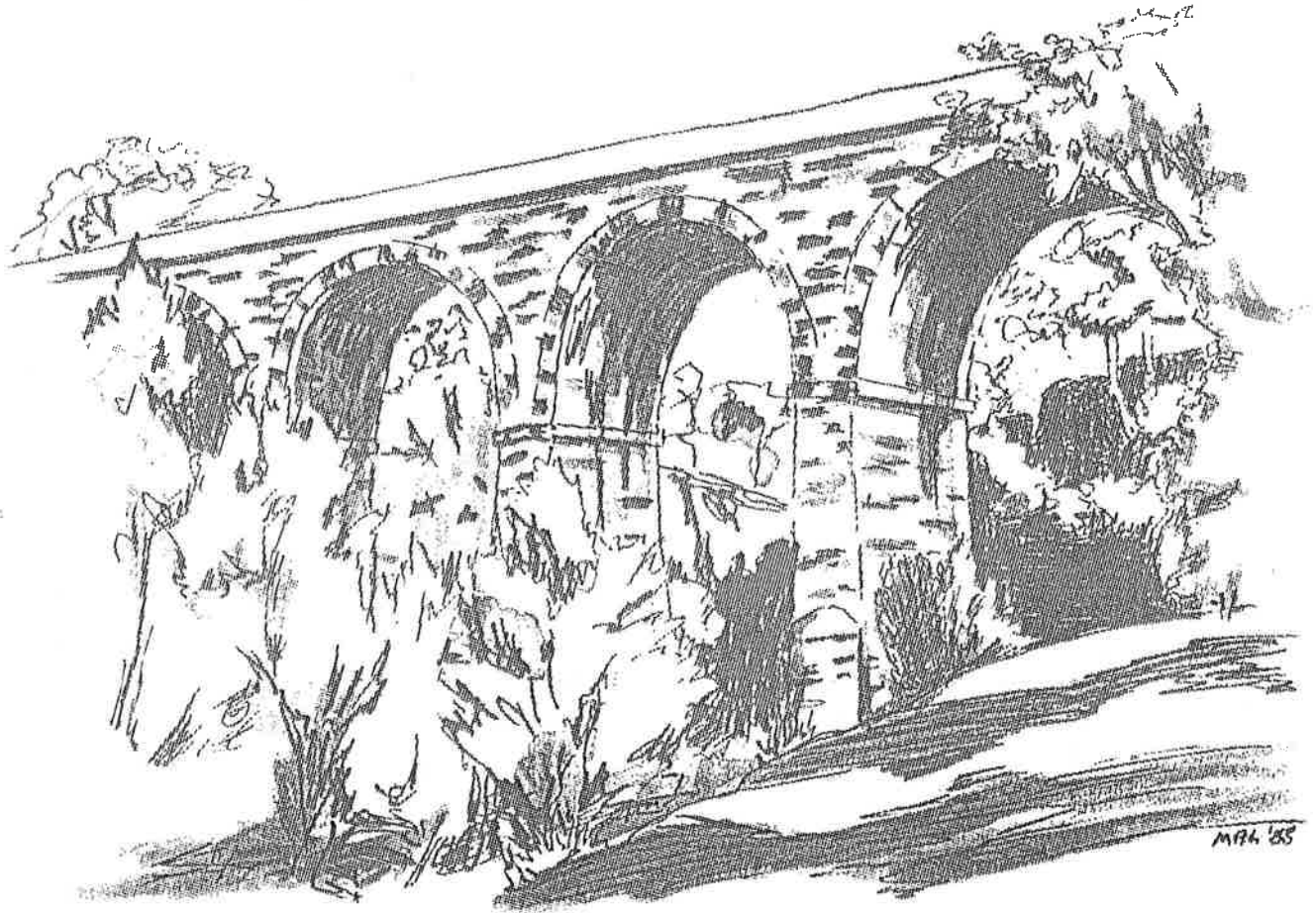


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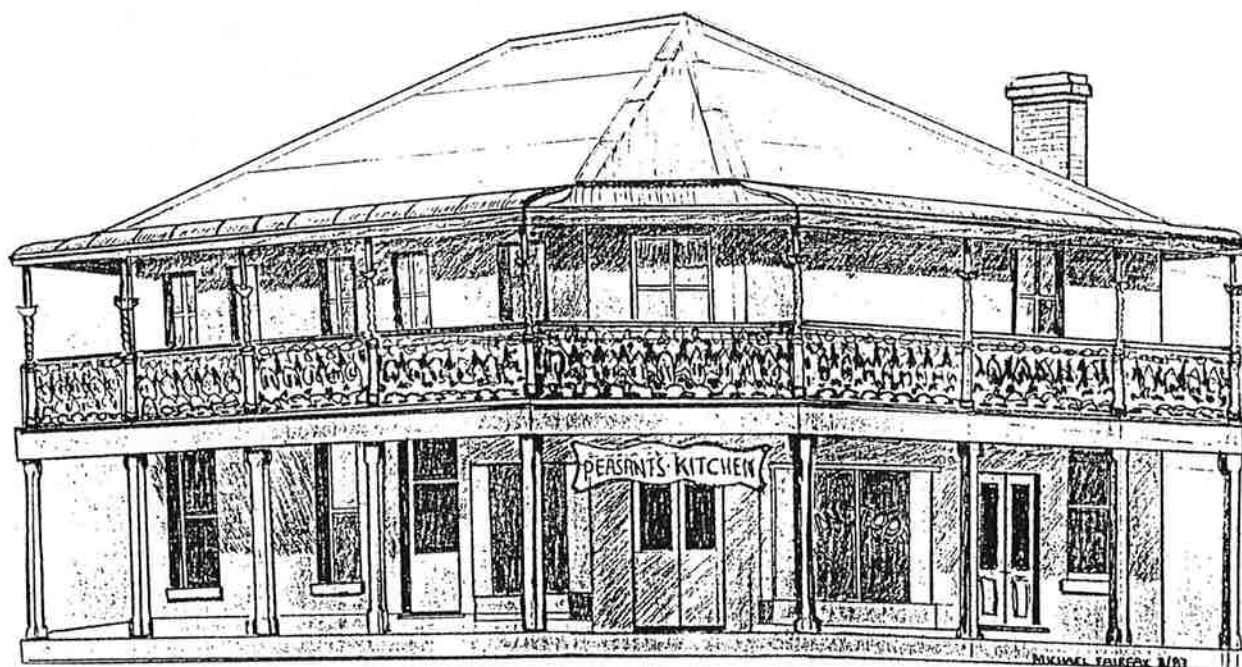


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The Railway Hotel was situated on the corner of Oaks Road and Argyle Street, Picton, opposite the George Inn.

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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.



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Well, its that time again. I hope you have all made the effort to see the Society's display out at The Oaks Heritage Centre which opened on Saturday 28th May. I feel it is a worthwhile display and will run until the end of the year. A lot of effort was expended by a lot of our members in its preparation, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their help and congratulate them for a job well done.

The Society also mounted a display at the Thirlmere Community Hall on 12th June for their Bi-centennial weekend. It took similiar form to The Oaks display except it has been mounted so as to be portable so we can use it again.

On 19th June, our Society played host to a tour by the Parramatta District Historical Society. This was a great success and ended with a Devonshire tea at the Toll Gate Lodge. Our thanks to Dos and Jack Pemberton for the loan of their beautiful house and to those who provided all the "yummy" food. The Parramatta Society made a donation to us and presented Dos and Jack with a lovely book on the history of Parramatta.

Our cake stall in the Picton shopping centre on 13th August was a resounding success. We raised over \$300.00 for our coffers. Thanks to everyone who made a contribution.

The next big event in our Social Calender is our Spring Costume Ball. I'm sure you all had a great time last year; I know I did. This years ball is going to be bigger and better. We are presenting a Supper Ball this year instead of a sit down meal. I can guarantee that the supper table will be the most lavish that Picton has seen in years.

The Society is going to provide nibbles on the tables also. Our theme this year is "Australiana", so put your thinking caps on as, again this year, we have prizes for the best male and female costume and best decorated table. We have lots of other good surprises in store as well; so tell all our friends and get your own table together.

Tickets are definately limited so please book early.

We are still looking for a logo so if you have any ideas please tell us about them. We have some good suggestions and we are looking for more. When we have a good range, I intend to bring them before a general meeting so the members can decide.

Soon after the Ball, on 11th to 13th November we are running the Wollondilly Arts and Crafts Festival. It is the first year we have organised this event but I'm sure with the help of each and every one of you it will be another success. It is yet another chance for us to prove we make a success of everything we attempt.

Of course, then Christmas will be upon us. Well members, we have arrived and we are here to stay and I'm sure our Society will go from strength to strength.

Thank you for your continued support.

Bob Wood,  
PRESIDENT.

HERBERT CAMPBELL SCOTT WAS BORN IN 1901. HE SPENT MOST OF HIS LIFE IN THE PICTON DISTRICT AND IN 1979 COMMENCED WRITING HIS STORY - "BEING ONE OF THE OLDEST RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT".

UNFORTUNATELY, HE DIED IN 1982 BEFORE COMPLETING HIS WORK. THE FOLLOWING ARE A FEW PAGES FROM THAT STORY, PRINTED WITH THE PERMISSION OF HIS WIFE MURIEL SCOTT.

HIS DAUGHTER, SUSAN, CALLED IT "DAD'S STORY". HERBERT SCOTT TITLED IT:-

"THREE QUARTERS OF A CENTURY". JUNE 1979

I only knew one of my grandparents, my mother's father who was police Sgt. at Mudgee during the time of Jimmy Governor the bush ranger. My father's father was drowned during one of the Camden floods before Dad was born and his mother was left to bring up three children, Jack, Annie and Tom (my father). These grandparents and my Aunt Annie are buried in the cemetery at Cobbitty.

Dad went to school at Camden and after leaving school he worked for the carpenters who were employed on the building of "Camelot" at Kirkham for the Hon. James White whose thoroughbred stud was renowned, having the famous sire Chester. Uncle Jack worked there as a groom and later Dad went there for a short time after the building was finished and then got a job as groom for a Doctor at Hunters Hill, later securing a better position with the owner of "Kilbride" on the Appin road, where he met my mother who was employed as a children's nurse.

After they were married they bought a small shop at Rozelle. Before I was born Mum became very ill and almost died. The doctor advised Dad to take her to the country where he considered she would recover more quickly. He secured a position as stud groom at the famous Hordern Stud at "Wilton Park", sold the shop and moved to Picton and rode to and from the Park each day.

The first house I remember was in Menangle St. opposite the trucking yards. We later moved to a house in Argyle St. almost opposite the school, since rebuilt. There were only six houses on that side of the street from the Rectory to View St. The block of land on the opposite side from View to Station and Argyle to Lumsdaine Streets was known as the Common and there were only eight houses on it.

By this time I was about five or six years old and on summer afternoons my mother would take me across the common to Victoria Bridge to meet Dad, who would put me on his horse Peter, who was a dark creamy colour with a black mane and tail and lead him from there home.

For a while I attended a private school conducted by Miss Ross, who was very friendly with a friend of Mum's named Miss James, a retired English school teacher, who lived in a cottage approximately where the subway is on the Thirlmere road. It was later demolished to make way for the new railway line from Picton to Mittagong. The cottage opposite which still stands today was owned by the Hales family, the youngest son Stephen being my oldest friend.

The present public school was opened in 1910, the headmaster being Mr. Kelly. I did not attend the new school at Picton as we moved to "Wilton Park" shortly after it opened, so I went to school at Wilton as it was closer. Some years later I sat for my Q.C. at Picton. The presiding officer was an Inspector of Schools named Thomas. As I remember a very stern and awe inspiring individual.

My father became Stud manager of "Wilton Park" in 1910 taking over from Jack Moriarty, who went to Har. Taylor's Stud at Wellington.

The late Samuel Hordern built "Wilton Park" and established the famous thoroughbred stud in 1890. "Wilton Park" consisted of 2,278 acres of which 100 was not used or even fenced. Approximately 78 acres was at the back of "Claremont" and "Round Hill". "Claremont" (now "Kedron") was owned by E. A. Sheil and "Round Hill" by Miss Katherine Sheil.

After the death of his father, Tony leased "Wilton Park" from the estate and carried it on as a stud property. This is the time we went there to live and where I spent most of the next twenty six years.

Dad bought me a 14 hand bay mare to ride to school, and later a scewall mare named Topsy, from Stewart Pottie and was one of the best ponies in the district.

The first Schoolmaster I had was Mr. Charlton then G. Gifford, and later A G Moloney, who I consider was a remarkable teacher as he taught about thirty boys and girls from first class to sixth, and on one occasion he taught and ex-pupil Paul O'Brien, to obtain his intermediate Exam. I did this also, as I stayed at school after getting my Q.C.

Two boys, Vic Kelly and Norm White, later went on to become schoolteachers. Other kids at school were Wonsons, Spinneys, Routleys, Smiths, Eagles, Dredges, and Leers. These were the ones best remembered as I frequently came in contact (with them) after leaving school. Os Wonson of Lumsdaine St., being one.

Dad who was a good shot and a good horseman, taught me to shoot, ride, swim and general farming.

A couple (only one copied for this article) of incidents I consider worth mentioning.

(1) I used to go for the school teachers lunch each day, and one day, being late, I rode the pony bare back and after picking up the lunch basket and heading back, I decided to go one side of a tree and Topsy decided to go the other with disastrous results I took a tumble, spilled the tea, but worst of all broke the spout off the teapot, which was an heirloom from Ireland.

After leaving school I worked for a while as a casual on Wilton Park, then decided to take a position on the railway at Picton starting as a porter. There were three shifts, 8am, 3pm, and 11.55pm. The work comprised, office routine, cleaning and putting kerosene lamps in signals and on platforms. Picton had a loco depot in those days as well as a marshalling yard, trucking

yard and goods shed. As trains were made up and broken there, the porters had to collect guards journals and get particulars of all trains, types of engines, trucks, vans etc., as well as their numbers, contents, where loaded and destination. Engines were repaired and fired ready to assist trains from Picton to Mittagong. Examiners checked all trains. The charge hand at Loco was Jack Heraghty, engineer Bill Randall, engine drivers Charles Haddon, Bill Peak, Bill Walton, Gil Baxter & Burt Swan. The S.M. Bill Bailey, N.O.s Bill Hansen and Osie Rowe, guards Jack Wilson, Frank Parker and McNiven, officer in charge of goods sheds, Phil Smith and the perway ganger, Phil Handley.

(Herbert Scott left the railways and was employed by Anthony Hordern. Among some of the district identities he mentions are the following).

The blacksmiths were Joe Corbett and Jim Storey, a Scotsman who used to sing at local concerts.

Alf Graham and Joe Hill had livery stables and I think Alf Graham had the first taxi in Picton, Fred Stace having the second one. Tommy Moraghan had clothing shop.

Joe Blackburn, a mechanic who worked on the construction of the new railway line from Picton to Mittagong had the old garage next to Kings. He had the agency for Rugby cars and Lance Hill sold T Model fords, Chevrolets and Oldsmobiles.

A Prior had a confectionary and mixed shop on the corner of Menangle St. and the entrance to the Railway station, and owned later by Mr Armstrong who used to meet all passenger trains with a large basket packed with fruit, sweets and papers. He used to walk along the platform yelling "apples, peaches, pears, plums, bananas, chocolates and peanuts, daily papers". Nick Hogan his mother and sister also had a mixed grocery store opposite the Imperial Hotel. There was also a bag and bottle merchant on the corner of Colden and Menangle Sts named Reid and a plumber named Hennesy.

At this time there were no sealed roads. Metal from Maldon to Picton, (between) Bowral and Camden over Razorback; shale and gravel elsewhere.

There were no phones other than Picton and Wilton. If a Doctor or Vet was needed you had to ride to Picton to make a call. The vet, usually Stewart Pottie, had to come from Sydney and would therefore not arrive until the afternoon train where he had to be met with a horse and sulky. This would only be necessary in urgent cases as Dad had a good knowledge of veterinary work and could diagnose and treat most horses and cattle diseases and ailments.

Mum would drive in either the buggy or sulky to Picton to do the shopping and go to church on Sunday. Sometimes I went with her. Bread and Milk was delivered twice a week from Picton and groceries once a week. Tom Walton, the present auctioneer used to deliver the meat for his father and Fred Brown, whose wife is still living in Colden St. used to deliver the groceries for C. H. Pickard and later Ted Oakman.



Dave White who with his wife ran the Post Office at Wilton did the mail run to and from Maldon each day picking up letters from approximately 8am and delivering around 12.30pm. He was also the district nuisance Inspector.

Dad was a perfectionist and taught me the finer points of judging cattle, dogs, fowl and especially thoroughbred horses and ponies. He taught me to select trees for timber, iron bark for posts and stringy bark for rails. He would help me cut a tree down and would then leave me to bark it and saw it into lengths and split into posts or rails also mortice holes in posts if required. That was the hardest. I was taught to build sheds, repair guttering, and down pipes, taps, etc., sew harness, half sole shoes and even sew on new welted soles, in fact you had to be able to do anything and everything.

HERBERT C. SCOTT - 1979.

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TENDERS FOR LOCAL MAILS.

from Camden News, 5th Mar. 1896.

The following particulars of contracts pertaining to this district, entered into for the conveyance of post office mails from 1st January last, have been gazetted:-

Douglas, Cataract and Wilton, 8 miles, six per week, horseback, £60, 31st December, 1896 - Mrs. Sarah White of Picton.

Railway Station and Post Office, Picton, 1 mile, five times or oftener, daily, dogcart or buggy, 1 horse, £36, 31st December 1897 - James McLaren of Picton.

Picton, Cordeaux and Bargo, 11 miles, two week, dogcart or buggy, 1 horse, £28, 31st December 1897, - James McLaren of Picton.

Picton and The Oaks, 12 miles, six per week, dogcart or buggy, 1 horse, £60, 31st December 1897, - James McLaren of Picton.

The Oaks and Burragorang, 22 miles, six per week, horseback, £57.0s. Od. 31st December 1897, - Mary Guiren of the Oaks.

Burragorang and Cox's River, 14 Miles, Three per week, horseback, £25. 5s., 31st December 1897. - William Pippen of Cox's River.

Burragorang and Upper Burragorang, 12 miles, three per week, horseback, £26, 31st December 1897, - John Byrne of Upper Burragorang.

Thirlmere and Lakesland, 4½ miles, six per week, horseback, £38. 8s. 31st December, 1896. - Joseph O'Sullivan of Lakesland.

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REUNION \*\* RIDEOUT FAMILY IN AUSTRALIA.

A reunion of the descendants of James and Earoline Rideout (nee Bennett), will be held in the Mount Hunter Hall, 16th October, 1988. Further information can be obtained from Lirline Tanner, 25 Burragorang Rd. Oakdale. Ph. 046-596067.



## "JOADJA CREEK"

The Shale oil town & its people 1870-1911  
by Leonie Knapman.

The year 1879 marked the real beginning for the Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company, possibly the largest and richest of Australia's pioneering industries.

In that year the output of shale nearly doubled and the work of distilling began. During the year retorts and refining plants for the extraction of oil were set up with buildings erected to house the machinery and workmen.

The Company introduced large-scale production methods and solved the transportation problems by building its own narrow guage railway to Mittagong. A complete village was established and the labour shortage was largely overcome by bringing experienced workmen and their families from Scotland. Enlisted from mining areas and taken by horse or bullock team these people retained through the years their Scottish habits and customs.

Over the next 15 years it seemed as though no influence from the outside would deter this industrial community from achieving supreme success.

Production did not cease until the early 1900's when the newly formed Federal Government dealt it a death blow by removing the duty on imported kerosene, effectively killing an important industry in favour of overseas trade.

Because of its isolation the village became self sufficient and was one of the first country areas to have the telephone connected. Another sideline was the extensive orchards which included fruit for local and export markets.

From documented evidence the two thousand residents of Joadja Creek (twelve hundred at its peak) seemed to have been a reasonably happy close knit community.

"Historic Joadja Creek" may be ordered from:

Leonie & Greg Knapman

59 Regent Street,

Mittagong, NSW. 2575

cost: \$19.95 plus postage - \$4.50 NSW. & \$5.50 Interstate

"A REPORT FROM A MAN WITH A FEW WORDS TO SAY".

On Sunday, 10th June, 1988, The Picton Historical and Family History Society had the pleasure of being host to the Parramatta Historical Society, a first for our Society, I believe; and a very successful one from our point of view.

Before going further, and before I forget, I would like to thank and congratulate our members for the wonderful job they did on that day. Friends met and friends made; satisfaction of a job well done and it was well done. May I quote our President, Mr. Bob Wood, "Please get involved in our projects - there are great rewards for those that do".

Our guests arrived at the Tollgate Lodge a short time after 10am. I thought they numbered in the thousands, but my wife assures me that 45 - 50 was more like it. Morning tea was provided and served by the ladies of our society, I refrain from mentioning names for to forget one would be unforgiveable; suffice to say they bought credit to themselves and to my home. Thank you, ladies.

During the morning tea break, I took the opportunity to give a talk on the history of the Tollgate Lodge and the part we played in the restoration of this historic cottage. I must confess I enjoyed this talk because I had a captive audience; they could hardly walk away from me without walking away from the morning tea.

After morning tea, the hosting was taken over by our Secretary, Jan Ross, and our Vice-president, Harry Hoare. The saying goes - if you want something done, ask a busy man or a busy woman - Jan, I don't know how you do it, but you do it well. The tour proceeded to the Maldon Bridge, Jan talking all the way in the front of the bus, then our vice-president taking over at the site. If you want to know about the Maldon bridge, who better to ask than Harry Hoare. My own impression of the bridge on that day - I was amazed at the high water mark left from the previous rain, a frightening sight, I would believe, when in flood.

From the bridge to the Court House, thence to Jarvisfield, not necessarily in that order; followed by lunch at the Village Square. Harry had the floor here - talking on the construction and reasons for the Square. I will always remember Harry standing in the centre of the rotunda surrounded by the members of the Parramatta Society who were seated on the circular brick wall having their lunch, speaking in his cultured English voice, he had the attention of all, including myself.

The next step was St. Mark's Church and some time was spent in this historic church, many questions were asked, most of which I could not answer - fortunately their President was very informative of the work of the architect and spoke at some length within the church.

From the church to the Viaduct where, after a cunning look at our Secretary's index on the subject, I appeared at my most informative.

And so our day was done; and, I believe, appreciated by all those in attendance. After a short speech by myself, the president of the Parramatta Historical Society, on behalf of the society members, and knowing we are a new society, generously presented us with the book "Parramatta - The Cradle City of Australia", and a cheque for \$50.00. On behalf of our President, who was not available on that day, I thanked them for that donation. Personally I believe that to entertain this fine group of people with a common interest in history, was reward enough. More on the book later.

Jack Pemberton.

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### PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION

Due to the fact that we are an infant Society, and eager to extend our photographic collections, we would appreciate hearing from any person having photographs pertaining to the Picton District, irrespective of subject matter, (eg. buildings, landscapes, photos of old families, of people at work, etc.) Due to limited finances, we are unable to have such photographs copied at the present time. Therefore, we would like to create a register in which will be recorded names of owners and the subject matter of photograph(s) held by them. If you are able to help in this matter please contact the Society, c/- P.O. Box 64, Picton. 2571.

### THE OLD JARVISFIELD STORE

DESPERATE!! Looking for an old photograph of the "Jarvisfield Store" on the corner of Station Street and Menangle Street, Picton. If you know of the existence of such a photograph please leave a message with the Secretary.

### DIARY DATES:

Saturday	Sept. 24th.	Our Society's Annual Ball.
Saturday	Oct. 1st.	R.A.H.A. Affiliated Society's Annual Conference.
	Oct.	The Oaks, Conservation Workshop. *
Wed./Sat.	Oct. 19-20	1st International Congress on Family History.
Fri./Sat./Sun.	Nov. 11-12-13.	Stonequarry Festival of Arts & Crafts

\* date to be finalized.

AN AUSTRALIAN PROBLEM -- YESTERDAY, TODAY....  
... AND TOMORROW....

Have you ever wondered what problems our colonial forebears had to contend with that were perhaps quite different from any they had experienced in their previous homelands?

I've found that many books, letters, diaries about early settlers invariably comment or refer to that ever-present and incessant scourge of the Australian scene - the FLY.

Early womenfolk "fought" the fly menace in many different ways. Was the very decorative "throw-over" an Australian invention? These pretty cloths were used to cover prepared food until it was ready to be eaten. A little lace or net cover was used to cover milk jugs and many a household used hanging curtains made of beads at entrances and doorways to combat the menace.

I found the following letter written in an old newspaper of interest and I think the writer may have been a woman, seeing that she recommended a netting throwover be used to alleviate the problem.

"THE ARGUS", Melbourne, Thursday, 6 Jan., 1859

THE FLIES

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ARGUS.

SIR. - At this season of the year, when flies are so numerous, is there no possibility of protecting the poor cab-horses from their attacks? To see these poor animals for hours together writhing in agony, with the broiling sun above, and thousands of insects fastening to them, and the poor creatures vainly kicking and snapping to rid themselves of their tormentors, is really distressing. Could not a deal of this misery be prevented by simply throwing them a yard or two of close netting, which could not be very expensive affair.

A LOVER OF THAT NOBLE ANIMAL  
Wed., 5 Jan.

On reading on, in a further issue, another reader kindly replied, offering some advice, viz.;

"THE ARGUS", Melbourne, Monday, JAN., 10th, 1859

THE FLIES

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ARGUS

SIR. - In your issue of yesterday's date, I find a lover of that noble animal, the horse, throwing out a suggestion for the amelioration of the fly nuisance. If you think the enclosed preventative worthy of insertion, the public are welcome to it.

I am, Sir, yours, etc., James Innes  
Errol St., North Melbourne.

EXTRACT: "FAMILY HERALD", Sept., 1847

"To prevent flies teasing cattle" -

Every merciful man who works a horse during the hot months can promote its comfort by the use of the following simple shield against the teasing of flies.

Take two or three handfuls of walnut leaves, upon which pour two or three quarts of cold water, let it infuse one night, and pour the whole into a kettle and boil for a quarter of an hour; when cold it is ready for use. Moisten a sponge with it, and before the horse goes out of the stable let those parts which are most irritable be smeared over with the liquor."

Today we still use throwovers, beaded or strip curtains, but progress has been made. To minimise the manacle, modern advertising tells us, "when you're on a good thing, stick to it", and we all know what to do if we want to "have a good week-end".

What will "tomorrow" bring?

Cynthia Collison.

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#### Family re-union

#### DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM JEWELINS AND ELIZA TULLY

You are invited to attend a CELEBRATION of the 150th wedding anniversary of William & Eliza on Sunday, 2nd October, 1988, at St. John's Church of England, Camden, commencing at 12 nn. followed by a picnic lunch in the Church Hall.

Cost is \$5.00 per family.

R.S.V.P. 7th September, 1988.

For further information ring:-

Mrs Catherine Williams (02) 477-5581 - 178 Sommerville Rd.

Hornsby Heights. 2077

Mrs Valerie Malcolm (046) 809-358 - Rockbarton Road. Picton. 2571

Mrs Joyce Jenkins (02) 601-5606 - 16/21 Lachlan St.

Warwick Farm. 2170

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#### A BURRAGORANG PROVERB

from Camden News, 16th March, 1899

"T'is when a man puts his hand in the dog's mouth that he really becomes anxious to know if the dog will bite, or will he let him take his hand out again."

(There will be very probably a copy of this proverb printed in invisible ink on the reverse side of every ballot paper at the forthcoming referendum. Every elector should have the proverb pasted inside his hat and act on the lines of pure wisdom which it suggests.)

Yours etc.

Garabianoo Gingaham

## PATIENCE AND PERSERVERENCE

Having researched my father's maternal line, I was amazed to find that his ancestry was predominantly Irish, despite my father having had a French-Swiss surname.

Further investigations revealed that there were at least five convicts, four of whom were Irish. Therefore when I read of an index created by Miss Tuck, 'PREVIOUSLY UNINDEXED ASSISTED IMMIGRANTS AND FAMILIES OF CONVICTS', Descent, Volume 17, Part 1, p.61, 'also mentioned in the March 1988 issue of this journal, Volume 2, Part 1, p.13', I considered it well worth the \$3.00 per surname to determine if any of my convict families featured in this index.

One of my Irish convicts was WILLIAM JOHN TIERNEY, a schoolmaster, who had been transported to New South Wales for forgery in 1826. The name of his daughter JOHANNA HOGAN 'nee TIERNEY' appeared in this index.

I next contacted the State Public Office in Dublin, in order to ascertain if any further information was available. While all TRIAL RECORDS pertaining to the convicts, perished in the fires of 1922, there are other records relating to those who came to the colonies. They are:-

PRISONERS PETITIONS AND CASES.  
REBELLION AND STATE OF THE COUNTRY PAPERS.  
CONVICT REFERENCE FILES.  
FREE SETTLER RECORDS.

This office very kindly searched these records and for a fee of £4 stg (includes air mail postage) they forward copies of five letters (two official and three written from 'The Bruff, Vicarage'). These all were in reference to an application for 'free passage' on behalf of Johanna Hogan and her family. Johanna, the widowed daughter of William Tierney, had in 1836, lived with her three children in Crawford's Lane, Bruff, Limerick.

You guessed it. The next letter. 'The Vicarage, Bruff'.  
In 1836.....

Miss Norma M. Tuck, 12 Henry street, Ashfield, N.S.W. 2131  
(include stamp self-addressed envelope plus \$3.00 per surname).

Keeper of State Paper Office, Dublin Castle, Dublin 2.  
(I inclosed two international reply coupons with my initial enquiry).

Jan Ross.

## "AN IRISH WILL"

An Irishman's will, made in the early part of the century reads:-

"In the name of God, Amen. I, Timothy Belano, of Barrydownderry, in the county of Clare, farmer, being sick and wake in my legs, but of sound head and warm heart, glory be to God - do make the first and last will, the ould and the new testament; First I give my soul to God, when it pleases Him to take it, sure no thanks to me, for I can't help it then, and my body to be buried in the ground at Barrydownderry Chapel, where all my kith an' kin that have gone before me an' those that live after, belonging to me, are buried, Bury me near my Godfather, Felix O'Flaherty, betwix an between him and my father and mother, who lie separte altogether at the other side of the Chapel yard. I lave the bit of ground containing ten acres - rale old Irish acres, to my eldest son, Tim, after the death of his mother if she survives him. My daughter, Mary, and her husband, Paddy O'Rogan, are to get the white sow that's going to have twelve black pigs. Teddy, my second boy, that was killed in the war of Amerikey, might have got his pick of the poultry, but as he is gone, I'll lave them to my wife, who died a wake before him. I bequeath to all mankind fresh air of heaven, all the fishes of the sea they can take, and all the birds of the air they can shoot. I lave to Peter Rafferty a pint of poteen I can't finish, and may God be merciful to him

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Found in St. Matthew's CofE Churchyard, The Oaks.





## FAMILY HISTORY ENQUIRIES

During the last quarter the Society has received requests for information regarding the following families:

**SMART:** Died in Picton about 1927 or early 1928. Owned a corner store about half a mile from town on the southern side. Had three daughters:- Florence, Ethel, and Elizabeth (Betty - stage name 'Nellie'). Seeking information. Would especially like to know Mr Smart's Christian name?  
Contact: Mrs L. A. Martin. 44 Crossingham St. Toukley. NSW. 2263.

**HENNESSY:** David Hennessy of Morton Park married Ellen Maher on 24/6/1851. Children: John, Laurence, Nora, Catherine, Andrew, Thomas, Mary, Michael, Martin, Ellen, David, Margaret, Winifred, & Lionel. Seeking information on where David and children are buried?  
Contact: Mrs M Jones. 1 Crosby Ave., Hurstville. NSW. 2220.

**GATTY/GEOTTY:** Seeking information on John George Geotty, Publican of Picton. First married Harriet Dorchester in 1832; second married Anastatia Madden in 1843.  
Contact: Mrs M Davis. 162 Arcadia Rd. Arcadia. NSW. 2159.

**GLASS:** William Glass (b.c1788) came free on 'General Hewitt' in 1813 and went to work as overseer to B C Antill. In 1847 took up a run in the Lachlan District.  
Contact: Mrs Barbara Glass. 120 Hastings Road, Terrigal. NSW. 2260.

**KENNEDY:** Phillip Kennedy (labourer) married Ann O'Brien (servant) at Campbelltown 25/6/1866. They gave their residence as Picton. Witnesses to the marriage were Patrick Kennedy and Catherine O'Brien.  
Contact: L. Kennedy. 28 Carrara Road, Vaucluse. NSW 2030.

**WRIGHT:** George Wright 1st m. Amelia. In 1841 living at 'Jarvisfield'. Amelia died 1851, leaving daughter, Mary Ann. George 2nd m. Ann Tisdell in 1853. Ten children born Picton. Moved to Forbes in 1870's.  
**JEFFS:** Samuel Jeffs (farmer at 'Abbotsford' 1853-1863) m. Mary Ann Wright at Picton in 1851. Six children born at Picton. Left district c.1864.  
**HILL:** Henry Joseph Hill (parents - Charles Hill & Ellen Slattery) m. Ann Jeffs (daughter of above) in 1879 at Yass. Returned to Picton and had 12 children.  
Contact: Mrs E Campbell. 2 Viola Place, Queanbeyan. 2620.

## MEMBERS INTEREST

**PRIOR:** Ambrose Prior (1869 - 1923) m. 1899 Rhoda Finch (1871 - 1951). Lived at Bowral; moved to Picton until about 1921; alderman at Picton. Children:- Jack, Meta, Owen.  
Parents:- Charles Prior & Elizabeth Knight married 1866. Brothers & sisters:- William, Charles, Arthur, Amy, Elizabeth, Maude, Florence, Frederick, Helena, Alfred, Percy. Charles' parents:- Henry & Eliza.

Contact: Mrs Ruth McKnight. 14 Ian Bruce Cres., Balgownie. 2519.  
Phone: (042) 841 386.

LAND HOLDERS IN THE POST TOWN OF PICTON - 1885

<u>Name</u>	<u>Holding Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Holding Name</u>
Anderson W.	Picton	James H.	Fairview
Antill J.M.	Jarvisfield	James J.	Upper Picton
Antill W.R.	Abbotsford	Jesson J.	Green Hills
Apps W.	Razorback	Kelso J. jnr.	Jarvisfield
Barker W.M.	Mowbray Park	Larkin Agnes	Windmill Hill
Bateup A.	Abbotsford	Larkin E.G.	Picton
Bateup J.	Picton	Longhurst H. jnr.	Starguard
Bateup S.	Island Park	Longhurst C.	Starguard
Baxter G.	Crawford Creek	Longhurst H.	Starguard
Baxter J.	Clifton	Luke S.	Denfield
Bell T.	Picton	Mann J.	Redbank
Bell G. jnr	Starguard	Mason C.	Cedarmere
Blanchard J.	Upper Picton	Matthews Sarah	Menangle Road
Blatch G.	Long Point	McDonald A.	Blue Gum Flat
Boardman J.	Daisy Vale	McInnes A.	Myrtle Creek
Boardman T.	Clifton	McKendrick T.	Picton
Bollard J.	Redbank	McKinnon D. jnr	Summer Hill
Bollard T.W.	Starguard	McKinnon D.	Montpelier
Bradbury G.	Leigham-holme	McNamarra J.	Seabright Park
Brookes G.	Razorback	McQuiggin G.	Picton
Butcher J.	Redbank Park	McQuiggin J.W.	Picton
Butcher J.	Redbank Park	Miller J.	Seabright Park
Butcher Jas.	Crawford Creek	Mitchell Wm.	Abbotsford
Campbell A.B.	Razorback	Mohr J.	Woodbourn
Campbell W.B.	Jarvisfield	Moyse Elizabeth	Redbank
Capon C&W.H.	Jarvisfield	Mulholland M.	Abbotsford
Chiddy. H.	Cedar Creek	Mulholland M. jnr.	Abbotsford
Clark J.	Razorback	Nicholson A.	Fairy Hill
Connellan J.	Thorne Hill	Niel B.	Abbotsford
Coull W.	Picton	Noonan T.	Mathew's Creek
Crackwell C	Jarvisfield	O'Brien T.	Razorback
Creamer J.	Starguard	Ollive Rinah	Upper Picton
Creghton C.	Redbank	Peck H.	Starguard
Cummins. Susan	Upper Picton	Ray G.	Wellington Park
Cunningham M.	Abbotsford	Reeves J.	Jarvisfield
Davenport J.	Picton Lakes	Rideout H.	Rock Barton
Deehen G.	Razorback	Ridgway W.	Menangle Road
Ditton R.	Starguard	Rixon W.	Glen Rock
Dominish M.	Razorback	Rockley R.F.	Brookside
Doyle Wm.	Razorback	Sampson W.	Menangle Road
Dunn T.M.	Abbotsford	Schmarr P.	Starguard
Elder F.	Starguard	Sell W.G.	Upper Picton
Evans H.	Abbotsford	Selmes T.	Upper Picton
Evans J.	Jarvisfield	Sharman T.	Rock Barton
Fairley J.	Abbotsford	Shiel T.	Starguard
Fairley Wm.	Abbotsford	Shoobridge R.	Picton
Gandry J.	Wellington Park	Shoobridge W.	Redbank Park
Geddes R.J.	Rock Barton	Simpson T.	Seabright Park
Gibson J.	Upper Picton	Skellet J.	Southern Road
Giddy E.	Starguard	Skerrett J.	Cedar Creek
Goodlet J.H.	Harmony	Spice J.	Starguard
Graham A.	Jarvisfield	Stewart Charlott	Fernside
Harvey T.	Menangle Road	Walton H.	Redbank
Hilder T.A.	Boon's Hill	Whitfield W.J.	Blue Gum Flat
Hilder W.	Menangle Road	Willis W.	Long Acre
Hill C.	Jarvisfield	Wilson J.	Upper Picton
Home H.	Picton	Wintle J.M.	Green Hills
Hook J.	Hill Grove	Wintle W.A.	Green Hills

ARE YOU RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY ?

MEMBERS INTEREST DIRECTORY (see Journal, March, 1988: Vol 12 No. 1 P.18)  
Publication of this Directory will be on a date to be announced next year (1989). Date for submitting entries has been extended but it would be appreciated if all entries could be received by the first general meeting in 1989.

IF YOU ARE A FINANCIAL MEMBER AND HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED YOUR "FAMILY" INTEREST WITH OUR FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH OFFICER, THEN WHY NOT ???

Apart from the obvious advantage of having your research enquiry placed in the Directory which will be distributed to Societies throughout the State, all financial members are also entitled to a listing in the Quarterly Journal.

If you are researching a LOCAL FAMILY then the benefits of submitting your "Interests" are even greater: -

Your name and address and family connections are entered on our NAME CARD INDEX and if other enquiries are received regarding your particular family they are then referred onto you.

ALSO, The Research Officers are always happy to check the Society's records for you. All the Society's records are freely available to our members. You only have to ask to see them. Hopefully, in the near future, we will acquire some space for a Research Room ? In the meantime, don't forget that all Journals received from other Historical and Family History Societies in NSW, plus our published Cemetery Transcripts, are available for viewing at the Picton Community Library in the Reference Section during library hours.

Please fill in the form below, listing your Family Research particulars and send to Research Officer-Family History.

Picton & District Historical & Family History Society  
P.O. Box 64, Picton. NSW. 2571.

or give to Pat Shephard, Jan Ross or Marlane Fairfax. ( You may use your own family group charts or pedigree charts or obtain further copies from Pat Shephard (046) 309 380.)

MEMBERS' INTEREST

NAME:

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH:

DATE & PLACE OF DEATH:

DATE & PLACE OF MARRIAGE:

NAME OF FATHER:

NAME OF MOTHER:

NAME OF SPOUSE:

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH:

DATE & PLACE OF DEATH:

NAME OF FATHER:

NAME OF MOTHER:

CHILDREN OF MARRIAGE: (give name, date & place of birth, to whom married)

RESEARCHER'S NAME:

ADDRESS:

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The Centre tells the stories of the lives of the people who lived in Wollondilly and the Burragorang Valley in words, pictures and objects.

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Lookout. The Oaks is 13 km from Camden.  
Make a day of it and continue on from The Oaks on a 20 minute scenic  
drive to historic Picton or to the Railway Museum at Thirlmere.

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THE SOCIETY'S GRATEFUL THANKS TO.....

Mrs. K. Sheedy (member) for the donation of various Picton, Camden and  
Southern Highlands newspapers dating from the 1950's through to the  
1970's together with magazines from the 1940's.

Keith Fagan (member) and Ron Peck, Water Board Historical Research  
Officer, for photographs and information on the construction of the  
Avon & Nepean Dams, Bargo. Through Keith, Ron Peck has donated to  
the Society the book "The Sweat of Their Brows - 100 Years of the  
Sydney Water Board 1888-1988" by Margo Beasley.

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ALSO COMING UP.....

Thirlmere School Centenary Celebrations - 1st & 2nd October (Long Weekend)  
The celebrations will include a night at the Woolaway Woolshed, Picton  
on Saturday 1st October. For bookings & further information contact  
Margaret Holohan - (046) 819148.

Bargo Colonial Day - come and join the fun on 6th November. There will  
also be a Johnny O'Keefe Anniversary Concert on Saturday 5th November  
from 6pm to 10 pm with appearances by Roland Storm, Vicki Forest, Warren  
Williams and many more.

GUEST SPEAKERS.....

October 10th - Shirley Clarke - Family Reminiscences of the Burragorang  
Valley and Camden districts.

November 14th - Alan Leishman from the Government Printers Office - come  
and see some of the 52,000 photographs which have been  
put on laser disc.

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