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Presidents Report

It gives me pleasure to give my report for the year and to list the achievements made.

We set our table at shire day in October and had a very profitable day selling our 2002 calendar which was well received. We then went to the Botanical Gardens for Australia Day in January with our table and photographs and sold publications and calendars. Our next venture was the opening of the Victoria Bridge with Kate holding the fort and creating a lot of interest with our photographs and we sold a few calendars as well.

I would like to thank Ken Williams for all his hard work in compiling and publishing the 2 volumes of St Marks marriage registers with the 3rd volume just printed.

We have purchased a locker to secure valuable documents etc and a computer.

We had to vacate our room at the storage and to clear some of the artifacts stored there from the coach house, we had a garage sale which was quite profitable. I would also like to thank John Mann for his kindness in letting us use the storage facility.

At last the Agreement of Occupation was signed between the Library and the Society. This is to be an annual occurrence.

Our finances are in a fairly strong position, mainly due to a donation from the Picton Bowling Club, the sale of the excess material from storage and our publications.

Sadly during the year we lost one of our staunch helpers John Cleary who passed away after a long illness, he will be missed. It is with regret we heard of the death of Eric Turner on the 19th July and Arthur Larkin on the 20th July, they were valued members of the Society.

I would like to welcome all new members, and thank one of them Michael Abberton of Menangle for his donation of our second computer.

Elaine Callaway

The Alderman's Table

Elaine Ron and Debbie had a meeting with Mr. Taylor General Manager at Wollondilly Shire Council on 29th September 2003.

Council has agreed on the following:

1. to take the table and put in the foyer at Council Chambers
2. to have removalist remove table from the Old Post Office and reallocate to the foyer of Council Chambers.
3. To put protective glass on top of table for protection
4. To put plaque on table saying

Owned by the community of Picton and proudly restored by Picton and District Historical and Family History Society Inc in 1991.

Below is a copy of the official reply from council

2 October 2003

Dear Debbie

Thank you for the time spent at our recent meeting and in reply I confirm the following:

1. The "old board table" currently housed in the old Post Office building will be relocated by Council to the ground floor foyer of our offices.
2. Council will arrange for a brass plaque to be fixed to table with the following wording:

"Owned by the community of Picton and proudly restored by the Picton and District Historical and Family History Society Inc. in 1991".

With respect to your further suggestion regarding the old sandstone horse trough, which was located in front of the Shire Hall, I believe we may be able to find a position for it within our town enhancement program. Please contacty Mr. Paul Fairweather on _____ regarding opportunities.

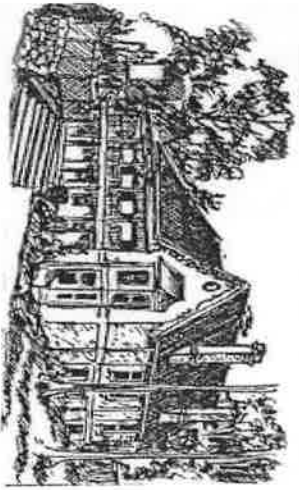
It was enjoyable to meet with the Society's representatives and please do not hesitate to contact me further regarding clarity of information

Yours faithfully

Graham Taylor
General Manager

Picton and District Historical and Family History Society Inc

Fact Sheet



Sketch by Barry Saxton

Imperial Hotel

Across the road from Webster street, is the "Imperial Hotel".

This building has been well preserved.

An appropriate name for the first hotel in the railway precinct, or the railway terminus as it was then known then known was "The Terminus". The first licensee in 1863 was Mr. R. Pooley and he remained until 1877.

Renamed "Florence Villa" it then functioned as a 'home for consumptives' until 'Harmony Homes'. Thirlmere, was built by Colonel J. H. Goodlet in 1886. The consumptive sanitarium was the first of its kind in Australia.

Reverting to its original use, the building was renovated by Mr. A. J. Skellett who had been employed as a track-layer on the railway to Picton. In May 1902, Skellett sold the hotel which was then known as 'The Club Hotel' to MR. T. E. Landbridge.

In 1934 the Picton licensing Court gave permission to change the hotel's name to the "Imperial Hotel".

In the past, commercial travelers displayed their wares in a large room at the hotel. With a very pleasant restaurant it is an extremely popular meeting place for the locals.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PICTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL AND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY HELD ON 6 SEPTEMBER 2003 AT 9.30 AM AT THE WOLLODILLY LIBRARY

PRESENT:

Elaine Callaway (President), Ron Callaway, Ken Williams, Kate Holmes, Betty Villy, Debbie Hayes, Tony Jagjicic, Laurie Taylor, Marlane Fairfax

APOLOGIES:

Gail Hanger, Helen Hanger, Peter Meyer

MINUTES: of the previous meeting were read and accepted

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: as read and tabled. Moved Elaine, seconded Ron

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: as read and tabled. Moved Marlane seconded Kate.

TREASURER'S REPORT: as tabled. Moved Ron Seconded Ken

Marlane Fairfax then took the chair. All positions were then declared vacant and the following office bearers were elected:

President: Elaine Callaway – moved Ken seconded Tony
Vice President: Gail Hanger – moved Ken seconded Ron
Treasurer: Ron Callaway – moved Marlane seconded Debbie
Secretary: Debbie Hayes – moved Kate seconded Elaine
Research Team to comprise of Kate Holmes, Helen and Gail Hanger -
moved Ron seconded Betty
Librarian Helen Hanger – moved Ken seconded Betty
Minutes Secretary Kate Holmes – moved Ron seconded Debbie

Election for Public Officer held over until next months meeting, as Peter Meyer was not available to accept position

The meeting closed at 9.50 and President Elaine Callaway then took the chair and the General Meeting was opened.

Peter Meyer has since accepted the position as Public Officer

Fact Sheet



Sir Thomas Picton
1758-1815

Sir Thomas Picton died one of Britain's most illustrious generals. An honoured British soldier, Picton was in 1794 placed in command in the West Indies under Sir John Vaughan: in 1791 appointed Governor of Trinidad and in 1803 Governor of Tobago after which he returned to England. In 1809 he served in the Walcheren Campaign, staged as a diversion in Zeeland to draw the pressure of Napoleon's forces from Austria. In 1810 he was in command of a fighting division under the Duke of Wellington in the Peninsular War, driving the French forces from Portugal, and pursuing them through Spain. There Sir Thomas Brisbane (1773-1860), later Governor of New South Wales, saw fighting with him after entering the army in 1789 and serving in Flanders, the West Indies and Canada. Picton was wounded and for a period in 1812 and 1813 recovered in England, to return and drive through Spain until the final victory at Toulouse in 1814. After the return of Napoleon from Elba, Picton was given the high command of the Anglo-Dutch army and, fighting at Quatre Bas was wounded, on June 16, 1815. Hiding his wounds he continued the fight to the Battle of Waterloo where he was shot through the head and killed by a musket ball on June 18. In his honour and memory a public monument was erected in St. Paul's Cathedral in London. Towns were named after him in Belgium near where he fell; in Canada, England, New Zealand and New South Wales whilst in Tasmania he is honoured by Mount Picton.

Story William A Bayley, F.R.A.H.S.

Treasurers Report

Balance Sheet for year ending 30th June 2003

RECEIPTS

Membership Fees	1165.00
Research	547.00
Photo/Coping	51.85
Publications	2211.90
Donations	411.49
Calendar	1768.00
Total	\$ 6185.24

EXPENDITURE

Postage	463.32
Stationary	215.20
Library Books	364.76
Printing	2112.70
Computer	292.07
Bank Fees	52.35
Insurance	762.30
Investment	500.00
Petty Cash	50.00
Miscellaneous	774.03
Total	\$ 5674.73

MISCELLANEOUS

Locker/Bookends	
Repairs/Spare parts	282.23
Photo/ Calendar	98.80
Picton High School	100.00
Total	\$ 774.03

Balance AS PER Bank Statement 1st July 2002	1439.82
Income for period 1st July 2002 to 30th June 2003	6185.24
Total	\$ 7625.06
Less Expenditure for same period	674.73
Balance as Statement 30th June 2003	\$ 1950.33

PLUS Investment	500.00
Credit Union Shares	5.00
Petty Cash	69.45
Total	\$2524.78

Life Members

Life membership has been given to **Jan Ross** and **Diane Irwin** for their outstanding contributions to our society.

Jan has been a member of our Society since its inception and has take the office of President, Treasurer, Secretary and Archivist over the years, she has written quite a lot of articles on Picton and its people, including Coach House Chronicles of Vault Hill, Harmony Homes, Railways, Stroll through the town buildings and many more. Jan has done quite a lot to promote the Society through articles in local newspapers.

Dianne and husband Joe moved to Picton around 1882 and she become interested in family history after the death of both parents, as she knew very little about her grandparents and great grand parents. She joined the Society in 1990 after meeting society members. Since joining the Society, Dianne has been a very valuable member, having the job of Librarian , Archivist and Research Officer for many years . Besides trying to do her own family research and helping to keep up with bits of interest from local newspapers for collection for the society. At present Dianne has resigned active participation due to ill health.

Congratulations and well done ladies and all the best for the future

Genealogy is not fatal, But it is a grave disease

Prayer for Genealogists

Lord, help me dig into the past and shift the sands of time
That I might find the roots that made this family tree of mine
Lord, help me trace the ancient roads on which my fathers trod
And lead them through so many lands to find our present sod
Lord, help me find an ancient book on dusty manuscript
That's safely hidden now away in some forgotten crypt
Lord, let it bridge the gap that haunts my soul when I can't find
The missing link between some name that ends the same as

mine
Anon



FOR THOSE BORN BEFORE 1940

Author Unknown

We were born before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen food, contact lenses, videos, Frisbees, freebees and the pill.

We lived before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ballpoint pens. Before dishwashers, tumble dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes and man walked on the moon.

We married first, then lived together. We thought fast food was what was eaten in Lent. A Big Mac was an oversized raincoat and crumpet we had for tea. We existed before house husbands, computer dating and dual careers. We lived at a time when a meaningful relationship meant getting along with our cousins and sheltered accommodation was where you waited for a bus.

We were alive before day care centers, group homes and disposable nappies. We never heard of FM Radio, tape decks, computers and artificial hearts, nor word processors, yogurt and men wearing earrings. For us, time—sharing meant togetherness, a chip was a piece of wood or a fried potato, hardware meant nuts and bolts and software wasn't a word.

Before 1940, "made in Japan" meant junk, "making out" referred to how you did in your exams, a stud was something that fastened your collar, "going all the way" meant staying on the tram until it reached the depot and a gay person was the life of the party. Pizzas, McDonalds and instant coffee were unknown. In our day cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was kept under control with a lawnmower pushed by hand, coke was kept in a coal house, a joint was a piece of meat eaten on Sunday and pot was an receptacle used for cooking or placing under a bed.

A porn shop was a pawn shop, the recycling unit was the rag and bone man, debt and illegitimacy were secrets, MacDonald was an old man with a farm, a doona was dad's overcoat and the "Top Ten" were commandments.

No wonder we are confused and there is a generation gap!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

FREE PASS

This pass is good on all Railways provided that the Bearer walks, carries his own luggage, swims all rivers, and stops for all Drinks, Meals and Smokes at:

W. W. Warr's
Royal George Inn
PICTON

Telephone: Picton 15

This Pass is not Transferable, except to Another Man with Money.

- I. When thirsty thou shalt come to my house and drink. Thou shalt honor me and my barman, so that thou may live long in the land and continue to drink at The George Inn for ever.
- II. Thou shalt not take anything from me unjustly, for I need all I have and as much more as I can get.
- III. Thou shalt not expect glasses too full or glasses too large — for I must pay my way.
- IV. Thou shalt not pinch my mugs, knives, forks, spoon's, towel's etc., lest bad luck overtake thee.
- V. Thou shalt honor me and mine, that thou mayst live long and see me often.
- VI. Thou shalt not break or destroy anything on the premises, else thou shalt pay double the value. Thou shalt not dare to pay me in bad money, "cronk" cheques, tobacco tags, nor ever sat the word "chalk," or "Slate".
- VII. Thou shalt call at the George daily. If unable to come, I shall consider it an insult unless thou sendest a substitute or an apology.
- VIII. Thou shalt not offend thy fellow customers, nor cast base insinuations upon their characters, by hinting that they drink too much.
- IX. Thou shalt not take the name of my goods in vain, as I always sell the best the market affords, and am always at home to my friends.
- X. Thou shalt not so far forget thy most honorable position and high standing in the community as to ask the barman to "shout: but thou mayst shout for him and me often.

(W. W. Warr was the owner and licensee of Picton's George Inn between 1923 and 1934)

Hill End and Tambaroora District Pioneer Register

A long awaited **Hill End and Tambaroora District Pioneer Register** (listing settlers and families in the district up to 1920) is in the process of being compiled.

For many years the descendants of the early families have met in the Botanical Gardens in Sydney for an annual reunion. At the 2003 Gathering it was suggested that we should try and record for posterity, the family details of the early settlers and gold mining families who once lived in the Hill End and Tambaroora District. They were special people who managed to live and work under terrible conditions at times, far from large towns, shops or any medical help in those early days. Later, as the goldrush expanded, more people arrived, businessmen soon opened up shops and hotels and the village grew into the town we see in the old Holtermann photographs.

There are 2 ways in which you can ensure that your ancestor is recorded in this Register. You may either contact Lorraine Purcell via email at lorraine@compassnet.com.au or drop a line to:

B. Maris
15 Gowran Brae Ave

Oatlands, NSW 2217

Email: maris@frogey.com.au for a copy of the registration form which will be returned to you as a Word attachment. You may then fill it out and return it electronically to either of the addresses on the form or you may wish to print it out and return it via snail mail to the addresses which are also on the form.

Closing date is 30th November 2003.

Even if you have very little information about your ancestors, at least they will be recorded and their details made available for those that come after you. If you have more than two ancestors to record (and many of the families intermarried) please fill out a separate form for each family. Feel free to spread the word about the Register and pass on our contact details to other descendants.

There is no charge to register your ancestors in this publication. They will, however, let you know when the book has been published as you or your family may wish to buy a copy. Don't forget to include your contact details.

Thank You's

Picton Bowling Club for there kind donation.

John Mann for allowing us usage of the storage facility.

Carol Church for her permission to use her sketches.

Rotary also for their permission to use Carols sketches (as Rotary owned them).

Barry Saxton for his permission to use his sketches.

Sharon and Terry at Arrow Office Supplies for allowing us the use of their book binder.

Michael Abberton—Menangle Engineering for his donation of the computer.

Laurie Taylor for the help in acquiring books at life line.

Ken Williams on his great work with the Marriage register's.

Ron, Elaine, Gail, Helen, Debbie, Ken, Kate and Betty for the work the did vacating the storage unit and holding the garage sale.

Wollondilly Shire Council for accepting our table to go into the foyer of the council chambers.

Kate Holmes for her donation and work on the design of our tea towel

Dr Liz Kernohan for her donation of framed Photograph of Picton Railway Station.

Register). Charles was the verger at St Peter's Campbelltown in 1843, according to a note in the margin of St Peter's Cemetery Register beside the burial of his son Edwin in 1917.

His son Charles was baptized at Glenlee on 19 October 1845 (Parish Register), and Charles himself was appointed constable at Narellan on 1 July 1847 (Police Dept. Letter dated 25 July 1984).

Daughter Ann was born at Narellan on 3 August 1848 (parish Register). Charles Bamford, aged 50, carpenter, by trade, was a mounted policeman in Campbelltown in 1852 (same Police Dept. letter) - right age and right trade.

When Ann Bamford died on 21 February 1861 the occupation of her husband Charles was District Constable, Picton, (Death Certificate), and the same letter from the Police Dept says he retired on a pension in 1862. On 17 September 1862 at Paddington in Sydney, Charles married a widow Ann Puckett (Marriage Certificate). In the 1864 Sands Directory he was a Licensed Victualler at the "Sir John Falstaff" at Coogee: he died there on 3 March 1864, as a result of "Concussion of the brain caused by a fall accelerated by interperance". John Reeves was a witness to the burial at St Mark's, Picton. (Death Certificate).

So the earliest Charles could have been at Picton was late 1852, and he had retired from there in 1862.

My grandfather, Robert Reeves, died 12 June 1950, a very wet, windy month of coal shortages and blackouts—granddad was living with us, my brother was in the Merchant Navy on a collier, and my mother had pneumonia—I remember it well.

William Reeves died 4 November 1949—another month clearly etched on my memory: three family deaths in two weeks, a very ill 10 year old cousin staying with us, and for good measure, my final university exams.

Keith will already have told you that his grandfather was Charley, born 29 March 1869 married Sophie Unwin 1893, died 1 January 1933. Alice Brown, daughter of William Reeves, told me he was registered as Charley, and I saw it in the register.

The will of John Reeves, farmer, written 6 September 1897, left the house, money, furniture. Stock and allotment adjoining Priory Cottage to his widow Ruth Reeves: and upon her death Priory Cottage and adjoining block were to go to Arthur; 3 blocks of land on Coull Estate were to be equally divided between daughters Annie and Ruth. His library was left to his widow to be divided among his family in the most suitable way. (Copy of the will).

I trust this rounds out the story in the June 2002 Journal and corrects a few errors

Robin Handley

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS WERE DUE ON 1 JULY 2003

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CONTINUING SUPPORT

Attention Members

On clearing out our storage unit we have quite a large number of journals from other societies, as we now have nowhere to store these journals we are offering them to you the members for the price of the postage.

We have journals from over seventy different societies. Anyone interested can contact the secretary either by phone on 02 46818491 or by email at pdhfs@bigpond.com.

The journals will then be packaged and weighted and an invoice will be sent to you for the postage, on arrival of payment the package will be forwarded.

Lymington. On 6 December 1839 when James was baptized they were living at Pinewell, Christchurch, they were still there for the 1841 Census and also for Jannette's baptism on 14 August 1842, when John would have been 7 1/2. Lymington, on the Solent, and Christchurch, are within 25 miles of Portsmouth (an important naval base and dockyard for many centuries) and Southampton (with a fine harbour and a modern system of docks begun in 1838). I think this area would have had more influence on John, aged 3 to 8+, then Hastings in the first two years of his life.

On 9 September 1843 George was transferred to the Studland Bay Station in the Swanage district in Dorset, (but really just around the coast from Christchurch, 10 miles across Poole Bay.) On 27 October 1849, probably because the coastguard service was being reorganized at that time, George (not John), was retrenched from the Mounted Guard. Thus there is no confusion as to what John was doing in 1850: he was a boy second class on the "Excellent". A boy goes on to become a seaman (an AB), so he was not a midshipman who goes on to become an officer.

These details of John's time in the Navy come from a page in the muster book of the "Calliope" to which John was transferred on 4 December 1850. The Calliope, a 26-gun frigate, was based in Devonport near Plymouth at that time, but she was about to become the leading ship of the Pacific Fleet to be based in Sydney from 1851 to 1855 (Australian Encyclopedia Vol. 6 p. 260), so John was on her first trip to Sydney.

The Photocopy of the Calliope's muster sheet is very poor, but it is quite clear that John was discharged in Sydney on 14 August 1851, reason: "R", which stands for "Ran". We need to get a copy of the muster's book of the Excellent to see if that was John's first ship—all in good time.

As for the Police records, they seem to be incomplete for this period anyway, and the only George Reeves there doesn't fit the dates, so I believe it is the fault of the records, not the name. John married under his own name in April 1856, and was a Police Constable after that.

The only members of John's family who followed him to Picton were his sisters, Elizabeth and Jannette.

Ruth Bamford was born in Manchester on 11 May 1838 (Birth Certificate), so was nearly 3 1/2 when she arrived in Sydney on the "United Kingdom" with her parents Charles and Ann Bamford on 7 September 1841. (Shipping Records) Charles was then 40, (baptized at Littleborough, Lancashire, on 12 July 1801, Parish Register). They must have gone very soon to the Campbelltown area. The following dates trace their movements.

Daughter Mary was born at Campbelltown on 11 October 1842 (Parish

Welcome to New Members

The Society welcomes the following new members and wishes them every success in their research:

24	Abbott, Susan	1 Sunrise Ave Terrigal
26	Hartley, Patricia	28 Eurelia St Buxton
27	Hill, Susan	57 Lumsdaine St Picton
29	Dickeson, Alannah	95 Russel Lane Oakdale
33	Jones, Suzanne	3 Windsor Ave Carlingford
39	Cowan, Jason	4 Milne St Talmoor
42	Watson, Anne	79 East Rd Seaforth Vic
57	Abberton, Michael	Menagle Rd Menangle
59	Pippen, Craig	42/39 Dangar Pl Chippendale
178	Hanssen, Robyn	4 Glory Way Kellyville
179	Littlejohn, June	3/93 Port Hacking Rd Sylviaia

Who am I

I married a widow who had a grown up daughter

My father fell in love with my step-daughter and married her,

My father became my son-in-law, my step-daughter became my mother

Because she was my father's wife

My wife had a son, who then was my father's brother-in-law and my uncle,
For he was the brother of my step-mother

My father's wife also had a son. He was my brother and my grandchild, for
He was the son of my step-daughter. My wife was my grandmother for she
was My mother's mother.

I was my wife's husband and grandchild and as the husband of a person's
Grandmother is his grandfather. So just who am I?

Answer on page 10.

“Vale”

John Joseph Cleary—22nd March 1944 – 14th June 2003
John Joseph Cleary was born on 22nd March 1944 to Richard and Leila May Cleary. He lived at 45 Barremma Rd, Lakemba until he left in 1972 and went off to Pheasants Nest. He worked at the Department of Main Roads in Picton and helped to construct the western side footpath on Stonequarry bridge. He did fencing in the Picton and Wilton area and both sides of the Freeway from Exeter to Uringulla Creek a concrete post every eight feet plus strainers at 200 meters.
He married Maureen Ann Rosberg on 15th January 1983 at St Anthony's Church, Picton and has two children, David and Leila.
John was a valued and active member of our society, and will be truly missed by all.
The funeral was on the 19th June 2003 at St Anthony's Church Tahmoor

Arthur Edwin Larkin—20th July 2003

Arthur a member of our society, after coming to reside in Bargo with wife Ann, he died 20th July 2003, his wife Ann died around eighteen months earlier.
Arthur loved his family, history and helping anyone.

Eric Turner—19th July 2003

Eric passed away at Concord Hospital on 19th July, at a wonderful age of 88 years. Eric joined the society in early 1990, and drove to Picton for the night meetings and returned home the same night. He was very interested in Picton and District as he lived in Picton as a young man, where his father ran a milk run by horse and cart, his wife pre-deceased him many years ago, two sisters survive him.

Answer from page 9: I am my own grandfather

John Reeves

Comments and fact to what was written in June 2002 journal
By his great grand daughter
Robin Handley

It was with great interest that I read the article “John Reeves 17.1.1835—16.11.1897” in the Stonequarry Journal written by Elizabeth Villy with the help of Keith Reeves.
I am the granddaughter of John's son, Robert, so a second cousin of Keith, whom I know and with whom I have exchanged family history information.
Another interested second cousin of ours is Rosalind Torrent of Sydney, granddaughter of John's son, Arthur.

Rosalind and I are currently co-operating on finding out more about John's father, George Reeves.
But now I would like to add a few comments and facts to what was written in the journal.

John Reeves was born on 17 January 1835 at Hastings as recorded in a bible in the possession of my brother, also John Reeves, now of Cooma. When John was baptized in the Parish of St Clement at Hastings on 24 April 1835 the family's abode was recorded as “Holy Trinity” but I can't find any evidence of a parish called Holy Trinity. George's occupation was given as a wheelwright. As this information came from Bishop's Transcripts, not the original registers, there could have been a transcription error. Apart from the fact that a wheelwright was a very skilled craftsman who had to serve a long apprenticeship (and it is possible George did this in his early years as we don't yet know what he did in the first 21 years of his life) George had applied from London to join the Mounted Guard (part of the Coastguard Service) and was appointed to Ecclesbourne Station, No 39 Tower at Hastings on 30 May 1833, so had already been a Mounted Guard at Hastings for 18 months when John was born. These details and the following Mounted Guard information I found in the Indexes in the Public Record Office at Kew. (ADM 175.97, 176.6, 175.7).

The only reference to George as a Customs Officer is in the 1851 Census for Bristol—it looks as though he joined the Customs Service after he was retrenched from the Mounted Guard in October 1849. We are still working on this.

On 28 March 1837, when John was just over 2 years old, George was transferred to the Hythe Station in the Southampton district, and when the next child, Elizabeth, was baptized on 12 July 1837 they were living at