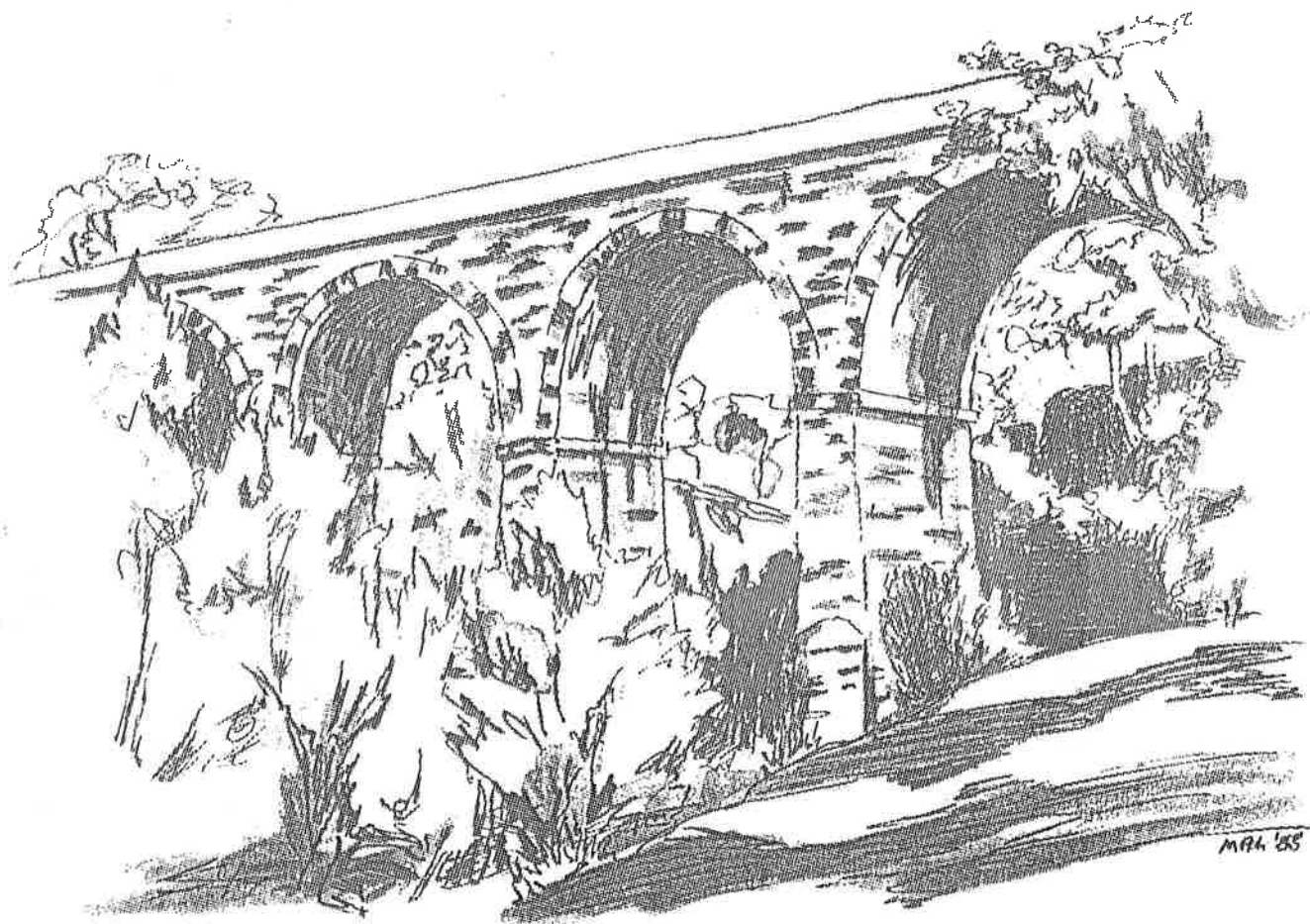


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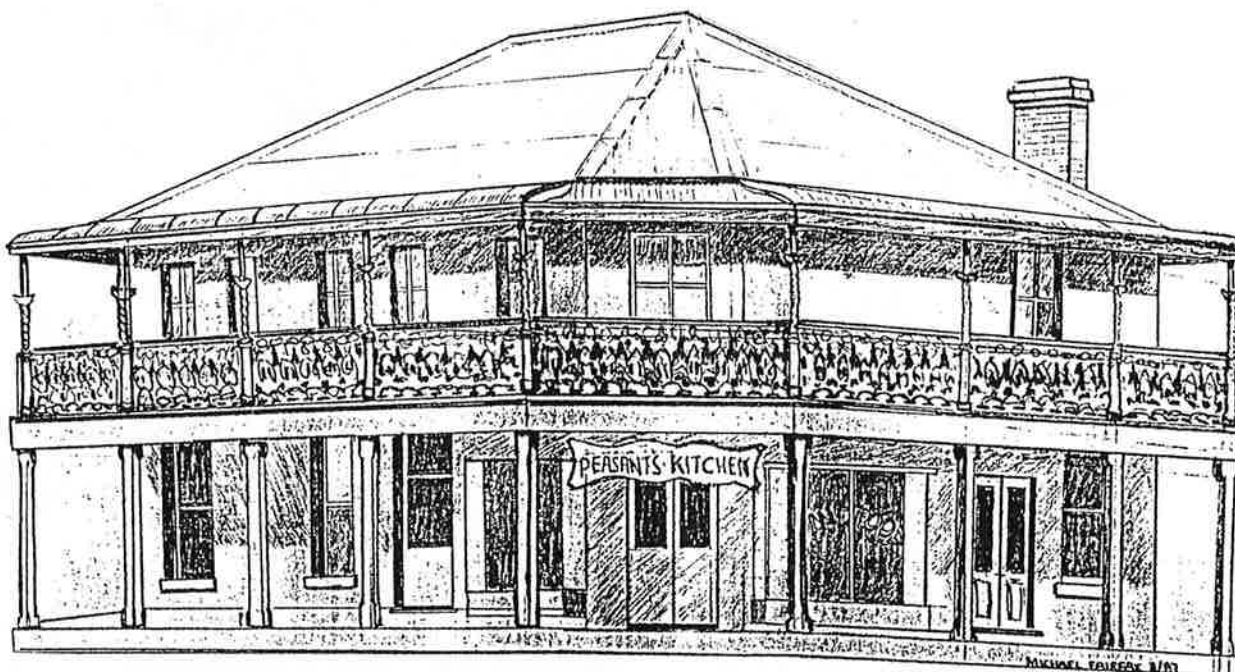


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The Railway Hotel was situated on the corner of Oaks Road and Argyle Street, Picton, opposite the George Inn.

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.



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CO-EDITORS: Val Malcolm & Pat Shephard.

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COMING EVENTS:

First meeting for 1989 Monday, 13 Feb., '89. 7.30pm
(speaker Mr John Meredith, local author)
Committee Meeting Sunday, 29 Jan., '89. 7.30pm
Items for March Journal to be received by Monday, 13 Feb.

President's Report

Well everybody, it's that time of year again. It's been a good year. I saw as our main aim, the setting up of our own premises. We have achieved that aim. We now have premises above Hooker's Real Estate in Picton thanks to a very generous benefactor, Mr Colin Apps. We have managed to furnish our premises and in the New Year they will be up and running.

Just to recap on some of our memorable events this year. Probably the first was the Wollondilly Bi-centennial Weekend. Our Society entered the "Razorback Road Gang" in the parade, the costumes being made by some of our ever hard working ladies. We won best dressed in the parade.

The Society also arranged an historical display which filled the entire Shire Hall, thanks to the hard work of our society members. It was a great success and everyone in the Shire who visited the display realised we had "arrived".

Our next major display was for the opening of the Wollondilly Heritage Centre at the Oaks. The Oaks Historical Society asked us to join in and contribute along with a lot of other groups. This display was mounted on boards in a very professional manner and can still be seen at the centre.

We have also mounted several portable weekend displays for various functions throughout the year and these, I feel, give our society the good publicity which we need to recruit new members.

We have also held a lot of social gatherings and various tours during the year. Our biggest social function was, of course, the Bi-Centennial Ball. This year we held a supper ball, and thanks to the fabulous support of our members, the guests were given a supper which surpassed anything the district has seen for many years. Although the Society did not make a great profit from the Ball, the main thing, of course, was that everyone had a great evening and that the function was a success.

I would like to personally thank the Show Society on behalf of all our members for the work they did in restoring the dance floor in the Agricultural Hall for us prior to the Ball.

The biggest fund raiser for the year was the recently held Arts and Crafts Festival. We raised over \$2,200 from this, thanks to the hard work of several of our members. It is the first year that our Society has run this annual event in the Shire. Under the guidance of our Secretary, Mrs Jan Ross, who has previously been involved in the festival, we all learned how to run an art show. It was a source of pride to see the extremely high standard of our local artists and I congratulate them. The Barn of the George IV Hotel provided just the right atmosphere for another success.

The things I have mentioned are only some of the things the society has been involved in during the year. At this point I would like to personally thank my ever hard working executive for their support. I don't have to name them. We all know who they are. My special thanks must go to Jan Ross, our dedicated Secretary who's never tiring efforts behind the scenes keep the society going. She is the best secretary a society could have. Thank you so much Jan.

I would also like to thank each and every member for their contribution over the past year. Without your hard work and support we will not succeed as a society.

Have a very merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Bob Wood.

PICTON MURDER Axe Killing

The body was discovered late Wednesday afternoon and the victim had obviously been attacked by an axe and badly mutilated.

Bits were lying here and there.

Investigation revealed that the murderer was a person with a 'kink' on pests and had rid the area of just one more Pest and was allowed to go free.

The murderer being Mr. Scat and the victim Willie White Ant

Mr. Scat will murder your Pests too, under written guarantee and for a reasonable price.

Get in touch with Mr Scat of S.C.A.T. Pest Control Service if any doubt exists about the presence of Pests in your home, etc.

Phone Camden 494, Mr. Scat is not a Pesamist nor an optomist, but a 'Pestomist.'

(Advert.)

(The above advertisement appeared in THE PICTON POST, Wednesday, July 2, 1958.)

The following selection of advertisements appeared in the PICTON ADVOCATE during the year 1896. They tell us the names of some of the local business people and their occupations during that year.

J. DICKINSON,
coachpainter, signwriter, &c
PICTON
estimation given for any district
good work at reasonable prices

John Davis
Family Butcher Thirlmere

J. D. begs to inform the residents of Thirlmere & District that he has opened a Butchering Establishment at Thirlmere & respectfully asks for a share of their patronage.

J. Davis
Thirlmere

(more on page 16)

JAMES CRACKNELL,
FAMILY BUTCHER
Menangle Street, Picton
Small Goods a Speciality

William Anderson,
Plumber, Galvanised Iron
Worker, Tinsmith, &c

W. Anderson has taken the premises recently occupied by Mr. R. Moppett, and is now prepared to do all jobs neatly & moderately at the shortest notice. Work done in all parts of the district. W. Anderson.

MENANGLE STREET, PICTON.

CHRISTMAS PAST

Being the December issue of the Journal, I thought it might be in keeping with the Festive Season to look at the way in which Christmas was celebrated in years gone by.

My mother-in-law, Ella Shephard, was born at Walcha and spent her early childhood on a property at Upper Tia in the New England district. Her father, William Ernest Mitchell, managed this property for the New Zealand and Australian Land Company for approximately 20 years prior to 1929.

Ella remembers her childhood Christmas this way:

"Christmas day was perfect. the house was decorated with ferns, gladioli, and beautiful wax lillies. there were no artificial arrangements then - all flowers were real. Lunch was hot roast chickens, turkeys, hams and home-grown vegetables. Mother made the Christmas cake or cakes, four tiers high, and iced it, also the plum-duff (pudding). We were allowed a stir for luck. It was served hot with plain or brandied sauce.

Santa came of course and bought large Christmas stockings filled with toys and a few conversation lollies which had a little motto on them. All the girls received a beautiful china doll, fashionably dressed. They were beautiful compared with dolls of to-day, the baby of the family was not forgotten by Santa, she received a kenpie doll which could be bathed.

In the afternoon our friends from Riamukka Station came and stayed the night. Then next morning every one went to the Picnic Race Meeting, one of the social events of the year, and no one was too young or too old to go to Orandumbi 'Picnics'."

The kitchen at Upper Tia in which Christmas dinner and all other meals were prepared was large and practical:

"The kitchen had a huge open-fire place and an immense iron kettle hung on an iron rod accross the fire-place to supply boiling water for meals and regular morning and afternoon-teas. These were a way of life in the country; everyone stopped for 'smoke-on' Next to the open fire was a large wood-burning stove for stove-top cooking and an oven to bake meals, cakes, etc. Then came the 'bakers oven' for baking bread. It was a deep brick recess in which a fire was made. When the wood had burned to ashes they were scrapped out of the very hot oven and the prepared loaves in their tins placed inside and the iron door closed firmly. By the time the oven had cooled, beautiful crisp loaves of bread, perfectly cooked, were ready for use. A small loaf was made especially for the children. It was delicious hot with home-made butter and golden syrup."

My father-in-law, who was brought up at Kelly's Gully near Warialda, remembers Christmas when he was a boy (prio to World War I) a little differently:

"The matriarch of the Shephard family expected the entire family - sons, daughters, husbands, wives, children, plus numerous reatives - to gather at her home for Christmas. Quite a crowd when they had all assembled.

Lunch was prepared by the women - turkeys, chickens, ham, suckling pigs, all types of home grown vegetables, large plum puddings with all the trimmings, cakes, biscuits, etc.

Despite the heat the women slaved cheerfully over the hot wood-burning stoves to cook the meal, chattering to catch up on the doings of each family since they last met.

Christmas dinner was set on large tressles under the fruit trees in the orchard. The men all dined first, then the children and finally the women. The men spent the rest of the day chatting and resting while the women cleared away the remnants of the meal and washed the dishes.

Grandmother sat in her rocking chair overseeing it all. Each child was expected to come and sit beside her for a few minutes for a little 'chat', then she or he received a small parcel and a pat on the head.

Christmas night the women shared all the available beds, the children slept on rugs and blankets on the floor, while the men spent the night on beds of hay in the shed."

I do not envy those women of yesterday slaving over the hot fuel stoves and waiting on the menfolk. At least they got the nice soft beds at the end of the day.

SOURCE: The above article is a small extract from Ella Shephard's memoirs which she has been writing for her grandchildren. Submitted by her daughter-in-law Pat Shephard.

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New Publication (31 Jan. 1989) FROM:

Young & District Family History Group Inc.

"Pioneers of the Lachlan, Murrumbidgee and County King pre-1860".

Covers the area between the Lachlan and Murrumbidgee Rivers.

Cost: \$27.50 plus \$2.50 postage.

Pioneer Register Sales, P.O. Box 586, Young, 2594.

(For more details see pamphlet - a few copies of which are in our library.)

EXTRACT FROM: "Historic Roads Round Sydney", by John Fairfax, published by Angus & Robertson, Syd., 2nd Edition 1951, reprint 1959. Pgs. 120-122
First published in 1937 under the title of "THEN AND NOW"

"..... drove on through the green and lovely valley through which flows Racecourse Creek. Two miles farther, as we drove across the bridge spanning this creek, we noticed a dignified two-storey house. There had lived Oliver Whiting, an assigned servant of Major Antill and a great old character.

At the age of fifteen he was sent out for breaking machinery, but proved most trustworthy, and when his time was up the Major gave him four and a half acres. He worked there in his tannery, and later built the house mentioned, as an hotel. Painted red, it was generally known as The Red House, but was licensed as the Razorback Inn. One can imagine it as being very neat and well-ordered, and presided over in a genial, jovial manner by host Oliver Whiting. During his term of assignment Oliver used to drive Major Antill's son in a dog-cart all the way to The King's School. All dressed up, Oliver sat on the driving seat of the dog-cart with the dignity that position demands. He wore a grey bell-topper hat, in which he carried letters and all manner of odds and ends.

Major Antill thought so well of him that one day he made him overseer. The particular work on that day was stumping a paddock. Oliver took his men there, set them to work, and then lay down under a tree and went to sleep. The Major came along and, finding him asleep, promptly degraded him to the gang. One morning, forty years after, Oliver appeared at the door of John Antill's study, his bell-topper in his hand.

"Yes, Oliver, what is it?"

"Mr John, sir, could you give me a bit of legal assistance?"

"Yes, Oliver, certainly."

"Well, sir, I was overseer for two hours, and I never got my sixpence an hour. I want to claim that money from the Government at compound interest for forty years."

"Ho! ho! Ha! ha!" laughed John Antill. "Be off with you, you old villain!"

Another story concerns his tannery. He drove to Sydney with hides at intervals. One night on his return journey, when he reached Peach-tree Corner, he was warned that bushrangers were ahead. Having money and valuables with him, he thought it safer to leave his property there, so he left his cart in the bush, let his horse go, and set off for home on foot.

Unfortunately, the constables mistook Oliver for a bushranger. They captured him, handcuffed him, and brought him before Major Antill. The Major was surprised and indignant.

"Take those handcuffs off as quick as you can!" he stormed.

Oliver's wrath took a more practical turn. As soon as he was free he seized the handcuffs, dealt one constable a mighty clout with them, and then went for the other with a handy stick. The unfortunate constables had no remedy for this vigorous assault. They had been guilty of wrongful arrest."

MORE SOURCES OF INFORMATION RE OLIVER WHITING:

1. "Early Days", by R.H. Antill 'The Picton Advocate', Friday, September 18 1896.

"He (Oliver Whiting) used to drive my father to Sydney to school and attend the markets there, where he bought odds and ends which he sold locally upon his return."

R. H. Antill goes on to relate two more tales concerning Oliver, the "humourist of the district, and many a traveller fell a victim to his satire".

A copy of the article is held in our files or can be found on microfilm at Campbelltown Library.

2. "Early Days of Picton", by Rev. James Steele Pub. in 'The Australian Historical Society Journal and Proceedings', Part IX, 1904. Pages 168-169:

"On 21st June, 1844, the present site of 'Brookside' was sold to Oliver Whiting, who arrived in the colony in 1831. Oliver was a shoemaker and tanner by trade, and carried on these trades for some years till he built the present place. This building is by many erroneously considered one of the oldest in the district. The date of its erection is in the fifties, but as to whether early or late, opinions differ widely. The hotel license was transferred to the present 'Great Southern' hotel in 1863. Oliver Whiting died at the age of 73 on the 29th January, 1882. This hotel was called, in 1860, the 'Razorback Inn', but the popular name till recent years was 'The Red House'".

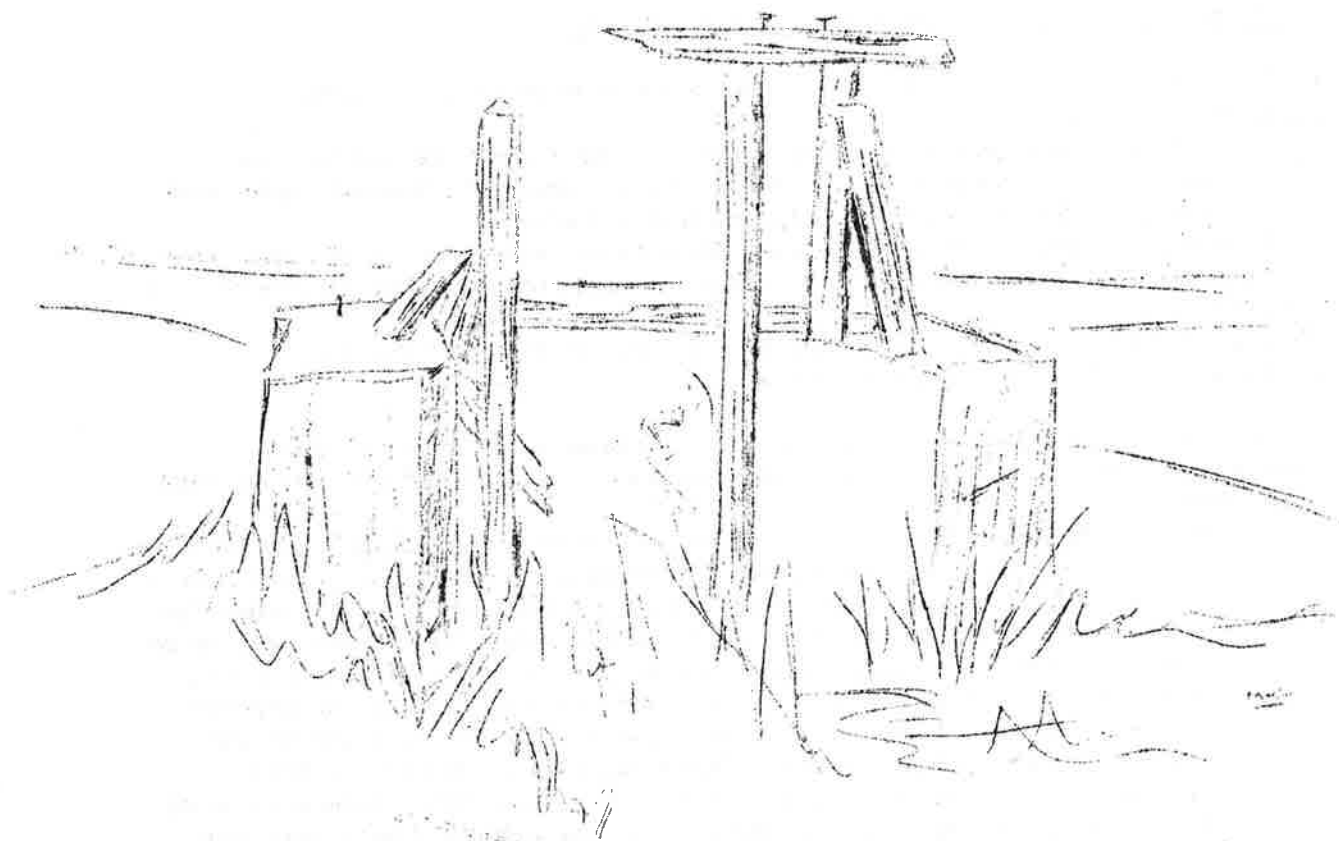
3. Transcript: "St Mark's Anglican Cemetery Picton", July 1987.
Oliver Whiting is buried at ST MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCHYARD)
PICKTON. His tombstone states that he died on 29/1/1882 and that he was born 14 August, 1809. He is buried alongside his wife Jane, who died 13/12/1889 at age 80 years and 10 months.

From Jane Whiting's death certificate we learn that at the time of her death she was a Publican, living in Menangle Street, Picton. Oliver Whiting was her third husband and she married him at the age of 50 years. There were no children but the particulars on the death certificate were given by Mary Ann Wilson, an adopted daughter.

4. From State Archives. A O Reel 1356: Publican's Licences.

1881	PICKTON DISTRICT	EXPIRES 30/6/1882
WHITING	OLIVER RYBY STATION	GREAT SOUTHERN INN

BILLIARD & BAGATELLE LICENCES - TILL 30/6/1882		
WHITING	OLIVER	GREAT SOUTHERN INN
		BAGATELLE
		MENANGLE RD.



CAN YOU SOLVE THE MYSTERY?

On a recent photographic and walking tour around "Jarvisfield", Jan Ross and Valarie Malcolm came across what appeared to be the ruins of an old well on which were inscribed the words "1916 Ruth".

Val has drawn the above sketch and if anyone can shed more light on the subject we would be pleased to hear from them.

The following quotes from 'Ancestor Treasure Hunt - The Antill Family', by R. V. Pockley, may give us some clues ?

' Antill invented a cut-off for the windmill at Jarvisfield, pumping water from the artificial lake to the elevated tank near the house. When full, it cut out. The tank is always full, yet no one goes near the pump or mill !'

Could this sketch be of the 'elevated tank' ?

WHO WAS RUTH ? (1916) A POSSIBILITY : -

Ruth Polk Macquarie ('Sue') Antill
born 12/10/1905, married 1940 to George Helms Crutchfield,
' an Attorney-at-Law, and they lived in Richmond, Virginia. '

She was the daughter of
(Maj. Gen.) John Macquarie Antill (b.1866) & Agnes Marion Willsallen

The grand daughter of
John Macquarie Antill (b.1822) & Jessie Hassall Campbell

The great grand daughter of
Henry Colden Antill & Eliza Wills

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NEW PUBLICATION

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Contents Include:-

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re-training; education.
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Commonwealth Parliament.

A well presented and extremely useful book to have in ones library.

Soft cover. 161 pages. AGPS Press Publication. (Australian Government
Publishing Service, Canberra.) Compiled by Mrs Lorraine McKnight and the
Australian Archives staff. PRICE: \$19.95.

PATIENCE and PERSERVERENCE

CONTINUED:

(from Vol.2 No.3)

OR

RESEARCHING IRISH RECORDS

In 1836.....

This letter addressed to "The Vicarage - Buff" found its way to the "Mid West-Archives" in Limerick. It was interesting to note that this organisation was represented at the recent International Congress of Family History by Dr S.C. O'Mahony.

Included in information supplied by this office was a photocopy of a newspaper reference to the trial of William Tierney, dated 27 July 1825.

Those with Irish Ancestry may be interested in the following details provided by the Mid-West Archives.

'The aim is to establish one (research) centre in each county. However, these are at different stages of development. Only four counties have indexing of records completed and as a result can provide a comprehensive county service. These are Limerick (Mid-West Archives), Leitrim, Offaly and Clare.

At present there are three centres for County Tipperary dealing with different parts of that county.

MID-WEST ARCHIVES

However, the Mid-West Archives have the records of every parish of that county (Tipperary) on micro-film and also have some indexes to those records.

The sources which the Mid-West Archives have relevant to genealogical research in the city and county of Limerick are:

1. The records of every catholic parish in Limerick from their varying starting dates to 1880.
2. Alphabetical transcript of same to 1900. (This is what is meant by indexes).
3. Alphabetical transcripts of all Church of Ireland parishes.
4. Registers of the Methodist church, Limerick Circuit, 1824-1986.
5. Registers of the Presbyterian Church in Limerick 1829-1973.
6. The Tithe Applotment books.
7. Griffith's Valuation.
8. The 1901 Census.
9. Biographical notices in Munster newspapers to 1821.
10. The Limerick Chronical newspaper from 1781.
11. Register of Mount St Laurence Cemetery, Limerick city, 1855-1980.
12. Will books of the Limerick Registry 1858-1900.
13. Relevant 1" and 6" Ordinance Survey maps.
14. Miscellaneous estate and solicitor's records.

Of the above list items 1,6,7 and 8 are also held by the Mid-West Archives for the whole of Tipperary county. Alphabetical transcripts are available for the parishes in the diocese of Cashel and Emly. This office can handle most queries for Tipperary liaising with Nenagh and Roscrea where necessary.

Thanks to the transcripts, the Mid-West Archives can search every parish in County Limerick for ~~£~~ 30. After that the charge is ~~£~~ 10 per generation researched, each client is given an assessment of what needs to be done before the office embarks on the research.'

The following is a list of research centres which appeared in the 1987 Journal of the Irish Family History Society.

ANTRIM

No information

ARMAGH

Rev. S.J.Clyne, Diocesan Secretary, Ara Coeli, Armagh BT617Q7.

CARLOW

St. Mullins Muinntir na Tire Historical Research Group: Pat Doyle, Newtown, Borris, Co. Carlow.

Carlow County Heritage Society: Michael Purcell, 4 Kennedy St, Carlow.

CAVAN

No information

CLARE

Clare Heritage Centre, Corofin, Co. Clare: Naime Cleary and Gerard Kennedy.

CORK

Cork Heritage Centre, P.O. Box 17, Bandon, Co. Cork: Nora M. Hickey, Mallow District Heritage Project.

DERRY

Derry Youth & Community Workshop, Research Centre: 15 Magazine Street, Derry, BT48 6HH: Brian Mitchell.

DONEGAL

Ramelton Heritage and Development Association

DOWN

Ulster Historical Foundation, 68 Balmoral Ave, Belfast, BT9 6NY

DUBLIN

Dublin Family History Society: Richard Flatman, 36 College Drive, Templeogue, Dublin. 6.

Mr Sean Murphy, 30 Brighton Gardens, Terenure, Dublin 6.

Key Association, Unit 5g, Chapelized Industrial Estate, Dublin.

St Colmcille's Co-opoerative Society Ltd.: Mr Chris Walker, 8 Elmwood Road, Swords, Co. Dublin.

I.W.C.O., 26 Market Square, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, BT70 1AB.

GALWAY

County Galway Family History Society: Nuala Silk, 46 Naunsella Park, Galway.

Woodford Heritage Group: Fr. Cathal Stanley, Woodford, Co. Galway

KERRY

Finuge Heritage Survey: Gene Carroll, Teach Siames, Finuge, Lixnaw, Co. Kerry.

Kerry Genealogical Centre: John Griffin, Town Hall, Prince Quay, Tralee, Co. Kerry.

KILDARE

Kildare County Library, Newbridge, Co. Kildare.

KILKENNY

Kilkenny Archaeological Society: Maura Downey, Rothe House, Kilkenny.

LAOIS

Offaly Historical Society, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly:
John Kearney

LEITRIM

Leitrim Heritage Centre, County Library, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim.

LIMERICK

Dr Chris O'Mahony, Midwest Archives, The Granary, Michael Street,
Limerick.

LONGFORD

Longford Historical Society: County Library, Longford.

Library Headquarters Westmeath.

LOUTH

Rev S.J.Clyne, Diocesan Secretary, Ara Coeli, Armagh, BT 617Q7

MAYO

Crossmolina Historical & Archaeological Society: Bernadette Lynn.

Ennisceoe, Castlehill, Ballina, Co. Mayo

Mayo Family Research Society, Bushfield House, Hollymount, Co. Mayo.

MEATH

Noel French, Market Square, Trim, Co. Meath.

MONAGHAN

Clogher Historical Society:

I.W.C.O., 26 Market Square, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, BT70 1AB

OFFALY

Offaly Historical Society, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly:

John Kearney.

ROSCAMMON

County Roscommon Historical & Archaeological Society: Strokestown, Co.

Roscommon.

SLIGO

Sligo Family Research Society, Castle St., Sligo.

TIPPERARY

Bru Boru, Cashel, Co. Tipperary

Nenagh District Heritage Centre, Governor's House, Nenagh, Co.

Tipperary.

Roscrea Heritage Centre, Castle Courtyard, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary.

Thurles Parish Project, Ursuline Convent, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.

Tipperary Heritage Unit, Tipperary Community Council, Marian Hall,

Tipperary.

TYRONE

I.W.C.O., 26 Market Square, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, BT70 1AB

Ulster Historical Foundation, 68 Balmoral Ave, Belfast, BT9 6NY

WATERFORD

Waterford Heritage Survey, St John's College, Waterford: Carmel Meehan

WESTMEATH

County Library, Athlone, Co. Westmeath: Gearoid O'Brien

Offaly Historical Society, Charleville Rd., Tullamore, Co. Offaly: John
Kearney

WEXFORD

Wexford County Council, County Hall, Wexford.

WICKLOW

Cualann Historical Society, Bray Town Hall Heritage Centre, Bray, Co.

Wicklow.

West Wicklow Historical Society: Paul Baker, Ladystown, Rathvilly, Co.
Carlow.

The five letters referred to in my previous article, and which led me
to write to "The Vicarage Bruff", were stamped FS 1835 B11. Microfilm

copies of these letters are of course now available at the National Library of Australia, Canberra; State Library of N.S.W., Sydney; and the Society of Australian Genealogists, Sydney. All centres have "The Computer Index" which accompanies the microfilms. These records are the Bicentennial gift to the Government and People of Australia from the Government and People of Ireland.

TRANSPORTATION REGISTERS, 1836-57 (TR)

Microfilms 1-5

The Transportation Registers contain over 20,000 names of men and women sentenced to transportation or death in the years 1836-57. The entries are divided by year, by county and by sex, and give details of name, age, date and county of trial, crime and sentence. Other details such as name of transport ship, commuted sentence or place of detention are sometimes given.

The registers have been filmed and indexed in their entirety. Most of the convicts listed went to Australia, although some had their sentences commuted to terms of imprisonment to be served in Ireland, and others were transported to the penal establishments in Bermuda and Gibraltar. Of those sentenced to death, some had their sentences commuted to transportation, but others were hanged or were imprisoned in Ireland.

PRISONERS' PETITIONS AND CASES, 1788-1836 (PPC)

Microfilms 6-19

In his capacity as representative of the British crown, the Lord Lieutenant exercised the prerogative of mercy in Ireland. Many convicts submitted, or had submitted on their behalf, petitions for commutation or remission of their sentence. The petitions vary greatly in style and content but details to be found concern the crime, trial, sentence, place of origin and family circumstances of the convicts.

STATE PRISONERS' PETITIONS, 1798-99 (SPP)

Microfilms 20-25

The State Prisoners' Petitions are similar in content to the main series of petitions but concern those arrested for involvement in the 1798 Rebellion, for which many were sentenced to transportation.

CONVICT REFERENCE FILES, 1836-56; 1865-68 (CRF)

Microfilms 26-101

The Convict Reference Files take over from the petitions series. In addition to petitions they contain a variety of documents relating to individual convicts. These may include summaries of the evidence produced at trial, judges' reports and letters from officials and other persons concerned.

All files concerning transportation cases have been filmed up to and including 1856. In addition, the names of the 63 Fenian prisoners transported in 1868 have been searched for and 17 relevant files have been identified. These files have been filmed at the end of the Convict Reference Files on Roll 101. Also included with the latter files are four photographs of Fenians from the series of Fenian photographs (FP).

FREE SETTLERS' PAPERS, 1828-52 (FS)

Microfilms 101-104

Male convicts who had served a minimum of four years of their sentence in Australia were entitled to request a free passage for a dependent wife and family to join them in the colony. The papers comprise some lists of convicts who requested such a favour, giving details of date of transportation, name of transport ship, and name

and address of wife. There are also petitions from the convicts and from their wives, as well as a small number of personal letters written by convicts to their wives at home describing life in the colony.

MALE CONVICT REGISTER, 1842-47

Microfilm 104

This is a single volume containing the names of all male convicts sentenced to transportation in the period 1842-71. In addition to the details contained in the transportation registers, some physical details are given. The register is arranged in chronological order by date of committal to prison after trial.

REGISTER OF CONVICTS ON CONVICT SHIPS, 1851-53

Microfilm 104

This single volume register contains the names of convicts (with date and county of trial) who embarked on ships sailing in that period to Van Diemen's Land and Western Australia.

Reference:

Pamphlet

National Archives, Transportation Records, Ireland to Australia 1798-1868, State Paper Office, Dublin Castle, Dublin 2, Ireland.

Jan Ross.

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NEW MEMBERS (Last updated: JUNE ISSUE, 1988.)

Joan Allerton
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Thank you to Mrs Helen Steller who enclosed two of her Members Interest Charts. These will be place on file.

Briefly her interests are as follows:

ACKROYD: John Ackroyd (b.c.1790 Posthill, Yorkshire; d.1879 Wilton) married c.1833 to Hannah SPENCER (b 1800 York. d.1886 Wilton). There first four children: Sarah, Catherine, Joseph and Jane were born in Yorkshire; their next four children: Ann, Martha, Mary and Emma were born at Wilton.

WHITE: Levi White (b.1803 Bletsoe, Bedfordshire. d. 1879 Wilton) married at East Bargo (later known as Wilton) in 1849 to Sarah ACKROYD (b. 1833 York.d. 1899 Wilton). Her parents: John and Hannah as above.

CONTACT: Mrs Helen Steller, 29 Rodway Parade, Kotara South, 2208.

HERRING - GILMORE FAMILY

- IN THE PICTON AREA FROM 1842.

James Herring, aged 20 years, Protestant, arrived on the 10th July, 1837, on the ship "Mangles 7", after being sentenced to 7 years for stealing a fowl. He had no previous convictions.

Mary Gilmore, aged about 23 years, Roman Catholic, dairymaid, arrived as a free settler on the "Runnymede" on the 30th August, 1841.

Permission to marry was applied for and was granted on 12th March, 1842. The marriage took place on the 6th April, 1842, at Campbelltown. It is recorded in the Roman Catholic marriages. James and Mary Herring could neither read or write.

James and Mary Herring had 8 children. Margaret born 1843, James born 1845, Thomas born 1846, Mary Ann born 1848, Elizabeth Bridget born 1852, William born 1853 and Rose born 1855. Another son, John, died in infancy.

The Herring family lived at Picton.

The railway to Picton was opened as a single track on 1st July 1863. This was to open up the area and allow progress to continue, as travel had been by Cobb & Co. Coach, and goods had been transported by bullock teams and such.

Unfortunately, tragedy was to strike the Herring family. Mary, the wife of James, was killed by the Sydney train on 17th September, 1863, only weeks after the train line was opened. It was recorded in the Sydney Mail on 19th September, 1863.

"Picton - Thursday, 7 p.m.

A woman was run over and killed, about a mile from Picton, by the 5 p.m. train from Sydney. Particulars not known. An inquest will be held tomorrow."

It was also recorded in the Sydney Morning Herald on 25th September, 1863.

"An unfortunate woman was killed by the engine running over her in the evening. She must have wandered on the line, but why cannot be told."

Contact with the State Rail Authority failed to find any more details about the accident.

Contact with the Law Courts in Sydney also failed to produce the inquest details on Mary's death. The records for the period of the 1860's had not survived to the present time.

Mary is buried in the Upper Picton Cemetery, with a lovely stone headstone.

James Herring battled on to raise his family. No doubt his eldest daughter, Margaret, played an important role in raising the children as well.

Picton Post Office was located at a store or an individual residence in the early days, whilst the telegraph office was at the railway station from its establishment about the time the railway was opened in 1863.

James Herring was employed as a Mail Contractor on the Southern Line.

In 1867 on the S4 run he had the Picton and Oaks run. Six times on horseback for fifty pounds per annum. In 1868 on the S6 run he had the Oaks and Burragorang run. Three times on horseback for thirty pounds per annum. In 1871-72 on the S5 run he had the Picton Railway Station and Post Office Picton run, two or three times daily on horseback for twenty-two pounds per annum. In 1873 on the S1 run he had the Picton Railway Station and Post Office Picton run, two or three times daily on horseback for twenty-two pounds per annum.

In 1874 the contract for the Southern Line was given to Francis Gray for twenty pounds per annum. It is thought James Herring lost the contract as Francis Gray under-cut his price by two pounds.

It is then thought James Herring left Picton and moved to Goulburn as he died there on the 9th July, 1874, aged 57 years. His son Thomas Herring was the informant on his death certificate. He was living at Gundagai at the time of his father's death.

(I have been unsuccessful in my attempt to find out exactly where James Herring is buried in Goulburn. There were many Churches and Cemeteries used around the time of his death. Also the records of some of these have not survived.)

I am in contact with a descendant of Margaret, Mary Ann and Rose. My great grandfather was William Herring who married Jane Isabella Jenkins in 1875 in Picton. William Herring obviously had a close relationship with his brothers and sister. He named a few of his children after them. Namely: Beatrice Mary, James, John, Thomas Frederick and Elizabeth Elsie Margaret.

I would welcome any information on any person by the surname of "Herring".

(Mrs) Catherine (Herring) Williams J.P.
178 Somerville Road, Hornsby Heights, 2077.

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FROM THE 1896 PICTON ADVOCATE:

DR. JOHNSON,

(OF BOWRAL)

is Removing to Picton

where he intends practicing his profession on and after the 15th of OCTOBER, 1896.

Charles Johnson,
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Wedding cakes & pastry
made to order. Bread
delivered to district.

NEWS PAGE

JOURNALS, NEWSLETTERS, MAGAZINES, MEMBERS INTERESTS, PAMPHLETS, ETC.

Just a reminder to our members that we are continually receiving journals, newsletters, etc. from many other historical and family history societies throughout New South Wales.

I would like to thank the Picton Community Library for allowing us to place this material over the past few months in the reference section of the library. However, we have now removed these items to our new rooms which will be open on Thursday and Saturday afternoons between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Otherwise contact Noel Collison: (046) 77 1872.

A small selection includes the following:

- * Blue Mountains Family History Society. "The Explorer's Tree". Members Interest Directory. 1988.
- * Lithgow & District Family History Society Members Research Directory.
- * Nepean Family History Society. Members Interest Directory. 1988.
- * Newcastle Family History Society Members Research. 1988.
- * Wagga Wagga & District Family History Society. Members Interest Register for 1987 & 1988.
- * Shoalhaven Genealogical Society. "Index to Deaths Pre-1900"
- * Journals, Newsletters, & Information Pamphlets from the Royal Australian Historical Society.

NEWS FROM THE STATE ARCHIVES.

"ARCHI VISTA" No.5 Oct., 1988:- 'Due to the high level of damage suffered by records during transport, the Archives Authority has decided that readers will be required to use State archives at their place of storage. Therefore, from 31st December, 1988, transportation of State archives between the Kingswood Repository and the Archives Office in The Rocks, will cease.'

DONATIONS:

* Thank you to Mr Col Smith of Douglas Park for copies of the "Moreton Park Estate" subdivision and auction sale poster, dated 24th November, 1914.

* Thank you to Jim Munro of Campbelltown & Airds Historical Society for allowing us to make copies of his cemetery transcripts. The areas covered by our two societies have historical ties and we appreciate the friendliness and help given by Jim and his friends from Campbelltown during our first two years of operation.

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