



KURRAJONG ~ COMLEROY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Kurrajong ~ Comleroy Historical Society is dedicated to researching, recording, preserving and promoting the growth of interest in the history of the Kurrajong district, the area west of the Hawkesbury River bounded by Bilpin and the Grose and Colo rivers

THIS ISSUE

The dynasty of Andrew Johnston
& Mary Beard in the Hawkesbury

CAROL ROBERTS

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Steve Rawling summarises a number of subjects which have been raised at recent committee meetings, the May general meeting and the planning meeting. All members are welcome to express their views on these subjects.

4 On Woodbourne

Deborah Hallam responded to the request for further information on 'Woodburn' promptly and with a very detailed article on the property's history. It covers the period from its establishment to the present day.

6 Tobacco crop trials

Excerpts from early newspapers regarding the suitability of tobacco being a reliable and profitable crop in the local district. Trials were held at the Agricultural College and local properties, one being 'Kahreela' owned by H J Peck at the time.

8 Dates for your diary

A final reminder for the mid-winter dinner which will be held at Loxley on Bellbird Hill on Friday, 25 July.

The annual general meeting will be held on Thursday, 23 October at the CWA hall in Kurrajong Village.

New Members

The Society would like to welcome the following new members

ROBERT LAMB
SHARON LAMB

One of the aims of the KCHS Autumn Heritage Tour held on 8 April 2014 was to recognise the heritage of Wilberforce and Ebenezer, while linking in with a tour of the Pitt Town area. The tour followed some of the descendants of pioneers of Ebenezer, in particular Andrew Johnston and his wife, Mary Beard. Andrew and Mary Johnston arrived in the colony of New South Wales on board the 522-ton *Coromandel* on 13 June 1802 after a record trip of 121 days. Their descendants spread throughout the Hawkesbury and Hunter Valley areas. In researching information for the tour it was found that no study of the Johnston family would be complete without a visit to Ebenezer Church, where many of the Johnstons and other early settlers are buried.

Andrew Johnston was born at Berwick on Tweed in Northumberland and he was descended from the powerful, ancient Johnston Border clan from Annandale. The *Coromandel* carried 136 male convicts under Master Alex Sterling/Stirling (an uncle of George Hall, one of the settlers) and Surgeon Charles Throsby. The British Government promised the shipping agents for the *Coromandel* £10 for every convict embarked for the voyage and a further £5 for every convict that disembarked alive and well at Port Jackson. The free settlers on board were chosen because of what they could contribute to the colony and as well, the convicts were selected because many of them could read and write and they were either farmers or tradesmen. Andrew and Mary Johnston, née Beard were amongst a group of seven couples and two single men from the Crown Court Presbyterian Church in London who had a signed contract with the government that they would receive free passage, a land grant of 100 acres each on arrival, plus farming equipment and a convict servant. In all, thirty-seven men, women and children of the Free Presbyterian movement were amongst those who boarded the *Coromandel* for the voyage to Australia.

Andrew Johnston was granted ninety acres on the left bank of Hawkesbury, firstly calling it New Berwick Farm then Portland Head Farm. In 1806 he received an additional grant of thirty-six

acres next to the original grant. The Johnstons were joined at Portland Head (Ebenezer) by several other settler families. Andrew Johnston was involved with the Portland Head Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge and the Education of Youth, formed in 1808. It was agreed at the first meeting of that society that a church and school would be built, "... to measure 50 feet by 20 feet by 12 feet high." The church, designed by Andrew Johnston



NSW Govt Land & Property Information, Parish Maps
Parish of Wilberforce, county of Cook, district of Windsor
Date of map 9 February 1940

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President's Corner

The Millstone has two main purposes. The first is to provide members with articles about the history of our area, such as those about the Johnston family and *Woodbourne* which are in this issue. The second is to provide members with updates about the affairs of the Society for the benefit of those unable to attend general meetings or to join excursions. This column concentrates on the latter.

Recent committee meetings and the May general meeting discussed a number of issues, some of which flow from the planning meeting reported in the previous issue.

They included:

- The very successful sales of the St Stephens parish registers publication of the Family History Group. Work is proceeding apace on the second volume.
- A first discussion of a possible change in the name of the Society to reflect both geographical reality and the balance of activities, perhaps something like: 'The Kurrajong Historical and Family History Society'. There was a clear division of opinion on this subject and it will need further discussion and input from the membership in general.
- A suggestion that some general meetings be held during daylight hours. This received support from both members at the meeting and the committee at its June meeting.
- Progress, or lack of it from the council, on the proposal to place historical signage in Kurrajong Village.
- The need for renovating and upgrading the Society's facility at Blaxlands Ridge.
- The successful publication of a new colourful leaflet and banner publicising the Society.
- An agreement to raffle, over a twelve month period, the painting of Singleton's Mill by Fay Edwards, beginning at the July Dinner.
- A decision to reprint the booklet, *Historical Walk of Kurrajong with Ken Bennett*.
- The anxious wait for word on funding under the Anzac Centenary Local Grants scheme for our project.
- A decision to hold the annual general meeting in October rather than September and during daylight hours.
- The usual plea for members to consider nominating for positions on the committee. Nomination papers will be included in the next issue of *The Millstone*. Some members of the current committee could step down, one has already had to do so, and there is an urgent need for people to come forward to help progress the work of the Society.

KCHS 2014 Mid-Winter Dinner Friday 25 July 7pm

Members and friends of the Kurrajong Comleroy Historical Society are invited to attend the 2014 mid-winter dinner. It will be held on Friday, 25 July at Loxley on Bellbird Hill. The night's proceedings get underway at 7pm

Guest speaker will be Andrew Tink MP speaking on the life and times of the explorer and statesman Sir William Charles Wentworth

Cost per person is \$60

Bookings and payment are required by Friday, 18 July. Utilise the included insert to place your booking and forward payment

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and constructed in 1809, became known as Ebenezer Church, now considered to be the oldest church in Australia.

The Portland Head settlers witnessed some of the most turbulent times in Australia's colonial history and in 1808-09, Andrew Johnston and other Hawkesbury settlers signed a letter and a petition requesting reinstatement of Governor Bligh after the so-called Rum Rebellion. Johnston held the governor in such high regard that in 1809 he named his son James Bligh Johnston I and that tradition has continued in the Johnston family.

Of the children of Andrew and Mary Johnston: Andrew died in England in 1798, aged five; Alexander died on the voyage in 1802, aged two; Alexander (b. 1805) died in 1833; Thomas married Elizabeth Cavenough; William married Mary Hall, daughter of George Hall and Mary Smith; John married Jane Ballard and their daughter, Jane, married John Bowman, the son of George and Eliza/Elizabeth Bowman; Abraham Johnston's first wife, Margaret Brown, died in childbirth and his second wife, Henrietta Stuart McKay, burnt to death in 1874; Jane married George Sutor; Hannah married James Hawkesbury Hall, son of George Hall and Mary Smith; James Bligh I married Caroline South and later Anne Waldron.

James Bligh Johnston I and his descendants lived at Spring Hill at McGraths Hill and the tour group drove past the property on their way to Pitt Town. A daughter of J B Johnston I and Anne Waldron, Julia Bligh Johnston, joined the NSW Army Nursing Service Reserve formed in early 1899. Julia B Johnston became superintendent and Ellen (Nellie) Julia Gould was lady superintendent. They became lifelong friends, serving together in South Africa during the Boer War and later in Egypt and France during World War I.

A son of J B Johnston I and Caroline South was James Bligh Johnston II who married Eliza Mary Hall. J B Johnston I and J B Johnston II were district coroners for the Hawkesbury and Hylton Stanley Johnston, son of J.B. Johnston II, was the third generation of the Johnston family to take up the same position. Hylton Johnston married Hilda, the daughter of Samuel and Amelia Hoskisson, née Ezzy and both Hylton and Hilda died at *Tara*, their home in Windsor. Hylton remained in the position of district coroner until his death in 1960. Hilda died in 1967. Members of the tour were invited to *Tara*, now the home of artist Greg Hansell and his partner Yvonne Shaw at the conclusion of the day for afternoon tea and a walk through Greg Hansell's studio.

Morning tea was provided at *Bona Vista*, a Victorian-era sandstone house with a slate roof and bell caste verandah in Johnston Street, Pitt Town. The house was built in 1888 by James Henry Johnston I and his wife Mary Hall. *Bona Vista* is now run as a bed and breakfast and wedding photography venue and is at present owned by James Henry and Mary Johnston's great granddaughter, Gai Timmerman née Johnston and her husband, Bill.

Information about the Johnston family can be obtained from Johnston Family Association representatives

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From the Editor

Editors are often called on to be adjudicators, judges and peacemakers. There was vigorous discussion between some of the proofreaders regarding the spelling of the guesthouse *Kahreela* in the previous issue's article on the water supply to the old Heights hotel. I did some researching and it resulted in agreement that Airdrie Martin's spelling with the inclusion of the letter 'h' was correct.

There was an added bonus in that during the research I came across a number of old newspaper articles relating to tobacco crops being grown in the district. I, and others I corresponded with, could find little detail of people growing tobacco as a crop in the Kurrajong district. Some have memories of their parents growing it for personal use and for offering to visitors, but not commercial supply. I hope a detailed article on the subject might be able to be included in a future issue.

The advertisement for Camel cigarettes on page six is a good example of how times change. It was not only published in a medical journal but used military medical personnel to spruik the benefits of smoking.

I must give a big thank you to Deborah Hallam for responding so promptly to my request, in the previous issue, for information on *Woodburn*. Her article appears on pages four and five of this issue. Not only is it a detailed history of the property it also explains why myself and others could find very little when searching the Internet. We were searching using the word *Woodburn*, not *Woodbourne*.

This issue has a bit of a Carol Roberts theme to it. Not only has she supplied the opening article she also forwarded an early photo of herself for the Shop Floor column. Quite a little cutie pie I must say.

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The Sydney Morning Herald
Saturday, 20 March 1937

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On 'Woodbourne'

DEBORAH HALLAM

Two of the earliest land grants in Kurrajong were 500 acres to William Lawson and eighty acres to ex-convict Rowland Edwards. These grants were re-issued by Governor Macquarie in 1810.

While Edwards was occupying and improving his grant the Lawson land, named Mount Maitland, was unimproved until 1823 when Lawson advertised to have it fenced and 100 acres cleared. Some of the land was then leased for a variety of farming activities but never occupied by Lawson.

After Edwards was murdered in 1814 his property passed to his wife in trust for his son John Rowland until he was twenty one in 1836.

In 1842 brothers John, William and Samuel Lamrock arrived in NSW from Ireland on the *Broom*. They found work in the Richmond area. In 1847 John was farming and making wine, entering three bottles of Colonial Made Wine in the Hawkesbury Agricultural Association show.

In the late 1840s John Lamrock purchased Rowland Edwards' grant and constructed a two-storey sandstone inn next to the existing weatherboard cottage. Licensed as 'Goldfinder's Rest' it soon became known as 'Lamrock's' and was well regarded far and wide.

In 1839 William Lawson transferred Mount Maitland to his son, Nelson. In turn it passed to his son, Nelson in 1849. The younger Nelson advertised the property for sale in July 1865 as 500 acres, "... let to various tenants, portion fenced and improved." In August John Lamrock purchased the property for £14,000.

Lamrock constructed a house on Mount Maitland near the inn. He also advertised for a manager for the inn where he continued until 1869 when his daughter married John Benson and the young couple took over.

By May 1871 Lamrock had, "... retired on a competency and built a nice house, a fine property with an orangery and orchards and several acres of vines." The dairy was the largest in the area and the residence was described as, "... one of the best built on the hill." with flower gardens all around the house. The property was called *Woodbourne*.

Lamrock's daughters and granddaughter were married on the property which became a social centre.

In May 1890 John and Eleanor Lamrock's son, Dr James Lamrock visited *Woodbourne* with his new wife. "Tenants and servants placed a floral arch over the gateway which was lit



Kurrajong Lodge June 2014
Photo: Chris Upton

with Chinese lanterns." A motto, "Welcome to Kurrajong" was also erected and guns and fireworks were let off freely.

John Lamrock died at *Woodbourne* on 29 June 1896. His wife Eleanor died at her son's home in Bexley on 10 May 1898. The property passed to Dr James Lamrock who immediately advertised the livestock for sale and installed a caretaker, George Watts. In 1903 the household effects were advertised and a caretaker, Lawson Pearce was in residence.

In July 1910 the *Windsor and Richmond Gazette* reported the sale of Dr J Lamrock's property as follows: "Woodbourne the homestead to Mr H. E. Peck for £800. Peck also purchased another two hundred acres of Lamrock land." Peck immediately began selling the orchards with an additional subdivision sale at the Royal Hotel in 1912.

The *Windsor and Richmond Gazette* of 26 July 1913 reported that Mr Malcolm of Sydney had purchased the property *Woodburn* and was renovating the residence as a family home.

Malcolm retained ownership of the property until 1927 although he primarily lived in Sydney.

In 1927 Malcolm's Woodburn Estate was widely advertised for sale. This was land between Little Wheeny Creek and Bells Line of Road, now Old Bells. There were eighty-eight lots varying in size from small to several acres. Lots were vacant except for lot 65, a six-acre lot on which stood the weatherboard cottage shown as *Woodburn*. This lot, which had a reserve of £700 was sold by private treaty for £836.



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The first mention of *Kurrajong Lodge* is thought to be 1941. On Boxing Day 1941 a number of the local guesthouses entertained their guests with a picnic, races and sports day. In a lively description of the day the *Windsor and Richmond Gazette* lists the participating guesthouses. Mistakenly Samson's guesthouse is listed as Kurrajong, and Streeter's as Wheeney Lodge. Samson ran *Wheeney Guest House*. Streeter's thus should have read *Kurrajong Lodge*. Thereafter the house was consistently referred to as *Kurrajong Lodge*.

In November 1943 the house of seventeen rooms on eleven acres was advertised for sale by the Arnold Brothers, Kurrajong. The property boasted a large dining hall, electricity, hot and cold water, sewerage and excellent appointments. Mention was made of a mountain stream, tennis and swimming. Price was £2,850. This sale may not have proceeded as in 1946 Streeter's announced that Streeter's *Kurrajong Lodge* would be reopening on October 4. The next proprietors were Mr and Mrs Horwood previously of Katoomba.

Kurrajong Lodge guesthouse was regularly advertised in Sydney papers. It was also a centre for local social events such as debating and tennis competitions. In an interesting sideline one of the attractions advertised in 1951 was cows.

Two local weddings were reported at *Kurrajong Lodge* in 1952 and 1953, the well-known names Hungerford and Flockhart 1952, and Hungerford and Buckett 1953.

Woodbourne / Woodburn / Kurrajong Lodge has been part of the physical and social landscape of Kurrajong since the late 1860s. It remains one of the oldest buildings in Kurrajong and many residents will have memories of the later years.

The heydays of guesthouses passed in the 1950s. The demise in Kurrajong was accelerated by the loss of the railway in 1952. *Kurrajong Lodge* emphasised its proximity to the station in most of its advertisements.

Eventually the guesthouse was converted to flats and remains so today. The tennis court was removed sometime after 1980 but some of the beautiful trees of John Lamrock's garden remain. Despite the many alterations the bones of the house can still be seen inside the building

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Attempted Arson at Kurrajong.

"THE LIGHT THAT FAILED."

A dastardly attempt at incendiarism is reported from Kurrajong, but the designs of the incendiary were fortunately frustrated before any serious damage was wrought. The scene of the miscreant's nefarious operations was "Woodbourne," the late residence of Mr. R. Skuthorp, J.P., and the property of Dr. Lamrock, of Kogorah. Mr. Skuthorp vacated the house on the 8th ult, and a caretaker (Mr. Lawson Pearce) was placed in charge pending the sale of furniture, which was advertised to take place on Monday last. Mr. Pearce never left the premises (which was of wood) and slept in a long hall adjacent to the dining room, which is 30ft from the front bedroom. On going his rounds on Sunday morning, Pearce detected the smell of fire and noticed smoke issuing. On opening the door of the bedroom mentioned, he discovered that a diabolical and carefully-planned attempt had been made to burn down the building. A closer inspection indicated that the would-be incendiary had made his entrance through the front window into the main bedroom. A piece of window curtain had been torn down, saturated with kerosene, placed in one corner of the room, and set fire to, whilst a bottle which had contained oil was also found. The wall paper had become ignited, and the partition was also charred (a hole in one place being burnt clean through), whilst the calico on the ceiling had been also burnt. At this stage the fire, strange to say, had exhausted itself. The escape from a serious outbreak was indeed a providential one. Had there been the slightest draught in the room, it is beyond doubt that the flames would have rapidly spread and demolished both the structure and contents (which consisted of valuable furniture) before assistance could have been rendered. There is not the slightest clue as to the identity of the culprit.

The Hawkesbury Herald
Friday, 3 April 1903

Mr C. S. Guest reports having sold Dr. J. Lamrock's property at the Kurrajong as follows: "Woodbourne," the homestead, to Mr H. E. Peck, for £800; 200 acres to Messrs Peck and Tate; 46 acres, portion of the old racecourse, to Mr R. A. Pye; and 15 acres to the Government for a recreation ground for Colo Shire.

The Windsor & Richmond Gazette
Saturday, 2 July 1910

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"Woodbourne," Kurrajong.

The Windsor & Richmond Gazette
Saturday, 12 October 1895

TOBACCO GROWING.

KURRAJONG FOUND SUITABLE.

Mr. H. J. Peck, of "Kahreela," Kurrajong Heights, recently undertook to grow samples of tobacco at Kurrajong Heights and submit samples to the British-Australian Tobacco Proprietary, Ltd. Mr. Peck recently forwarded a sample of the tobacco leaf he raised to the company, and has received the following reply:—

We are in receipt of your letter, also sample of tobacco leaf you managed to raise this season from "White Stem Oronoco" seed. The leaves are too new, and contain too much natural sap in them to enable us to test their burning properties and quality, but we are convinced that a good, useful tobacco could be grown in a normal season. Of course, it would require to be properly cured to bring out its best characteristics, which would mean the erection of a flue-curing barn, and that would be out of the question unless you raised a four or five acre crop. Our object was to find out what kind of tobacco leaf your district and situation would produce, and you may be pleased to hear that we are not disappointed with the few uncured sample leaves you have sent us, for which we thank you. Kindly advise us whether it is your intention to make a further attempt during the coming season.

The Windsor & Richmond Gazette
Friday, 7 September 1923

Two tobacco experts, appointed by the Government, have been in the district for about a week, one of them having had considerable experience in America, and the other in India. It is the intention of the Minister for Agriculture to allow them 40 acres of land for growing various kinds of tobacco, and for the production of the best kinds of leaf, and for the placing of it in the market for use. They visited the tobacco plot on the College farm, and also went up to the Kurrajong and inspected Mr. John's farm, this gentleman being well-known in the district as a tobacco-grower. He exhibits at the Hawkesbury Show every year.

The Windsor & Richmond Gazette
Saturday, 21 January 1893

Mr Lamb, the Government tobacco expert, who was supposed to be in Richmond looking for the private tobacco manufacturers, wishes us to state that he is not an excise inspector. He has been at the College for about three weeks, treating upon the present crop of tobacco. The intention of the Agricultural Department is to try and ascertain what particular kind of tobacco will suit the district, and what special method of growing will suit the climate. Not 35 per cent of the tobacco consumed in this colony is made in the colony. Mr Lamb states that the soil on the College farm, which has been so much despised, has turned out really good. There are eight or nine different kinds of tobacco at present grown on the College farm, and the crop is the best he has seen. This number of different kinds has been grown for the purpose of enabling the authorities to select the highest class of leaf. A shed has been built for the purpose of preserving the leaf by artificial heat, instead of leaving it out in the open air. An average crop of tobacco will yield from eight to nine cwts per acre.

The Windsor & Richmond Gazette
Saturday, 14 March 1896



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Four men in a boat



This photo is from the collection of Thelma Groch and its date is unknown.

The caption reads: Alfred Lord's cart, horses and boat at 'Loxley' Kurrajong North. Alf is sitting on the boat. The other members of the party are Stan Dunston, Mill Dunston and Claude Dunston.

The boat would have a very shallow draught so it can be assumed that they would be headed for fairly stable waters rather than fast-flowing rivers. A number of local waterways would be possible destinations.

Frank Lenord & Ted Peck



Ken Lenord contributed this photo to the Society's archives. Its date is unknown but thought to be circa 1930s. Frank Lenord is on the left and Ted Peck on the right. The bowlers could be those which were at Dan Hobby's garage.

This is one of many photos of the local district in 'Glimpses of the Kurrajong', a 2008 KCHS publication.

F. H. Lenord, Kurrajong, applied for a crossing over the gutter in front of his bakehouse grounds, near Hobby's garage.—Referred to the engineer.

Windsor & Richmond Gazette
Friday, 15 July 1932



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The Shop Floor

Grants officer



Carol Roberts is the Society's grants officer. In this photo she is aged three and using a hand mower on her Uncle Bert Hornery's property at 46 Court Street, Windsor. Bert built the house on this property in 1928.

Carol and her family lived at the property next door, number 44. The house in the background is the old Toll House near South Creek. The Dutch family, the Kesslers lived there for many years after the Second World War.

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As your readers are anxious for a snake story, I will give them one. "I tell the story as 'twas told to me." A man, very well known on the Slopes, went out last Saturday evening to chop some wood for a three-logged fire. He was chopping for about five minutes and had got about half way through one log, when it suddenly dawned on him that the laid log was slowly moving round towards his leg. (I beg pardon. I meant pipe stem). He drew off a short distance to have a better look, and what was his surprise to see that he had been hewing away at a large black snake which had curled itself up for a sleep after having a good meal, for when he finished killing it he opened it and found it contained one 'possum, seven birds, a duck, and two old hens. There was no three-logged fire that night, and the adventurer avers that if it had happened the previous evening (unlucky Friday) he should not have come off so well. We call on the "Bard of the Slopes" to immortalise this adventure by composing one of his sweet and soul-stirring poems on it. I hope he will respond.

The people of this district are greatly annoyed by pedlars and Indian Hawkers. They insist on showing their goods against a person's will, and then if you will not buy, they get in a great passion, and often if there is no man at the house they are very insulting and abusive.

The Windsor & Richmond Gazette
Saturday, 19 September 1891

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 25 July MID-WINTER DINNER

Members and their friends are welcome to attend the mid-winter dinner which will be held at Loxley on Bellbird Hill. Arrival time 7 p.m. for 7:30 p.m. seating.

The guest speaker will be retired member of parliament Andrew Tink and his subject will be the life of explorer and statesman Sir William Charles Wentworth, 1790-1872.

The dinner is always an interesting evening and a chance to catch up with other members of the Society and their friends.

There will also be the launch of the KCHS raffle for 2014-15. Tickets will be priced at \$5.

Cost per person for the dinner is \$60.

Please check the inserted booking form for further details and payment requirements.

Thursday, 23 October ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please note that this year the meeting will be held in daytime hours between noon and 3 p.m. at the CWA hall in Kurrajong Village.

Nomination forms for positions on the committee as well as the Society's financial reports will be inserted in the September – October issue of the newsletter and forwarded to members only.



The Windsor & Richmond Gazette
6 August 1920

Important note to members

When returning membership renewal forms advise of any changes in address phone and email contact details. A reminder to members eligible for the over 75 years of age concession that when renewing family membership both members need to be over 75

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