the age of 80 years and is buried at St Bede's at Appin. Patrick's wife was Mary Ann Tyson the daughter of William and Issabella Tyson who are reported as being the first settlers at East Bargo (later known as Wilton). (3) Their son and Mary Ann's brother, James Tyson, was a well known millionaire pastoralist last century.

However, to me, one of the most interesting of tombstone inscriptions at Wilton is that belonging to Moses Pennington. It is the type of inscription that most Family Historians dream of because of the details it provides concerning the deceased:

ERECTED

BY

LINDSAY LITTLE

IN MEMORY OF HIS BROTHER IN LAW

MOSES PENNINGTON

AGED 30 YEARS

NATIVE OF WARRINGSTOWN

WHO WAS DROWNED IN ATTEMPTING

TO FORD THE NEPEAN RIVER

ON HORSEBACK JUNE 20TH 1876

OVERSEER TO DR. R.L. JENKINS

"When Soon Or Late We Reach the Coast

O'er Lives Rough Ocean Driven

Oh May We Meet This Friend Now Lost

Within the Gates of Heaven."

According to his death certificate, Moses Pennington was born ca 1840 in Belfast, Ireland, and died 20 June 1870 in the Nepean River near Douglas Park. He was buried on 24 July 1870 and his father's name was John Pennington. He was unmarried and it appears that the particulars on registration of his death were given by Dr Jenkins, his employer. This may account for the difference in given place of birth.

My other favourite inscription is that of Margaret Kelly:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MARGARET KELLY
WHO DIED SEPT 25TH 1871
AGED 98 YEARS
"HER END WAS PEACE"

(N.B.I believe that Margaret's aged was 86, not 98 years)

When I moved to Wilton 8 years ago I was told by the lady whose home we purchased that the land we were to live on was part of a parcel of 51 acres which belonged to a convict lady who was buried in the cemetery across the road. This was the beginning of my interest in the history of my local area and, using some of the skills I had learned in researching my own family, I was able to find out more about Margaret Kelly.

Margaret Anderson (later Kelly) arrived in Australia on 20 January 1820 on the ship "Lord Wellington". She had been convicted of stealing and was sentenced at Quarter Sessions on 21 July 1818 to 7 years transportation. She married Thomas Kelly at Parramatta in December 1820.(4) Thomas had been granted 35 acres of land at Appin on 17 August 1819 (5) - (Por.33 Ph.Appin). He was killed by a bullock shortly after his marriage and the land at Appin fell into the hands of another.(4) In the 1822 General Muster, Margaret is listed as Mary Kelly (alias/or Mary Anderson), wife to Kelly, and living at Appin.

According to the Colonial Secretary's Letters Re Land, Margaret Kelly purchased 51 acres at Wilton in July 1834. (Por.51 Ph.Wilton).(6) She paid £ 1/5/6 on 13 June and £11/9/6 on 8 July. Total £12/15/-(7)

Margaret and Thomas Kelly had one daughter, Margaret, who married William Mulholland on 26 August 1834 at Campbelltown. My records show that they had 11 children and their daughters married into the Moore, Carter, North, Hewitt, and O'Grady families.(8)

One of Margaret Kelly's grandsons, George Mulholland, first applied for a publican's licence at Wilton on 26 August 1881, but was refused. He reapplied on the same day as Henry Wonson. The Bench hearing the applications decided "that they had felt great difficulty in dealing with the applications because of the want of more frequent opportunities for police supervision, and the doubt whether the necessity for public-houses there was occasioned by temporary population at the water-works. However, as the applicants were of good character and the conditions in both cases were pretty well alike, they, to avoid injustice to either, would grant licenses to both."(9) George Mulholland's hotel was known as the "Miner's Arms", Henry Wonson's as the "Wilton Hotel". (10)

Other surnames from inscriptions in St Luke's Cemetery are:

BOOTH	CATHY	COX	DARBY	DONE
EAGLES	ESSEX	FAHEY	FISHLOCK	GRANT
HENDERSON	HEWISON	JEFFERY	MATTHEWS	MUSCAT
OXENBRIDGE	PAULSON	SMITH	SPEARING	SUTHERLAND
SYMES	THORNTON	WHITE	WONSON	WOOD

If you are researching one of the families who at some time lived in the East Bargo/Wilton area than I would be pleased to hear from you with a view to exchanging information. Please contact Patricia Shephard, Lot 16 Almond Street, Wilton, 2571.

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A couple of our members are arranging a trip to the State Archives at Kingswood on Wednesday 21 June 1989. We will be leaving Picton about 9.15am and returning around 3.00pm. All welcome. If you would like to join us just contact either Marlane on 81 8026 or Pat on 309 380.

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INDEXES TO DEATHS UP TO 1940 & INDEXES TO BIRTHS UP TO 1913

The above are available at the Archives at Kingswood, as are the
INDEX TO THE NSW IMMIGRATION DEPOSIT JOURNALS 1853-1900.

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