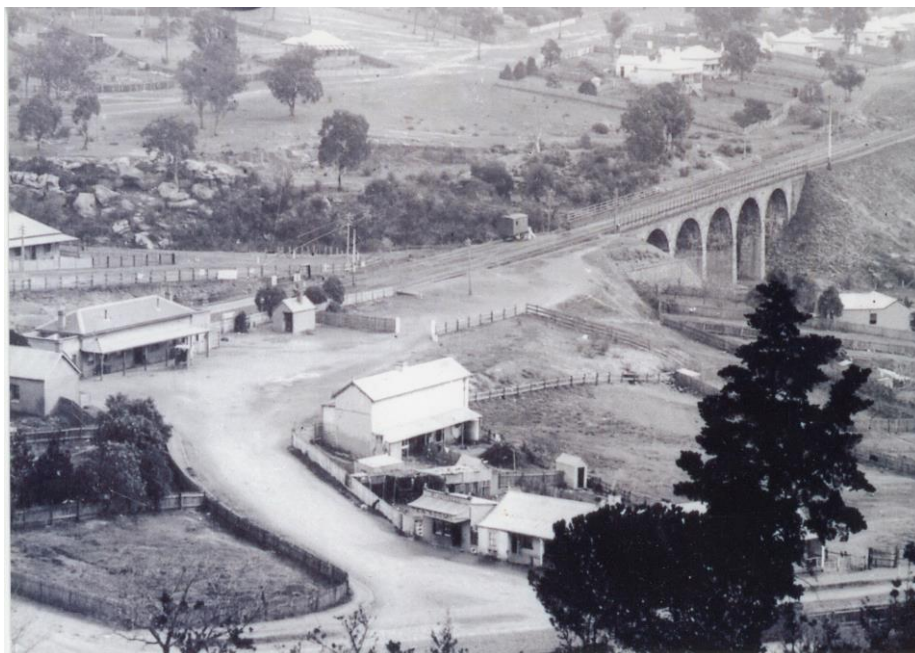


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Easter is already upon us. Still living with COVID and for many of us, dealing with extreme wet weather and flooding. We have decided to add the member application renewal form to this Journal which you will see has some additional questions we would like you to answer. The Society has been very fortunate in having the expertise of member Mark Wonson who has done exceptional work on [our webpage](#). Please have a look and register as a member (details on the application renewal in this Journal) to find not only research resources but also latest Minutes and Librarian Reports and renew your membership on-line. Members are working on creating more indexes to be uploaded to the Members Only Index Search. More volunteers are needed. Can you help? You don't need to live locally, just need a computer and internet connection.

The Society will be conducting a stall at the upcoming Thirlmere Steam Festival on 26 June 2022. If you can help on the day, please contact Marlane Fairfax.

The 37th Annual Conference of the NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies to be held on 16 – 18 September 2022 titled "Riding the Waves of History" and hosted by Newcastle Family History Society and Maitland and Beyond Family History Group will be entirely virtual via Zoom and YouTube. More information in our next Journal.

Gail Hanger

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Since the last journal in September 2021, we were able to return to the Library on October 11 and were back to the regular Thursday from the 14th. Visitors were few in the first few months, so Cheryl and I were catching up on "housework" – filing, sorting and continuing with the photo digitizing, while Marlane and I were working on the form of a book on Picton history. In November a new member but long-time resident of Bargo, Marjo Hallowell, came in to check sources for a history of Bargo, which also saw its first land grants in 1822. She has made enormous progress since then, coming in most Thursdays. We continue to receive donations, and some from the Campbelltown Library Local Studies section included some interesting photos of Picton in 1981.

We continue to get regular requests for information, via email and the Facebook page: some we can help, some not. Not everyone understands that Picton and District doesn't necessarily cover Mulgoa or parts of Campbelltown in any detail. Otherwise, we had visits from the Samuel family whose grandfather had a block of land at Buxton between 1920 and 1923. Such a short stay is often a challenge for us, but we think the block was south of Buxton, so out of Wollondilly Shire. In December we had a request re a house in Picton Avenue, built for AAD Graham c. 1910 and more recently the home of John List for some 40 years. Marlane was able to check out the title deeds to find that two dentists had lived there in between – Bousfield and Trousdale. Then a request for information on John Blake (an early constable here), an old bridge and embankment on Mt. Hercules Road, and Joseph Ward living here in 1861 – we thought probably a railway labourer. More recently the new people taking over the kitchen at the Picton Bowling Club were interested in any photos/material we might have – not a lot apart from various newspaper reports. Also a family member checking on any information on the Graham family (mentioned above), and a request for a photo of the Entertainment Centre on Bridge Street – which we did find in a 1989 newspaper.

Council asked us to check if any buildings/sites should be added to the LEP, so Marlane prepared information on the Antill cemetery on Vault Hill (tricky as ownership is challenging), the Imperial Hotel, the Graham/Clifton/Humphreys/ Burge/Liquorland store – both having been empty since the 2016 floods, and Charles Henry Pickard’s home at Thirlmere.

Another new member, but from an old Wilton/Picton family, Mark Wonson has done great work on our webpage, and discussing IT matters with Ian and member Graeme Hill who is heavily involved with Bathurst Family History Society. Mark has been generous in joining Zoom meetings with us and the Library re digitization of photos and paper documents. We are most grateful for his expertise.

Kate Holmes

CHARLES GOODE HADDON

Marlane Fairfax



We recently found amongst our archives a large photo of Charles Goode Haddon on which is inscribed “Hon Secretary of Picton Parents & Citizens Association. A Good Friend of the School.”

As a young man, Charles’ father Walter had migrated to NSW from Freethorpe, Norfolk, England joining the NSW railway around 1865. He married Charles’ mother, Harriet Lobb in 1868 in Goulburn where seven of their nine children were born. For a few years the family were living in Picton, Walter being employed as a fireman and then engine driver. Two daughters were born in Picton before the family returned to live in Goulburn.

In June 1888 Walter was the driver of a two-carriage passenger train travelling from Goulburn to Michelago when at Lake Bathurst it was hit by a ballast train following behind. Walter’s train had left Goulburn at 8 am but by the time it reached Lake Bathurst was running late. The ballast train left Goulburn at 8.30 am but quickly made up time and was seen “dashing down at a great speed” on the station and the train Walter was driving. Walter was unable to get his train away before the ballast train crashed into it but fortunately the guard and all but two of the passengers had time to scramble out of the train and there were no serious injuries. No blame was attached to Walter.

Harriett Haddon died in Goulburn on 15 December 1888 aged 44 years. Her youngest child just under two and the eldest, Walter Sidney Haddon aged 19. Charles was not quite four.

Walter junior was also employed with the railway department as an engine cleaner. In August 1888 he was arrested for stealing money from a house in Lithgow. Pleading guilty, he was sentenced to 12 months hard labour. Released from prison, Walter found it hard to find work and became “quite



Walter S Haddon, gaol record. NSW State Records

despondent". On 5 March 1892 he stepped in front of a tourist train near Towrang. He was just 22.

Walter snr remarried in 1890 to Elizabeth McCallum of Goulburn but just six months after Walter jnr's death, Elizabeth also died. There were no children of this marriage.

In September 1893 Walter married for a third time to Mary Langan, twenty years his junior and they had three children together.

Walter died on 21 December 1902 aged 61 years. His obituary gave the time of death as "five minutes past three o'clock on Sunday morning."

Charles followed in his father's footsteps and joined the railway department at Goulburn in July 1901 as a casual cleaner. He was permanently employed on 9 May 1902 as a telephone boy at four shillings per day then again as a cleaner (probably engine cleaner) at four shillings and six pence per day. In July 1908 he was employed as a fireman at Bathurst earning eight shillings a day.

On 27 January 1909 Charles married Florence Albury Gulson at St Andrew's Church Goulburn. Florence was the daughter of Mr & Mrs Francis Gulson of "The Potteries", Goulburn. The couple honeymooned in Sydney and the South Coast and then made their home at Wallerawang.

Just twelve months later, on 30 January 1910, Florence died nine days after the birth of the couple's daughter. Charles was transferred back to Goulburn in March and progressed to the position of "Driver".



Mabel Haddon nee Thoroughgood
(courtesy Paul Kurtz)

He re-married to Mabel Thoroughgood, on 2 October 1913 the ceremony taking place at the bride's parents' home "Wandsworth", Goulburn. In February 1914 Charles bought a property on Montague Street Goulburn for £600.

Promoted to the position of "Loco Chargeman" he was now on a weekly wage of 75 shillings. Charles first came to Picton to work in 1914 the position becoming permanent in October 1917. He and two others were farewelled at a dinner held at the Goulburn Town Hall with a presentation of a pocket book. By this time Charles and Mabel had three children. It is not known where the family were living at this time. Had they all moved to Picton or was Charles commuting back and forth to Montague Street Goulburn? In December 1918 Charles bought land in Hill Street Picton comprising nearly six acres. The property in Goulburn was sold in July 1919.

Quoting from Charles' obituary from the Picton Post of 24 October 1974:

His home for over 50 years was "The Point" a cement brick house on several acres in a picturesque part of Picton on the edge the steep cliffs of Stonequarry Creek, at the eastern end of Hill Street. Mr Haddon built the house himself and surrounded it with a glorious garden of vegetables and flowers, sweeping laws and fruit trees.

His artistic touch caused him to build a rustic cement fence and on the lawn a cement replica of Sydney Harbour Bridge over a large fishpond.

He added some vehicles to the bridge and a policeman at one end to the amusement of the children who used to visit.

From a seat in his garden, he used to sit and watch the trains and wave to one of his sons, Wylie who followed his father's career. He and his wife Mrs Mabel Haddon, who predeceased him some years ago, were keen tennis players in the district.



PICTON. THE WINNERS OF THE LADIES' TEAM FINAL.
MISS DOWLE, MRS. HADDON, MRS. CAREY AND MISS HILDER.

Both Mabel and Charles were excellent tennis players and members of the Picton Tennis Club. Mabel achieved fame at the 1921 Country Lawn Tennis Carnival held at Double Bay when the Picton ladies team consisting of Miss Dowle (Menangle), Miss Hilder, (Ingleburn) Mrs Carey and Mabel Haddon (Picton) won the ladies championship. It was Picton's first time in entering the competition and by newspaper accounts the game had everyone on the edge of their seats...

Daily Telegraph, 14 January 1921

They won by one game, and the result was in doubt till the last stroke. The excitement was indescribable. There is no repression of feelings by those who hail from the back areas. Their unrestrained enjoyment was refreshing. Picton owe their success to the heart-breaking — from the opposition point of view — play of a short, slight, little woman-Mrs. Haddon. Mrs. Haddon is unorthodox. She has solved the backhand problem. She uses her racquet in either hand, or with both hands together, if necessary. And she makes no mistakes. She wanders quietly along the back line, changing her racquet from band to hand, and driving and lobbing with good effect. With the able assistance of Miss Dowle, who was a menace to anything that came within her reach at the net— and nearly everything did after Mrs. Haddon had run the opposition out of position.

Charles was very interested in local affairs and in 1926 on the resignation of Frank Gilmour and Lance Hill. was elected as an Alderman of Picton Municipal Council He instigated a tree planting program for the town and encouraged ratepayers to "provide gardens at their residences to beautify the town." While the residents of Campbell Street were very happy to plant trees (at no cost to them or to Council), one ratepayer at least thought it a "Ridiculous Idea" writing to the editor of the Picton Post:

Sir, — I wish to draw attention to an article in your issue of 23rd February, under the heading of ' Street Tree Planting.' I think this is a ridiculous idea on the part of some of our aldermen. Firstly, because the streets are too narrow, considering the motor traffic. And, secondly, in the face of increased taxation by the Municipal Council. I think projects of this kind could well be left alone, seeing that the council is short of money. I think if the council paid a little more attention to the roads, especially Menangle Street, it would be more to their credit. I am, Yours, RATEPAYER.' Picton, 26/2/27. (PP 2 March 1927)

Sound familiar?

It was around this time that the Main Roads Board was looking for support from local Councils to plant trees on the road between Sydney and Canberra.

In 1927 the railways transferred Charles to Enfield which made it difficult for him to attend Council meetings. He was granted a three month leave of absence from Council but resigned in January 1928 citing his inability to attend Council meetings although he had delayed his resignation due to his involvement in the electricity committee and his interest in the installation of the electricity plant which was in Picton Avenue.

Charles was transferred back to Picton railway depot in 1934 where he remained until his retirement eleven years later. His record notes that he "Remained loyal during Strike August 1917". The Great Strike of 1917 began on 2 August when around 5,780 New South Wales railway and tramway employees downed tools to protest against the new job timecard system that had been introduced a few weeks before. It lasted for six weeks. (Ellmoos, Laila, Great Strike of 1917, Dictionary of Sydney, 2018, http://dictionaryofsydney.org/entry/great_strike_of_1917,).

Charles also involved himself in the Picton Progress Association, Picton District Brass Band and the Picton Bowling Club, of which he was made an Honorary member in recognition of the voluntary work he had put in to establishing the gardens around the club. Long after his children had left school he was still involved with the P & C Association and looking after the garden and grounds of the school.

Continuing with part of Charles' obituary:

The cement and stone fence at the front of Picton Presbyterian Church was the work of Mr Haddon.

Until two years ago when he suffered a stroke, he drove his own car down town and tended his large garden from which he loved to give flowers to friends for decorations at public functions.

He loved to talk and he loved to write. There has been many a letter to the Editor in "The Post" from the copperplate script of his pen, and beautiful poems flowed from his happy and witty mind.

Mr Haddon always kept a dog and would take it wherever he went in the car. One particular dog he found when he stopped at the side of the road in pouring rain because he couldn't see to drive any further. He heard a whimper and searching around the sodden bush found a tiny puppy.

There was tragedy in his life when two grandsons died by accident, some years apart. Sad at heart, he carried on bravely, sustained by his Christian faith. Mr Haddon was a regular attender at Redbank Methodist Church.

After he became ill, Mr Haddon went to live for the past two years with his daughter Dorothy and her husband, Lindsay Kurtz of Oberon. They are well remembered as former residents of Wilton for many years.

Mr Haddon is survived by a family of three sons and three daughters, Wylie, (Goulburn), Charles (Forster), Berry (Forster) and daughters Joyce (Mrs James, Penrose), Jean (Mrs Grant, Batemans Bay) and Dorothy (Mrs Kurtz, Oberon) and a number of grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at Picton Methodist church tomorrow (Friday) at 11 am followed by burial beside his late wife in the church grounds. (Mabel died on 22 June 1960).

In accordance with his wish, Mr Haddon's body will be taken back to "The Point" to his own room and taken from there to the Church on Friday.

The family floral tribute will be an arrangement from his own garden.

WEST BARGO A H & I SOCIETY

Marjo Hallowell

The West Bargo Agricultural, Horticultural and Industrial Society was formed in 1921 with the objects of the Society being "The encouragement and development of Agriculture, Horticulture and Industry, the improvement of livestock, implements and machinery for agricultural purposes, farm products and other such objects as the Society may deem desirable and with their ends in view the Society shall institute periodical Exhibitions, at which prizes may be awarded for all subjects approved by the committee".

The inaugural committee 1921

Patron-Sir Geo Fuller;
President - EE Lupton Esq;
Vice Presidents - E.E. Tyler, S Wedlock,
JJ Cleary, EG Hambridge, J Ellis,
AP Hicks, LT Ellsmore & JB McCOREY.
Treasurer - CF Carter,
Secretaries - AH Ruttley & HG Dains.
Committee - EG Hambridge, L Hicks,
S Handley, T Bradley, W Risk,
WF Williams, CJ Bennett, D Hogan,
EC Bush, WH Irwin & WA Harman.

Mr L Ellsmore chaired the first meeting, held on February 19 at The Bargo Public School.

At the March 1921 meeting it was decided to make arrangements to ensure the Show did not clash with others in the surrounding districts and also took advantage of exhibitors who followed the Show circuit. A grounds committee of three, Messrs Bennett, Ellis and Ruttley was appointed to ascertain the area required for holding a Show. Mr A Hicks was thanked for the able manner in which he carried out an interview with Mr Hoskins, with reference to a portion of land at West Bargo

on which the Society desired to hold an Agricultural Show. Arrangements were made for holding picnic races and sports on June 3.

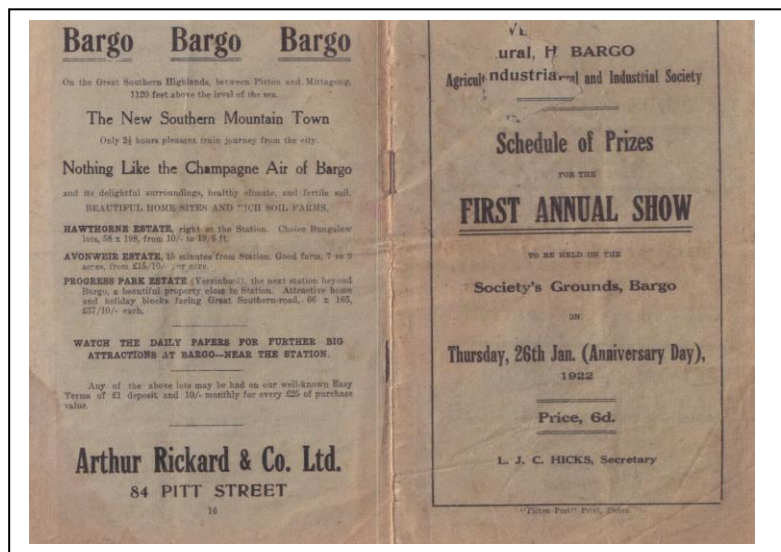
A committee meeting was held on Saturday, May 14, 1921 in the Public School, West Bargo. Present were Messrs. EE Lupton (chairman), A Hicks, L Hicks, Hambridge, Risk, Hogan, Handley, Carter, Bennett, Irwin, Williams and secretary AH Ruttley. Prizes for the upcoming competitions were acknowledged and exhibited in the window of Pickards Ltd, West Bargo and all had been allotted advertisement space free of charge on the programmes and all donors be made honorary members of the Society for the year 1921-22. The president reported that he had interviewed Sir Arthur Rickard re permission to hold sports on the Cricket Ground on June 27th and obtained an offer to lease the ground to the Society for one week at a rental of 1/- . All sideshows were prohibited at the sports' on June 27 and admission be 1/- for adults and 6d for children.

A letter read from Mr BC Hungerford, secretary of the N.S.W Trotting Club, in January 1922 advising that the Society's application for Registration of Trotting Events had been approved of by his committee. Application was reviewed from W Darn, for a site for merry-go-round, razzle-dazzle and

side show and this was granted subject to the applicant complying with certain conditions to be outlined by the secretary. The applicant for the refreshment booth was to be asked to quote price per head for luncheon for show officials. The grounds committee reported the ring was nearing completion and the track and grounds should be in excellent order for the 26th. The closing of entries for the trotting events only has been extended.

The first A.H. & I Society show was held on January 26, 1922, and this followed a very successful sports meeting on June 27, 1921.

The AGM was held in May 1922 and the date for the next sports day was to be June 26, with the next show on January 26, 1923. An election of officer bearers ensued as did the appointing of a committee to run the sports day. The ring events at the Show were well patronised with over £60 spent on improving the grounds and £100 awarded in prize money during the year. Patron, Sir George Fuller, K.C.M.G., president, EE Lupton: vice presidents, JJ Cleary, J Ellis, AP Hicks, CJ Bennett, T Bradley, AL Ward, EG Hambridge and S Handley; hon. treasurer, S Handley; secretary, LJC Hicks; organiser, CF Carter; committee, W Risk, D Hogan, W Welsh, CJ Couper, G Blundell, JB McCovey, E Welsh, G Burgess, EN Paine and IW Fuge.



After negotiations with the Public Works Dept, through Mr G Hoskins, resident engineer of Avon Dam, the society scored a very fine piece of land, and by voluntary labour had converted it into a first class show ground. The next show was set down for January 26, 1923.

It is unclear whether the land secured was at The Avon Dam, the land in Ironbark Road or the current Sportsground.

The Sports day (June 27) attracted a larger crowd than expected and was equal to anything seen at many country shows. The profits were £27/6/6/, far beyond expectations. The results were published in the Picton Post on July 6 with winners not only from Avon Dam and Bargo but also from the surrounding area and as far afield as Parramatta.

At their September and November meetings they were making arrangements for a concert at The Bargo School on December 3. They also planned the Show to be held on January 26, 1922.

At the AGM in March 1922 General McArthur Onslow was elected Patron; president Mr J Ellis; secretary, Mr Woolcott; treasurer, Mr I Hicks; committee, Messrs Blundell, W Welch, T Bradley, CJ Bennett, H Welch, EG Hambridge, M L'ampbeli, Armour, and S Handley. The balance sheet showed a credit of £43, and the sports meeting was fixed for June 3rd.



The second annual Show was held on Anniversary Day, January 26, 1923. Mr TF Gilmore (Mayor of Picton) in officially opening the show, congratulated the Bargo people on their enterprise. As residents, it rested with them, whether they strived to make their village and resources known to the general community, and he commended their actions for working in that way by producing these annual show gatherings and wished them every success. Mr Lupton (president) moved a vote of thanks. Mr Carter was treasurer and Mr EG Hambridge

secretary. Gate takings were £40. The Picton Post of January 3, 1923, carried a list of results from all the categories: horses, trots, dairy products, cattle, dogs, poultry, garden produce, fruit and flowers, cooking, preserves painting and drawing.

In a report in the Picton Post in April 1926 the Tahmoor and District AH & I Society reported from the meeting held on March 31 that The West Bargo A.H. & J. Society, in winding-up, generously handed over to this body their assets in cash and material, which was most gratefully' accepted. Tahmoor AH & I ceased in 1930.

Even though the local show society ceased to be, the involvement of members of the Bargo community did not stop there with many being actively involved in the Picton Show Society over the years.

Marjo Hallowell is writing a book on Bargo titled "Bargo - Two Hundred Years in the Making" for release in November this year. It is being released to coincide with the bicentenary of the first land grants in Bargo and is not just a history of Bargo, it is also an account of current events, organisations, sporting bodies and businesses. Research is still ongoing and if you have any information or photos that might be of interest please send them through to marjofrombargo@gmail.com

A Lost Child

On Tuesday morning at about 10 o'clock a three-years-old child, the youngest daughter of Mr. C. H. Pickard, storekeeper, at Thirlmere, wandered into the bush. After a diligent search, which was continued during the night with the aid of lanterns, by Senior Constable Crawley, Constable Doyle, and about 50 residents of Thirlmere and Picton, the wanderer was discovered asleep about two miles from her home, at half-past 6 on Wednesday morning. She was none the worse for her outing, notwithstanding the severe frost during the night, and the fact that she had been without food for nearly 24 hours.

(Goulburn Evening Penny Post (NSW : 1881 - 1940), Saturday 16 September 1893, page 4)

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