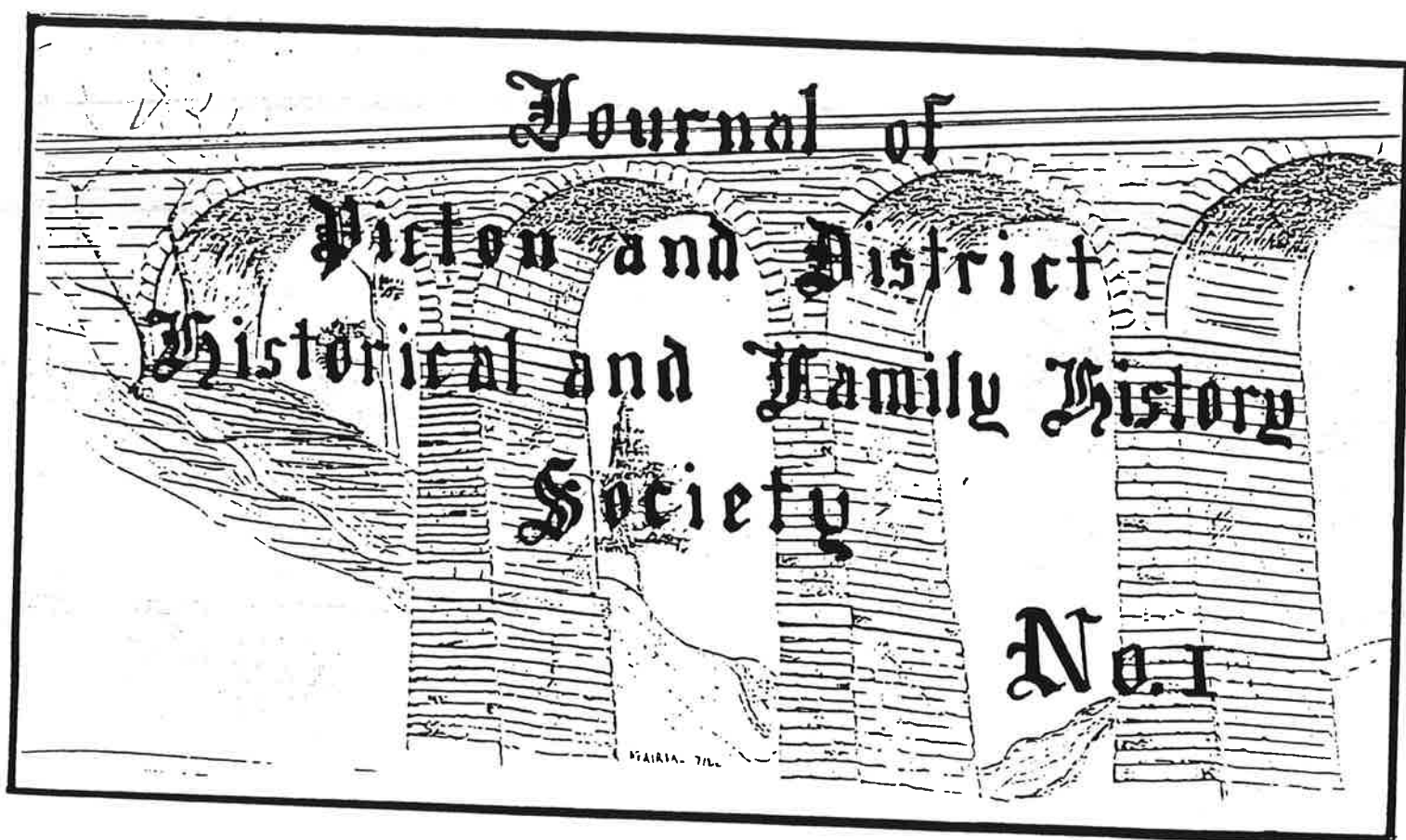


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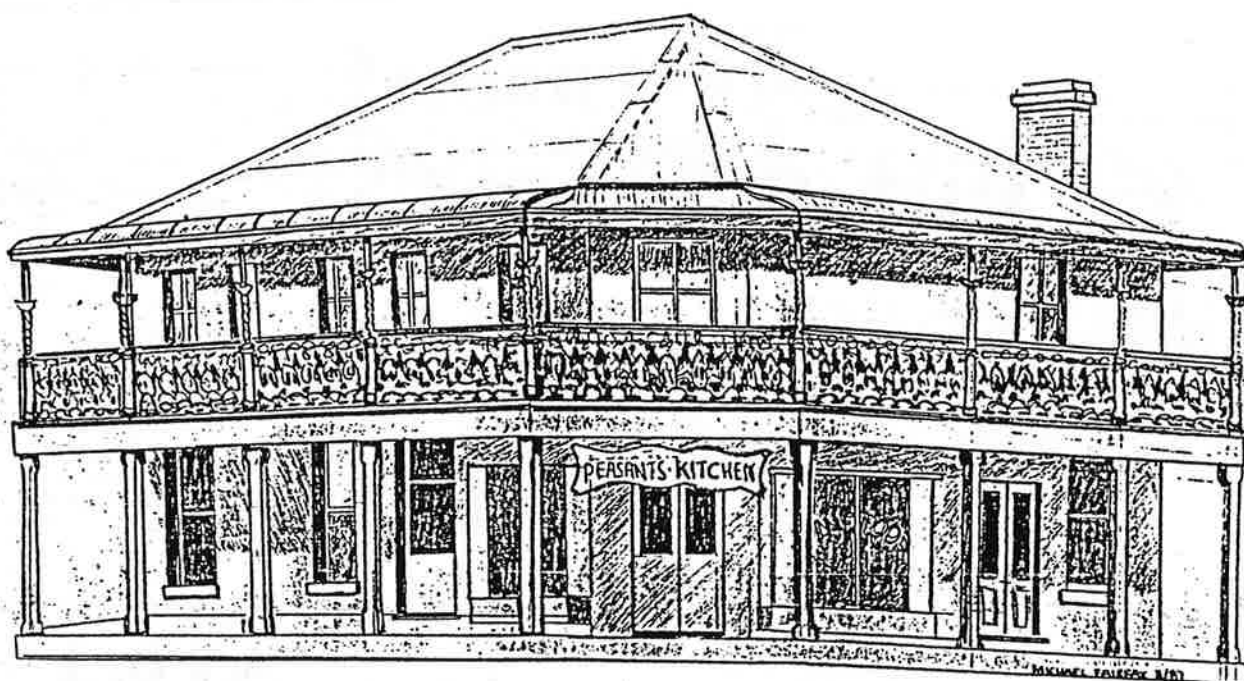
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The Railway Hotel was situated on the corner of Oaks Road and Argyle Street, Picton, opposite the George Inn.

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 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

December and January have been quiet, our Christmas party being the only event in December. It was held at the Peasants Kitchen and the food was EX (for those who don't have school age children, EX means excellent). We were very pleased to have as guests members from The Oaks, Campbelltown/Airds, Camden and Berrima Societies.

January was not altogether free. Several of our members met with members from The Oaks Historical Society to discuss our display on the Shire Picnic Day on Sunday 6th March. If effort has anything to do with it, it will be a great success.

Our speaker in February was Gavin Andrews of Tahmoor who is a member of the Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council. Gavin's talk touched on the history of his aboriginal ancestors and his own family history search. He is a direct descendant of one of the 5 female survivors of the 1816 Appin massacre. Gavin also spoke on the Land Council's Cultural Education & Arts Centre being constructed at Couridjah near Thirlmere. The main aim of the Centre is to enable non aboriginal people to experience and learn about Aboriginal culture, tradition and arts. When completed, the centre will be available for private functions and will accommodate up to 200 overnight visitors for such functions.

We have two other displays coming up. First will be Tahmoor School Colonial Day on Tuesday March 29th. Schools at Tahmoor, known in earlier days as Myrtle Creek and Cordeaux, go back quite a way. The School has been situated on its present site since 1919. The main feature of our display will be early Tahmoor photographs.

April 16th is Wilton Colonial Day which will include a Parade. Once again, photographs will be a feature together with names and information where possible, on early residents of the area.

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP forms are included in this Journal. It has been decided to leave fees as they are but to charge members who wish their journals to be posted, an additional \$2.00, which is less than the cost of postage on four journals. To date, we have only been posting journals to members living outside the area. Those members who live locally, but who cannot attend meetings or attend infrequently, can have their journals mailed to them.

We have successfully survived our first year. It is 12 months since we held a public meeting to discuss the formation of the Society with the Inaugural meeting held in April.

This will be my last report as president as I will not be standing for re-election at the Annual General Meeting in April. Briefly I would like to thank members and the committee for their support after having jumped in at the deep end without any previous experience. Special thanks to Jan for patiently guiding me through meeting procedures.

This coming year our major goal will be finding a "home" for the Society to store our rapidly growing collection of records, documents and artifacts. We need to direct our efforts to specific areas and with some forward planning, we will continue our successful beginnings.

Marlane.

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COMING EVENTS

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| 14th March | Meeting - Guest Speaker: Owen Blattman on Burraborang. |
| 29th March | Tahmoor School Colonial Day |
| 11th April | Annual General Meeting - Show & Tell Night (bring a favourite old treasure and tell us about it - excluding spouses and pets!!) |
| 16th April | Wilton Colonial Day |
| date to be fixed | Bargo Cemetery Picnic |
| 9th May | Meeting - Guest Speaker: Sid Percival on Water System of Sydney including the Upper Nepean Water System. |
| 13th June | Meeting - Guest Speaker: Mr. Vann Cremer - Post Office Historian. |

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It is planned to start a family history discussion group. The meetings will be held in a member's home and will be during the day. It will not be confined to this area and the aim is to discuss our problems in researching and what and where records are available. If you are interested, contact Marlane (818026) Liz (771726) or Pat (309380).

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The Society does not hold itself responsible for statements made and opinions expressed in this Journal.

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EDUCATION IN THE PICTON DISTRICT PART 2

LOWER PICTON SCHOOL

Picton Public School as we know it to-day began as "Lower Picton School" as distinct from the "Upper Picton School" whose story was told in the December 1987 issue of the Journal.

Application for a school was made in 1867 and the successful tender was by Mr E G Larkin who completed the building and teacher's residence by 25/6/1869. The cost was more than 880 Pounds. The building faced Menangle Street and comprised 3 classrooms and small residence.

No record of the first teaching staff has been found but a Mr William Stronge was appointed in September 1887 and continued until he retired due to ill health in August 1888. During that period the average attendance was over 100 pupils and he was assisted by 2 pupil teachers. Mr Stronge was replaced by Mr Robert S Pearce who remained at the school for 6 years.

On 25/6/1890 the school was proclaimed a Superior Public School. Four years later in June 1894 Mr Pearce was replaced by Mr Charles Blumer. In 1896 the old residence was demolished and a new residence was occupied by Mr Blumer in November 1896.

In March 1900 there was a fire in an adjoining store which badly burnt the school fence and cracked a number of windows. The following month attendance was recorded at 163.

In 1902 the town water supply was connected and then in 1903 Mr Blumer was replaced by Mr T Jasper Morgan.

On 12/8/1903 and application was made to the Department for a Public School at Upper Picton by Mr J Dickinson. His words would tug at any mother's heart strings but apparently not the Department's. He wrote "Although the distance from the Picton School is not great, the hilly nature of the district renders the distance more fatiguing, and it is pitiful to see little toddlers on a hot day battling with the heat and dust to school, and in wet weather the state of the road is such that it would be cruelty to send them. Trusting that the application may be successful in bringing about a long felt want greater than pen of mine can adequately express."

LOWER PICTON SCHOOL CONT.

A second application two months later was also unsuccessful, however in April 1904 an application made to move the school to its present site was approved. In 1907 the land was purchased and the brick building containing 4 classrooms was officially opened on 8/6/1910 with a new headmaster Mr John Kelly in charge.

The old school was eventually sold to the Shire Council. On 25/11/1914 a gable of the new school building was struck by lightning. The gable collapsed inwards and the bricks fell through the ceiling injuring 4 children. The Inspector commented: "It is little short of a miracle that several of the children were not killed or maimed, as the wall weighed many tons."

In January 1916 there was trouble with the town water supply. The water became so smelly that the children could not even use it for washing and parents began to withdraw them from the school.

In 1917 a Patriotic Garden was started on the land behind the residence and the vegetables grown in it were given to the Fruit and Vegetable Fund for Fighter's Families.

In March 1919 a marble tablet was erected on the outside of the school bearing the names of ex-pupils who had enlisted during the war.

In November 1923 electric lights were put in the residence and in 1929 they were installed in the school.

LIST OF TEACHERS

1868 - 1875	No record	Dec. 1925	Joseph Whiting
Sept. 1875	William Stronge	Dec. 1927	Mercules Robinson
July 1888	Robert Pearce	April 1929	John McIlwraith
June 1894	Charles Blumer	July 1933	Glennie Forbes
May 1903	Jasper Morgan	June 1937	Herbert Watson
Jan. 1910	John Kelly	May 1940	Edgar Bunker
Dec. 1918	Thomas McDonald	Jan. 1943	Thomas Vaughan
Dec. 1921	Denis McCarthy	Jan. 1956	Albert Martin

My thanks to Mrs T Davis present headmistress for access to the schools history records and to teachers John Douglas and Phil Smithers for allowing me to research their research.

Liz Vincent.

LOCAL DIRECTORY, PICTON

From the Picton Post & Advocate, Wednesday, September 19, 1900.

Municipal Council: Mayor - J.J. McQuiggin, J.P.
Aldermen - J. Pritchard, M. Mulholland, R.H. Antill, H.C. Evans,
T. Hilder, H.S. Clifton, J. Connellan, L. Nicolson, J.P.
Council Clerk and Local Authority under the Health Act -
Mr. J. Dickinson.
Medical Officer under the Board of Health - Dr. Ekin.
Inspector of Nuisances - Mr. R. Edwards.
Postmaster - Mr. F. Burgess.
Station Master - Mr. D. Sheppard.
Police Magistrate - Mr. Wilshire, Clerk of Petty Sessions -
Mr. Den Donnelly, Licensing Inspector - Sen. Cons. Lucas.
District Coroner - W.R. Antill, Bailiff - Mr. Jas. McLaren.
Pastures & Stock Protection Board - J.M. Antill, W.R. Antill and
G. Bradbury.
Public School Headmaster - Mr. C. Blumer, Headmistress - Miss Clark.
Churches - St. Mark's C. of E. Rev. D.H. Dillon; Presbyterian -
Mr. Jas. Steele; Wesleyan - Rev. G. Thompson; R.C. - Rev. Fr.
Hanrahan; Salvation Army - Captain Corby.
Benefit Societies - Rose of Picton Branch G U O O F No. 3303 -
Mr. V. H. Norman, Secretary; P A F S, John Goodlett Lodge No.
68 - Mr. J. Murray, Secretary.
Cricket Club - Mr. S. Conradi, Secretary.
Progress Committee - Mr. W.R. Antill, Mr. A.H. Brown, Mr. R.H.
Antill.
Philharmonic Society - Miss Antill, Secretary.
School of Arts - Mr. C. Blumer, Mr. N. Osworth, Mr. T. Gray.
Tennis Club - Mr. D. Louche.
Auctioneers - Mr. R.H. Inglis, Mr. A. Graham.
Bakers, Pastrycooks - Mr. T. Ruddiman, Mr. C.V. Ridgway.
Bank - Commercial of Sydney Ltd. - Mr. A.H. Brown, Manager.
Blacksmiths, Wheelwrights - Messrs. J. Bell, J. Corbett and H.C.
Evans.
Bootmakers - Mrs. J. Murray, B. Barnsley.
Butchers - Messrs. E. Small, H. Rofe and T. Walton.
Chemists - Messrs. G.S. Dalton.
Dentists - Mr. P.S. Poolman.
Drapers - Mr. W. Cuttriss, opposite Post Office, Mrs. James Lutton.
Dressmakers - Mrs. Viles, Misses Sheil.
Fruiters - Mrs. Sayle, Mr. H. Byrnes, Mrs. D. Sell.
Hairdressers - Messrs. W. Brain, W. Watson, B. Barnsley.
Hotels - Commercial (Mr. G. Bell); Club (Mr. A.J. Skellett) Royal
(Mr. D.J. Treacy); George Inn (T.J. Hilder); Great Southern
(R. Eagles)

Local Directory, Picton, 1900, cont.

Livery Stables - Mr. J. Hill's, Mr. W. Reeves', Mr. C. Brooks, Mr. D. Treacy.

Monumental Mason - Mr. William Pritchard

Newsagent, Stationer - Mr. N. New.

Nurses - Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Anderson

Printer, publisher - W. Laverty.

Private School - Mrs. Wild.

Saddlers - Mr. R. Potter, Mr. E.G. Burgess

Sawmill Proprietors - Messrs. W. Renton.

Signwriter, Coachpainter - Mr. J. Dickinson.

Solicitor - Mr. A.S. Perks.

Storekeepers - Menangle Street - Messrs. D.J. Woodward, W. Reeves.

Argyle Street - Messrs. T. Pollock, G. Barr & Son, H.S. Clifton and Wardrobe (Upper Picton).

Surgeons - Dr. Wm. Ekin.

Tailors - T. Stott

Tea Rooms - Mrs. D. Sell

Tinsmith - Mr. W. Anderson

Tobacconists - Mr. W. Brain, Mr. W. Watson

Undertaker - Mr. J. Waters.

Watchmaker - Mr. R.L. Pinkerton.

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From the Picton Post 3rd July, 1929.

The Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board has notified Wollondilly Shire Council that it cannot consider the proposed water supply for Buxton. (Buxton finally had the water "turned on" 50 years later.

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'Tis said that it was so cold at a recent dance in the district that the dancers were to be seen jazzing in their overcoats (which is unusual) and snuggling very close together (which is not so unusual). After the function numerous waiting motor cars declined to spark - affording the menfolk of the party a splendid opportunity to warm up. Even the atmosphere around some of the automobiles is said to have got quite sultry.

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Money! Pleasure. Power and Fame
With desire our hearts inflame,
Up from want and squalid things,
Clods may rise to vie with Kings,
But to win to fame and wealth
Each must treasure perfect health.
'Mid bronchial ills such health assure
Remember Woods Great Peppermint Cure.

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100 YEARS AGO

FROM THE PICTON ARGUS

JANUARY 1888

Henry Wonson is the host at the George Inn and George Bell is the host at the Commercial (late Royal Hotel) Argyle Street.

Licensing Inspector Senior Constable Thomas Crawley presented his report to the Bench "Local pubs are all o.k."

Mr W.R. Antill has kindly furnished us with the number of births, deaths and marriages for the year ending December 1887.

Births Males 18 Females 13

Marriages 5

Deaths Males 7 Females 3 Total 10. 6 deaths were from T.B. 1 person dying as he arrived.

The Salvation Army had a high time at Picton on Monday night. There were 5 cornets in the band which helped liven things up considerably. There was tea, procession and a public meeting. We are glad there is life in somebody.

The following selections have been taken up:

James Bell - 40 acres CP Bargo

A.W.A. Graham - 200 acres CL Bargo

A.W.A. Graham - 100 acres CP Bargo

E.T. Campbell - 40 acres Picton Lakes CP

The Norman's store at Picton was narrowly saved from burning down on Friday evening. Mr Welling was doing something to the window containing the fancy articles when he overturned the kero lamp. The window was in flames in an instant. Damage was 10 pounds. Mr Norman is in England at the moment.

J.T.W. Dobson Williamswood Picton has a run of 1420 acres subdivided into paddocks at Burragorang 16 miles up river from Figtree store 25 miles from The Oaks.

WANTED -- a good general servant. Mrs C. Dunn Tulwah DowraThe Oaks.

Mr Henry Thorney, for many years at Picton on the railway dies in Sydney.

Mr Badcock, station master at Picton also dies in Sydney.

NEW BOOKS

THE BEVENDALE SETTLERS 1839-1917 by Rhonda Preston.

Being an account of the early settlement of Bevendale and adjoining districts.

Bevendale is a small rural community on the Southern Tablelands of N.S.W. It is 45 kms. from Yass, 40 kms. from Gunning and 20 kms. from Narrawa and Wheeo.

Having lived at Gunning for several years and knowing one of my husband's convict ancestors received a land grant at Narrawa, I accepted the offer of the loan of this book out of curiosity. I found it difficult to put down as the family histories of the district's early settlers unfolded. Knowing many of their descendants as friends today I was easily drawn into the community long past and their struggle to survive.

This absorbing book not only covers the personal lives of births and deaths but the happenings of the district including its floods and its droughts and the ultimate effects on the community.

Rhonda Preston, herself a product of the area has detailed many family histories including: APPS BEVEN BROWN BULLEN BYRNES COLLINS DOWLING GEORGE HOOKWAY HUGHES LEHANE MEDWAY MOORE NOAKES NORRIS O'HARA PRESTON ROCHE SELMES SMITH THORN & WATERS.

The book is available from the author at 12 Cobby St. Campbell ACT 2601.

SEARCHING OVERSEAS by Susan Pedersen Kangaroo Press.

A Guide to Family History Sources for Australians and New Zealanders.

A marvellous new "guide" book for family historians who wish to do their own research from home rather than pay for overseas researchers to do it for them. It not only saves money but offers the pleasure of the hunt.

It shows where to find the records with addresses, current charges and how best to use these records to save time, money and to overcome problems.

Sue Pederson is a well known genealogist both here and in New Zealand.

LAND REGISTRATION IN THE COLONY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

A BRIEF HISTORY

By his commission dated 2-4-1787, and his instructions dated 25-4-1787, Governor Arthur Phillip was given power and authority to grant land to emancipists. Each male was entitled to 30 acres, an additional 20 acres if married, and 10 acres for each child with them in the settlement at the time of the grant.

To encourage free settlers to the colony, Phillip received additional instructions dated 20-8-1789 entitling non-commissioned marine officers to 100 acres and privates to 50 acres over and above the amount allowed for convicts. Other settlers coming to the colony were also to be given grants.

Such grants were to be evidenced by a document bearing the Seal of the Territory and after being entered upon record by such officer as Phillip should appoint, were to be good and effectual in law against the Crown.

On 18-11-1791, Phillip wrote pointing out that no person had been appointed by whom grants of land could be registered.

In 1792, the grants commenced to be endorsed "Registered in the office of the Secretary of the Colony". The Office of Secretary and Judge Advocate being usually held by the same person.

Land Grants issued during the Rum Rebellion in 1808-1809, were cancelled by Governor Macquarie but those which had been granted to "very deserving and meritorious persons" he later renewed.

In 1825, the sale of land by private tender began under Governor Darling's Instructions of 17-7-1825. There were still to be grants without purchase but they were not to exceed 2560 acres or to be less than 320 acres, unless in the immediate vicinity of a town or village. His instructions required Darling to arrange for a new survey of the Colony and the division of the settled districts into Counties, Hundreds and Parishes. The unoccupied lands were then to be valued and eventually sold by tender, if not otherwise reserved, at not less than the average value for that Parish. This scheme was slow in being implemented.

LAND REGISTRATION (CONT.)

In a despatch dated 9-1-1831, Viscount Godrerich instructed that no more free grants be given (except those already promised). All land was henceforth to be sold at public auction. Likewise, the practice of granting land as "marriage portions" to the children of colonists was discontinued. The new regulations were notified in a Government Order dated 1-8-1831.

RECORDING AND REGISTRATION

In the early years of the Colony there was no provision at all for recording land transactions. In some cases brief particulars of sale were written on the back of a land grant; in lots of cases ownership changed without any documentary evidence at all.

In 1802, a register was provided by the Judge Advocate and parties were invited to place their dealings on record. These are the first recorded registrations and they form the first book of the "Old Register". Brief particulars only were recorded and it is quite impossible in many cases today to relate these items to any particular area of land. It is interesting to note that this register contains registrations of all legal transactions and assignments, not only land transactions.

On the 18-1-1817, a proclamation was issued by Governor Macquarie providing for registration of deeds etc. relating to land by the entry of a memorial in the office of the Judge Advocate. A register was proclaimed which commenced a system of memorials where essential particulars were extracted from the deed and entered under official stamp. This is also part of the "Old Register".

As a result of letters patent issued in 1823, known as the Charter of Justice, the Supreme Court of N.S.W. was constituted and the office of the Judge Advocate came to an end.

On 16-11-1825, the first Registration of Deeds Act came into force, and substituted the Supreme Court as the place for the registration of Deeds. This Act introduced a special form of memorial and principle that any deed or instrument executed bonafide and for valuable consideration should take priority according to the date of registration and not execution. This was the commencement of the "Vendors Index" and "Deeds Register".

LAND REGISTRATION (CONT.)

The Registration of Deeds Act of 1843 set up a separate registry at Port Phillip and had provisions for the lodgement of a full sworn copy of a Deed for binding in the Deeds Register, in addition to a memorial.

This Act established for the first time, the office of the Registrar General and these records were transferred to him, but on 31-12-1849 his office was abolished and the duties transferred back to the Supreme Court.

However, as from 1-1-1856, the office of the Registrar General was re-established, and as from 1-5-1857, the registration of deeds was transferred to the Registrar General. That year also saw the start of responsible government in New South Wales.

Bob Wood -- Land Titles Office.

ORIGIN OF LOCAL NAMES

REDBANK: originally the name given to the creek which rises near Thirlmere. Before Upper Picton was surveyed the reserve was known as Redbank from the reddish colour of the soil in the cuttings and on the banks of the creek.

STONEQUARRY: was the original name of Picton before 1840, though Picton Hill is mentioned as early as 1833. The name is of very early date as Governor King in a letter dated 1st March 1804 to Lord Hobart mentions having visited Stonequarry Creek and again the following year in despatches.

THIRLMERE: was originally known as Redbank and is named after the well known lake in Cumberland England.

CAMDEN: is called after Lord Camden who was Colonial Secretary when the original grant of land was made to John Macarthur in 1803. The plan of the town of Camden laid out by Surveyor Murray is dated 23rd July 1841.

Rev. J. Steeles History of Picton.

IMMIGRATION & FAMILY HISTORY

VICTORIAN IMMIGRANTS

Church of Latter Day Saints Library (LDS) at Parramatta has recently microfilmed an index to ships passenger lists of assisted immigrant arrivals at ports in Victoria from 1839 to 1871.

These records are available for searching by the general public. It is advisable to phone for details of hours. The address is Pennant Street, Parramatta.

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UNINDEXED IMMIGRANTS TO PORT PHILLIP

Professional Researcher, Miss Norma Tuck of 12 Henry Street, Ashfield, N.S.W. 2131, has compiled an index to previously unindexed immigrant arrivals at Port Phillip in Victoria. Most of the 1300 immigrants arrived from England in the years 1838, 1839, 1850 and 1851. There are also the names of 530 Germans who arrived in 1849.

Miss Tuck will check this index for the sum of \$3.00 per surname plus a stamped S.A.E. All information will be supplied with original location reference. This fee also includes a check of another index compiled by Miss Tuck from convict records held by the Archives Office of N.S.W., to exiles to Victoria and pardoned on arrival for the years 1844 to 1849. This Index is extremely useful as the activities of the exiles after arrival would not indicate convict status and no record of arrival will be located in the immigrant indexes for Victoria.

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PREVIOUSLY UNINDEXED ASSISTED IMMIGRANTS AND FAMILIES OF CONVICTS

A recent search of shipping records at the N.S.W. Archives has revealed that approximately 2000 immigrants arriving in N.S.W. during the years 1828, 1836, 1837 and 1839 have not been included in existing Archive's indexes. In addition, approximately 1000 names of wives and families of convicts have been located in records relating to the convict series for the years 1827-29, 1831-32 and 1836-40. These 1000 names relate entirely to Irish families.

Miss Tuck has also compiled an Index to these 3000 immigrants and convicts' families. The Archives Office kindly allowed her the use of original documents, when required. Charge same as above Index.

IMMIGRATION & FAMILY HISTORY Cont

It is worth it to retrace ones steps at regular intervals as one often finds new indexes for this and that have suddenly and quietly appeared.

Some 2 years ago I desperately searched for my two Jones families - yes two - at the Archives Office without success. Recently while doing some basic shipping research for a Qld. correspondent I accidently found many of the card indexes were now in print. Ever hopeful I also looked for my Edward Jones and George Jones. No, Edward is still missing but there was George with wife Caroline and the little ones.

The newly indexed records of the "Family Colonization & Loan Society" have been put on fiche and freely available to search. I found my family were members of the society arriving in 1855 paying 27 Pounds themselves with 27 Pounds lent by the Society. The vessel was the "Lord Burleigh" & the fiche nod. 839.

It also shows that one can be rewarded for doing unpaid research for people unable to get to the records themselves. My joy will be doubled if anyone out there trips over a young lad named Edward Jones a saddler from Kent who very quietly slipped into the colony. c.1856.

Ed:

N.S.W. STATE LIBRARY

By the time this goes to print our State Library may at last have moved into their impressive new premises next-door in Macquarie St. Sydney. Rumour has it that a special family history centre has been designed for those obsessed, in the General Reference Library on level 6.

NEW IGI

Latest rumour out of England from Salt Lake City is the new IGI will be released mid 88.

A recent arrival at Campbelltown Library is Stage IV of the Genealogical Research Kit which comprises:

CONVICT RECORDS

Musters & other papers relating to convict ships, 1790-1849.

GENERAL RECORDS

Register of Police, 1862-1904

Register of chemists and druggists, 1876-1920

Roll of barristers, solicitors, attorneys, proctors & conveyancers, 1824-76.

Medical Board Minutes of proceedings & register, 1 December, 1838 to 13 February, 1901.

BIRTHS DEATHS & MARRIAGES

Reports of Inquests, 1796 - April 1824, June 1828.

Indexes and Registers of Coroners' Inquests, 1834-1901

SHIPPING & FREE PASSENGER RECORDS

Wage agreements & entitlement certificates of persons on bounty ships, 1844-45.

Persons on bounty ships to Sydney, Newcastle and Moreton Bay (Board's Immigrant Lists), 1848-91.

Germans on bounty ships, 1849-52

Immigration deposit journals, 1853-1900.

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ADVERTISEMENT

Jan Thomas of "Ancestor's Research", G.P.O. Box 2509, Brisbane, 4001, has written advising that she would be happy to offer her services to members who have Queensland based ancestors. Jan is a member of the Australian Association of Genealogists & Record Agents. For further information contact Jan at the above address.

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ENQUIRIES

CONNELLAN. Mary, married William Littleton GAUDRY on 20th February, 1859 in the Appin Roman Catholic Church. Mary's residence is given as Picton. Does anyone have any information about the Connellan family?

Contact: Mrs. J. Bennett, 9 Wright Street, Tamworth. 2340.

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NAPIER/BLATCH. Martha Blatch married John Napier c. 1870.

Moved to Young. Any information Picton area?

Contact: Alan Napier, "Jarvisfield", Quandialla. 2721.

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ENQUIRIES

DAVISON - John, born Derrygantana, Co Tyrone, Ire., married Alecia Montgomery 1855. John was born ca 1835, Alecia ca 1834. Children: Mary, b. ca 1856; Thomas b. 1858 at Abbotsford; Letitia, b 1860, also at Abbotsford. Any information. Contact: H. D. Davison. The Pines. Gililambone. NSW. 2831.

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CHEETHAM --Of the Picton district. Would particularly like to contact any members of the family still living in the Picton area. Mrs Myra Butler. 764 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Coledale. 2515. NSW.

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JOHNSON - Jesse and Mary nee Fisher. Arrived aboard ship "Elizabeth" in 1845. First child born at Menangle, the next 15 born at Campbelltown. Their son Jesse married Eva Alice FERGUSON, daughter of Thomas and Sarah nee BUTCHER.

BUTCHER - Charles (blacksmith at Elderslee, Camden) married Elizabeth nee CHAPMAN. Eldest daughter married Thomas (see above). BUTCHER.

Any information please contact: Mrs Rose Jackson. 35 Pinnacle St., Sadlier. 2168.

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WATKINS - Hannah d. 1945. CRAMP - Mary Ann Eliza d. 1953, buried Bargo cemetery.

BUTLER - Mabel d. 1971, ashes in wall at Redbank Church, Upper Picton. Family owned land in Dymond Street, Bargo. Any information on family or land please contact:

Jan Stafford. 7 Pendock Road. Mt Pleasant. 2750.

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MEMBERS INTEREST

CRAVEN - Catherine, born Roscommon, Ireland ca 1844, daughter of John Craven and Mary FALLON, died 8.7.1916, married Samuel Perrottet.

Contact: Jan Ross. 121 Argyle Street, Picton 2571. NSW. (046) 771430 b.h.

(046) 819928 a.h.

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Apologies to David Ralph for the misprint in the last Journal. His entry for BUGDEN should have been as follows for both AHERN and BUGDEN.

AHERN - William, convict, arrived in N S W, 1824 aboard the ship " Castle Forbes ".
Wife Julia/Judith nee McCarthy. Settled at Upper Picton - 6 daughters.
Contact: David Ralph, 18 Gahans Lane, Woonona. 2517. NSW.

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BUGDEN - Thomas. Arrived in NSW, 1838 aboard the ship " John McClellan." Wife Elizabeth nee Read. Eventually settled at Camden - 15 children. Contact: David Ralph, 18 Gahans Lane, Woonona. 2517. NSW.

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SMITH / SHOOBRIDGE (Shoebridge, Shewbridge) - Phillip Smith and Mary Shoebridge c. 1856 Cox's River, Borragorang. Shoobridge of Burrarorang.

DITTON - of Mt Hunter & Sutton Forest. JENKINS - of Mt Hunter. For any of these four names contact: Val Malcolm. Rockbarton. Picton. 2571. (046) 809 358.

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KELLY - Richard, born 30.3.1800, son of James Kelly (Royal Admiral 1792) and Mary LANGEN (Brittonia 1796), died 31.10.1878. Contact: J. Ross. Address below.

TIERNEY - William, born Limerick, Ireland, ca 1781, (Mangles 1823) his wife Ellen (Surrey II 1833). Their son John married Catherine KELLY on 24.4.1838.
(No relation to Richard Kelly.) Contact: J Ross. Address Below.

KEEFE (O'KEEFFE) - Mary, daughter of Thomas, married James Kelly on 2.9.1838.
James, the son of Richard was born 4.1.1819. (Other family names connected BROWN and CHAMBERS).

The KELLY family originally owned BRISBANEFIELD, MORPETH. The TIERNEY family were at BLACK CREEK.

All these families are connected by marriage and lived in the Maitland area prior to 1850. Contact: Jan Ross. 121 Argyle St., Picton. 2571. 046. 771430 b.h.
046. 819928 a.h.

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PERROTTET - Any person connected with this name. Contact: Jan Ross. 121 Argyle St., Picton. 2571. (046) 771430 b.h. (046) 819928 a.h.

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CERTIFICATES N.S.W. REGISTRY BIRTHS, DEATHS & MARRIAGES

The Registrar has advised me as follows:

As from 1st January 1988 the following fees apply:-

1. Certificates -- \$13-00
2. Extracts -- \$13-00
3. Certificates where microfiche numbers have been supplied
(pre 1900) -- \$9-00

NOTE: \$9-00 covers checking of 2 index numbers. Each additional number costs 50 cents to check.

4. Period searches --

1-5 years	\$13-00
6-15 years	\$22-00
16-25 years	\$31-00
26-35 years	\$40-00
36-45 years	\$49-00

MEMBERS INTEREST DIRECTORY

It is proposed to compile and print a directory of members family history interests, subject to the existence of enough interest from members.

Entries will only be accepted from financial members. The name being researched may be from any area and need not have a direct connection with the Picton district.

The directory will be available to members and any other interested persons and distributed to all N.S.W. Family History Groups.

Format of entry should be in similar form to those previously published in the Journal. There will be no limit on the number of entries.

When submitting, please type or print clearly to avoid errors and preferably in alphabetical order.

Closing date of the first directory will be 30th June 1988.

Please forward directly to the Editor, Liz Vincent on P.O. Box 111 Picton 2571 to avoid delays.

Queries may be made to Liz on (046) 771726 or to above address.

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Jim Munro	8 Phelps Cresc. Campbelltown
Miss Bronwyn Hickey	42 Oxford St. Burwood
Mr. Sid Percival	35 Waminda Avenue, Campbelltown
Mr. Michael Moloney	"Koorana" Hume Highway, Picton
Mr. Patrick Moloney	" "
Ms. Paula Schuchard	C/- George IV Inn, Picton
Mr. Geoffrey Scharer	" "
Mr. G.T. Brain	106 Hill Road, Lurnea
Mrs. N. Peisley	Tahmoor

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DONATIONS

Thank you to.....

Mr. J. Munro	cash donation
Mr. M. Moloney	cash donation

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FAMILY REUNION

BUGDEN - The Bugden's arrived in NSW in 1838 and worked for the MacArthur family at Richlands (near Taralga), later farmed at Mt. Hunter and eventually settled at Camden. Associated names: Croker, Jarman, Watts, Bishop, Grigg, Tribe, English, Carveth, Jones, Bringolf, Hamilton, Mills, Foster, Dowle (Dawel/Dowel), Boon, Cant, Fox, Zglinicki, Weekes (Weeks), Scoble, Sharpe, Dunston, Hyde, Elliott, Mason, Seales, Keough, Travis, Turner, Leathary, Cleary, Menhinick and Rankin.

The Reunion will take place on 2nd October, 1988 at Camden. Further information contact: David Ralph, 18 Gahans Lane, Woonona, NSW. 2517.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

NAME:

ADDRESS:

I enclose remittance for \$
being (please tick):

Pensioner membership	\$2.00	Single membership	\$5.00
Family membership	\$8.00	Postage on Journal	\$2.00

NOTE: Members who joined after 1.1.1988 do not have to renew their memberships until April, 1989 but would appreciate a remittance of \$2.00 if you wish your Journal to be posted.

From the Picton Post, Wednesday, July 24, 1912.

NAME OF THIRLMERE TO REMAIN

The following communication has been forwarded to us by the Hon. W. McCourt, for publication:-

Department of Lands,
Sydney, 2nd July, 1912.

Sir.- Referring to the letter presented by you from Mr. C.H. Pickard of Bowral, on behalf of the residents of Thirlmere, respecting the proposal to change the name of "Thirlmere" to that of "Bideford," I have the honour to inform you that to carry out the wishes of the residents would involve the alteration not only of the name of the proclaimed village of Thirlmere (within which 49 village allotments and 43 suburban portions have been alienated and deeds issued) but also, to secure uniformity, that of the Railway Station, Post Office and Public School.

As it is not the present intention to establish a passenger platform at the recently constructed tablet and crossing station opposite the Consumptive Home, which has already been named "Beanga", by the Railway Commissioners, Thirlmere Station and Post Office must continue to be used for communication, passenger and otherwise, with the Queen Victoria Home, and it would therefore appear that any name substituted for "Thirlmere" must eventually become associated with the Institution, and thus the object of the proposed change would be defeated.

In view of the above I am to state that a change at present would not accomplish the end desired.

I am, etc.,
Arthur J. Hare,
Under Secretary.

The Hon. W. McCourt, M.P.
Parliament House.

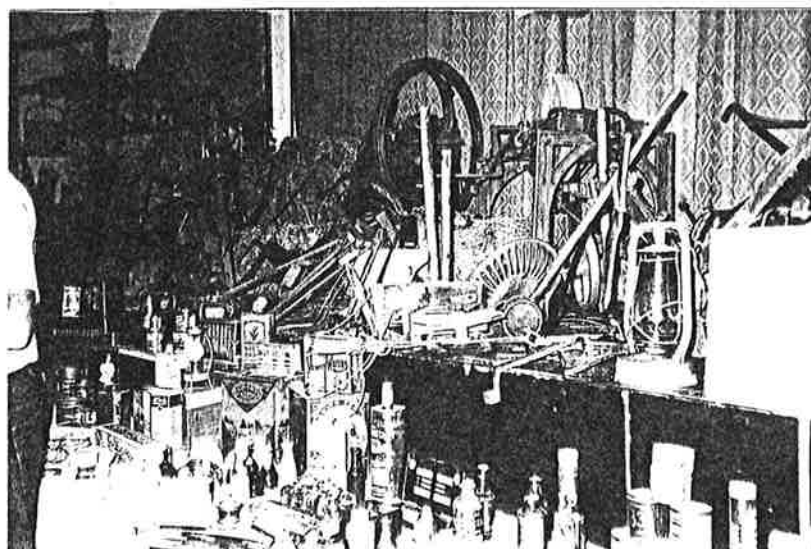
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Cynthia Collison - "cleaning up"



"Cracking the whip" overseer Grant McClafferty, leading the road gang, convict Jack Pemberton.



Some of the farm machinery belonging to Ted Buckley and part of John Riley's collection.

"young offender" - Scott Casey,
"Toffee Apples anyone?" - Pam Ames
& Dossie Pemberton, Leanne Casey,
Marlane & Alison Fairfax.



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The Wollondilly Shire Bicentennial Picnic Day was a great success with our exhibition in the old Shire Hall being a major contribution to the celebrations.

The parade moved off at 10.20 am and it was one of the biggest Picton had seen. We had the Razorback Road Gang consisting of 6 chained convicts and their whip bearing overseer followed by 5 young offenders. Dossie Pemberton, Pam Ames, myself, daughter Alison and friend Leanne Casey followed in our finery. The Road Gang won the award for "best dressed" in the parade.

Although a lot of organisation went into the exhibition, we didn't know until the Saturday when we set up just how it would all come together. A small band of helpers were at the Hall from 9 am to set up the displays. A truck load of farm machinery arrived from Ted Buckley and it amazed me how they loaded and unloaded some of it. Roger Elsworthy brought in W.W.1 memorabilia which belonged to his grandfather and it made a very interesting display. Stephen Chalker also brought in some farm machinery along with convict relics and family history material. Local family history was a major feature of our display and I thank Gail Hanger, Marie Wonson, Barbara Burge and Joan Brown for the work they put into it.

We also featured a display of railway items which were generously loaned by the Thirlmere Rail Museum and which complimented our railway photographs.

An unusual display was that of electric jugs and these were displayed with kitchen and laundry items from years gone by. (thank heavens!!) Mrs. Buckley arranged a fine display of old lace. Darren Harvey brought in some of his bottle collection and these were complimented by a bottle filling machine owned by Mr. Alf Dowse whose family started a cordial factory in Picton in 1887.

Collector John Riley had a fascinating display of items ranging from old irons and inkwells to soaps and baby's bottle.

We also had a family research section set up and our thanks to Joan Warton, member and Deputy Librarian of Campbelltown Library for her assistance not only in the family research section but overall. We also had a video set up showing "A Town Like Tahmoor" and Carol Liston on family research. Special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Astley of Tahmoor Radio for the use of a TV and video recorder.

We didn't charge an admission but supplied devonshire teas. This was a joint effort by our Society and The Oaks. Our Society had a cake stall and thanks to the many members who responded to Dossie's call for donations.

The hall was packed all day and the only complaint was that it wasn't opened long enough. Many people helped to make the day a success but I would like to especially acknowledge the effort put in by Bob Wood and Jack & Dossie Pemberton. A lot of hard work went into the day, organising displays, setting up and packing up but it was a most rewarding experience. I quote two comments from the many entered in our visitors book - Joy Fairley of Picton: "Proud to be a local" and from Charles Dunn of Picton: "Lest we forget".

During the setting up of the exhibition, Bob made the comment to me - "If we are going to do it - we are going to do it well". We did.

Marlane.