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The Society is dedicated to researching, recording, preserving and promoting the history of the district. Covering the area west of the Hawkesbury River - North Richmond, Kurrajong, Berambing, Bilpin, Grose Vale, Bowen Mountain, Colo, Wilberforce, Ebenezer, Glossodia, Tennyson, Freemans Reach.

AGNES BANKS - A FORGOTTEN MACQUARIE TOWN

We've all heard of Governor Lachlan Macquarie and most of us are familiar with at least some of the local Macquarie Towns, Windsor, Richmond, Pitt Town, Wilberforce and even nearby Castlereagh. Few, however are aware that Macquarie designated another village in the Hawkesbury, Agnes Banks.

Way back in 1794 settlers were being granted land along the river flats starting near present day Wilberforce and making their way south eventually arriving in the stretch below the site of Richmond Bridge.

Following the southward movement, the first land grants in the suburb of Agnes Banks were 30-acre grants to seven ex-convicts in what was called the first line. The southern-most grant in this group was a 175-acre grant to ex-NSW Corps soldier, James McManus, in 1799 at the Hawkesbury-Nepean Junction.

Behind these settlers was a second row of grants primarily to free settlers, such as Mary and Thomas Pitt, in 1802. Now the Penrith LGA part of Agnes Banks, there were also later grants to free settlers such as Charles Palmer and James Badgery.

A surprisingly large grant was that of Andrew Thompson, by then an extremely wealthy ex-convict and from whose property Agnes Banks takes its name.

In 1804 Governor King followed British tradition by setting aside large Commons for general use. Richmond or Ham Common was one of these. It encompassed the present-day

towns of Richmond and Windsor and stretched to Yarramundi.

Lachlan Macquarie in 1810 gazetted his 5 Macquarie towns as refuge from the repeated Hawkesbury floods.

Less well known is that shortly after, he excised a small area from Richmond near the Yarramundi Lagoon, to be a new settlement known as Upper Richmond. Unlike the other towns there was no formal town centre or civic spaces, just 15 one and a half to two acre allotments on which the riverfront farmers could take refuge during floods.

The first residents included George Howell, miller; Robert Aull, farmer and innkeeper; William Farlow, innkeeper and Thomas Markwell, innkeeper and farmer. The village prospered largely due to its proximity to the confluence of the Nepean, Grose and Hawkesbury rivers as at this point there was a number of shallow "falls" or fords which allowed easy crossing of the river without need of a boat or punt as at North Richmond.

Grose Vale Road generally follows the old track from Enfield, as North Richmond was then known, to the falls. As early as 1820 a bridge had been erected across the lagoon assisting easy access. Thus, the village became a stopping place for drovers with their herds or travellers heading east.

By the 1850s extra lots had been added to the town boundaries and many, small nearby farms had been acquired by the owners of larger properties, such as the Pitts of "Bronte" and Crowleys of "Crowley Park".

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NOTE: K-CHS Mid-Winter Dinner
Monday 25th July 2022



Known as the *General Darling* this building at Agnes Banks was built for innkeeper Robert Aull in the 1820s.
Image: David Williams, 1999.

President's Report

Our 23rd May GM was generously hosted by David Leach at the impressive property, *Glenhuntly*

We then moved on to Berambing to tour Lionel Bucket's Wilderness Cottages - also known as the 'Love Cottages'. Lionel took us around to all the cottages, each with a very different style and theme. We could clearly see how close to disaster they had been during the 2019 bushfires. The forecast was threatening rain, but we were lucky that it held off until very late in the day, just as we were wrapping up our visit to the Wilderness Cottages.

Our next event is the Mid-Winter Dinner later this month. There are still plenty of places, but don't leave it too long as numbers are limited. We have invited our member Glenn Townsend to talk about his research into the Townsend family, the second part of which is described in this Millstone. The dinner is at the Thai restaurant *'The Baan'* which is operated by Mandy and Oat.

In August, on Monday 22nd, we will be holding our tour of historic pubs in the Hawkesbury. The tour has had a working title of *'Arthur's Pub Crawl'* as Arthur Cooper suggested it. This will be a self drive tour, starting at North Richmond Community Centre at 09:00. There will be an option for car pooling. Lunch will be at one of the pubs at your own cost. There will be a charge of \$5 per person payable on the day. We would still like everyone to book online so we know how many to expect. There will be a few exciting hidden gems revealed on the tour.

Membership is now due. Thank you to all those who have already renewed. If you joined since the beginning of March you do not need to renew.

David Griffiths

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Vale Rick Donnan 1940 - 2022

The Society membership, with sadness, wishes to acknowledge the passing of member Rick Donnan.

Our condolences are extended to Rosemary Viggers and Rick's family.

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

The Society would like to welcome new member

Eugene Clewett

A welcome to the Kurrajong Schembri family business, who recently became members of the Society, but are now also advertisers in The Millstone newsletter.

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The Agnes Banks story cont. from page 1.

Agnes Banks had developed and the township had boasted four inns, three blacksmiths, wheelwrights, a produce store established by Kroehnert and Lowe in 1858 and a large tobacco drying shed.

There were two mills, one a water mill on the river and the other a steam mill on the lagoon. An 1820s bridge allowed access across Yarramundi Lagoon from Agnes Banks.

What happened to this thriving township you may ask. A Bridge might be part of the answer. In 1860 the first bridge was constructed across the Hawkesbury at North Richmond by the Richmond Bridge Company. Washed away by the 1867 flood, it was soon replaced, however these were private toll bridges. In 1876 the Richmond Bridge was purchased by the government for seven thousand pounds and it was no longer necessary for the general populace to avoid the toll by taking the Yarramundi long route. Additionally, the huge water mill on the river was totally destroyed in the flood which had also changed the confluence of the rivers.

It would appear that the arrival of the North Richmond bridge saw the demise of the inns, the last being William Farlow's *Wagon and Four Horses*, in 1864. Around the same time Kroehnert and Lowe were declared bankrupt.

Civic buildings began to appear in the early 1870s. Although a school had operated since the 1850s in the old Hotel built by Howell, Yarramundi Public School opened in 1875 and was renamed Agnes Banks in 1923. Two churches sprang up. A brick Presbyterian building built and financed by the Reverend James Cameron on land donated by Henry Farlow and in 1893 a weatherboard Anglican Church was also constructed on land donated by Robert Farlow.

A post office opened in the home of Thomas Small in 1876, however it closed soon after. Interestingly there does not appear to have ever been a general store after 1864.

A new Post office opened in 1900.

By 1900 much of the industry had disappeared with many of the inhabitants relocating to Richmond, as farms were subdivided and sold. Perhaps too, the many major floods of the mid-19th century, convinced many to move although the township itself is above the 1 in 100 flood level.

For whatever reason the shops, industry, inns and churches disappeared. The school and Post Office closed. Many old houses also disappeared.

More recently the large blocks have been subdivided and new homes have been built. The site of the old water mill is now Yarramundi Reserve, but the old river farmlands still grow the crops that feed the city and several of the early homes remain as do some of the larger homesteads.



Old Yarramundi Trestle Bridge - Opened 18th April 1925

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NOTE: When Howell built his first mill on the right bank he constructed a bridge over Yarramundi LAGOON. There was no bridge over the river until Springwood Rd was constructed in the 1920s. To get from Yarramundi to North Richmond you had to ford the river on foot or horse back. The bridge in the photo is the 1920s bridge. The lagoon bridge was replaced several times

Deborah Hallam

Over the Tabarag Ridge to Berambing

Below is a summary of a brief talk given at the K-CHS May GM, held at *Glenhuntly*, prior to the group heading off along Bells Line of Road to visit the *Wollemi Willderness Cabins* at Berambing. The destination property was part of the original GMC Bowen *Bulgamatta Estate* and one of the first land parcels granted to retiring Veteran's West of the Tabarag Ridge, Bilpin to Mt Tomah, in the late 1820s, early 1830s.

Notes from the official NSW Calendar and Directory 1832

In 1832 the 1st edition of The NSW Calendar & Directory was issued by the NSW Postmaster James Raymond. Roads in use at that time were clearly described, with numbers in the

margins indicating the distance from Sydney in miles. (1mile = 1.61 kilometres)

The 1832 Directory lists interesting points of mileage from Sydney. So I intend taking up the journey from the Ferry crossing at North Richmond.

- At 39¼ Miles – the Richmond Ferry – we then pass through Bell's Farm beyond which the smaller grants commence.
- At 43 Miles – On the right is Comleroy Road, extending northerly to the commencement of the Bulga Road to Singleton and The Hunter Valley. **(Cont. p. 4)**

Over the Tabarag Ridge to Berambing cont.

- *43¾ Miles - Cross Little Wheeney Creek – note that about half a mile lower down the stream, is a water mill (Singleton’s Mill)*
- *At 47½ Miles – We begin the climb to Tabarag Ridge – (Knights Hill now Kurrajong Heights) – so after a steep ascent the road reaches the top and Tabarag Ridge. To the south the Buralow Swamp and Buralow Creek flow into the Grose River. On the right and to the NE a deep ravine is visible through which Wheeney Creek flows - Wheeney Gap.*
- *At 50 & 52 Miles – Over the ridge to the West a few of the Veterans Grants commence – (including Glenhuntly).*
- *At 53½ Miles – Bilpin is the name given to this area. On the right is a track leading along a range to the North East and the Colo. (What we now know as Mountain Lagoon Road, originally an old stock route to the Colo River and Colo). Records show that there were in fact a few Veteran’s who had taken up their Grants along this road in the early 1830s*
- *55 Miles – Commencement of more Veterans allotments, with the soil considered a rich whinstone capable of agricultural production. In this region to the north is the road to Mt Tutie (Mt Tootie). To the south and left are the rocky ravines that lead to the Grose Valley.*
- *At 57 Miles – We arrive at the estate of GMC Bowen Esquire and his 2,560 acres, 4 square mile (approx. 1030 hectares) in extent, named Bulgamatta. Granted in 1829 in consideration of his services in His Majesty’s Army, under regulations published in September 1828.*
- *At 58 Miles – is the residence of Mr Bowen (Bowen’s house was on a section of the Bulgamatta property now known as Chapel Hill in Berambing Crest. Stone foundations remain as the under-structure of one of the current buildings).*
- *At 59¼ Miles – On the right are Mr Bowen’s Huts listed on early surveyor’s maps and mentioned in earlier government documents. (Possibly the accommodation of the convicts who worked for Bowen).*
- *61½ Miles – If we continued on, we would enter by a narrow pass the road to Mt Tomah, which is the highest part of the Blue Mountain Range, as seen from Sydney.*

So we end our journey here and backtrack along what we now know as Berambing Crescent to *Bulgamatta* the property of GMC Bowen.

As is now well known to most, the first land grants West of the Tabarag Ridge to Bilpin were grants to retiring Veteran Soldiers. Many had served in the Napoleonic Wars and the formation of the Royal Veterans was an attempt to find employment for them. They were recruited to serve in Colonial NSW, for garrison duty and to supervise Convicts.

In 1828 Governor Darling reduced the size of the companies, with the retirees encouraged to remain in the Colony.

Under Surveyor Major Mitchell, James Richards was given the task of surveying farms from the Hawkesbury River to Mt Tomah. On October 20th 1829, James reports to Mitchell that he is “encamped at Bilpin, on the Tomah road, and proceeding with the survey of the allotments for the Veterans grants ...”

Note: The name *Bilpin* was already in use by the Surveyor Generals Office in 1832 (Belpin where used in other Government documents was considered a mistake in copy)

On the 13th January 1830, the Surveyor General instructed the Engineer from the Public Works Department, to arrange for “three teams of bullocks or more if necessary, to transport the baggage, implements of husbandry etc., of the party of disbanded Veterans located at Curryjong”.

The names of these soldiers were: Sgt William Taylor, Privates Richard Dawes, John Elliott, Edward Grimes, Thomas King, Thomas Rodwell, James Cameron, John Duffy, William Francis, William Heath, Thomas Kirby and James Ives. Details of their service and taking up of their respective grants can be found in Meredyth Hungerford’s history, *BILPIN The Apple Country*.

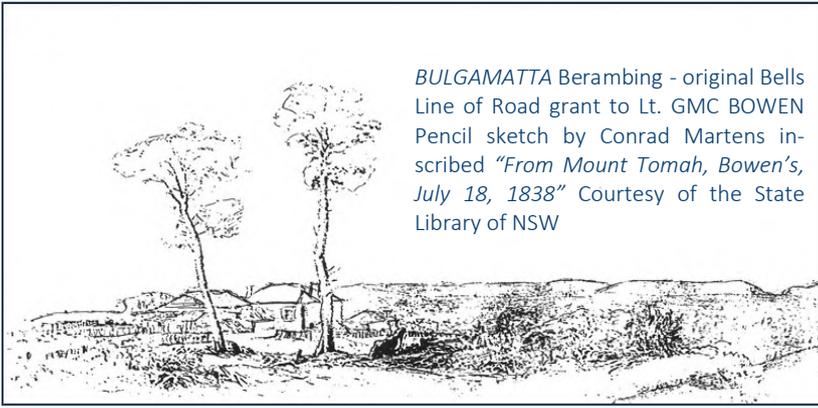
Largely due to the condition of the road many of the grants failed. Although GMC Bowen banded together with the Veterans in an effort to petition for improvements to the road in particular over the Tabarag at Kurrajong Heights, their efforts failed. Petitions were submitted to the Surveyor Generals Dept. in May 1830, June 1831, including letters from Bowen, dated 26 October 1831 and 28th May 1832. It was at this time that Major Mitchell was focused on a new pass at Mt Victoria to by-pass the Mt York route. So Mitchell’s response was a NO to the petitions.

A little bit about *Bulgamatta*. Bowen spent six years working his property with the assistance of convicts and an insightful account of the results can be found in the notice of auction appearing in the *Sydney Herald* 4th January 1836.

There is an elegant stone built dwelling house erected on the land ...it contains a good sized entrance hall, three sitting rooms, four bedrooms, two store rooms, a dairy, kitchen and pantry ...there is an extensive barn, stable, garden and shrubbery ...sixty acres of cleared land, 45 of which is in an excellent state of cultivation. (This is referring to the area of the original estate we now know as *Chapel Hill*).

The auction notice goes on to state that there is a *sawing mill erected on the property, turned by water.* (The mill was on Bowens Creek in the ravine below the *Wollemi Wilderness Cabins*, the section of the original estate that we will be visiting today. The mill was accessed by a track down into the gully, with bullock teams used to haul the timber.

Suzanne Smith



Over the Tabarag Ridge to Beraming K-CHS Excursion 23rd May to the Wollemi Wilderness Cabins. Lionel Buckett in the Cave House. A vista into Bowens Creek (site of the old Bowen Mill) and the Stone Dream Cabin.



Vale Vera Machtolf- Bentveltzen

Some members will not have met or known of Vera, as in recent years she had a long battle with illness and passed away on Sunday 19 June 2022. Vera was an early member of Kurrajong-Comleroy Historical Society and was a warm, friendly, and generous person to all who knew her. She and husband Gerry welcomed members of K-CHS to functions at their restored historic property at Kurmond. Image: Vera & Gerry photographed during restoration.

Vera made a most important contribution to the recording of a chapter in the history of 'The Kurrajong' by researching and self-publishing her book – 'Digger's Hill – Surviving a Soldier Settlement Farm – Kurrajong Settlers tell their story'. A detailed record of Soldiers' Group Purchase Area No 53 in the 1920's. This initiative in Kurrajong and Kurmond, revolved around the development of blocks of land obtained by former World War 1 ex servicemen, through a tender and ballot process.

The impetus for Vera's research was prompted by Vera and her husband Gerry buying the former Soldier Settler Portion 256 on the Bell's Line of Road Kurmond. The property had previously been owned by Forbes and Isabel Mackenzie. Vera became engrossed in this family's history developing a strong friendship with Faulkner, Forbes's son. This led to Vera tracing Forbes and Faulkner's experiences plus other families of the settlers and recording poignant profiles of forty-five soldier settlers, who were allocated Portions of land ranging in size from about 27 acres to 76 acres. As most of the returned soldiers had little or no farming background it was not surprising that many were unable to make a reasonable living for their families. For some it ended in tragedy, whilst a few like Forbes and Isabel became successful.

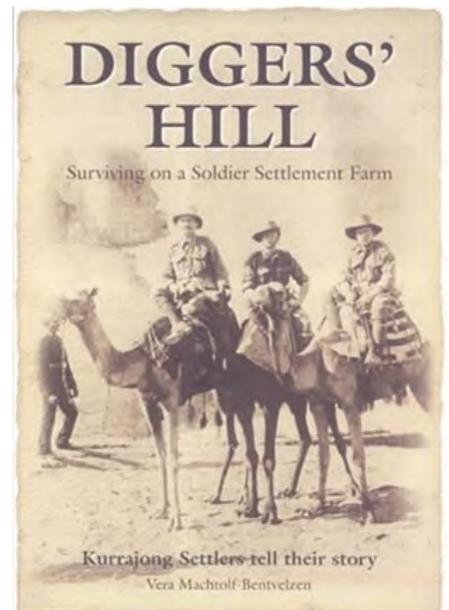
Vera's dedication and perseverance produced a book that is a priceless record of those times, and few can imagine the amount of effort that was required to produce this valuable book. Seven members of Kurrajong-Comleroy Historical Society were keen supporters of Vera's project during the years of her research. Along with Ron and Margaret Rozzoli, my husband Frank Holland and I deemed it a privilege to be asked by Vera to proof read her manuscript prior to printing. As a final gesture Vera passed on a significant research documentation that will assist other K-CHS projects.

Our condolences, thoughts and prayers are extended to Gerry and his family from the K-CHS members.

Valerie Holland



Vera & Gerry in the Mackenzie Farm shed
K-CHS Image Collection 050546



This detailed historic record is now out of print, however, a copy is in the K-CHS library collection, available to members.

The Townsends of Kurrajong PART 2 - Cont. from Part 1 The Millstone May-June 2022 Issue 3.



Six years after the death of their eldest son and brother, William Jnr., the family was again rocked, this time by the death of the patriarch. The cause of William Townsend Snr. death near the Fish River O'Connell NSW, became the focus of a number of official enquires and Court hearings at the time. **Image:** William Townsend Snr. gravesite, St Thomas's Anglican Cemetery, O'Connell NSW

Following William's death in September 1848, Rebecca married James Ball, with whom she had a daughter, Rachael. Although Rachael was not an offspring of William's, for me, Rachael and her descendants are part of the Townsend clan, not only as we share a common ancestor in Rebecca, but also because her father, James, took on the role of raising Louisa (3), Richard (6), Eliza (8) and Rebecca (10) before Rachael's birth. (Given in brackets are the ages the children turned in 1850). In reality, the family could be called the Townsend/Sunderland/Ball clan.

James, like William, had been a convict, arriving in the colony in 1833 on a Life sentence for poaching. Originally from Northamptonshire, he received a Ticket of Leave in September 1843 and a Conditional Pardon in April 1848, before he and Rebecca were married at St Peters, Richmond in May 1849. At present, an Absolute Pardon for James has yet to be found. The couple welcomed their daughter, Rachael in April 1850. As stated previously, Rachael would have been raised with her older siblings and it can be stated that although young Rebecca, along with Eliza, Richard and Louisa were all William's children, they were raised by James Ball along with Rachael.

1850 and Beyond The *Mount Pleasant* property remained in the family's hands until 1859 when it was auctioned at the Royal Hotel in Windsor, the buyer being Charles Moore. Before *Mount Pleasant* was sold, Rebecca and James had moved into the house at *Spring Grove*, which continues to stand today.

Rachael married William Dunston in 1866 at which time, according to William Dunston the *Spring Grove* property which was owned by James Ball was given to him as a lifetime lease, in effect, combining the property already owned by Dunston with that to be inherited by Rachael.

Rebecca and James were together until Rebecca's death in 1882, followed two years later by her husband. The pair are interred together in St Peter's Cemetery, Richmond beside Will and Rebecca's brother, George. A short distance from them is George and Rebecca's father, John Sunderland, their brother-in-law, John Pittman, and their niece, Hannah.

Although this article endeavours to summarise the lives of William and Rebecca's immediate family as though they existed in isolation, this is far from the case for they were very much a part of both the Kurrajong and Hawkesbury communities and events and decisions which affected these communities, also affected the family, and in many ways the opposite is true.

It is true that I speak of William and Rebecca as a solid unit which, to some, may imply that I consider them to be equal partners in the marriage. I cannot state that this was the case with any confidence, and in truth, it is unlikely that they were, as social convention at the time did not see them as such. Rebecca cannot be compared to someone such as Mary Reiby given their class, education and financial differences, and her marriage to James Ball only eight months after William's death, gives us a good idea of the position Rebecca found herself in.

The family's legacy in the Hawkesbury in general and Kurrajong specifically, can be found in several of the cemeteries across the district, in the name of a street in North Richmond, in various obituaries referring to the "well-known" Kurrajong family and in the history of Loxley. Many Hawkesburyites have links to the family including the members of the Gosper, Gavin, Devine, Ezzy, White, Mayne, Allsop, Mostyn, Dunston, and of course, the Sunderland and Townsend families.

Where to from here? It is hoped that more primary information can be found about the family and their time in the Kurrajong Hills, especially concerning the location of the house, and the day to day lives of the family.

Glenn Townsend

Addendum: The Richmond wedding of William Jnr. and Katherine Mostyn and the birth of their daughter Rebecca (1841), were not the only family celebrations during the 1840s. William and Rebecca's eldest daughter, Mary Ann married Dr Henry White at Parramatta in November 1842. Together they were to have five children, four arriving before 1850.

Note: A rather interesting and detailed account surrounding the death of William Townsend Snr., can be found in the *Heritage* Newsletter Jan/Feb 2022, and accessed via the BMACHO Website: bluemountainsheritage.com

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Comleroy Road School of Arts

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An interesting account of the laying of the Memorial Stone on the 8th June 1907, at a ceremony attended by 800 people, can be found in *On the Kurrajong*, by Val Birch. Available from the K-CHS Members Library. Email: librarian@kurrajonghistory.org.au

The opening of the Comleroy School of Arts on Friday night last was a very successful affair, there being about 150 persons present. The chair was taken by Mr W Fraser. President Mr P Charley performed the opening ceremony and in a very nice speech congratulated the people on the erection of such a substantial building. He advised all residents to become members and so assist a worthy cause, which would make for the education and enlightenment of the people. At first he had thought that the proper place for the building was at the junction of the two roads, but he was now satisfied that it was in its proper place. Mr B Hall M.L.A., and Mr Arthur Mackenzie also spoke. A social was afterwards held, music, songs and recitations being interspersed with the dancing. Mrs Scoone, Miss Dulcie Hall, Mr Spence and Mr Cosgrove sang. Mr Scoone played cornet solos and Miss Boughton and Miss Mackenzie recited. The hall was uncomfortably crowded till midnight. An excellent supper was provided and the greatest cordiality and harmony prevailed. Mr George Woodhill kindly donated a very nice lamp for the hall.

Windsor & Richmond Gazette 31st August 1907

Interesting Listings from the Colonial Secretaries Papers re events in the early days of the Hawkesbury District

- 1796 Feb 22 Government and General Order re attacks by Aborigines
- 1797 Jul 3 Government and General Order re command of military detachment to the Hawkesbury
- 1801 Jan 6 Petition re losses sustained by settlers on the South Creek, Hawkesbury
- 1801 May 8 Measures taken to counter food shortages resulting from floods
- 1801 Jun 23 Response to petition of Hawkesbury settlers for alleviation of indebtedness & threat of action by Civil Court
- 1802 Apr 10 List of settlers in possession of fire arms
- 1803 Oct 1 Regulations against cutting timber on banks of Hawkesbury and tributaries
- 1808-1810 Nov Weekly returns of Storekeepers
- 1809 Apr 11 Great distress of settlers due to the inadequate supplies of bedding, clothing material, etc sent from Sydney
- 1809 May 22 Effects of 1806, 1808, 1809 floods on crops and stock in the Hawkesbury District
- 1809 May 30 Assistance to be rendered to Hawkesbury Settlers
- 1809 Jul 9 Extensive destruction of wheat & cattle caused by overflowing of the Hawkesbury & its tributaries
- 1809 Aug 5,8 Henry Kable's offer to Government for re-establishment of cornfields damaged by floods
- 1809 Aug 5,8 Measures to be taken to offset the consequences of the floods re food supplies
- 1809 Dec 14 Hawkesbury settlers to show gratitude for assistance rendered by supplying grain to H M Stores
- 1810 Jan List of settlers undertaking to supply wheat, barley and potatoes to H.M. Stores
- 1810 Jan 23 Settlers seeking permission to send a memorial to Governor Macquarie

List to be continued in the September-October Millstone Issue. The Colonial Secretaries Papers are held by State Archives



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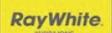
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K-CHS Mid-Winter Dinner
6pm Monday 25th July 2022

Join in with other members for our popular mid-winter meal together. The Venue this year is a relatively new restaurant. The food has a Thai flavour and will be served banquet style. The venue is exclusively the Society's for the evening.

The Baan

58 Blaxlands Ridge Road Kurrajong

Guest Speaker - Glenn Townsend
The Townsends of Kurrajong

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Pitt's of Sunnyside, North Richmond NSW

A family of genial, homely, hospitable people

Jeff Pitt has kindly donated to the Society a copy of his latest book. Jeff and his brother Ted represent the 7th Generation of direct descendants. George Matcham Pitt Senior has been well researched in his role as founder of the famous stock and station agency Pitt, Son & Badgery. His eldest son George Matcham Pitt Junior (1837-1912), has not previously been so well researched and documented. His establishment of the property *Sunnyside* at North Richmond from 1860 and his large family, make his place in history a worthy one. The book contains stories of the life these people lived and their family trees.

Available from our K-CHS Members Library visit:
<https://www.kurrajonghistory.org.au>

K-CHS Historic Hotel Excursion

22nd August 2022

For a tour of Historic Hotels in the Hawkesbury meet **9am** North Richmond Community Centre.

The tour will be self drive, with car pooling an option.

The pub lunch is at own cost.

Tour Cost \$5.00 Bookings please:
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The tour will include historic information about each hotel visited.

New PUBLICATION available from the
K-CHS Members Library

**The SINGLETON, CAMPBELL, DINES &
BLAXLAND FAMILIES of The Hunter Valley NSW**
by Carolyn Williams

From the Hawkesbury to the Hunter Valley and on to the Liverpool Plains - the book is a history of early Hawkesbury settlers who later obtained land grants in the Hunter Valley and beyond, including Benjamin Singleton, the Howe, Loder, Yeoman, Nowland & Baldwin families.

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