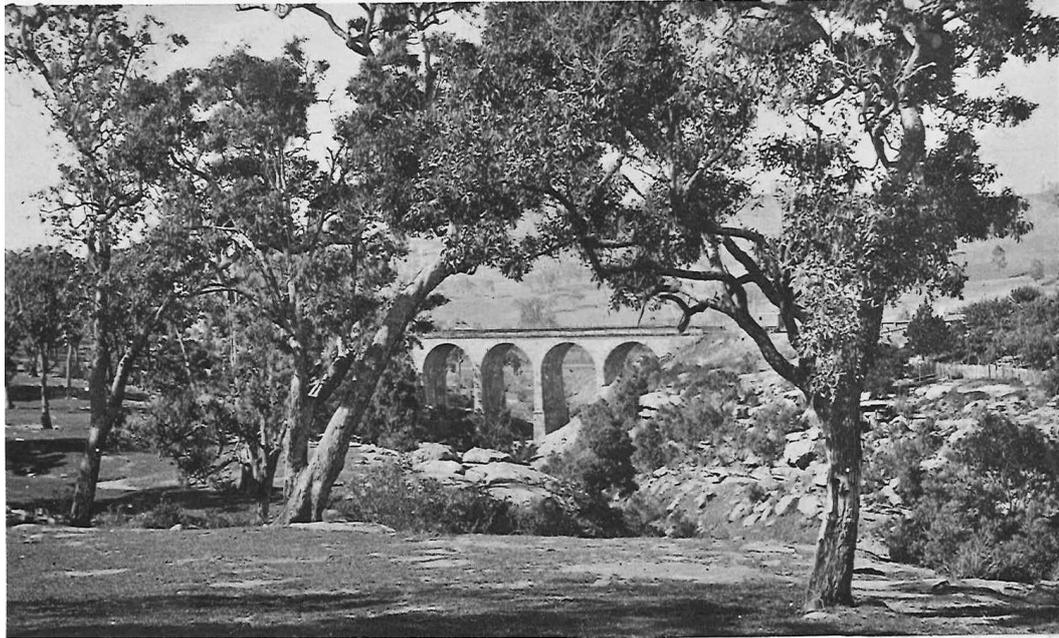


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## **PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 1 SEPTEMBER 2018**

The year has gone fast but it has been very exciting times for Picton and District Historical and Family History Society.

We made the decision to re-open our Facebook page, which has proved to be very popular. The interest and engagement with our followers has been great, it is sometimes hard to know what will spark the interest of our followers.

We also have a new webpage. Please visit us at [www.pictonheritage.org.au](http://www.pictonheritage.org.au) and let us know what you think. With this there is also new Email address to contact us [secretary@pictonheritage.org.au](mailto:secretary@pictonheritage.org.au). Thank you Marlane for all your hard work.

We have been successful with two grants; one from Veolia Mulwaree Trust which we have applied to the purchase of a scanner to digitise some of our records and the other from AGL Camden Local Community Investment Program has been used to purchase equipment to start an oral history project. Thanks must go to new member Ian Tait for the hard work in applying for these grants.

Our support of the John Ruffles History Prize at Picton High School continues, ensuring the history is to the fore with the younger generation.

We are on the committee of NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies, and I am the current President, which reflects well for our small group. This year's Annual Conference is being held in Batemans Bay in 2 weeks' time. (Gail has reported that the Conference was a huge success, and she has once again been elected President of the Association. Next year's Conference will be held in Hornsby).

Several of our members have not enjoyed the best of health over the last few months, so I wish them a speedy recovery, as we miss their knowledge and smiling faces. We have also learned of some members who have passed away over the past year, and to their families our sympathy.

I am looking forward to a great 2019.

The only change to the office bearers for 2018-2019 was the appointment of Marlane Fairfax as secretary and Kate Holmes taking the position of Librarian.

Gail Hanger - President

## **LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

Helen Hanger apologized for not being able to attend due to ill health, and as foreshadowed at the last AGM, tendered her resignation from the position.

Kate Holmes, as the regular Thursday researcher, provided a short report on instead. During 2017 there were fewer visitors looking for information, but from the beginning of 2018 more members were attending. Marlane Fairfax was able to attend more often, having completed her history of Tahmoor last year, and new member Ian Tait has introduced technology to the room and this has seen another member, Cheryl Ashton come in to help with the digitizing of our records. Another new member, Trent Noonan, a local real estate agent, also attends to gain more information about the

older houses coming up for sale and providing us with any information and photos to include in our records. Thursdays now are buzzing, and on those days which are quieter, we do get the occasional visitor looking for family information, and more frequently now, more information on their homes.

We have been pleased that the new Catalogue Librarian has been able to start on our own books, which are being included in the Local Studies Collection. As we have very limited secure storage, this is the only way to have access to relevant publications not in the Library's collection. We have a specialized cataloguing input so that our books can be singled out - apart from having our original accession numbers, etc.

President Gail Hanger added that her mother Helen misses attending regularly; we miss her, as well as her amazing memory of local history over the last sixty years.

**Helen Hanger/Kate Holmes**

### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDED TO KEN WILLIAMS**



**Kate Holmes presenting Ken with his Certificate.**

Ken Williams has been a member of the Society since 1989. Over that period, he has made major contributions to the Society not only in various committee positions but also with his research and resulting publications. In July 2017 Ken made the decision to move to Melbourne to live with his daughter and grandson but continues to contribute his research to the Society. At our Annual Meeting in September 2017, members voted to award Ken with a Life Membership to the Society. We were able to present Ken with his Certificate at a luncheon at Vaby's Picton when he made a trip back for a visit in September 2018.

### **OUR WEB PAGE – [www.pictonheritage.org.au](http://www.pictonheritage.org.au)**

As reported in this and our previous Journal, we have set up our own webpage. Over time it is hoped to add a good image library and other resources to assist members and visitors. Many of our earlier Journals have been added to the website and we are also trialing a "On-line Resources" page for "members only" where you can access Journals received from other Societies as well as some research resources such as the registers of S A Warters' Undertaker of Picton, also various publications that are now out of print. We would welcome members' comments and suggestions on whether you would use the web site and what you would like to see on it. Our Society exchanges our Journal with many other Societies – including the Royal Australian Historical Society – and it is a shame that these are not being accessed by our members. The webpage can change this.

Access to the On-line resources area is, for now, simply "**member123**".

Marlane would very much welcome your feedback with an email to: [secretary@pictonheritage.org.au](mailto:secretary@pictonheritage.org.au)

**THE END OF WORLD WAR I IN PICTON AND THIRLMERE**

Kate Holmes

*The Picton Post*, Wednesday, November 13, 1918 - page 2, column 4

At Picton the news was received about 9.30 p.m. on Monday, the first intimation of it being the whistling of the engines at the loco depot. The public realising what had happened quickly gave vent to their enthusiasm and in the space of a few minutes bells of all descriptions could be heard ringing, while numbers were walking the streets banging tins, blowing whistles and letting off fireworks. An impromptu procession started from the railway and marched down to the town and [unreadable]. They carried flare lights and with a drum, several instruments, and an unlimited number of tins (judging by the noise) they expressed their enthusiasm in an unmistakable manner. There were no complaints and in the light of the circumstances the music was rather sweet.

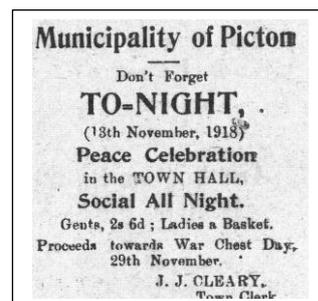
An hastily organised official procession by the Town Councillors, took place the next day leaving the railway station at 2.30 pm. The paper reporting:

Notwithstanding the short notice and the confusion that existed as to whether Tuesday or Wednesday was a public holiday, a very creditable procession was arranged. Sergt. Sheridan headed the procession as a mounted escort, then came the band, followed by standard-bearers carrying the Union Jack, Aldermen, school children, patriotic societies, members of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows in regalia, horsemen, vehicles, pedestrians, etc. As the procession wended its way to the Town Hall it presented a very pretty scene with its numerous flags, banners, floral arches, and decorated vehicles. There were also several humorous make ups which added to its attractiveness.

On arrival at the hall the National Anthem was sung, after which appropriate addresses were delivered by the Mayor, Aids. Antill, Parry, Gilmore, McElroy, Rev. Dill Macky, Mr. J.J. Cleary and Mr. J. Kelly. The band played several patriotic airs and the proceedings terminated with cheers for the King and the singing of the National Anthem.

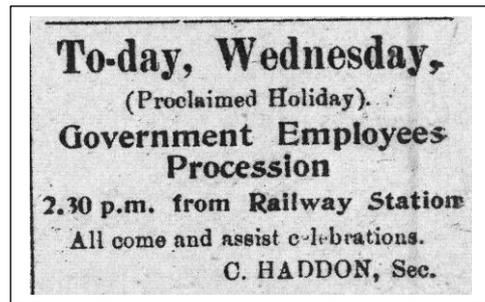
The town was gaily decorated, flags flying from everywhere and strings of flags were stretched across the street in several places, and almost every business place and private residence had flags of some description displayed.

There were two letters in the paper, one of which was quite rude about the poor performance of town leaders, i.e. the Town Council. The other, while rejoicing, mentioned the deep grief felt by many who lost sons, fathers or other family, during the War. It also noted the need to look after those 'maimed, blind, or the invalids caused by the war.' This letter ended with the need to watch out for internal industrial trouble.



On the same page, among the various ads for local businesses was one for a Peace Celebration in the Town Hall, organised by the Council, on that night – Gents, 2s 6d; Ladies a Basket.

The November 20, 1918 edition of the Picton Post included an article titled *Signing of Armistice Celebrations*, reporting more details of local celebrations. A public holiday was declared for the previous Wednesday, 13 November, and another procession (the third), was organized for that day by the government employees of Picton, “chiefly the railway department” and it was reported as being “*the most successful and one of the best ever seen locally*”, possibly because they had another day to organise it.



A large number of people assembled at the railway station at 2.30 p.m. and after the singing of “God Save the King”, the procession left the station and marched through the town as far as the George Inn and then back again to Victoria Park. The procession was headed by mounted police after which came the band which played patriotic airs during the march. Then came a beautifully decorated motor car containing “Britannia”, supported by several returned soldiers, and immediately behind was “Australia” in another nicely decorated car. Then followed the Red Cross Society, Cadets carrying the Union Jack, school children, decorated lorry containing “John Bull” and other representatives of the allied nations, War Chest Society, decorated cart with representatives of the Allies, decorated motor car, decorated goat and billy cart carrying a little girl dressed as a Red Cross Nurse, several comic turnouts, a darktown brigade, and the general public. All the vehicles were decorated in a picturesque manner and the scene was indeed a very bright one.

On arrival at the Park appropriate addresses were delivered by the Mayor, Rev. R. Dill Mackey and Mr. J. Kelly. The Doxology and the National Anthem were sung, after which the evening was devoted to sports. Races for adults and children were carried out, also a tug-of-war, sack race, etc. The band, which had ungrudgingly given its services since the first news was received, enlivened the proceedings with a number of airs.

The same edition of the paper told the story of how the people of **Thirlmere** came to hear of the Armistice.

Off the beaten track and away from the cry of the news vendor the mail train as she thundered by on Monday night proclaimed the glad tidings – for after the simmerings of the previous three days one knew it must be – the foe had signed the armistice granted by our allied armies! Hostilities had ceased ..... From the distant town, quickly following upon the engine’s blasts, came the faint sounds of a band – a tin can one, which grew in volume of sound with marvellous rapidity – apparently everyone that possibly could go out, grabbed up the nearest article that would make a noise and joined the throng. No news of a decisive triumphant battle could have met with greater zest in the rejoicings and thanksgivings as the news of this armistice was. People just had to dance and sing with joy – wild joy. The town was paraded, patriotic songs were sung, the demonstration winding up with God Save the King to a terrific band accompaniment and mighty cheers.

Thirlmere also quickly arranged a procession and picnic which took place on the public holiday Wednesday.



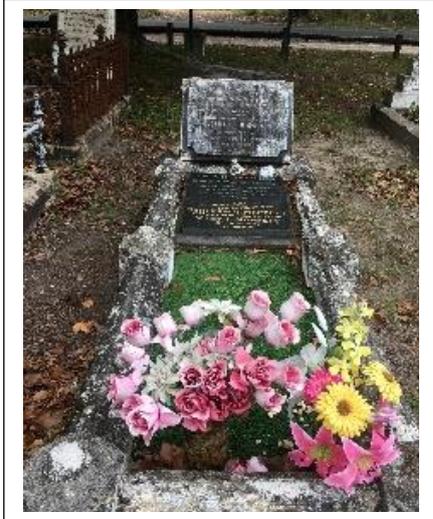
Children dressed to represent England and her Allies.

Mr. T.M. MacDonnell, Head Master Public School, was appointed Marshal. Mrs. Cash gave the hall and grounds free and on Wednesday about 2 p.m. in front of the school was seen a grand spectacle. This was the starting point. Everywhere flags were flying, some had one device and some another, and everyone was being fitted into the procession. Carts had been decorated till they became chariots of splendour or fairy

bowers, one big cart horse looked the picture of dignity as he drew a billy cart containing one solitary individual "got up", whose placard depicted the Kaiser (looking very black). A tramp managed a trotter and gig in keeping with his other possessions and didn't foot it for once in his trampship. A group of women carried a banner with God Save the king upon it and outlined with numerous tiny flags and everyone that could procure the "colours" or flags or bunting of any description displayed it. A naval detachment (school boys) headed the procession carrying the Union Jack, they were accompanied by a band (a mouth organ and tin can band, failing an orthodox one) and the school children carrying flags. A huge motor lorry hired and gaily decorated for the occasion by Mr. O'Donohoe had aboard a piano, a group of girls depicting the Allies, Red Cross Nurses, and some returned soldiers and boy scouts. Carts, sulkies and people lined up in good numbers. The National Anthem was sung and the procession wended its way through the town, under a triumphal arch erected at the railway gates, and on to the hall grounds. There were few spectators, for nearly everyone was in the procession. At one spot there was a "Strong Post" and at another, standing at the salute as the Flag passed by, was a black-robed woman and little boy – a mother who had given a son, and a child who had lost a father in the sad war. The joy is not for all yet. But "they have fought the good fight, they kept the Faith" there is consolation to bereaved ones in that.

Arrived at the hall grounds the lorry was used as a platform and Mr. MacDonnell briefly summed up the cause of the day's rejoicing, the returned soldiers each said a few words of thankfulness; Mr. Cabrera's acknowledgement of the higher power that had given victory to our Arms was followed by the singing of the Doxology and Mr. O'Donohoe's rousing speech of our Empire's achievements was followed by the National Anthem and Rule Britannia, songs and games were indulged in while the ladies gathered in the baskets of provisions and got tea ready, then everyone sat in a big ring, Grace was sung and bountiful refreshment was given to all.

During the afternoon, Mr. Scott brought up a gaily dressed load from Picton whilst a lorry load of Thirlmereites reciprocated the call. A dance at night was well attended and most enjoyably brought a long to be remembered day to a close.



Grave of Moppett family at Thirlmere Cemetery - part of the inscription reads "Also our eldest son Pte Geo Sydney Moppett killed in France 11 April 1917 aged 37.

Thirlmere was the scene of several farewell parties during the war, with people attending from along the railway line. Several of these farewells were included in our book, Wollondilly's Fallen, as several of the men were killed in action. The woman in black was probably **Mrs. (Mary) Lydia Moppett**, whose widowed son George brought his three young children back to Thirlmere when he enlisted in 1916; he was killed in 1917. The child may have been his youngest son **Richard**, born in 1914. The older children were probably in the parade with the school contingent. The Headmaster, **Thomas MacDonnell**, although only in Thirlmere between 1915 and 1920, also suffered the loss of his brother Charles, at Villers-Bretonneaux in April 1918, aged 43. **Mrs. Cash** was the wife of photographer Richard Cash, who spent most of his war as a prisoner, where he was able to use his skills to help copy maps and documents for escapees. Mrs. Cash kept the business going until Richard's return, while looking after her young family. The hall was in Westbourne Avenue, built by a Mr. Fludder, and later used as a cinema.

Below the article on the Thirlmere celebrations was a paragraph about the possible establishment of a Women's Platoon in the district, where returned men or their families could get help if they needed it. Any such organization would have been overtaken by the formation of what became the RSL which was established in the 1920s.

Various fundraising events continued, and although there were still reports of war casualties, there were also accounts of soldiers being welcomed home, though many more would return in 1919. Unfortunately, none of the 1919 newspapers survived to be microfilmed, and we only have Mr. Bruce Knox's notes from that year.

## WW1 LINKS TO IRONMONGIE, TAHMOOR

Marlane Fairfax



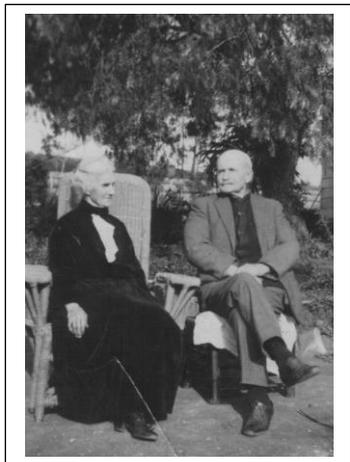
Blink and you may miss it. Ironmongie, now dwarfed by an adjoining building, is located on the western side of Remembrance Drive between Myrtle Creek Avenue and Struan Street. It stands on part of the 50 acre Crown Grant made to Edward Allen in 1822 and became part of the Myrtle Creek Estate purchased by George Bradbury in 1879. Two

acres of the land were given to the government by Bradbury to be used to build a new school.

In 1888 Bradbury sold the remainder of Allen’s Grant to Charles Butler, a Police Magistrate appointed to the Picton Bench. He had the house built and lived on the property with his wife Emily for a number of years before leasing it to various tenants. During this period Emily’s mother and sisters lived at Hilton Park, Tahmoor, one of her sister’s running “Miss Everitt’s Ladies’ School”.

Charles and Emily had six children, four of whom were born at Ironmongie including Edwin, who served for a period with the British Army before enlisting with the Australian Army after the outbreak of WWI. He went ashore at Gallipoli in early April 1915, serving with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Light Horse Regiment. Edwin died from wounds received at Gallipoli in May 1915 and was buried at sea three miles off Gallipoli.

Right: Casualty Form of Edwin Butler noting he was buried 3 miles off Gallipoli.



John Robertson and his wife Isabel (Baker Collection)

In 1901, Ironmongie was leased by Clarence Garling and his son Henry as a residence for John Johnston Robertson and his family – John Robertson’s wife Isabel and Clarence’s wife, Mary were sisters (nee Gardiner). John and Isabel were married in 1876 in Goulburn, their first child born there in 1878, the year John Robertson was appointed a Police Magistrate.

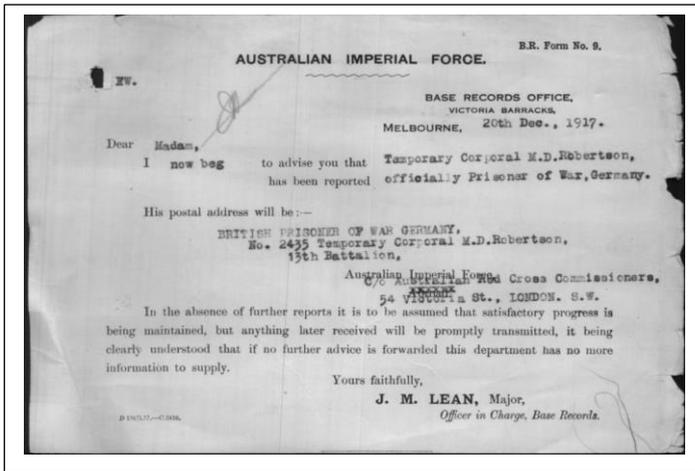
Clarence Garling was a manager for the Bank of New South Wales living at Camden for a period. Henry a solicitor; news of his admittance in 1891 appearing in the Country News section of the Sydney Mail and NSW Advertiser under the heading “Camden” describing him as a “native of this town”. It seems very likely that the Garling and Robertson families knew the Butler family.

The Garlings bought the property in 1903; the Robertson’s remaining in occupation of the house which they called ‘Couridjah’.

Two of the Robertson’s sons enlisted for the First World War. Malcolm was with the 7<sup>th</sup> reinforcements, 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion and in February 1917 he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for:

*Conspicuous gallantry in action. Although wounded, he organised a bombing party and repeatedly repelled the enemy. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative throughout the operations.*

Three months later he was captured and was held at Limburg, Altdamm and Friedricsfeld POW camps in Germany. He was repatriated to Australia in April 1919.



**Official notification that Malcolm is a POW**

evacuated to England and subsequently returned to Australia in 1917 and discharged due to his injuries

When I discovered that Malcolm was listed as missing and then a POW, I had a look at the Red Cross letters. These are a wonderful source of information and in reading the letters you are drawn in emotionally to the personal lives of the soldiers and their families.

I did find a reference to Malcolm, and a series of letters between the Red Cross and Malcolm’s cousin, Gerard Garling, who was the son and brother respectively of Clarence and Henry Garling who had purchased Ironmongie on behalf of the Robertson family.

Gerard had enlisted in July 1916 and served in France. In a letter to the Red Cross of 27 July 1917 he asked for confirmation that his cousin was a POW and in the same letter asked for information on his brother Leslie Garling of the 45<sup>th</sup> Battalion who was reported killed in action. Gerard wrote a further letter on 31 July 1917 in response to a letter confirming the death of his brother Leslie.

*“It seems but true that my brother has been killed. Unfortunately yesterday, whilst visiting my wounded brother at Southall I received definite news of the death of a third brother, bringing the trials of war very much home.”*

In that same letter he asked for particulars of where to write to his POW cousin. This was provided by the Red Cross who addressed the letter to him as “Dear Madam”. I found some humour in Gerald’s reply:

*“I thank you very much for your letter and by the way addressed to “Dear Madam”. You women are turning the world upside down.”*

The “third brother” was Frederick. He was living in Canada when he enlisted. He fought in France serving with the 47<sup>th</sup> Battalion Canadian Infantry (British Columbia Regiment). Frederick was killed during the Canadian assault on Vimy Ridge and his remains were never recovered. He was awarded posthumously the Military Medal for 'Bravery on the Field' and his name appears on the Vimy Memorial, France.

Struan landed at Gallipoli on 26 April 1915 and wounded at the Dardanelles some five weeks later – he was treated at the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Casualty clearing Station and remained in his bivouac until well enough to rejoin his unit. Later sent to France, Struan was once again wounded, this time a gunshot wound to the right hip and shoulder. He was



**Struan Robertson  
(Baker Collection)**



**Memorial to brothers Frederick and Leslie Garling, Waverley Cemetery. (photo by Timothy Ciscel. AHI)**

The wounded brother Gerald was visiting was Philip – he served from July 1915 and was wounded in the field on 5 August 1916. He suffered a gunshot wound to his leg which later had to be amputated.

Malcolm died at Tahmoor in 1959, Struan in April 1972. Struan Street in Tahmoor was named for him prior to his death.

Gerald died in April 1950 and Phillip in 1955. The Garling's great grandfather Frederick Garling, held the position of Deputy Judge Advocate from 1815 to 1816.

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## FROM THE NEWSPAPER RECORDS

### **Picton Post Wednesday 7 November 1956 – About Town column:**

By advertisement, Mrs. D. Murphy, proprietress of the Needlecraft Store, Argyle Street, announces that she has arranged for a photographer to be in attendance at her shop on Friday November 16<sup>th</sup>, throughout the day. Anyone will be privileged to have their photo taken, but they will be under no obligation to buy the photographs.

(Another note on November 21<sup>st</sup> said that Mr. V. Alp was the photographer).

This is a small addition to the brief history of the building once at No. 96 Argyle Street in the last journal. The Society has a collection of Mr. Alp's photographs, many from about the 1950s – can anyone tell us if they were involved in this exercise? It would be great to know that some of his photos were taken in this old building.

### **Picton Post Wednesday September 27 1956 (on the front page)**

#### **Pioneer Family Leaves Bargo**

Bargo people will be sorry to learn that ill health has caused the recent departure from the district of Mr. & Mrs. Norm Carter, of Arina Road, and formerly Wattle Farm Guest House fame.

Mr. Carter was born in Bargo and he is a little disappointed that he could not have remained here for another three years, as the Carter family has been represented here continuously for the past 97 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter have been tireless workers for local activities and particularly for the Bush Nursing Association, while Mr. Carter has, for years, been a most popular and capable captain of the Bargo-Yanderra Bushfire Brigade, from which position he has just recently resigned.

In his earlier days he was a keen cricketer and tennis player, the remains of the old Arina Road cricket pitch are a reminder of those days.

A welcome is extended to Mr. & Mrs. Ray Ferry, who have taken over the attractive Arina Road property, whilst good wishes go with the Carters who are now living in Picton.

## GRAVE TALES

Like all records, we should not, if possible, rely on a single source of information. The stories behind the following memorials are a good example.

In Upper Picton Cemetery there is a group of three memorials to the families of Walton, McInnes, Gillard and Graham.



The Walton memorial is to wife and husband, Mary, who died 17 March 1897 aged 63 and Henry, who died 19 October 1915 – although the inscription reads 1916 - aged 81 years.

The second is to Thomas William Graham who, the inscription reads, was accidentally killed at Picton June 18th 1889 aged 11 years and 10 months. The stone reads that it was erected by his brothers James and John Gillard. Also memorialised is Mabel Mary infant daughter of James

and Anne Gillard who died May 30th 1887 aged 9 weeks. Anne Gillard was a Sheil. Initially I was unsure if Graham was a Christian name or last name.

Through a bit of research, using the resources of our Society and contact with a descendant on Ancestry, I found out that Mary Walton was married three times - she arrived in NSW around 1850 as Mary GLEESON from Dublin, she married first William GRAHAM who died in 1859 from TB leaving Mary with one child, Thomas William GRAHAM. Mary then married John GILLARD in 1860 and they



had three boys - John GILLARD was killed on 9 March 1865 after falling from his horse at Redbank - he was 27. Mary then married Henry WALTON in October 1866 and their daughter Elizabeth was born two weeks later.

Although the headstone records Thomas William GRAHAM as having died in 1889 he in fact died 20 years earlier in 1869 - following a fall from a horse.

**Mr. Henry C. McInnes.**  
 The death took place on the 9th inst., at "Darleyville," Minto, in his 19th year, of Mr. Henry Oscar McInnes. Born at Picton, the deceased, though but a youth, was well-esteemed for his many admirable qualities. He read law under Mr. C. J. Passmore, solicitor, and as an all-round athlete he was a prominent member of the Picton cricket and football clubs, and some 12 months since sustained a fractured leg on the football field, from which he never practically recovered, though he tried vainly to recover his health at Armidale, Katoomba and elsewhere. The funeral took place in the Catholic Cemetery at Picton, on the 11th inst., the Rev. Father R. Woulfe reciting the prayers at the graveside. The coffin was carried from the Picton Station to the cemetery by the railway employees and members of the 2nd Australian Light Horse. Amongst those present were Mr. and Mrs. Hector McInnes (parents), Mr. G. C. McInnes (Newcastle), Mr. and Mrs. E. W. McInnes (Rockdale), Mr. and Mrs. Hector McInnes, junr., Miss Mary McInnes, Masters Thomas, Robert, Horace and Donald McInnes, Mr. and Mrs. Donald McInnes (Minto), Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Henry and Mr. W. Walton, Mr. and Mrs. C. Walton, Mr. A. J. Gillard, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hill, Mrs. F. Watts and Mr. P. Gale. The funeral arrangements were entrusted to Messrs. Wood, Coffill and Company.—R.I.P.

The third memorial is to Henry O McInnes who died 9th Sept. 1912 aged 19 years. He was the son of Elizabeth (nee Walton) and Hector McInnes and the grandson of Henry and Mary Walton. Harry, as he was known, was a very popular young man, quite an athlete according to his obituary. Some 12 months prior to his death he sustained a fractured leg during a game of football at Camden from which he never fully recovered. In all probability he died from infection.

Harry died at "Darleyville" Minto. His body was brought by train to Picton, employees of the railway and members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Light Horse carrying the coffin to the cemetery. Harry's father Hector worked on the railway – as did a number of the McInnes family.

Catholic Press, 19 September 1919

## RECENT FAREWELLS

We have lost a number of members, past members and locals recently.



Picton Post 21 August 1980

**Margaret Sleeman, nee Hogan** died on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. She was born in 1933, the youngest daughter of Dennis and Florence Hogan (nee Hogan), of *Claremont* at Bargo; her older siblings were Ted and Shirley. According to the obituary by Marella Hogan in the Sydney Morning Herald of July 5<sup>th</sup>, she was a strong-minded girl who knew what she wanted, and she started work at the Department of Justice in Sydney when she was 15. Margaret worked her way up from messenger to the typing pool and beyond, studying for the Solicitor's Admission Board exams. She married Tom Sleeman in 1962; sadly they only had two years together before his early death, but he encouraged Margaret to continue her studies. By 1969 she was admitted as a solicitor and in 1970 became the first female magistrate in Australia. In 1972 she married

again, to Reg Beath, though they separated in the 1990s.

Margaret enjoyed returning to Bargo for family gatherings, and enjoyed traveling in Australia and overseas. She made the front page of the *Picton Post* in 1980 when she served as magistrate at Picton Local Court. As a young woman she played tennis, and snooker, and later joined the Woodstock Walkers; she played the piano, painted, and enjoyed knitting and needlework. She didn't have children, but enjoyed her many nieces and nephews as well as keeping up with friends from her years in Bargo. Her Catholic faith was important to her throughout her life.

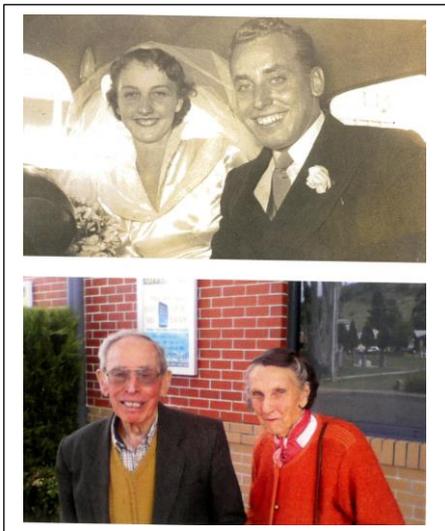
Although living in Concord for most of her adult life, Margaret became a member of the Society in 1993, and only gave it up in 2010, due to the increasing effect of dementia.



**Lorna May Hoare nee Criddle** died on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 2018, at the grand age of 102. According to her family, she was the seventh child of a poor Welsh farming family, and her father died when she was 14. At Teachers' College in London studying to teach art, her friendliness, flair and red hair made an impression on her colleagues and teachers. While teaching in Norwich she met Harry Hoare on a blind date, and they were married in 1939, just after the war broke out, in the new Municipal Offices that Harry had been involved in building. After the war, and with two children, Harry decided to take a job in Australia, building the Opera House in Sydney. The family lived in Pymble, but for many years weekendened on a small farm; when Harry retired they built "Shingle Hill" at Wilton.

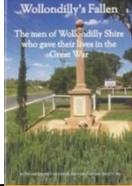
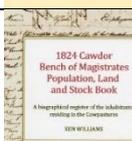
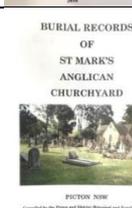
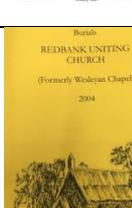
They joined the Society in the early days of 1987, and Harry was very helpful when we had the opportunity to renovate and modernize the old coach house of the National Australia Bank in Picton. During their twenty-four years at Shingle Hill Lorna created a beautiful garden there, and became involved in setting up a local garden club. They remained members of the Society until 1994, and eventually moved to Carrington in the early 2000s where Lorna returned to her early interest in painting. This helped her when Harry died in 2011, and she continued to take part in the community events and activities for as long as possible. Her daughters Mandy and Mindy describe their mother as "courageous, witty, caring and idiosyncratic, adored by her family and loved by her friends and community.

**Joan Scott** died in September, having only just renewed her membership, so it was a great shock to us. While she lived in Narellan, where the Scott family had lived for several decades, Joan joined the Society because of her interest in Wilton, where her family came from.



**Don Baker**, 8 July 1928 - 31 July 2018, was not a member of the Society, but came to Picton in 1977 as headmaster of the Picton High School. He and his wife Noelene were lucky enough to be able to buy the old Stationmaster's House at the Picton Railway Station, which had been sold off some years before. Don was a country boy, born in Blayney, one of three children of Jim and Elaine; he was pleased to have a convict ancestor. Jim was a farm manager, and the family moved around a lot – Don met his future wife, Noelene when they were at Orange High School. His parents moved to Camden in the 1940s while Don was at Sydney University, where maths became his thing. He was able to get a job at Camden Central (later the High School) in 1951. He spent most of his teaching time in Camden, with a brief stint in Campbelltown, and became Deputy Head at Camden before coming to Picton. He had inherited a love of fishing from his

mother, and was a keen sportsman, finally retiring from golf at 88, and continued to help at his son Eric's farm at Armidale for as long as possible. The Bakers loved family gatherings, and were able to house a pool table in their large house, much to the delight of their children and grandchildren. Don survived two bouts of cancer in the last ten years, and having celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at home, was told it had returned just a week later. Kate Holmes met the Bakers through mutual friends soon after moving to Picton in 1999, and would meet Don walking one or other of the family dogs around Victoria Park, and enjoy a chat; Noelene was always interested in a talk about the latest book or article that she had read, but sadly she has been in Queen Victoria Home for some time .

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