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Lachlan Macquarie's Travels Through Three Empires

In his address following the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 17 September, Robin Wood gave an account of Macquarie's extended journey through the Ottoman, Persian and Russian Empires in 1807.

After two years' service in the army in India, Macquarie received permission to return to England via Constantinople, Baghdad and the Mediterranean rather than by the sea route, as he thought it would be quicker and he was eager to rejoin his fiancé Elizabeth Campbell who had been fretting at his absence. However, the volatile political situation in the eastern countries, particularly the war between the Ottoman Empire and Russia, about which Macquarie became acquainted only after he had started his journey, forced him to choose the longer and much more challenging route via Persia and Russia.

After crossing the Zagros Mountains and meeting with officials of the Shah of Persia at Qazvin, he and his four travelling companions sailed along the western shores of the Caspian Sea to the Russian port of Baku and then northwards to Astrakhan. Near the mouth of the Volga River they were forced to undergo a 25-day medical quarantine; then by boat and kibitka Macquarie travelled on accompanied only by his Indian-born manservant 'George'. After crossing the fertile Cossack lands of the Don River region they finally arrived in Moscow on 31 August where they were reunited with their three former travelling companions. On 6 September, after a 1500 mile overland journey from the Caspian Sea, they reached St. Petersburg on the shores of the Gulf of Finland.

Here, at the heart of the Russian Empire, Macquarie discovered a metropolis so rich in cultural and architectural splendour that it far exceeded anything he had seen in all his travels in Britain, Asia, the Middle East and North America. For five days he explored the city and met with British and Russian officials. Finally on 12 September he and his companions departed from the Russian naval base at Kronstadt on board the Royal Navy warship HMS Calypso.

Macquarie sailed through the Baltic Sea to Denmark where he witnessed the aftermath of the British capture of Copenhagen and after briefly visiting Sweden he returned home to Britain carrying official dispatches and diplomatic correspondence. On 17 October, after a journey of six months and two days Macquarie finally reached London, having covered, by his own calculation, 6,400 miles by sea and land — and accompanied at all times by his manservant George.

Coming Meetings

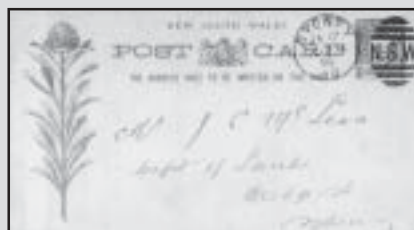
NEXT SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING (Gordon Library Meeting Room)

Saturday 15th November at 2pm
The Christmas Meeting

Guest Speaker - Paul Storm

He will speak on
"Handling History"

Paul Storm of the Willoughby Historical Society, will entertain us with a talk using a selection of everyday objects to demonstrate the development of Australiana in the applied arts. Join us and handle some history at this, our last meeting of the year.



To be followed by Christmas afternoon tea.
Please Bring a Plate

NEXT FAMILY HISTORY MEETING

Sat 1 Nov Family History Meeting
11am - Members Research
2pm - General Meeting and Forum
"Recent finds that have helped
me climb my brick wall."
Afternoon Tea will be available
Visitors welcome

Sat 6 Dec NO 11am Meeting
2pm Meeting followed by speaker
Wendy Borchers - "Finding a long lost cousin"
Christmas afternoon tea - please bring a plate

Note: The above account is based on material prepared by Robin Walsh, the librarian at Macquarie University, from primary and secondary sources and Macquarie's diary of his journey.
- Don Fifer

Committee Changes

Last issue we just had time before publication to mention that the Society's committee for 2008/2009 has a couple of changes following the Annual General Meeting. Vice-President Ann Barry is our new President. Jackie van Bergen replaces Kerrin Cook on the committee and Max Farley drops off as Immediate Past President in favour of retiring President Kevin Callinan.

Ann is of course well known to most members having been on the committee since 2002. Her many activities included co-founding the original Ku-ring-gai Observer publication which she operated until 2001. Within the Society she carries out a wide range of activities in oiling our operation, often behind the scenes.

Jackie van Bergen has only been a Society member for a short time but has already demonstrated many skills.

Kerrin Cook, though having retired from the committee, continues her work for the Society as Newsletter Editor.

A Memorial to Ian Ramage

The NSW Governor, Her Excellency Marie Bashir, will unveil a Memorial Stone to Wahroonga historian, and our late member, Ian Ramage in Wahroonga Park on Saturday 22 November at 2.15pm.

Ian, who died last year, made a huge contribution to recording the history of Ku-ring-gai and particularly of Wahroonga. His best known works were three books – *Wahroonga Our Home, One Hundred Years Ago - Life on Sydney's Upper North Shore* and *We Still Call Wahroonga Home*. Beyond this, he wrote a number of articles, gave numerous talks and conducted many Walking Tours.

He was never a member of the Society's committee, despite many requests to become one – he claimed that he had spent much of his life working with committees and wanted to follow a different course in his retirement. Ian was nevertheless a dedicated supporter of the Society and acted as honorary auditor for a number of years. This Memorial to him for his contribution to advancing knowledge of our local history is gratifying to see and well earned.

Help needed on Tuesdays

Do you have spare time on Tuesdays?

The Built Heritage team is looking for volunteers who can spare some time on Tuesdays.

No need for experience, Come along and learn some new skills with expert guidance from Jennifer Harvey. Alternatively you may be able to assist visitors using the computers to research their family or local history.

Perhaps you could only assist one or two days per month, however, the more the better! Contact Jennifer Harvey on 9489 6390.

Finding Local History

The Society has a large array of books and files holding a huge amount of information on Ku-ring-gai's history. Their sheer number alone is, however, intimidating for anyone wanting information on a particular topic whether to write an article, put flesh on the bones of a family history or simply just to know more about the history of the community in which they live.

Information can be looked for in our Rooms in a number of places such as the Index to Historian and the catalogue of our Collection. We also have a database we name *Search Ku-ring-gai* which stores a large amount of information which can easily be searched.

To help members learn how to find information in *Search Ku-ring-gai* we are having a special session in our Rooms at 1.30pm Wednesday 12 November. Finishing time is estimated at about 3.15pm. No charge is involved.

Because everyone will be allocated one of our computers on their own, the number of participants will have to be limited. Those who would like to attend should contact Ann Barry on 9144 6480 or email her at a.barry@optusnet.com.au.

Our Research Team

Over recent times the committee has been developing a "Research Team" of members to answer the enquiries we are receiving from people outside Ku-ring-gai – even some from overseas. The number of these has increased since we recently revamped our website (www.khs.org.au). Perhaps you have not looked at it yet?

The Team is seen as a service to the community and is made up of Society members who have developed knowledge and skills in researching specialist fields. These include Ku-ring-gai's local history, family history, built heritage, property ownership and land transfers back to the days of our early settlement. To answer the enquiries a certain amount of research is necessary and, as a result, the Society's own knowledge of Ku-ring-gai is enlarged.

Membership of the Team is still evolving but currently includes Kevin Callinan, Max Farley, Jo Harris, Jennifer Harvey and Trevor Whitehead. It is intended to add to the Team over time.

Books For Sale

Did you know that KHS has a number of local history publications for sale?

These cover Ku-ring-gai history, Ku-ring-gai suburbs, Ku-ring-gai during WW II, Lane Cove National Park and many more interesting books. We also have back issues of *The Historian* for sale.

If you have not checked what we have available recently, then come into the room and see what you can find.

The Friends of Tulkiyan

are 'Keeping Australia Beautiful'

The Friends of Tulkiyan volunteers were recently announced Runners-Up in the Sustainable Gardens Challenge – Community Category, held by the Keep Australia Beautiful organization.



Established in 1975, Keep Australia Beautiful NSW is a not-for-profit organisation working to preserve, protect and enhance the unique and diverse environments of NSW. The Sustainable Garden Challenge recognises the achievements of individuals, schools, community groups and councils in creating and maintaining gardens that not only look good but achieve

positive outcomes for the community and the environment.

The house, garden and the contents of Tulkiyan house museum are all listed on the NSW State Heritage Register. The property, at 707 Pacific Highway Gordon, is a significant heritage asset held in trust by Ku-ring-gai Council for its own and the wider community.

The curtilage of Tulkiyan remains as originally subdivided, at just under half an acre (0.183 hectares). The garden was laid out by the architect B J Waterhouse in 1913, comprising pea gravel path and driveway, ornamental flower beds, rear kitchen garden with fruit trees and formed vegetable plots, and tennis court. The garden evolved during the occupation of the Donaldson family (1914-1994), and continues to do so, while retaining their original concept.

The garden management has become a co-operative effort between the Friends of Tulkiyan and Ku-ring-gai Council outdoor staff. The Friends' volunteer garden co-ordinator plans working bees for our volunteers, and liaises with Council staff over organisation of heavy work. The program is directed to maintain the original ethos of the garden while necessarily rejuvenating plantings. The original compost system has been reinstated to improve soil quality, and extensive mulching minimises weed growth and the need for watering.

The garden of Tulkiyan has again become a beautiful setting for the house. It is a joy to visitors and a living demonstration of the ornamental, edible and entertainment capacity of gardens of the early 1900s.

New volunteers are always welcome:

Phone: 9498 3754

email:friendsoftulkiyan@kmc.nsw.gov.au

Member Profile – Bob Ross

Bob was born in Melbourne and educated at Scotch College. From his introduction to Latin at the age of nine he was in love with languages and was able to add Classical Greek a few years later. He topped the State in both, in his Matriculation year, and inevitably proceeded to a degree in Classics at Melbourne University, graduating with 1st Class Honours.



Throughout this time he was resident in Ormond College. He decided not to take further study at once, but pursue his chosen vocation; thereafter he never had the time.

On graduation he came to Sydney to teach at Sydney Grammar School and stayed for 39 years. For 31 of these he was Senior Classics Master and on his retirement left behind arguably the strongest Classics department in the southern hemisphere. He also became involved early in administration, serving as assistant to an acting-headmaster at the age of 30 and becoming Senior Master in 1969, a post which he held for 25 years and which involved four periods of different lengths as Acting-Headmaster. He also acted as Headmaster of St Ives Preparatory School for six months in 1993 on a part-time basis, combining it with his duties at the Senior School.

He served for many years on syllabus committees in both Latin and Greek and on the Greek examination committee for over 30 years. In retirement he added the Latin examination committee for four years. In 1996 he had published in the U.K., an academic commentary on Book 5 of the Roman historian Livy's great work. Over the years he contributed articles to local Classics journals and lectured at schools' days. He was also a lay member of Sydney University's Human Ethics Committee for several years.

From 2000 he took on the task of creating archives for Pymble Golf Club. His researches brought him into contact with Jennifer Harvey; membership of the Society followed, where he makes a contribution by editing articles for the *Historian* and contributing the odd article himself. As PGC's archivist he wrote the Club's history, which was published last January to some acclaim. He finds time also to play golf, originally at Roseville and for the last 23 years at Pymble, where he is still archivist.

For the last eleven years he has been a member of Gordon Probus Club, serving for five years on its Committee, culminating in a year as President. His passion for the Classics remains but is rarely indulged these days. Australian, especially local, history and researches into family history have taken over.

Bob married Elaine, whom he met at University, in 1956. Their three children have provided five grandchildren, ranging in age from 9 to 23.

History Notes

A River of History

We suspect many Ku-ring-gai residents are not really familiar with the river that forms Ku-ring-gai's western boundary. One hundred and fifty or so years ago the Pacific Highway was just a meandering, muddy track steering around tree stumps, pot holes and washaways. It was frequently impassable other than on foot or horseback.

The Lane Cove River, on the other hand, was the main transport link for people and produce. It was navigable at high tide almost as far as De Burgh's Bridge. It held the fascination and romance associated with busy, working waterways the world over. Today, however, it tends to be ignored by many, and the important role it played in our history is forgotten. Though the Park Administration does make some effort to mark historic sites it also has to direct its energies to resource-consuming environmental issues and providing recreational facilities for the public.

Some of the river's historic locations can be accessed by car either along Max Allen Drive or by Fidden's Wharf Road. Visiting others must be by rowboat or by walking tracks which need a degree of physical fitness.

Ku-ring-gai's first settler, William Henry, had his Millwood Farm at Ku-ring-gai's southern-most border near Fullers Bridge in 1814. Later, other permanent settlers came to the tiny areas of fertile land along the river. They were mostly orchardists and farmers who, with their families, laid the basis for much of our local history. In addition to Henry's own descendants, they included the Jenkins, Cooks, Lofbergs, Bakers and Schwarzes. Most of these names are even now very familiar to us. Others people "settled" illegally along the river or leased land for a time.

For the river to be used there had to be wharves. Whereas Fidden's Wharf was a public wharf others were privately owned but this did not mean they could not be used by settlers elsewhere in Ku-ring-gai. When road access to Sydney improved in the last half of the 1800s, the wharves dropped out of use and so, for most of us, has knowledge of their very existence.



Fidden's or Killara Wharf, Killara

Though there was a wharf at Henry's farm, it does not figure significantly in Ku-ring-gai's annals. However, upstream from Fullers Bridge there were a number of other wharves but to call them wharves, as we know the term, is to give them a status they did not deserve. "Landing places" may be a better description but the detail is lost in time

The main ones were known by the names of their owners or users and had occasional changes of name as a result. All were located within what is now Lane Cove National Park.

Just 100 metres or so upstream from Fullers Bridge was a wharf which for many years was the busiest and perhaps the best known of them all – Jenkins Wharf. It was on the northern end of the weir though the weir was not there at the time. It was there that Thomas Jenkins had his home, Waterview, as well as packing sheds. In these, produce was prepared for transporting to his fruit marketing business in Sydney. Only a small skerrick of what was a thriving area remains. This is Waterview's kitchen which is now within the complex of buildings used in the administration of the Park. Thomas Jenkins himself had family connections with William Henry and Waterview was on part of what had been Millwood Farm.

Several hundred metres upstream from Jenkins Wharf was Cook's Wharf. Michael Cook was a convict who is thought to have come to "Lane Cove" in 1825. He had land near the waterfront at what is now called Casuarina Point. He was a farmer and timber man. The wharf later became Hyndes Wharf. Thomas Hyndes, for his part, was a major timber getter with large holdings and leases in Ku-ring-gai and he used his wharf extensively. At one time it was approached by what is now Bradfield Road. The existing Bradfield Road does not continue through the Park to the river so the wharf area is only accessible by the Park's Max Allen Drive.

Following the river further north, we come to the site of the most famous wharf of all, Fiddens Wharf, named after the convict boatman, Joseph Fidden. This was the first of the wharves and had been built in 1805 by the Government to carry timber from the Government's timber establishment at West Lindfield to Sydney. For a time it, also, was briefly known later as Hyndes Wharf.

Even further upstream was Lofberg's Wharf only a few metres down from De Burghs Bridge at the foot of Ryde Road. This was the last to be established. Jonas Lofberg, a Swede, came to Pymble in the 1870s. The river was tidal and navigable all the way to Lofberg's Wharf which was described as nothing more than "consisting of large boulders

positioned in the river". This quote is from McLoughlin/Wyatt's *The Upper Lane Cove River*.

The River, being tidal, offered other attractions notably the "Blue Hole", a pristine and shark-free swimming spot below De Burghs Bridge. A little further down was Salt Hole which was as far as sharks went. The fishing was good all along the river.

Even further upstream, at the foot of Kissing Point Road in South Turramurra, was, and is, Brown's Waterhole. This was not really suitable for swimming, being muddy and not tidal. The pioneer, John Brown, watered his cattle there.

Undoubtedly, development has been unkind to the river in many ways. Siltation, weed invasion, pollution and the lack of tidal cleansing above the weir have all had their effect.

Ku-ring-gai shares the river with Ryde municipality on the opposite bank and it is an asset for both communities. One wonders if we value it as we should, not just for the pleasure it offers, but also for the history it holds.

Flora McLeod and the Swagman

Over the last several issues we referred to "snippets" about local people and events written thirty years ago by Miss Flora McLeod, one of our early members. These comments have come to the fore again as our volunteers have been reorganising our old files.

It seems that Miss McLeod took exception to captions given to this photo of the temporary Lindfield Post Office in 1907. For example, the wording in the "Ku-ring-gai – Living with Trees" book published in 1978 is "*The Lindfield Post Office of 1907 provides a fitting backdrop for the 'classical' swagman, once a familiar figure on lonely Ku-ring-gai roads*".



Lindfield Post Office 1907

Miss McLeod, who grew up in the area, wrote with conviction '*I sometimes see a photo of "A Swagman outside Lindfield Post Office" - it is NOT a swagman. It is Mr Montrose who lived in Ryde Road, not far below West Street.*'

She goes on to say:

"By the time I was a child there was little cutting of trees for timber – it was mainly clearing. One old man - Mr Montrose - possibly not so old because his mother was living but he was bearded in an age of clean shaven men – used to set out from home each morning with a sugar bag and an axe. He would return with sufficient suitable timber to make skewers for the butcher because that was the way the two of them earned a living."

Research shows Mrs Montrose and Arthur Montrose were

living at Ryde Rd, Gordon in the early 1900s so Miss McLeod's recollections have the ring of truth. It does not seem, though, that he had his axe with him when posing for the picture.

A Gentleman Rejected

Not everyone living in Ku-ring-gai knows the picturesque Pymble Park just behind the shops on the eastern side of the railway line. Few see it because it is not really on the way to or from anywhere much. Its recorded beginnings were in 1897 when the Pymble Progress Association agreed "that a park for Pymble be speedily obtained". They were leisurely days but the Progress Association pressed on. It was decided that sections of land owned by Mr Orme together with adjoining land owned by Dr Gustav Kottmann and Dr Hood would be suitable.

Progress Association members were later told that Dr Kottmann had asked for 300 pounds for part of his land and Mr Orme 690 pounds. The Association continued its negotiations and recorded that "*Dr Hood (who was presumably another land owner) and Dr Kottmann, with that courtesy and consideration which have so thoroughly marked their interest in Pymble, kindly placed their land under offer.*"

It is known that Dr Kottmann's "paddock" had been previously used as a cricket pitch for local events and that he joined a committee to arrange a fete on 8 November 1902 to raise funds on the site for the North Shore Hospital. His particular responsibility was to supply a Punch and Judy show. In passing it is amusing to read that Mr Blake was to provide a quiet pony for the amusement of the little ones and a set of quoits for a contest (with a 5 shilling prize) also a pig for a greasy pig contest; Mr T L O'Reilly was to arrange a fancy dress cricket match; Mr Bull was to take charge of the 'Temple of Palmistry'; Mr Willis 'old Aunt Sally', with the crowning point to be the treacle bun contest.

But back to Dr Kottmann.

Little is known of him other than that he was employed by the Colonial Sugar refinery. CSR wrote that he was a beet-sugar chemist in Germany; joined CSR in 1883 and that "he was a pioneer in the application of science to the sugar industry and in no small measure contributed to the early success of our company".

CSR goes on to say he "retired in 1913 and took his family for a tour of Europe. He was caught in Germany at the outbreak of war and spent the war years interned as an Australian subject. After the war he found anti-German feeling so high, even among his one-time friends, that he did not return to Australia".

As a result, he and his family settled in Chile, where he died.

Surely a sad end for what had clearly been a happy relationship between a courteous gentleman and the people of Pymble. Perhaps, also, a sad commentary on the attitude of Australians at that time, understandable though it may have been.

History Notes by Max Farley

Family Matters

Family History Meeting 4th October 2008

11am Session

26 members were present when Jo Harris demonstrated a privately prepared database of cemetery transcripts collated from available sources. It included names of the lost crew of HMAS *Sydney* and a list of gold miners. More lists are sought from members.

Ann Barry then told us about the resources in our Society's collection to research Land Ownership and Built Heritage. These included Parish and Council Maps, Water Board plans, Deposited Plans, Subdivision Plans. Other resources are Memorials (re application for a grant of land), "The Historian" journal, Sands Directories, and our photo collection and Microfiche.

2pm Meeting

Jo chaired the meeting and introduced:

- Ann Barry, new Society President
- Jackie Van Bergen, new Society Committee member
- Trevor Whitehead, new member of Family History Committee replacing Peter Stehn

On this day, 4th October, in 1913 the Australian Fleet arrived in Port Jackson; in 1849 the second reading of the Bill to constitute the University of Sydney. On 5th October 1833 the Theatre Royal opened.

To mark Police Remembrance Day held recently, Jo told us of Edwin Stuart Hickey, Pymble Police Sgt, who was called to a St Ives farm on 1 May 1913, was shot and died in the train en route to Royal North Shore Hospital, buried at St Johns, Gordon.

2009 Tours

27-29 March - Crookwell, Cowra, Carcoar
31 Oct-2 Nov - Tumut, Yass

The guest speaker, Ray Thorburn, who is involved with the Kiama Family History Centre, discussed the complex subject of Genetics in Genealogy. There are 6,000 hereditary disorders earmarked for research, and family history research is a bonus for workers in that field. Records mean that Australia is in a good position to identify such diseases. Family historians can often supply a family tree which leads to discovery of later generations who can be treated. However, sometimes a person with a complaint which did not show dies or is killed early in life and no record is given on the death certificate.

Adoption and sperm donorship are important areas where hereditary diseases can be unknowingly passed on.

The Kiama Family History Centre has done work with the Molecular Genetics Laboratory at University of Sydney,

where Dr Garth Nicholson deals with neurological complaints. The Centre also receives requests from the NSW Department of Community Services relating to adopted children.

Ray told the story of Queenie Nelson, one of the first registered adoptions under the 1923 Act, she was found in a basket, adopted, given a new name, married twice, and was written up in a women's magazine. By chance an Adelaide family saw the article and recognised the photo which resulted in discovery of a family connection. There is also the story of Ann Blair, convict, who arrived 1801 in *Earl Cornwallis*. The Molecular Laboratory sought information on her family, Convict Muster records did not show Ann on this ship, enquiries in England revealed her name was really Anna Player with three younger brothers in Wiltshire. A Laboratory there is working with descendants.

There is a Centre for Genetics Education at Royal North Shore Hospital to which anyone has access. Phone: 9926 7324, PO Box 317 St. Leonards NSW, email: genetics@med.usyd.edu.au, website: <http://www.genetics.com.au>

This Centre helps people to understand their complaint and often finds a self-help group.

Judith Fuller gave a vote of thanks and gift to Ray.

Raffle of pre-loved books was won by Kevin Callinan who chose "Francis Greenway".

Computer Resources

DO YOU KNOW THAT THESE RESOURCES ARE ON OUR COMPUTERS ?????

TASMANIAN Resources available at the Research Centre

BDMs: Births 1803-1919,
Marriages & Deaths 1803-1930
1867 McPhail's Directory of Tasmania
1900 Cyclopaedia of Tasmania - 2 volumes
1903 Electoral Roll
1904 Tasmania Post Office Directory
1925 Australian Pastoral Directory (includes Tasmania)
1956-1973 Obituaries from Walch's Almanac
Several Cemetery Transcripts

Tour to Kingswood State Archives, Thursday 6 November

Includes morning tea, guided tour of Archives, talk about "Hard to Find Shipping Records", lunch, time for research, afternoon tea and home. Leave Bannockburn Oval, Pymble at 8.30am returning as traffic permits. All inclusive cost \$35. A few seats left - ring Jo 9489 4393.

Historical Society Trip 27/28 September, 2008 Sofala, Hill End, Mudgee and Gulgong.

A full coach-load of members participated in this latest of a series of tours using the good offices of Helen and Ken of Prymer Tours; we were very lucky to have ideal spring weather.

The coach left early on the Saturday morning for the drive, via the Blue Mountains, to our morning tea stop at the dignified and historic Hartley Court House, on this occasion free from the pestilential flies which marred an earlier visit.

Jenny Joyce had again provided information notes, especially useful for those of us making our first visit to the four locations, where we were taken in hand by local experts. At Sofala, we were guided by the bearded Ken Webb, who told of its rapid growth following the discovery of gold in June 1851. None of its previous prosperity now remains and the surviving community seems more than a little, and quite understandably, sorry for itself. Next, at Hill End, we heard from another quasi-patriarchal figure, Malcolm Drinkwater, of more glory days in mining, first for alluvial, then for reef gold. Mr Drinkwater has built up a significant museum with an adjoining restaurant facility, where we had lunch. His talk included valuable oral history material in the form of video interviews with old-timers, successful and otherwise, whose features vividly demonstrated the hardness of their former calling; he then conducted us on a mini-tour of this once thriving town where many of the original cottages have survived. He told of the multiplicity of establishments, both legal and sly, that had been dedicated to the provision of alcohol. These were at least partly offset by construction of progressively more substantial places of worship (of several denominations).



Malcolm Drinkwater in St Paul's Church, Hill End - Jo Harris

Our last visit of the day was to the cemetery at Tambaroora where the current gravedigger, Ted Abbott, helped two members with ancestors buried there and gave an interesting talk on the site, said to contain some hundred unmarked graves of infants, as well as a number of scattered white crosses made by latter-day prisoners by way of 're-hab.'

From our overnight stay at the Mudgee Motor Inn we drove to Gulgong on the Sunday morning, firstly to Flirtation Hill, which afforded a magnificent view of the town and its surrounds - much of it redolent of history, as later explained by another enthusiastic local, Des Kelly - again a man conscious of the necessity to record oral history whilst the opportunity to do so still exists. His tour of the town was full of

anecdote and local detail - one interesting fact being that many of the original century-old corrugated iron roofs still remain, evidence of authenticity being provided by the still visible dents caused by a fatal hailstorm in 1908. Many miner's cottages were again to be seen and the local Pioneers Museum provided a wealth of local history and folk memory. After lunch in the park we made a short visit to Mudgee Honey Haven before setting off on the very scenic drive home, with a short refreshment stop at Bilpin.

Once again Jo Harris had produced a most rewarding weekend, primed with information and enlivened by an amusing questionnaire and a typically ingenious quiz - each providing much head-scratching and entertainment. All participants were very appreciative of the unstinting effort she made to ensure that the tour would be so enjoyable.

Notes by Peter Done



Sofala early 1900s

Photo from "Glint of Gold" by Kerrin Cook

Research Team Reports

Elsewhere in this Newsletter we tell how we have had to set up a special Research Team to handle the increasing number of enquiries we are now getting from outside Ku-ring-gai. Recent ones include:

Greville. A Victorian enquirer asked what we knew of a family named Greville who had "all lived around the Gordon - North Sydney area" and of a Marion Greville who our correspondent thought had run a school here.. We went into it and found that a Henry Greville had been associated with Willoughby rather than Ku-ring-gai. He had been an auditor of the Borough of Willoughby in the 1890s and was honoured by having Greville Street in West Chatswood named after him. Miss Marion Greville turned out to be niece of Henry Greville and proved to have a close connection with Ku-ring-gai. In the 1930s she ran the Rosny Preparatory School at 25 St John's Avenue, Gordon.

Terrey. An enquirer from the North Coast has an ancestor, James Terrey, "who apparently owned land at Pymble, what is now Terrey Hills and at Cottage Point". The enquirer asked if we have any historical records that may assist in filling in knowledge of the original James Terrey. We supplied information about the James Terrey who came to Australia in 1842, and settled near Pentecost Avenue in Pymble in 1856. He had a wholesale grocery business in the city and land as the enquirer described. We said, however, that our James Terrey seemed to be a different James Terrey than the one who was our correspondent's ancestor. As a result, our enquirer is delving deeper and will be in touch if he finds evidence to support what he had thought to have been his Ku-ring-gai connection.

Copy for Newsletter

General copy for publication should be lodged with the Editor, Kerrin Cook at lindsaykerrin@bigpond.com as early as possible but no later than 7th of the month (except November and December) unless otherwise arranged. Copy lodged before that date **will receive preference** all things being equal. Copy is to be submitted on the understanding that the Society has editing rights and readers can reproduce it in whole or part with acknowledgement. Material should preferably be in electronic form.

New Members

We are very pleased to welcome to membership:

Ian Kirk - Chatswood
John & Anne Timmins - Wahroonga
Judy Goldsmith - Cremorne
Dudley Wrigley - St Ives Chase
Oksana Hull - Eastwood
Julie Appleton - Mona Vale

We know they will enjoy their time with the Society and that membership will open the door to many friends and activities of interest.

An Old Ku-ring-gai Family

St John's Church held its annual fete on Saturday 18 October with tours of the cemetery. Two of the women remembered were from the McIntosh family. The photograph below shows Olivia great-great grand-daughter of Susan and Edwin Archbold McIntosh.



Research Centre Hours

The Society's Research Centre is at 799 Pacific Highway, Gordon, adjacent to the Ku-ring-gai Library. The Centre is open to the public from 10am to 2pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (except the first Saturday of each month when members have a meeting). It is closed over the Christmas period and on public holidays.

Diary Dates

- Sat 1 Nov** 11am Members Research
2pm General Meeting and Forum
"Recent finds that have helped to climb my brick walls."
- Thu 6 Nov** Trip to Kingswood State Archives
(bookings with Jo)
- Wed 12 Nov** 1.30pm Search Ku-ring-gai workshop
- Sat 15 Nov** 2pm Society General Meeting
Speaker - Paul Storm
"Handling History"
Following the Meeting we will be having our Christmas afternoon tea
Please bring a plate
- Sat 6th Dec** NO 11am research
2pm Meeting followed by Speaker
Wendy Borchers -
"Finding a long lost cousin"
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