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THE COMMITTEE APOLOGIES FOR THE LATENESS OF THIS JOURNAL.

YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR DECEMBER JOURNAL IN DECEMBER.

THE COMMITTEE WISHES TO EXPRESS THEIR GRATITUDE TO MEMBERS NANCY
AND REG PEISLEY FOR THEIR HELP IN THE PUBLICATION OF THIS JOURNAL.

PICTON SESQUICENTENARY
by Gail Hanger

Picton turned 150 in August and the whole town celebrated for ten days. The shops and business people got into the spirit of the celebration, with shops decked out as old time shops and staff wearing period costumes.

The celebrations started with the local school children from the three schools, planting trees to mark Wattle Day, on the 1st. August. More were planted over the weekend by the local dignitaries, to make a total of 150 trees planted, making a Gateway to Picton.

The major celebrations were held over the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd of August, with the Stonequarry Festival of Arts and Crafts, run by the Picton and District Historical and Family History Society kicking off the events. The Festival was over three days with the official opening on the Friday night. On a cold night the Opening Ceremony was conducted by Shire President Mr. Frank McKay, M.B.E. O.A.M and prizes for each section presented by Dr. Liz Kernohan, Local Member for Camden.

A lively auction of certificates was conducted by Mr. Tom Walton, local auctioneer for many years, with bidding in pounds and shillings, and then converted to dollars and cents for payment. A shock to some. A lovely supper was supplied by members of the Society and enjoyed by all.

Saturday dawned to the sound of a lone bagpiper and tidy town cleaners readying the main street for the day's activities. The Village Square was the main area of attraction on the Saturday with the Picton Primary School Fete also on. The Square was the centre of many stalls and activities, and many people were in costume.

The Coach House, the home of the Picton and District Historical and

Family History Society, was opened for the day with many visitors,- the Society's new book "Peeps at Picton's Past" proving very popular. The parade through the main street, the likes of which not seen before, was quite amazing. The parade with many floats and old cars and dressed bikes, moved like a snake down the street, from the Hume Oval to the Village Square. Saturday's events climaxed with the cutting of the birthday cake by Shire President Frank McKay, of which everybody then enjoyed a slice.

On Saturday night St Anthony's Catholic Church celebrated the Vigil Mass in latin by Father Chris Roberts and Father Steve ^{Reeves}~~Ealey~~, with the people trying to remember their school latin. The Sisters all wore their old habits, and after Mass there was a display in the school hall.

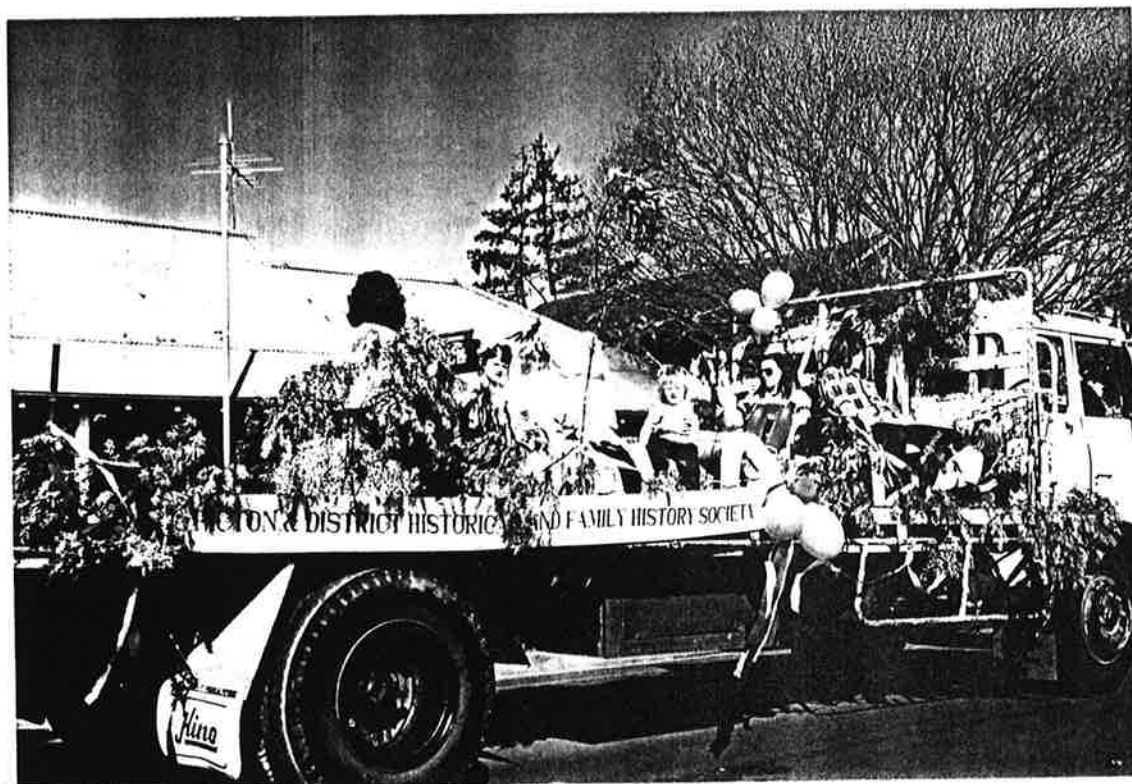
Sunday shone with brilliant sunshine and the combined Church Service, together with the burying of the time capsule. A large crowd attended the event which was followed by the family picnic. Many past and present Picton people were in attendance as well as descendants of the Antill family.

The time capsule will stay buried for fifty years and many present on the day will not be around in the year 2041, but it is hoped many of the children will be present.

The Bowling Club's Charity Day was held on the Wednesday, again under delightful weather, with the money raised being donated towards a Heart Start monitor for the Picton Ambulance Service.

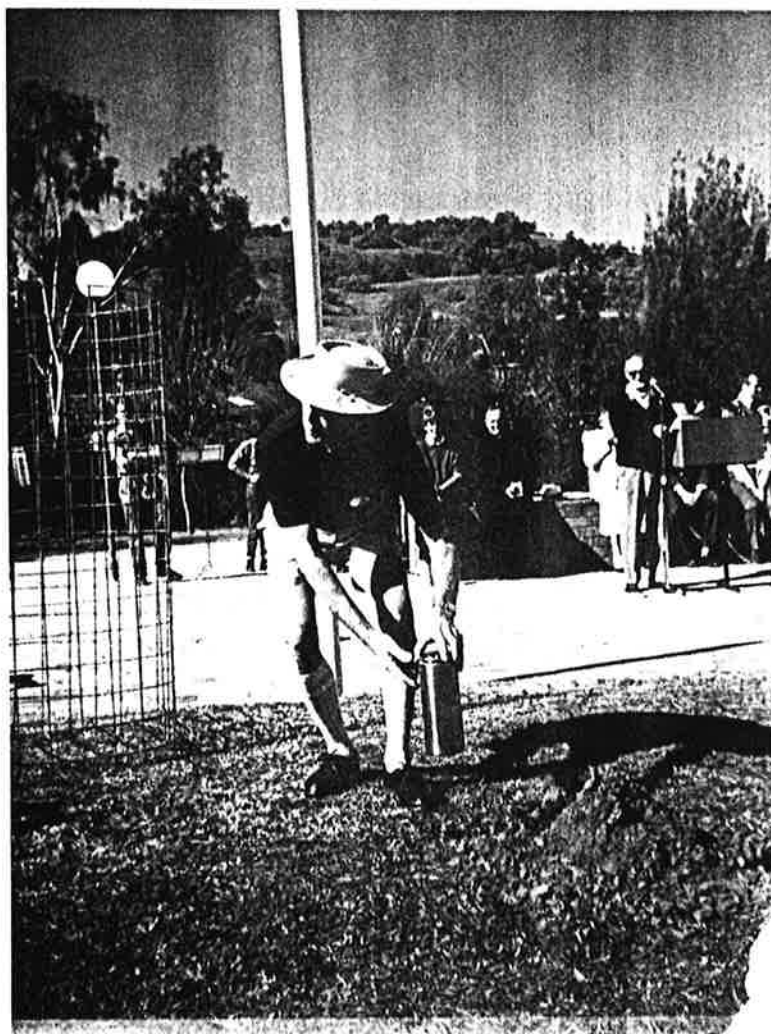
The final event for the celebrations was the St. Anthony's Debutante Ball held at the A.H. and I. Hall on the 10th. August, with five lovely young ladies being presented to Father Chris Roberts as the Bishop was unable to attend.

The celebration proved a talking point for many days and will be remembered for many years. The whole celebrations were a credit to all groups involved and to the organising committee.



THE SOCIETY'S FLOAT
IN THE PARADE

PRESIDENT, TONY MORRICE
PLANTING THE TIME CAPSULE



engines pulled loads of 25 tons, consisting of 5 blue metal bins or 5 flat top trucks for bagged cement.

A second loop was installed about a mile and a half below the other one for servicing the sanitary depot with water when necessary, using two wooden 1000 gallon trucks. One day while the engine was in hooking on to the empty trucks, the train had been left on the mainline owing to the brakes not being securely screwed on, moved off backwards from the way they had come, which was all downhill for several miles. After progressing about a mile they disintegrated with the speed emptying their load of cement into the bush. Luckily passing over the Appin-Wilton road level crossing without a collision. Later on catch points were installed above that crossing in case it happened again.

At last the big construction of Cordeaux Dam was completed in 1926.

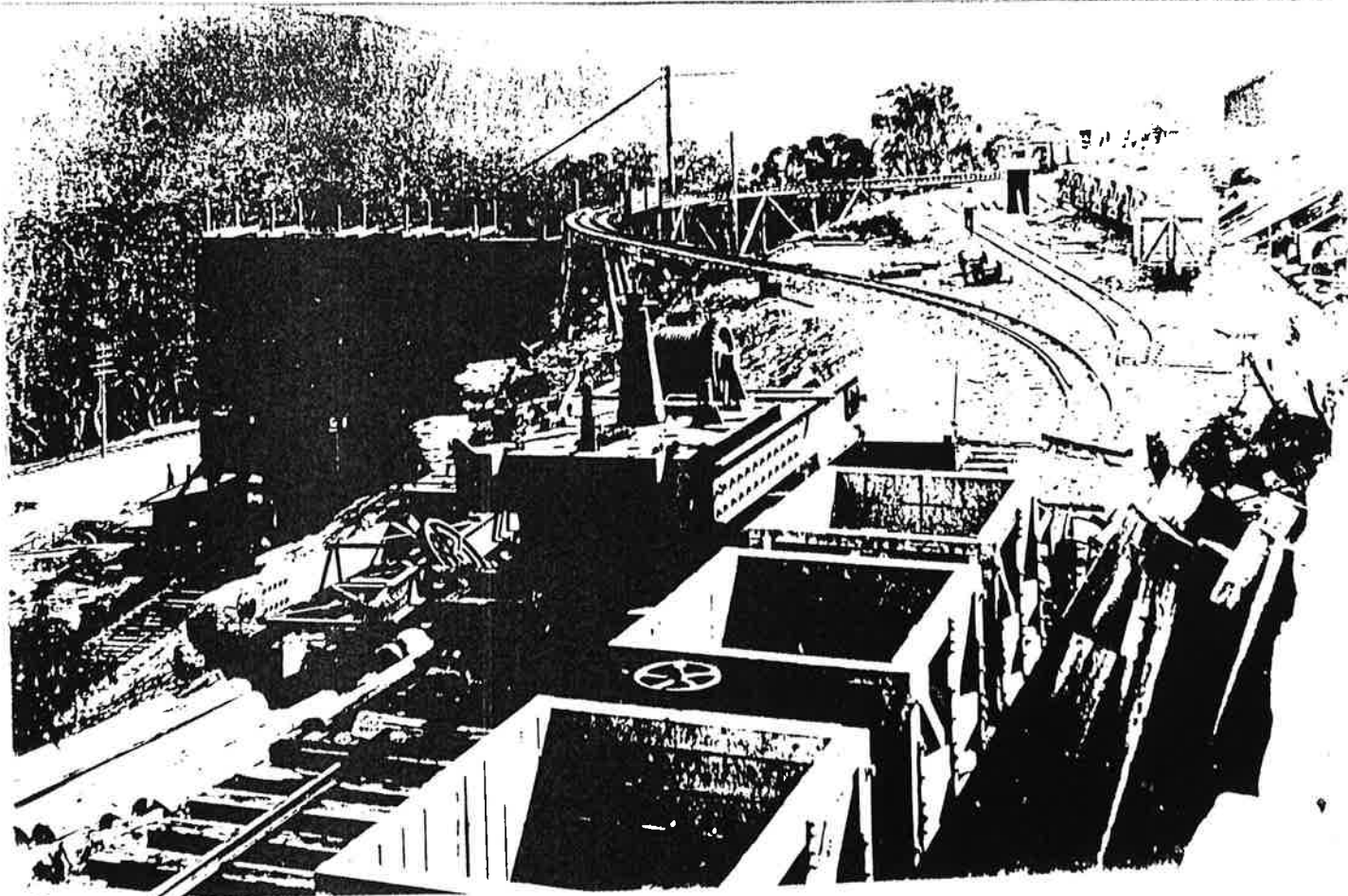
There not being any further use for the little railway, it was pulled up and taken away. I understand Cleary Bros of Douglas Park bought one of the engines and portion of the line and established it on the Nepean river at Menangle for hauling sand to high ground for loading onto motor trucks to be taken wherever needed. After some years at this work Cleary's took it all down to their quarry at Bombo near Kiama New South Wales, where it worked many more years carrying blue metal.

About 10 or twelve years ago when visiting the Steam Museum at Wollondilly river near Goulburn, I found this same little engine sitting on rails at one side, it gave me quite a thrill to see it

again after all those years. The proprietor told me he had bought it and brought it up from Kiama intending to put down a track to carry visitors around the ground.

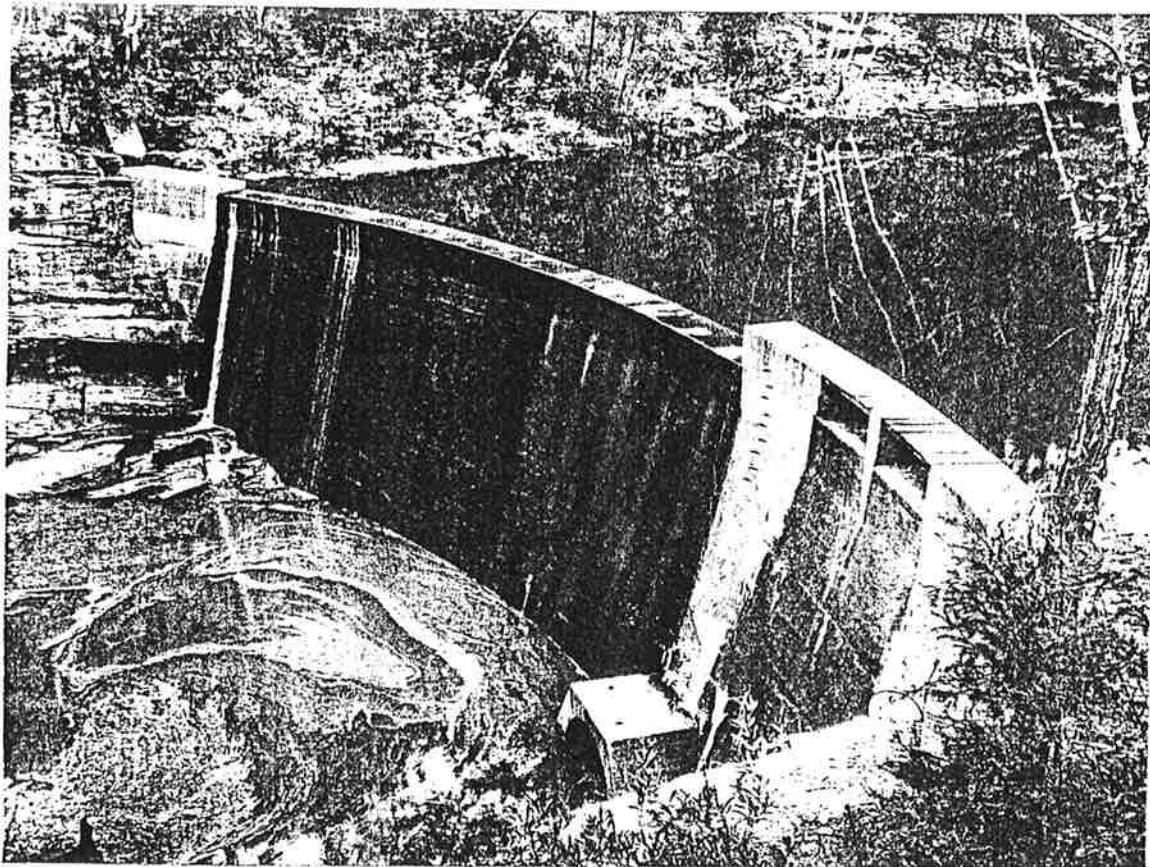
Referring back to the ropeway or flying fox at Douglas Park, I've been told that a man who worked on the Wilton side used to get into a bucket on its last trip of the day to ride back to Douglas Park. One day it broke down before he reached the other side and he had to spend the night there until it was fixed the next morning.

The wages for the train driver and fireman was 10 shillings a day for the driver and 7 shillings for the fireman. The two fettlers who were taken to work each morning in a trolley behind the train and brought home at the end of the day in the same way got 8 shillings a day.



RAIL TRUCKS BEING OFF LOADED AT CORDEAUX DAM SITE

From Col Smith's Collection of Photographs.



Bargo River Weir.

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NICOLE HANGER, ONE OF THE WINNERS AT THE ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL WITH LOCAL MEMBER FOR CAMDEN DR. LIZ KERNOH

DID YOU KNOW

1868- The first Australian overseas cricket team collected mainly from the Western District of Victoria, these aborigines were coached for two years by T.W.Wills and C.Lawrence, prior to visiting England. As their names were too long and awkward for easy use they were given nicknames such as Twopenny, Redcap and Sundown.

1861- The skeletons of Burke and Wills were discovered at Cooper's Creek. Their expedition had reached the Gulf of Carpentaria, but on the return journey both Burke and Wills died of malnutrition and exhaustion.

1843- Thomas Sutcliffe Mort established what was to become Australia's major wool selling agency in Sydney.

1836- William Grant Broughton, first Bishop of Australia, arrived here on the second of June, 1836 and was installed at St. James Church Sydney, three days later. His coat of arms read "Bona Que Honesta" and the translation is "That which is good is honest".

1820- Thaddeus Von Bellingshausen, Captain of the Russian ship "Vostock" established an observatory at North Head Sydney.

1885- Excerpts from the "Picton Argus" dated Saturday, 22nd August: On the 26th. August, W.B. Bell will sell at his mart at 2 pm, eggs, butter, poultry, cheese, maize, turnips, chaff, bacon, beef, pigs, etc. etc. (Was this the first of the big Super Markets).

1885- Same paper - (Anyone for music)
I beg to inform the inhabitants of Picton and surrounding districts that pupils for the piano and harmonium are received by me. The instructions are faithfully instructed and strict instructions are paid to all pupils committed to my charge. Good toned and perfectly tuned instruments to practice on. Terms: Miss I. Stronge--Picton.

1895- The Picton Argus of Wednesday May 15:
Teeth extracted 2/6d. Children 1/-. Teeth filled with silver and gold amalgam. Country orders promptly attended to. Personal attendance night and day.
William J. Hunter. M.P.S.I. Q. NSW Reg.

1901- The Picton Post of June 12th: Council has purchased a new table with a drawer for each alderman. (Is this the table recently restored by our Society).

1932- The Picton Post on January 13th:
Miss Alice Tickle married Dudley Cumming.
Test for infantile paralysis.
Sam Emmett has letter suggesting formation of Fire Brigades for bush fire fighting.
A heat wave in Picton. 92.5 degrees F.

LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT--9th September, 1991.

The opening of the "Coach House" on the 26th January means that the Society now has official premises in which to house its local history collection.

We have extended the opening hours for the library and times now are:

Thursday 10am-2pm; Saturday 10am-3pm. 1st Sunday and 2nd Sunday of the month 2pm-4pm.

A browse through the Day book and Visitor's Book will give the best indication of how successful our "Resource Centre" has become and of the large number of hours members have spent on roster duty and in maintaining the records which are required for such a collection.

We were pleased to see some of the primary and high school students use the library and to meet a couple of the teachers. We have had visitors come from as far as Victoria to access the records and recently a lady rang for half an hour S.T.D. from Melbourne just to express her appreciation for the valuable information she had received concerning her family.

I would like to read out (to be included in the minutes) the names of those members who have worked regularly on roster duty in the library this year- Jean Fletcher, Marlane Fairfax, Peg Gard, Dianne Irwin, Jan Ross, Pat Shephard and Ken Williams.

Also appreciated is the assistance given by Fred Pullman, Judy Armstrong, Gail & Helen Hanger, Heather Eagles and Noel & Cynthia Collison (for death records).

Since the creation of a separate "archives" position at the last A.G.M., the work of the librarian has been much reduced. We are fortunate to have Jan Ross' skills in the Archive's Room.

I have enjoyed my past two years as Librarian and I wish to thank all those who helped make my position easier.



PATRICIA SHEPHARD,
IRENE PERROTTET
AND BOB WOOD
WORKING FOR THE
150TH CELEBRATIONS

SOME NEW ITEMS IN THE LIBRARY

ILLAWARRA PIONEERS PRE 1900. - Compiled & Edited by Illawarra Family History Group Inc. Wollongong, 1988.

MEMBERS INTEREST RESEARCH DIRECTORY, 1991. - Newcastle Family History Society.

JOSEPH CREIGHTON "MONUMENT" HIS DESCENDANTS - donated by Bill Creighton.

"S.S.TYNE" - List of Convicts transported to Sydney: Ships Surgeon's Log: Compiled & donated by Bill Creighton.

ANTIQUE AUSTRALIA - Published by View Productions Pty.Ltd.

THE WAY WE TRAVELLED - Published by View Productions Pty.Ltd.

CONVICTS & BUSHRANGERS - stories of bygone years - View Productions.

DOWN THE DARLING-THE CHARLES BAYLISS PHOTOGRAPHS - Kevin Jeffcoat & Sandra Brown.

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SISTERS JOHANN, CECILIA AND ANTOINETTE
OF ST ANTHONY'S PARISH, DRESSED IN THEIR
OLD HABITS FOR THE VIGIL MASS.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Mrs.E.Brown

Mr & Mrs B. Curtis

MRS.B. ANELZARK - Researching:
HORNE PARTRIDGE & ANDERSON families of BARGO.

MRS.B. MICHELL - researching:
WHITFIELD WEST RIDGWAY families

MR.R.PRESS - Researching:
PRESS WILLS LINIGEN SLATER & PRESCOTT families

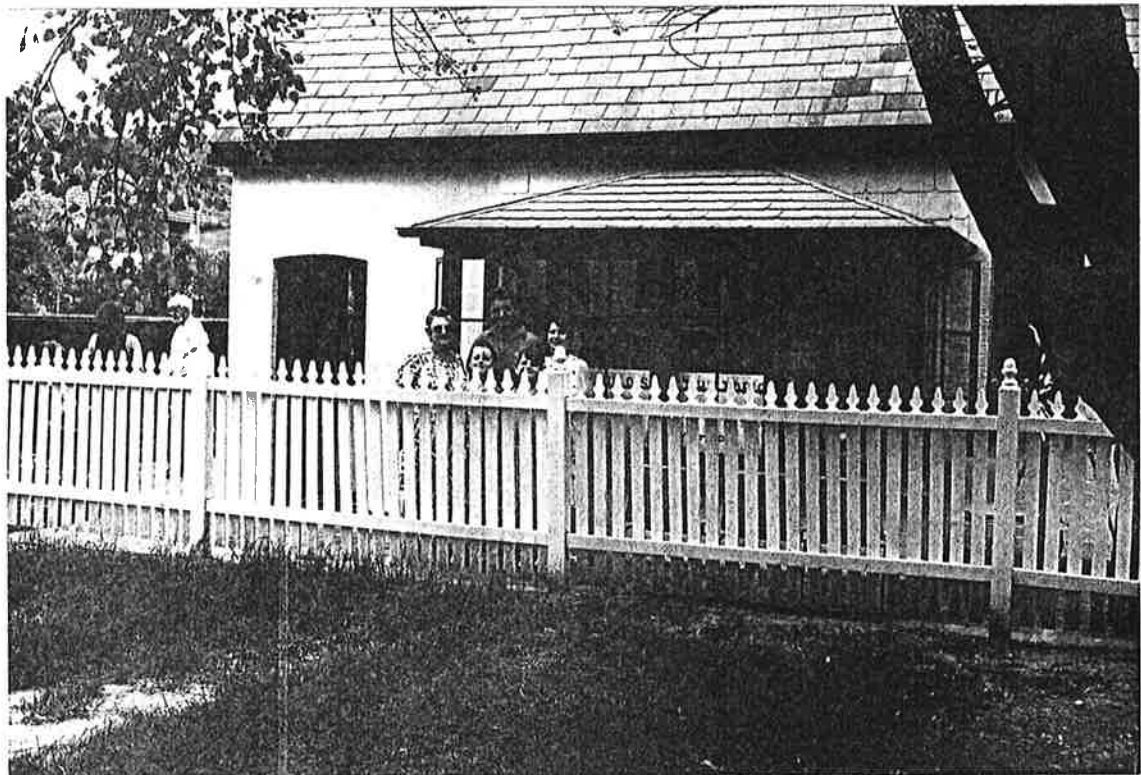
MR.D.RALPH - Researching:
CRACKNELL & AHERN families

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

Renewal fees were due as at 1/7/91.

If your Journal has a RED DOT on the cover, our records show that you have not renewed your membership.

Membership cards are now being issued. If you have paid your dues and not received a card - please let us know.



Member Mrs.Nancy Peisley with some of her family outside the COACH HOUSE at the OFFICIAL OPENING on 26.1.1991.

CAN YOU HELP

Mrs. Blundell of 56 Moss St. West Ryde 2114 would like anyone able to help identify anyone in photo. Her mother had said it was a Sunday School Picnic at Picton. It was taken approximately 1902-5. The two fellows in boater hats were Oz & Jack Randall. Oz born 1888 - Jack born 1891.



EXCERPTS from Picton Post & Advocate.

Jan 29th.1902. Wesleyans hold Anniversary Service. The Rev.R.Caldwell officiating. A picnic later held in Pooke's paddock.

October 5th 1904. Anglicans & Presbyterians held their separate Sunday School picnics to-day.

McGUFFICKE FAMILY REUNION

JINDABYNE MEMORIAL HALL

JINDABYNE NSW 2627

Saturday & Sunday 15th & 16th February 1992

B.Y.O. Basket Lunch (Tea & Coffee provided)

Registration Fee \$5.00

JAMES AND ESTHER (nee JARDINE) McGUFFICKE arrived NSW FEB 1841

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William Jardine	B	1841	M	Catherine Oliver
Nicholas Eggleton	B	1845	M	Michael Scully
John Inman	B	1848	M	(1) Amelia Jamieson (2) Amy Hemmings
Esther	B	1850	M	Daniel McGregor
Agnes	B	1852	M	Frederick Mould
Janet	B	1853	M	Robert Jardine
Elizabeth	B	1856		Died 1881
James	B	1858	M	Sarah E. Brown
Mary	B	1860		Died 1868

Any information, photos, stories about any of the family and their descendants would be most welcome.

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