

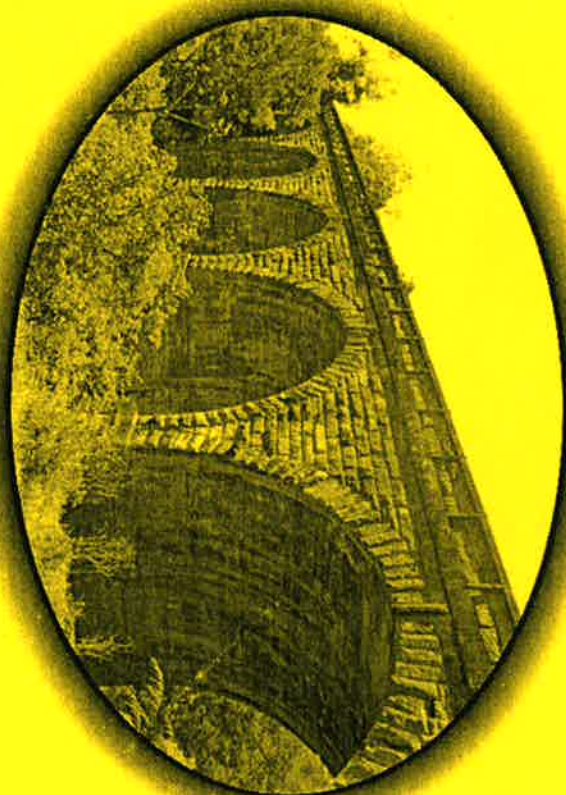
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Presidents report

It gives me great pleasure to give my report and thank everyone for their support and help during the year and to list the considerable achievements made.

We participated in Shire Day in October, 2003 in which we sold some publications, during Heritage week we attended the Wollondilly Heritage Centre and showed our valuable collection of old and new photographs of Picton and surrounding areas which were of great interest to people during the day.

We were also privileged to go to the Botanical Gardens on Australia Day again with some of our photographs and publications.

This year we have purchased a Jet Laser Printer, which will enable us to print our publications and journals at a very reduced cost to the society. We have had a Billboard made which has enabled everyone passing by to know that the society is on the 2nd floor of the library.

We have been fortunate this year in receiving a grant from the Wollondilly Council which will allow us to update the Cemeteries in the area in a pictorial form.

We have also had a most welcome grant from the Bradman Corporation of a computer and scanner.

I would like to thank Helen Hanger, Debbie Hayes and Kate Holmes for their great help every Thursday and Betty Villy and Ken Williams for their help on the 2nd and 4th Saturday mornings.

The Society is always in need of new members to join, they would be made most welcome.

Elaine Callaway
President

Plea from the Editor

It is hard to get enough material to fill the journal, I'm asking please send anything big or small it doesn't have to be typed, I'll gladly include it if space permits. The idea of this journal is for our Members to enter their missing ancestors, also to include stories about them hoping that someone else is connected to their family and that they may get in touch with them, as I'm finding in the next journal.

The Editor

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if it doesn't concern you, leave the bloody thing alone.

This is the story about four people.

Named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it. But Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done. Which "Body" are you? !!!!!

Librarian's Report

This report will be short and sweet, as I am no writer. Firstly, a big thank you to all our hard working members, who turn up each week. But small in numbers.

We have had a wonderful year, having done research for people from England and Ireland and States of Australia with a lot of success.

We attended and held displays for, Shire Day at Bargo, Australia Day at Picton. Open Day at Wollondilly Heritage Centre at The Oaks, also Family History Conference held at Gosford, our stall maned by two of our members thanks Marlane Fairfax and Ken Williams.

I am glad to report that we have been given two grants this year, one from Bradcorp and Wollondilly Shire Council for which we are very grateful, as our income is mainly from membership and research and some sales of goods.

The stock taking is still in progress, going well. Laurie Taylor has obtained extra books for us ay a small cost. Many thanks. Our new books include, 2004 G.R.D., Cemetery Transcripts from Penrith and Camden, and at the S.A.G. "Showcase" we were able to purchase micro fiche for Australia Genealogy Computer Index at a reduced cost; and Marriage Index Vol. 3 St Mark's Picton by Ken Williams. Thanks Ken.

We have lost another member in name of Ted Dobson who died this year.

Well I hope you all have a healthy and successful 2005.

Helen Hanger
Librarian

Treasurer's Report

Balance Sheet for Year ending 30th June 2004

RECEIPTS	\$	c
Membership Fees	1445	00
Research	659	00
Photo/Coping	92	00
Publications	1159	00
Donations	465	00
Postage/Handling	165	35
Merchandise Sales	310	00
Bank Interest	29	63
**Miscellaneous	843	00
Total	<u>5004</u>	<u>08</u>

**Miscellaneous
Garage Sale \$743 00
Micro fiche \$100 00

EXPENDITURE

Postage	475	00
Stationery	470	70
Library Books	335	25
Computer	1264	00
Bank Fees	31	25
Insurance	665	50
Printing	25	80
Subscriptions	150	50
"A" Sign	386	00
Merchandise (Towels)	1636	25
Dept. Of Fair Trading	74	00
Service/Repairs	92	00
**Miscellaneous	175	08
TOTAL	<u>6082</u>	<u>84</u>

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Advertising \$25 08
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Bank Statement 1st July 2003	1950.33	Plus Investment	520.25
Income 1/7/2003 to 30/6/2003	<u>5004.08</u>	Credit Union	5.00
Total	6954.41	Petty Cash	<u>50.00</u>
Less Expenditure same period	<u>6082.84</u>	Total	<u>575.25</u>
Balance as Statement 30/6/2004	871.57		

their Upper Picton sites vacant initially whereas the Wesleyans built their chapel in Upper Picton.

The Antill dynasty continued through Major Henry Colden Antill's son John Macquarie then to Robert Henry. The Antill men were always employed in the controlling positions in the town, magistrate, registrar of births, deaths and marriages etc. They were behind almost every community group established. They were "Lords of the Manor" so to speak. They were all-powerful. It appeared that no-one, including the government, made a move without first consulting the Antills.

The Antills were extremely generous giving sites for the churches, the Lower Picton school, the catholic presbytery, the railway, the lock-up, the court house. Subsequently all these buildings were erected on sites convenient to the Antill family. Though we must not forget that the Antill family influence was also responsible for the main southern road and rail line coming through Picton. However that's another tale.

The Upper Picton residents who had invested in land in the government town had no friends in government and though they fought for the government's support of its own town they were unsuccessful.

On Robert Henry Antill's death in 1938 the dynasty and what could be interpreted as the control of the town ended. It had lasted 117 years.

Upper Picton (Redbank) has moved in a full circle. First divided into building allotments, when it didn't develop as expected it became a small rural settlement of farms. From the 1950s, the farms were gradually divided up again into their original half acre allotments and it has now become suburban with a house on almost every lot.

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From the book

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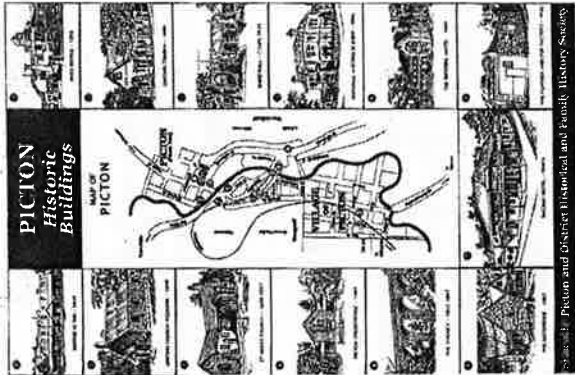
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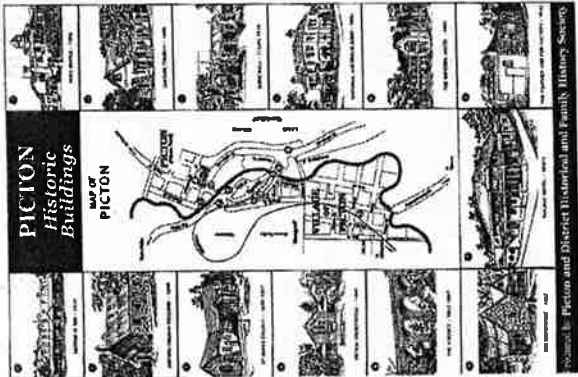
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Burials
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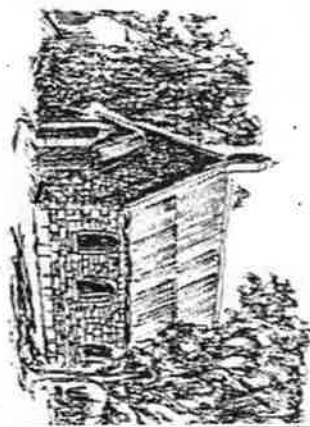


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Local Histories

BELLEVUE

Section 7 Lot 16 Corner of Anhill and Wild Streets, Picton

by Jan Ross A/Dip.L.A.H.

"Bellevue" was built for George Bell who first came to Picton around 1845. The original construction probably took place shortly before 1859 but a detailed examination of the style and type of building materials would be a pre-requisite to pinpointing the exact date.

According to the Bell family records, two brothers originally settled in Picton. In 1837 George and James Bell who had been born in East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent, joined the crew of the convict ship "Asia V" after their father who was a widower decided to remarry. Their uncle, Benjamin Freeman was the Master of the "Asia V" and in order to secure a passage they adopted his surname. As soon as they arrived in Sydney they are supposed to have dived overboard and swum to shore. (1)

Apparently the two men carried letters of introduction to an acquaintance in Berrima and again according to family stories George (snr) worked there until he came to Picton around 1844. (2) This information, however, may be slightly misleading since George (snr) married Sarah Sargent on 25 December 1844 at Sutton Forest (3) and his signature does not appear on an "1848 petition" as a Picton landholder seeking the right to vote. (4)

Also George (snr) Bell was not amongst the first to purchase land in the Village of (Upper) Picton in 1850/1 although his name features on the electoral roll of 1859/60 as a freeholder with a dwelling house. By this stage George's (snr) brother James was a leaseholder at Myrtle Creek and his father-in-law, Thomas Sargent, was a resident of Upper Picton. (5)

George (snr) and Sarah's first child, George (nr) was born in Picton in 1845. (6) Bell family records also indicate that in the mid 1840s George (snr) helped make the bricks that featured in the construction of a steam mill which was located adjacent to St Mark's Church on the banks of the Stonequarry Creek. Sarah's father, Thomas Sargent who came from Sussex was an assistant at the mill. (7)

This story is confirmed by the fact that George (snr) stated that his occupation was a "brickmaker" when George (nr) was baptised on 24 May 1846. (8) The next child to be baptised in Picton was Emma on 18 March 1859 when George (snr) indicated that

he was a "labourer". (9)

In 1850 George is said to have been appointed supervisor of road works between Camden and Berrima. When referring to the condition of the road over Razorback and the fact that his father had to be transported by boat for over two miles in order to reach his home at Camden, James has intimated that the family was at this stage living in Camden. (10)

Although there were four sons (James, John, Thomas and an unnamed male) (11) born between George (jnr) in 1845 and Emma in 1859, none of the babies were baptised in Picton yet James maintained that he was born in Picton. (12) He probably was born in Picton (1847) but baptised elsewhere. The unnamed male was registered in Camden in 1856. (13) So George (snr) and Sarah, therefore, left Picton around 1847 and only returned somewhere after 1856 and before 1859.

In 1860 George (snr) is said to have resigned from his position with the Colonial Government in order to tender for the job of draining and macadamising the road between Picton and Mittagong. (14) The acceptance of George's (snr) tender dated March 1860 and the inclusion of his name on the 1859/60 electoral roll implies that by this stage the home had already been established. I am presuming of course, that the 1859 residence is the basis of today's dwelling. George's (snr) wife Sarah died in 1865 and George (snr) died in 1894. Their eldest son, George (jnr) married Elizabeth Duck in 1866 but they had no children. (15) In 1907, the home belonged to Harriett who was the fifth child and first daughter of George (snr) and Sarah. (16)

According to a local identity, Harriett and her brother Harry lived by themselves for many years although they did take in a state ward who was responsible for all the gardening. (17) Harriett Bell died in 1932 having lived until she was 80 years of age. (18)

The house was then bought by Zedric Taylor who did some renovations to the building while he lived there. This was before the start of WWII. The next owner was J.B. (Brad) Cartwright but he never occupied "Bellevue".

At the time J.B. Cartwright also owned the general store where the Funeral Parlours (Argyle Street) are today and Brad Cartwright's brother lived in "Bellevue" until his death. "Bellevue" was then rented to Jack Thomas who was a Methodist Minister. Mrs McLachlan was the next occupant. Along with her children and grandchildren she was one of many people who fled the city for the duration of WWII after the Japanese submarines had managed to infiltrate Sydney Harbour. (19)

The first marital home of Reg and Joyce James (nee Hill) was the dwelling which was attached to Cartwright's general store. When Cartwrights wanted more space and to move into the residence adjoining their shop, Brad Cartwright managed to persuade Reg and Joyce James to relocate to "Bellevue". By this stage the McLachlan family had moved into another house in Argyle Street. (20)

The current owners purchased "Bellevue" after the death of Joyce James and the original dwelling would have been constructed approximately 145 years ago or around 1859.

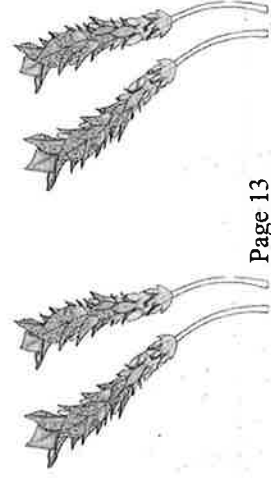
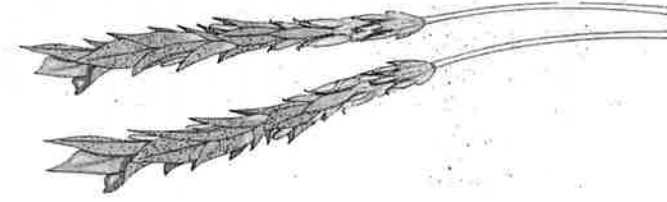
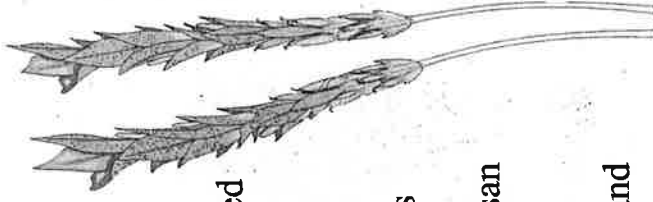
(1) * Bell, James. History of Picton

(2) Ibid

Old Recipe

Vegetable Slice

- 12 Eggs
- 1 Cup Oil
- 2 1/2 Cups of S.R. Flour
- Pepper, Salt and Sugar
- 4 Zucchini grated
- 1/2 butternut pumpkin grated
- 6 onions sliced
- 6 carrots grated
- 4-5 sticks of celery sliced
- 1/4 cauliflower small pieces
- 1/2 bunch parsley chopped
- 1 1/2 cups of grated parmesan cheese
- mix all ingredients together
- sprinkle extra cheese and sesame seeds on top
- cook approx 1 hour at 180



Results of Society Constitution Change

Recommendation for changes or additions to the constitution, must be received by the committee at least 14 days prior to a General Meeting, and notice of such recommendation circulated amongst members prior to the General Meeting.

On Saturday the 5th of June 2004 two new clauses were put to the members present at the General Meeting, the result being:

1. CLAUSE 3A: PATRONS:
That a Patron or Patrons be appointed to this society.

PASSED

2. A member on admission to the society shall pay a joining fee once only, as recommended by the committee. This fee entitles the new member to a copy of the societies constitution.

FAILED

**Old Genealogists never die,
They just lose their census**

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HISTORY OF TAHMOOR PARK

By Val Astley Member No 112

In the early days, the land around Myrtle Creek was granted to Doyle, and later bought and subdivided by Phippards, cousins of Gordon and Alma Tottterdell who lived in Tahmoor Road. George Vock and his father fenced the blocks, and on 9th April 1925, the 5.1 Hectare site of Tahmoor Park was given to Wollondilly Shire Council for "The purpose of a public park and generally for the purposes of public health use, recreation and enjoyment".

There was a caveat to the title in December, 1925 in which the Register General forbids the registration of any deal affecting the land, not consistent with the use of the land as a park and used for Public Recreation.

According to Mrs Lillian Miller who lived well into her nineties, Tahmoor Show was held in the park in the 1920's and she still had the leaflet advertising the fact. This handout is now safely in the possession of her daughter.

Of interest also, Mrs Miller commented that the Aborigine camp was situated at Myrtle Creek, below the Railway Tunnel.

In those days, many locals referred to the park as "Pear Tree Hill" because of the large pear tree growing on top of the hill, round about where the access lane from Remembrance Drive joins the park proper. The gnarled remains of this tree were still there until some time in the 1960's, although it was a long time since it had fruited.

Sixty odd years ago, an aeroplane made an emergency landing on the park, quite safely, which afforded the local children much excitement.

In 1994, under the new local government act, councils were required to classify council owned land as either operational or community, the community use to be kept for general public use, but operational need not be and could be sold. Tahmoor Park was one of fourteen lots of council owned land that they proposed to be re-classified as operational.

Keith Moore had previously run his dairy cows on the park, so the grass had not needed cutting, so many people did not know that they owned this facility.

This was Tahmoor's only park apart from a small plot in York Street, and a necessary green area.

Concerned residents petitioned and letters came from all over the shire for the site to remain a park and that it be made accessible to everyone. The land was then rezoned 6A—passive recreation, and council improved the access lanes.

A land care group was formed, and with a natural heritage grant in 1997,

blackberries, privet etcetera was removed by a working bee, and the area re-vegetated to a plan formulated by Al Mucci, talented Manager of Wirrimbirra Sanctuary.

Wirrimbirra and Wollondilly Community Nursery provided the plants, volunteer nursery staff and many children helping with the planting.

Since then, the Green Corp has spent several days re-planting and Councils contractor cuts the grass regularly.

This was proposed by Council's officers in 1994, so children can safely ride their bicycles as well as their ponies as they do now.

Adults will then be able to exercise also as well as walk pets. Seats are needed to rest and admire the view after walking up the hill, then senior groups can also enjoy morning tea in pleasant surroundings.

Below is the location of Tahmoor Park, come and see for yourself, it is yours to use.

