

Sawmills Wyee & Surrounding area
&
Land history.

For research and study

M Patten

Wye sawmill

1874-1888

Joseph Lancaster oversaw Wye sawmill a number of years, the mill had been constructed for William Wakeford contractor of Murrumbidgee for the railway sleepers for the great northern railway.

The piece of land bordering Wye Creek is where the sawmill was situated, building timber was also cut out of what would have been wasted from the logs after the sleepers had been cut.

The mill was on a section of land of 320 acres, and the measurements of the shed were said to be 100 x 40 feet with three circular saws that were powered by steam, when in use each was making 800 revolutions per minute.

The engine was a 30 horsepower, and the motion was conveyed to the machinery by the spur-wheel and pinion that was 9 feet in diameter and the fly wheel 14 feet in diameter, the timbers are so constructed that there was no perceptible vibration in the mill.

A man named Fredrick King brought the Mill, only to have it destroyed by fire not long after purchasing the mill.

Wye wharf was said to have been five miles from Wye sawmill.

An ad in February 1888 said that Wye sawmill was within two miles from Norahville (Wye) train station and was to be sold at auction.

And the second Wye sawmill was on land that was at one time known to have been called Bridge's point, and the wharf and stone embankment had cost hundreds of pounds to build.

The wharf was also leased by the Amos brothers to discharge all of the materials for the building of their portion of the Waratah-Homebush railway line.

Year 1901.

CENSUS DISTRICT, No 31

Name Gasford

Sub-District G

County Northumberland

Borough or Municipal District

Ward

Township or Village (not a Municipality.) Morrisett

Goldfield

LOCALITY. Name of Street, Road, Gully, &c. In Town state No. of House.	Name of Householder.	No. of Householder's Schedule.	Total Number of Persons in each Schedule.		Number of Chinese and Aborigines included in two previous columns.				Remarks.
			M.	F.	Chinese.		Aborigines.		
					M.	F.	M.	F.	
Morrisett	R. Stephenson	127	1	0	✓				
Morrisett	W. Stevenson	128	1	1	✓				
Morrisett	H. Woodward	129	1	0	✓				
Morrisett	Em. Mulla	130	1	2	✓				
Morrisett	J.B. Mulla	131	3	1	✓				
Morrisett	John Taylor	132	3	2	✓				
Morrisett	Mrs. Woodward	133	2	1	✓				
Morrisett	E. Traupfeld	134	3	4	✓				
Wye	Uninhabited	135			✓				
Hwy. Hwy.	Uninhabited	136			✓				Public School
Wye	Uninhabited	137			✓				
Wye	Uninhabited	138			✓				Saw Mill
Wye	Uninhabited	139			✓				Public School
Morrisett	Uninhabited	140			✓				
Morrisett	Uninhabited	141			✓				Railway Station
Morrisett	Uninhabited	142			✓				Saw mill
Morrisett	Uninhabited	143			✓				
Morrisett	Uninhabited	144			✓				Public School
Morrisett	Uninhabited	145			✓				Church
Morrisett	Uninhabited	146 147			✓				
Morrisett	Uninhabited	148 149			✓				Store
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Number of Dwellings in this page, - Inhabited, 28; Uninhabited, 135; Building

14 Station, 3 Schools, 2 Sawmills, 1 Church, 1 Store

Lewis, Senior-constable Grice, and Constable O'Connor, Sydney Police. Committed for trial at Criminal Court.

Cooranbong.—On the 17th instant, a shed, containing saw-mill machinery, and two empty huts, situate at Whyee, near Cooranbong, the property of Frederick King, were destroyed by fire, and at an inquest held on the 19th instant, before the District Coroner, the following verdict was returned:—"Wilfully set on fire by some person or persons unknown to the Jury." The property destroyed was value about £150.

Forbes.—Michael John Rolfe, charged with wilfully and maliciously setting fire to the "Albion Hotel" and other premises, situate at Forbes, the property of F. L. Richardson, has been arrested by Sub-Inspector Stephenson and Sergeant M'Manamey, Forbes Police. Committed to the gaol for trial at Forbes Sessions.

EXPERIENCED Timber Getter required for work at Whyee, cutting mill logs. Permanent job with good wages and conditions. Apply P. J. Farrell Pty Ltd., 6 Hall-st., Newcastle. Ring B2826.

Details

Number INX-48-39918
Title Blank Title
Index Name Register of Firms Index
Name of Firm W A STEWART & COMPANY
Nature of Business Saw Mill Proprietors
Place of Business Wyee near Wyong
Person Carrying on Business PRYME, David; STEWART, William Allen
Date of Registration 3 Jun 1920

Details

Number INX-48-47935
Title Blank Title
Index Name Register of Firms Index
Name of Firm WYEE SAW MILLS
Nature of Business Sawing Hardwood
Place of Business 19A Elizabeth Street Sydney
Person Carrying on Business MELVILLE, Alexander; SUMMERHAYES, Charles Robert
Date of Registration 4 Jan 1918
File No 29836
Item No [2/8547]
Index Number 48

Gosford Times and Wyong District Advocate (NSW : 1906 - 1954),
 Friday 27 October 1911, page 10

Wyong News ♦ . — [From Our Correspondent.] It is reported that a syndicate has purchased a large tract of country at Morisset and are going to open the coal deposit near that place. Mr. Tom Southern has the contract for the erection of a stationmaster's residence at Wye. Mr. Cock is erecting a large Public School at Wye. . Mr. Wm. Oppermann had a very narrow escape last Saturday night near Skinner's store, at Ourimbah. It appears some reckless fellow was driving without a light, and ran over Mr. Opperman, giving him a severe shaking. ' A reward is offered for the apprehension of the offender. Mr. William Ross, the energetic Secretary of the Progress Association, is a worker in the true sense of the word. He is now using every effort to keep level railway crossing open, and is ever ready to do anything to move Wyong ahead, even at a great loss of time to himself. Mr. Summerhayes is erecting a sawmill near Wye. This will enable him to cut a quantity of the timber for use on his own building.

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ille	Melton Wm., Mintaro ave. S, Strathfield	M
riah Park	Melton William M., farmer, Kyamba	
lamanna	Melvan Herbert, Anzac par, Sth R'wick	
Sydney	Melvey Mrs P. J., Whatmore st, N. Svd,	
ueville	Melvil Patrick J., grazier, Gunnedah	
hville	Melvil Samuel, grazier, Gunnedah	
, W. Kog.	Melville & Baker, com. agents. Bundarra	M
st, West	Melville & Summerhayes, timber yard, Queen st, Concord, and at Wye	
ekdale	Melville Island Ltd., 79 Pitt st	M
igowra	Melville A. & Co., commercial brokers, 24	M
ville	Moore st	M
necraft	Melville Mrs. A., 90 Bourke st	M
ulam	Melville A., land agent, 19a Elizabeth st	
s'more	Melville A., Willis st, South Kensington	M
	Melville A., 297 Military rd, Neutral Bay	M
nan's rd,	Melville A., Llandillo ave, Strathfield	M
field	Melville A. G., resident secy. The Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society, Ltd,	M

New South Wales Stamp duty two shillings
and sixpence 2/2/45

New South Wales Stamp duty. Fine paid
2/2/45

AGREEMENT made the 29th day of August One thousand nine hundred and forty four
BETWEEN HERBERT DEAVES of Wyee in the State of New South Wales Saw Mill
Hand (hereinafter called Lessor) of the one part and P.J.Farrell Pty Limited a
Company duly incorporated under the Companies Acts of New South Wales and having
its Registered Office at 6 Hall Street Newcastle in the said State (hereinafter
called the Lessee) of the other part

1. The Lessor HEREBY AGREES, with the Lessee that the Lessee shall select at
Wyee Four acres of land of the Lessor being part of the land comprised in Suburban
Holding 39/2 Land District Gosford Parish of Morisset County of Northumberland
Portion 438 of Parish AND THAT when and so soon as a Saw Mill which the Lessee
proposes to erect on the said land is completed so as to be fit for operation and
use to the satisfaction of the Lessee The Lessor will when required by the Lessee
by a good and sufficient lease Demise unto the Lessee ALL THAT piece of land
selected as aforesaid by the Lessee for the term of THREE YEARS the said term to
be computed from the day of this Agreement at the rental of TWENTY SIX POUNDS per
year payable by quarterly instalments of SIX POUNDS TEN SHILLINGS per quarter.

NOTICE OF SALE BY TENDER.

C. & H. MULLARD, LIMITED, SAW-
MILLERS, MORISSET, NEAR NEW
CASTLE, N.S.W.

TENDERS will be received up to SAT-
URDAY, 11th JUNE, 1932, by the un-
dersigned for the Purchase of the follow-
ing undertaking, situated on land leased
on a Weekly Rental from the Department
of Transport, alongside the Main Northern
Railway Line at Morisset (28 miles from
Newcastle)—

1. Sawmill Building, approximately
138ft long x 45ft broad x 13ft
high, built of Weatherboard,
full at back and one side, open
at front and one end, on
Hardwood Posts, including ac-
commodation for boiler. Roofed
with Galvanised Iron.
VALUED AT £300
2. Detached Office Building, ap-
proximately 20ft long x 14ft
broad x 10ft high, built of
Rusticated Weatherboard, and
lined with Pine Lining. Win-
dow on each end, with Gal-
vanised 600-gallon Tank at-
tached.
VALUED AT £55
3. Lots 2, 3, and 4, Macquarie-
street, approximately 6½ square
chains, consisting of a Dam
giving ample water supply for
the Mill.
VALUED AT £100
4. Plant, Machinery, &c., includ-
ing Vertical Frame with 8
horse-power Steam Engine, 40ft
Carriage and Rollers, Power
Saw Bench, Docking Saw, Bol-
lander Planing, Tonguing, and
Grooving Machine, Tangye
Steam Engine, 40 horse-power
Colonial Type Boiler, Steam
Pump, Water Storage Tank,
Hand Winches, Timber Skids,
Timber Racks, Trolleys, Rails,
Saws, Tool, &c.
VALUED AT £1350
5. Office Furniture.
VALUED AT £30
6. One Draught Horse.

The Mill is in complete working order,
and is now being operated intermittently.

The Assets may be tendered for sepa-
rately or conjointly.

Inspection orders, inventories, and forms
of tender with particulars and conditions
may be obtained on application from the
undersigned.

The highest or any tender not neces-
sarily accepted.

A 10 per cent. deposit must accompany
each tender.

G. M. LESLIE,
Receiver and Manager, C. & H. Mullard
Limited,
1013 Box 1524-DD, G.P.O., SYDNEY.

fore deciding on that XMAS GIFT.

**IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE OF
WILLIAM ALLAN STEWART,**

**Of Hue Hue, near Wyee, Saw Mill
Proprietor.**

TENDERS are invited for the un-
dermentioned Assets in the above Es-
tate, and will be received at our Offices
until Noon on SATURDAY, the Tenth
November next:—

1. Leasehold Property, 4 Acres, about
5½ years to run, Rent £5 a year; situ-
ate at Hue Hue, 3 miles from Wyee,
with Saw Mill Building erected thereon
and complete Saw Milling Plant and
Machinery in good working order, com-
prising portable Engine, Boiler, Colon-
ial Boiler, 2 Benches, 6 Circular Saws,
Drilling Machine, Emery Wheel, Trucks
and Rails complete, Belt, Anvil,
Forge, Tools, &c., &c.

2. Crown Lease of 15 Acres, about 12
years to run, ¾-mile from Wyee Sta-
tion, Rent £1 10s a year. Improve-
ments—partly constructed Wooden
Dwelling, walls erected and weather-
boarded, roof framed; also Camp Room
wood and iron complete.

The usual Ten per cent. conditions.
The highest or any tender not necessar-
ily accepted. The property may be in-
spected on application to Messrs J. &
F. Toepfer, Wyee, and all information
obtained from them or at our Offices.

CRICHTON-SMITH & WARING,

Solicitors for Trustees,
89 Pitt Street, Sydney.

26th October, 1923.

Archer Albert C., postmaster, Oxford
 str, Epping
 Archer A., Sawmills, Wyee

y (NSW : 1894 - 1939) / Tue 14 May 1901 / Page 1 / Advertising

SAWN STUFF—FOR SALE.
WYEE SAW MILL,
IN SPLENDID ORDER, with good local trade.
H. B. MULLARD,
 Morrissett.
 1894

Saturday 28 August 1875

CATHERINE HILL BAY.

From a Correspondent.

The tract of land bordering Wyee Creek is known as Wyee. Lancaster's steam sawmill is situated at that place, about nine miles southerly from Coorumbung, and five miles from the wharf on Lake Macquarie (as per plan of district). The proprietors of the mill are constructing a tramway from the mill to the intersection of the wharf road with the Coorumbung and Gosford Road, a distance of one and a half miles. By this means, very boggy flats are avoided ; from thence to the wharf the road is hard and follows the ridge. This tramway, which is constructed of wooden sleepers and wooden rails, will be completed in about a month. The mill has been erected purposely for the sawing of railway sleepers for Mr. Wakeford, contractor, Murrurundi, for railway extension northward. Lancaster has the contract for 100,000 railway sleepers; Building timber is also cut out of what would be wasted from the logs after the sleepers are cut. Lancaster employs three horse and seven bullock teams to draw the logs and convey same to the wharf. The mill is on a section block of 640 acres, adjoining Walker's 1100 acres. The dimensions of the shed are 100 x 40 feet. There are three circular saws worked by steam, in use at the mill, each making 800 revolutions per minute. The engine is 30

horsepower, nominal. The motion is conveyed to the machinery by means of a spur-wheel and pinion, 9 feet in diameter, and flywheel 14 feet in diameter. The whole of the machinery is of the best description. The timbers are so constructed that there is no perceptible vibration in the mill. Mr. Lancaster cuts on an average, 30,000 feet of timber per week. A steamboat has been built, with a capacity of 100 tons, to take the timber to the Lake Heads, so that the vessels may be more readily and easily loaded. The vessels might take in a good cargo at the wharf, but the Pelican Point Flats are so shallow and the channel so narrow, that a vessel may have to unload half its cargo into punts to get across. There is only six feet of water there, the channel being in places not wider than a vessel's length. The flats at Pelican Point must not be mistaken for the bar at the Lake Heads, they are being about five miles from the Heads. There is a kind of river connecting the Lake with the ocean, about four miles long, and it is near the entrance to the Lake that the flats are situated. It would not take much money for the Government to place a dredge at this place. These flats are a great obstruction to trade, and the Administration ought to do something to militate against the evil ; a dredge would answer all the purposes. You must not confound the Lake entrance at the sea ; small vessels can get through that easily enough. Mr. Lancaster employs twenty-five men at the mill, and there are about thirty children there needing instruction. Air. Lancaster states that he would build a schoolroom if a teacher was sent there, which would be considered a great boon. It is the intention of the Church of England to hold services every month at Lancaster's, that gentleman having desired that Divine service should be held there. The Church of England parish of Wickham, under the Rev. Mr. Dixon, takes in the Lake Heads, Catherine Hill Bay (New Wallsend), Cabbage Tree, Coorumbung, New port, Wyee, &c, involving a journey of more than 150 miles; the minister, setting out from Newcastle via Burwood, Williamson's, & c, and returning via Coorumbung Teralba, and Wallsend, thus making the entire circuit of Lake Macquarie. The whole of this large district is making rapid strides in progress and all hand industries are opening up, and numerous families settling down at different locations. At New Wallsend (Catherine Hill Bay), the coal is the best in the colony, and the pits are working favourably ; the town ship will soon vie with any coal town in New South Wales. The scenery is magnificent at Catherine Hill Bay ; the country and the ocean is something grand. Property here may not be worth much now, but the richest men in the colonies have made their fortunes in possessing property primitively in less important places than New Wallsend and the district There are two other steam sawmills in this important district — Messrs. King and Henry's, at Coorumbung ; and Mr. Moon's, six miles toward Teralba. Several others are in course of erection. The road between Coorumbung and Catherine Hill Bay is sadly needed in wet weather. It is somewhat frightful, and I really ask of opinion that if the Newcastle Chronicle, and other local periodicals, would only agitate the vast importance of this district, we should soon have good roads and every facility for traffic. Do what you can for us, especially get us a good, road between Coorumbung and Catherine Hill Bay. . The mail is taken to Catherine Hill Bay twice a' week, but very

irregularly. This is in consequence of the Government not even ' logging the holy ground' and fixing the crossing places. The road is full of holes.in some places even the high road going to New Wallsend the holes are that large that they would take a horse and rider completely out of sight.' In the wintertime it is still more frightful. The Government, if they thought of advancing the interests of a rising and prominent section of this colony, would at once place upon the estimates a sum for the making of a road from Coorumbung to Catherine Hill Bay. Being pushed for time, I must now draw to a close, but promise you periodical communications with reference to this district.

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LAND PURCHASE.

GRANTEE, *Thomas Walker*
DATE, *30th September, 1839*
COUNTY, *Northumberland*
ACRES, *640*

Victoria, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and so forth;

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:—WHEREAS at a Public Auction held in conformity with the Regulations made for the Sale of Crown Lands in Our Territory of New South Wales, *Thomas Walker*

of *Sydney* has become the Purchaser of the Land hereinafter described, for the Sum of *one hundred and sixty pounds* Sterling; *Now known as*, THAT, for and in consideration of the said Sum of *one hundred and sixty pounds* Sterling,

by the said *Thomas Walker*, to the Colonial Treasurer of Our said Territory, for and on Our behalf, well and truly paid before these Presents are issued, And in further consideration of the Quit-Rent hereinafter reserved, WE HAVE GRANTED, and for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, DO HEREBY GRANT unto the said *Thomas Walker*,

his Heirs and Assigns, subject to the Conditions, Reservations, and Provisos hereinafter mentioned, ALL THAT Piece or Parcel of Land in Our said Territory, containing by admeasurement *Six hundred and forty* Acres, be the same more or less, situated in the County of *Northumberland* and Parish of *near, Wice* and bounded

on the North, by the Southern boundary of a measured portion of one thousand one hundred and twenty acres being a line East Eighty Chains on the East by a line South Eighty Chains on the South by a line West Eighty Chains and on the West by a line North Eighty Chains to the South West corner of the measured portion of one thousand one hundred and twenty acres aforesaid. Being the Land sold as Lot 46 in pursuance of these Advertisements of 27th April 1839.

with all the Rights and Appurtenances whatsoever thereto belonging; **Or** ~~unto~~ unto the said *Thomas Walker*,

his Heirs and Assigns for ever, YIELDING and Paying therefore Yearly unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors, the Quit-Rent or Sum of One Farthing for ever, if demanded; ~~Provided~~ ~~Notwithstanding~~, AND WE DO HEREBY RESERVE unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors, all such parts and so much of the said Land as may hereafter be required for a Public Way, or Public Ways, in, over, and through the same, to be set out by Our Governor for the time being of Our said Territory, or some person duly authorised in that respect; AND ALSO, all Stone and Gravel, all Indigenous Timber, and all other Materials, the produce of the said Land, which may be required at any time or times hereafter for the construction and repair of Ways and Bridges, for Naval purposes, and for Public Works, together with the Right of taking and removing the same; AND ALSO, all Land within One hundred feet of high water mark on the Sea Coast, and on every Creek, Harbour, and Inlet; AND ALSO, all Mines of Gold, of Silver, and of Coals, with full and free liberty and power to search for, dig, and take away the same; AND ALSO, the Right of full and free ingress, egress, and regress, into, out of, and upon the said Land, for the several purposes aforesaid; AND WE DO FURTHER RESERVE unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors full power for Us, or Our Successors, or for the Governor for the time being of Our said Territory, to resume and take possession of all or any part of the said Land, not hereinbefore reserved, which may be required at any time or times hereafter for any public purpose, the Value of the said Land, not hereinbefore reserved, or of so much thereof as shall be so required, and of any Building standing on the said required Land, being paid by the Government to the Party entitled thereto, at a Valuation fixed by Arbitrators chosen as hereinafter mentioned; AND WE DO HEREBY DECLARE, that in every case of Arbitration which may arise under and by virtue hereof, One Arbitrator shall be chosen by the Governor for the time being of Our said Territory, and One by the then Owner or Owners of the said Land, which two Arbitrators (before they enter upon the said Arbitration) shall elect a Third as Umpire, who shall determine any disagreement between the Two said Arbitrators; But if the Owner or Owners of the said Land shall refuse or neglect to choose an Arbitrator on his, her, or their part, within One Calendar Month after being required so to do, by Public Advertisement in the Government Gazette, or otherwise, then both Arbitrators shall be chosen by the Governor for the time being of Our said Territory, which Arbitrators shall also elect an Umpire in the manner above mentioned; ~~Provided~~ ~~always~~, THAT if the Conditions, Reservations, and Provisos herein contained, or any part thereof, be not duly observed and performed by the said Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, then the said Land shall be forfeited, and revert unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors; and these Presents, and every matter and thing herein contained, shall cease and determine, and become absolutely void to all intents and purposes; and it shall be lawful for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by Our Governor for the time being of Our said Territory, or other Person duly authorised in that behalf, to re-enter upon the said Land or any part thereof, and the said Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, and all Occupiers thereof therefrom wholly to remove; **IN** ~~Testimony~~ ~~Whereof~~, We have caused this Our Grant to be sealed with the Seal of Our said Territory.

GIVEN under the Hand of SIR GEORGE GIPPS, Knight, Our Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of Our said Territory and its Dependencies, at Government-House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this *thirtieth* day of *September*, in the *third* year of Our Reign; And in the year of Our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and *thirty nine*

Signed and Sealed in the Presence of

(Signed) *Hy Wilson, Secretary*

L. S. (Signed) *Geo Gipps*

ENTERED on Record by me, this *twenty sixth* day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and *forty*

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LAND PURCHASE.

GRANTEE, *Thomas Walker*
DATE, *30th September 1859*
COUNTY, *Northumberland*
ACRES, *112.0*

Victoria, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and so forth;

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:—WHEREAS at a Public Auction held in conformity with the Regulations made for the Sale of Crown Lands in Our Territory of New South Wales, *Thomas Walker* of *England* has become the Purchaser of the Land hereinafter described, for the Sum of *Two hundred and eighty pounds* Sterling; *Two hundred and eighty pounds* Sterling; *Not a Penny less*, THAT, for and in consideration of the said Sum of Sterling, by the said *Thomas Walker*, his Heirs and Assigns, subject to the Conditions, Reservations, and

Provisos hereinafter mentioned, ALL THAT Piece or Parcel of Land in Our said Territory, containing by admeasurement *one thousand one hundred and twenty* Acres, be the same more or less, situated in the County of *Northumberland* and Parish of *Acas, Wye* and bounded

on the North by the Southern boundary of *Percy Simpson's Two thousand Acres*, being a line East *Eighty Chains*, on the East by a line South *one hundred and forty* Chains forming part of the Western boundary of a measured portion of *Three hundred and sixty Acres*, on the South by a line West *Eighty Chains* dividing it from a measured portion of *Six hundred and forty* Acres, and on the West by a line North *one hundred and forty* chains to the South West corner of *Percy Simpson's Two thousand Acres*. Being the Land sold as Lot 45 in pursuance of the advertisement of *2nd April 1859*.

with all the Rights and Appurtenances whatsoever thereto belonging; To Have unto the said *Thomas Walker*, his Heirs and Assigns for ever, YIELDING and Paying therefore Yearly unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors, the Quit-Rent or Sum of One Farthing for ever, if demanded; ~~Provisos~~ Nevertheless, AND WE DO HEREBY RESERVE unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors, all such parts and so much of the said Land as may hereafter be required for a Public Way, or Public Ways, in, over, and through the same, to be set out by Our Governor for the time being of Our said Territory, or some person duly authorised in that respect; AND ALSO, all Stone and Gravel, all Indigenous Timber, and all other Materials, the produce of the said Land, which may be required at any time or times hereafter for the construction and repair of Ways and Bridges, for Naval purposes, and for Public Works, together with the Right of taking and removing the same; AND ALSO, all Land within One hundred feet of high water mark on the Sea Coast, and on every Creek, Harbour, and Inlet; AND ALSO, all Mines of Gold, of Silver, and of Coals, with full and free liberty and power to search for, dig, and take away the same; AND ALSO, the Right of full and free ingress, egress, and regress, into, out of, and upon the said Land, for the several purposes aforesaid; AND WE DO FURTHER RESERVE unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors full power for Us, or Our Successors, or for the Governor for the time being of Our said Territory, to resume and take possession of all or any part of the said Land, not hereinbefore reserved, which may be required at any time or times hereafter for any public purpose, the Value of the said Land, not hereinbefore reserved, or of so much thereof as shall be so required, and of any Building standing on the said required Land, being paid by the Government to the Party entitled thereto, at a Valuation fixed by Arbitrators chosen as hereinafter mentioned; AND WE DO HEREBY DECLARE, that in every case of Arbitration which may arise under and by virtue hereof, One Arbitrator shall be chosen by the Governor for the time being of Our said Territory, and One by the then Owner or Owners of the said Land, which two Arbitrators (before they enter upon the said Arbitration) shall elect a Third as Umpire, who shall determine any disagreement between the Two said Arbitrators; But if the Owner or Owners of the said Land shall refuse or neglect to choose an Arbitrator on his, her, or their part, within One Calendar Month after being required so to do, by Public Advertisement in the Government Gazette, or otherwise, then both Arbitrators shall be chosen by the Governor for the time being of Our said Territory, which Arbitrators shall also elect an Umpire in the manner above mentioned; ~~Provisos~~ THAT if the Conditions, Reservations, and Provisos herein contained, or any part thereof, be not duly observed and performed by the said Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, then the said Land shall be forfeited, and revert unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors; and these Presents, and every matter and thing herein contained, shall cease and determine, and become absolutely void to all intents and purposes; and it shall be lawful for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by Our Governor for the time being of Our said Territory, or other Person duly authorised in that behalf, to re-enter upon the said Land or any part thereof, and the said Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, and all Occupiers thereof therefrom wholly to remove; In Witness Whereof, We have caused this Our Grant to be sealed with the Seal of Our said Territory.

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Signed and Sealed in the Presence of }
L. S. (Signed) *Geo Gipps*
(Signed) *W. Watson, Clerk*

ENTERED on Record by me, this *twenty sixth* day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and *forty*.

W. Watson
COLONIAL SECRETARY AND REGISTRAR.

Friday 25 April 1919

DEATH OF MR. J. LANCASTER.

Death has claimed an old and respected resident of the town of Casino in the person of Mr. Joseph Lancaster, who had reached the advanced age of 87 years and who, during his lifetime had seen as much adventure as most mortals. Born in the parish of St. Dunstons, Stepney, Middlesex, England, in 1832, he came out to New South Wales when a boy as an ap-prentice on a ship, and his life of adventure soon commenced, the Richmond River Express records. He had tired of the sea and a prospective sailor's life, so while the vessel was in Sydney Harbor, he ran away from her and planted amongst the rocks that abounded about Sydney in those days until he saw that the vessel left port. Search was made for him without avail, and when the vessel arrived in England again without him his parents were very much put out. Eventually his father set sail for New South Wales in search of his son and found him in Sydney a married man. His wife's name was Mary Ann Eaton, and the couple were very young to be married. Their first child was the late John Lancaster, of Casino, who died about six years ago, and the five living children are Mrs. Beaves, of Lake Macquarie; Tom Lancaster, of the same place; Joseph Lancaster, of South Casino; Mrs. Lindley, of Queensland, and Mrs. Donnelly, of Lismore. Eight children died, and his wife, died about ten years ago, while the family was living at Pigman Creek, near Casino. He was in Sydney when the first sod of the first railway was turned, and after he found himself on Lambing Flat goldfield, now the town of Young, where he tried his hand at winning the precious metal, and also as a pit sawyer.

Next, he went to Maitland, where he undertook and carried out some extensive timber contracts in connection with various railway lines that were then building in the colony and employed a large number of hands in carrying out the contracts in the vicinity of Cess-nock and Clarence town. Leaving there he went to Wyee and erected a sawmill and did a large timber business. He employed two vessels, and built the

steamer Agnes and the sailing vessel Hetty, named after one of his daughters, and these vessels traded between Lake Macquarie and Newcastle. He bought a sailing vessel named Uncle Tom, but had bad luck with her, as with £700 worth of timber on board she was wrecked near Lake Macquarie, everything being lost. The vessel had been insured, but the insurance had run out three days previously, so that every-thing was a total loss. He worked the sawmill at Wyee for seven years and employed many hands and teams in cutting and hauling timber, and also conducted a grocer's shop and the local butchery. He was much missed as a businessman when he left Lake Macquarie and went to Gunnedah, where he erected another sawmill on the Namoi, cutting sleepers for the railway from Gunnedah to Narrabri. He again had a large number of men in his employ, but after three years he came to the Richmond River. Here he bought the sawmill of Mr. Charles McCarthy, and

ran the business until he sold out to the late A. C. Simpson. He then -went on the land and took up a selection on the Upper' Richmond, which later he sold to Mr. G. Clark, and went to Pigman Creek. He resided there until he came to Casino to live with his son Joseph Lancaster, with whom he resided until his death as stated. Amongst deceased's papers was a letter written by him from College to his parents in 1844, telling, them how well he was getting along in grammar, spelling, English history, and arithmetic.

) / Sat 13 Mar 1880 / Page 1 / Advertising

Notice.

TENDERS will be received up to noon on **MONDAY**, the 22nd instant, for the following **ASSETS** in the Insolvent Estate of **JOSEPH LANCASTER**, of Wyhee, near Cooranbong, Contractor.

1 Horse

11 Working Bullocks

A quantity of Ships rigging, and 2 Ships sails at Wyhee. A number of Ships Spars on Cooranbong Wharf.

200 Feet squared Timber on Wyhee Wharf

300 Sleepers at Lake Macquarie Heads

200 Sleepers on Cooranbong Wharf

70 Feet squared Timber on Cooranbong Wharf

15,000 Feet log Timber in Bush

2 Water Tanks on the premises, Wyhee

The highest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

Tenders will have to be addressed to Samuel Lyons, Esq., Official Assignee, care of David Ludlow, Auctioneer, Newcastle, from whom all particulars can be obtained.

N.B.—All tenders must be covered by bank draft, or crossed cheque, equal to ten (10) per cent. on the gross amount of tender. 1711

occupation.

SHIPMENT OF TIMBER.—I noticed, a fortnight ago, that Mr. **Lancaster** was busily engaged shipping a large quantity of large logs of ironbark timber for Newcastle from here, to be used in the construction of new Government wharves at Newcastle; since which a large addition has been made to the timber brought in, and another barge load has since been dispatched to Newcastle. Mr. **Lancaster**, we learn, has now upwards of twenty men engaged felling, squaring, and bringing in from the bush the timber which he has contracted to supply—and he estimates that he will be engaged at the work for the next two years, and intends to put on additional hands as soon as they can be procured.

Paterson, 24th April, 1874.

(From another correspondent.)

TENDERS ACCEPTED.—The following tenders have been accepted by the Government, viz. :—**Drysdale and Roberts**—Supply, during 1876, of machine and boiler fittings, G. S. and W. Railways. **John Keep**—Supply, during 1876, of ironmongery, S. W. and N. Railway. **John Keep**—Supply, during 1876, of oils and colours, N. Railway. **Laing and Wylie**—Supply, during 1876, of timber (softwood), N. Railway. **Joseph Lancaster**—Supply, during 1876, of timber (hardwood), N. Railway. **Hudson, Brothers**—Supply, during 1876, of timber, S. and W. Railways. **Sidney Cohen**—Supply, during 1876, of brushware, N. Railway. **William Cary**—Supply, during 1876, of building materials, S. W. and N. Railways. **William Cary**—Supply, during 1876, of oils and colours, S. and W. Railways. **Buzacott and Armstrong**—Supply, during 1876, of ship chandlery, S. W. and N. Railways. **J. G. Catley**—Supply, during 1876, of smiths' coals, S. W. and N. Railways. **Farmer and Co.**—Supply, during 1876, of drapery, S. W. and N. Railways. **A. Blau**—Supply, during 1876, of station clocks and guards' watches, S. W. and N. Railways. **S. Cohen**—Supply, during 1876, of leather and grindery, S. W. and N. Railways.

Newcastle Chronicle (NSW : 1866 - 1876), Saturday 4 September 1875

CATHERINE HILL BAY. '

Pelican Point. —There is no move, as yet on the part of the Government to improve the flats. Wyee. — Lancaster's mill is still at work, getting through an immense quantity of timber for the extension of the G. N. line of railway, and for building purposes, 30 men are employed at Messrs. King and Henry' mill, at Coorumbung. At Teralba, Mr. Moons also, employs large number of men. . New Wallsend. — The great cry here is for a road connecting Coorumbung with this place, for postal and general use. The town is gradually improving and increasing in importance. Several new buildings are in course of construction, and the pit is in full work. It is contemplated shortly to initiate some of those institutions that are an acquisition and , ornament to other places.

Gosford Times and Wyong District Advocate (NSW : 1906 - 1954), Thursday 27 April 1922

WYEE.

SHOCKING MILL FATALITY.

Emanuel T. Ford, employed as a benchman at a sawmill at Wyee, was adjusting the belt on to the driving wheel on Monday morning, when by some means he got caught and was dragged into the wheel. Death was practically instantaneous. Deceased, who was a capable workman, was well known in the district. He is survived by a widow and three young children.

Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate (NSW : 1876 - 1954), Friday 15 September 1922

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION, ACT in the matter of Jane Priscilla Ford, tie widow of Emnnuel Ford, late of Wyee, and her three children, compensation of £500 was paid into court by W. A. Stewart and Company. His Honour directed that £17 5s be paid to the widow forthwith, and the balance invested by the registrar, who was. also authorised to pay out a weekly sum of £0 for the benefit of the dependents.

Gosford Times and Wyong District Advocate (NSW : 1906 - 1954), Thursday 21
February 1918

Loyalist v. Unionist.

To the Editor.

Sir,— Would you kindly permit me a small space in the Times to show to the unthinking public how affairs are negotiated in Wyee. A fortnight ago a very hard working young man-made application for employment at the local sawmills. He was assigned a position, and apparently performed his duties satisfactorily, and everything progressed well until it was discovered that this horrible fellow had been employed as a loyalist during the late strike. 'Horrible to think of such dire filth, surmise we the employees, glorious unionists, of the Wyee Sawmills, should work with such a desperado V No never I'll This was their imaginings. A secret conclave was immediately instituted, when one of the many bosses was deputed to request this terrible person to quit the works at once, otherwise all others would terminate their jobs there and then. Now, Sir, may I ask you is this officialdom to be tolerated in a free country, where a young man, who worked as a loyalist, is to be deprived of earning an honest living because he helped our Government to keep the industrial wheels revolving when it was necessary I As a contractor, I personally understand those menials, and will be most careful henceforth to keep clear of them, and I am almost positive if other contractors, who are mostly loyalists, knew of the arrogance of these unionists, their orders would be immediately cancelled, so long as such were employed at this sawmill. — Yours, &c, CONTRACTOR. Morisset, Feb. 20.

Truth (Sydney, NSW : 1894 - 1954), Sunday 9 August 1903

'????'. JOHN NORTON -

TOURING NORTHUMBERLAND. MORRISSET, DORA CREEK AND
WYONG

On Thursday evening last Mr. John | Norton, the member for Northumberland,
Addressed the largest political meeting ever held at Morisset, at Hely's Hotel. .The

chair was occupied by Mr. Innes. During the day Mr. Norton was driven over some of the adjacent roads, over which a Very heavy and extensive timber traffic has to pass to the railway stations of Morrisset, Dora Creek, Wyee, and Wyong. The timber industry ! in this portion of Northumberland is the largest and ' MOST VALUABLE IN THE STATE. : including as it does not only the centres already alluded to, but also Awabn, Mount Vincent, and away back into the Willombi ranges, circling Lap/Una, Wollombi, Millfield, Ellalong, Cedar Brush Mountain. Yarramalong, Wyong, Ourimbah, Narara, Gosford, Erina and Warnberal. From this widely scattered limber district comes the main portion of the best of the hard wood timber supply of this State, including piles, girders, sleepers, mine props, and telegraph poles; ' in addition to which there is a large of saw-mills engaged in Sawing j building timber, palings, and manufacturing every kind of coach and wagon ; material, such as spokes, felloes, naves, and buggy and wagon shafts and poles There are over three thousand persons ; actively engaged in this industry as timber-getters, sleeper-choppers, teamsters and saw-mill hands. Considerably over five hundred teams are constantly engaged in hauling to the mills and loading platforms along the railway' line, j Quito recently nearly three hundred of these teams were hauling to and from ; Morrisset Station at one time, and when ' it is remembered that each of these teams comprise from 14 to 18 bullocks, , drawing very heavy drays, loaded with j logs or sleepers, up to five tons per day, : some Idea of the great wear and tear ' on the roads of the district can be imagined. Unfortunately for the timber trade (which Just now happens to be exceptionally brisk, including as jt does sleeper orders from New Zealand, and a fresh order for 120,000 sleepers for South ; Africa) the roads are in a deplorably di- ' lapidated state, being badly broken up by the heavily laden bullock drays which traverse them in all directions. The recent heavy rains have made them much worse and in a. great many places all but impassable. Frequently the teams are bogged and the wheels having to be dug out, and the teams double banked before the loaded drays can ' be extracted. Therefore, the delays, hardships and losses suffered in consequence of bad roads by those engaged in the timber industry are very serious. The state of the roads in the neighbourhood of Morrisset, one of the chief centres of the heavy timber traffic, is indescribably bad. From Mandalong -to Morrisset the road is practically impassable, and at a certain portion. of it, it consists of rolling better than lose logs, which, under the weight of u team, sink out of sight into mud and water. A similar slate of things ; exists on the road between Mandalong and Cooranbong ; while on certain, parts of the road leading from Morrisset to Cooronboug and Martinsville.

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Wagga Wagga, widow. Liabilities, £1824 7s 1d; assets, £407 19s 11d. Mr. Sempill, official assignee.

Joseph Lancaster, of Whyee, near Corringhong, contractor. Liabilities, £6587 4s 1d; assets, £453 13s 6d. Mr. Lyons, official assignee.

SCHEDULE FILED.

John C. Rigg, of Belleology, publican. Liabilities, £961 3s 11d; assets, £214 1s.

common pattern, one silver and steel scarf ring, two gold rings, broken, two pieces of Japanese gold money, and a commission as Lieut. U.S. Navy and a U.S. passport in book form dated 1860, and other articles. Identifiable.

Lost, on the 7th instant, on the Brisbane Water Road, the property of Joseph Lancaster, **Whyee Sawmills**, near Cooranbong, —A puce morocco case, containing a lady's gold English lever watch, maker's name and number unknown; value, £20. Identifiable. £4 reward on recovery.

Vide Police Gazette, 1875, page 298.

The watch lost by Joseph Lancaster has been found.

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terruption or friction.

SAW MILLS GUTTED BY FIRE

Sydney, Monday.

A fire yesterday morning gutted Millard's saw mills at Morrisset, doing damage estimated at £30,000.

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Balmain.
WANTED, SAWYER, for country mill, on railway,
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Australian Star (Sydney, NSW : 1887 - 1909), Monday 26 March 1888, page 5

COUNTRY.

(BY WIRE.—FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS)

Fires.

Newcastle, This Day.— At a place called Wyee, a station on the Newcastle-Sydney line, there stood an old saw-mill, one that had not been used for years. Quite recently it was purchased by a man named King, who thought to turn it to good account, and therefore went to a lot of expense in getting it in thorough working order. A few days ago the settlers of

that part held a race-meeting, which he attended, and was absent for two days. On returning, however, his surprise may be imagined when he found that a fire had devoured every stick of the mill. That the fire was the work of an incendiary there is no doubt, as there had been no fire about the place for some time previously. The fact of some old sawyers' huts, which had not been used for years, and which had no connection whatever with the mill, being also burned down, further proved that some persons had been at work. Whether it was the result of a practical joke or otherwise can only be surmised, but Mr. King, who is a heavy loser, does not think it has been done out of malice against him. An inquiry was held, and the jury returned a verdict of incendiarism against some person or persons unknown. Yesterday week Newcastle had to place on its records the destructive fire on board the ship *Aristomene*. Yesterday there was a narrow escape of a more serious one taking place. The attention of some passers by was directed to some smoke issuing from the top windows of the new city corporation baths. The keeper was away at the time and the doors were locked, and the onlookers were in a quandary as to what they should do. One thoughtful man, however, climbed up the verandah posts and obtained admittance through one of the windows. He then opened the door, and the building was soon rushed. The fire, which consisted of some smouldering matting on the upper floor, was soon got rid of, and thus ended the scene. The brigades turned out, but were not required.

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Important Sale
OF
SAWMILLS AND LAND,

Situating within two miles from Noraville Rail-
way Station, on G. N. Railway.

R. BRECKENRIDGE has received in-
structions from the owners to sell by
public auction, at his Timber-yard, Newcastle,
on

MONDAY, THE 20TH FEB.,
at 11 a.m.,

The entire SAWMILL PLANT, as it now
stands on the land, as follows:—

- 1 Engine, 18in diameter by 3ft stroke, 25 h.p.
- 2 Tubular Boilers, 18 x 5½ft diameter
- 1 Work-bench, 40ft long, driven by self-acting gear
- 2 Small Circular-saw Benches
- 1 Vertical Frame, takes a 4ft log

Trollies, Circular and Frame Saws, Belts,
spare Spindles, and a number of other
articles which will be enumerated at sale.

Also,

320 Acres of LAND, with all minerals. The
lands north and south of this block have
been tested for coal, with good results.

Intending purchasers will be shown over
the mills and property by the care-taker, who
resides on the selection adjoining the mill
block.

Full particulars can be had from the auc-
tioneer.

The whole to be sold without reserve.

Terms at sale. 6049

LAKE MACQUARIE AND ITS IMPROVEMENTS. To the Editor of the Herald and Advocate. Sir—I think that something should be said on the improvements made at Lake Macquarie. A great many go to the Lake and spend a pleasant week shooting and fishing, but they never think of those at home who would like to know how they spent their time, that they may go and do likewise. It is but a short distance from Newcastle to Mr Williamson's at Belmont, and the above-named gentleman has started a conveyance to run three times a week for the small sum of 5s each way, which I think ought to be widely patronised. Our worldly proprietor of Belmont has been to a great deal of expense in building extra accommodations for visitors to our leviathan fishing pond. We have also steam to ply any part of the Lake. Mr. Thomas Russell of the Cooranbong store has been to great expense to have built to order the s. s. Pioneer which cost about, £1000 sterling, and is fitted up with every convenience for the comfort of pleasure parties. Also, we have the dredge Titan making great improvements. Twelve months ago, we only had 3ft 6in on Pelican Flat but now we have 5ft 6in, at a width of above 8 feet. Now she is working down below the Pelican Flat, and I hope soon to be able to say that we have 5ft 6in down as far at the bar. Captain Orr, of the dredge Titan, is doing all that lies in his power to give us good depth of water and not one hour is lost where it can be given to the benefit of the vessels trading here ; and I think great credit is due to Captain Orr for the manner on which he carries on the work. From daylight to dark you will see him searching for the deepest water, and studying the set of the current, which, I think is a great saving of labour and time. We have 10 inhabitants at the Heads at Lake Macquarie, two wine shops and one store, where everything can be obtained for the convenience of excursion parties. About six tons of fish are shipped from the Lake to Newcastle and Sydney every month, and some of our Newcastle natives enjoy a smoked mullet for tea, as I have several orders for sending them to parties in the city. Likewise, there are about 300,000 feet of timber coming from Lake Macquarie every month. We have four sawmill's, Mr. J. Lancaster's giving an average cutting of about 40,000 feet per week: Mr. Moon. about 20,000 weekly ; Messrs. King and Co, about 20 000 weekly ; Mr. Steel's about 15,000 weekly ; Mrs. Cummings, 10,000 weekly. Besides this, about 50 pair of sawyers are in the bush cutting fel-loes, junk and house timber, and a great number are splitting shingles, laths, spokes, and sleepers. All we require now is the bar opened and then we will show the colonials what coal we can produce at Lake Macquarie, as we have several mines already to work as soon as there is sufficient facility to get them away in quantities to suit the market. We can boast of our ships

that are being built. Mr. W. Spears has one built to order which will be ready for launching in about ten days. Her length is 90 feet, beam 20 feet, depth of hold 12 feet, and she is all built of spotted gum, and threatens to be the most faithful craft that has ever been built in New South Wales. Her decks are of spotted gum, and her frame is large enough for a ship of 1,000 tons. She is built by Mr Batten, to the order of Mr. Spears, Senior. Then we have the average vessel, which is 70 feet on keel, 19 feet beam, and 6 feet depth of hold, and is a likely losing cr and is faithfully built . . . timber and is just one they are launching. Then we have one building at Cooranbong, at Mr. Kenrich's ship building yard, where the clipper-built Sea Bird was built and has proved the fastest ketch on the coast, and a credit to her builder. The new one that Mr Kenrich is building is 60ft long, 16ft beam, and 6ft in depth of hold and one likely to show to some of our crafts when her bowline is hauled. She will be ready for sea in three months' time. As the winter is coming on, I hope to see a a great many of our Newcastle friends spend a pleasant week's shooting as black swans and ducks are in abundance. LAKE MACQUARIE.

Miners' Advocate and Northumberland Recorder (Newcastle, NSW : 1873 - 1876), Saturday 5 June 1875, page 4

THE STEAM LAUNCH PIONEER VISIT TO Lake Macquarie, Cooranbong, Catherine Hill Bay, &c. A few days back one of our staff availed himself of the opportunity afforded of visiting the above places in com-pany with several other gentlemen, and below gives a brief outline of the beautiful tract of country passed through and the Lake in particular. He says:—We left Wallsend about 9 a.m., well mounted, and after a brisk ride of about fifty minutes (after passing through the Wallsend Company's estate) reached Mr. W. Spear's estate, facing the magnificent waters of the Lake. It was here we expected to find the steamer. After waiting about an hour, however, and there being no sign of it, we determined to put off in a boat, and the suggestion was no sooner mooted than put into effect; and after pulling vigorously against a head wind for some * miles, we had the satisfaction of seeing the little craft steaming rapidly towards us, its whistle starting the echoes from the various banks, and floating along for miles. We were soon on board, and heartily glad of being relieved. The Pioneer itself is a fine little boat. She was built expressly for the waters of the Lake to the order of Mr. Thomas Russell, of Cooranbong, and is intended chiefly for the convenience of passengers desiring to make a creating and healthful excursion on the most beautiful Lake in Australia. The vessel is about 10 horsepower, draws three feet of water, and is capable of comfortably carrying some hundred passengers. Lake Macquarie is a splendid sheet of water, some 360 miles in circumference, and excepting at the entrance and along a few flats, the depth of water is from 30 to 40 feet—in fact it is deep enough to accommodate the largest vessels that visit these colonies. It is surrounded by about 35*,000 acres of Crown lands of the richest description, valuable not only

for agricultural purposes but rich in minerals. On the country maps published by the government it is officially shown that there are 60,000 acres of coal land, of which about 21,000 have been taken up by private individuals. The coal crops out along the shores of the Lake, and some of the seams are fourteen feet thick. Two vessels were specially built for carrying coal some years ago. Owing to the shallow entrance there are millions and millions of tons of coal which cannot be approached. The ranges around Lake Macquarie are covered with the most magnificent timber in New South Wales, and there are 100,000 acres of timber land which could be worked if the Lake were made navigable. However, at the points on the Lake have been repeatedly alluded to in the Advocate, and the principal places described, it is unnecessary for me to dwell upon these now and will content myself with merely mentioning them as we passed. The first estate was Warner's, where there are a few acres of fine land, some of which are cultivated, and many orange trees, well freighted with their golden burdens, could be distinguished. Yaw-son's Point came next, then the old Hartley coal mine, — long since abandoned: Fennell's Bay fronts this place, and although somewhat out of the way, is an agreeable locality to live in. The well-known Belmont Estate faces Fennell's (Mr. Williamson's) and is the favourite resort for spring and summer pleasure seekers. Cardiff adjoins this,—another old colliery. Pelican Island is then passed. It divides the entrance of the river running out to the ocean. Healey's estate; Old Ebenezer Coal Mine; big Wanzey (the property of the late Mr. Frank White, M.L.A.), and island called Borrow-your-own; the government land just granted to "Old Margaret," "Ned," and their offspring; Boyd's selection; and an old colliery belonging to the late David Broadfoot, Murray, and party,—were then passed and came in for a due share of observation; and, after being steaming for some two hours Cranney (Mr. Reece's wharf) was reached, and all the party disembarked with the intention of tramping it to New Wallsend, two miles distance,—and some 25 miles from Mr. Spear's jetty. I wanted to see more of the Lake than the others, so the boat put about and made for Cooranbong. The entrance on the water to the latter place is guarded by Little Wanzey on the South and Borrow-your-own on the North. The latter is a very elevated island, com-

pletely surrounded by water, some two miles square, and is inhabited with goats and rabbits in large numbers. While running in we passed the ketch Village Maid (H. Jackson, captain) going to load timber at Mr. J. Lancaster's mill at Wyee; the ketch Sea Gull (Ed. Coulter; [Patrick Owens]* owner) bound for Newcastle with a cargo of hardwood; and the ketch Rose (captain W. Forbes) bound for Sydney with a cargo of oak shingles. We then entered what is popularly known as Dora Creek, but why it is called a creek I am at a loss to understand. The entrance from the mouth to Cooranbong is about eight miles,—deep water the whole distance, and not less than 100 yards wide in any place. We also passed a couple of small craft after entering this creek, viz.: the Maggie Scott, (Captain Henry Beech) at anchor and loading girders at Dora wharf, for Newcastle, and the Queen, ketch (Captain S. Coulter), at the extreme end of the creek, loading timber for Newcastle. On each side of the creek, we passed numbers of comfortable little farms and cottages, and

reached the end of our journey for the night at about 7 o'clock. At the end of the creek a ketch is in the course of erection to the order of Messrs. Tobin Brothers of Cooranbong, by the well-known and skilful shipbuilder, Mr. Mat Karnard, who has several shipwrights employed, and is vigorously pushing the work.

forward. This is the making of a really fine craft; it is to be 50 feet keel, 16 feet beam, and 5 feet hold, and being intended for the Lake trade, will prove a valuable addition to the present fleet running and carrying timber, &c., between Newcastle and Sydney. The timber used for the purpose was got about the locality and is admirably suited for it. But now for a slight glance at the TOWN OF COORANBONG. It is not an incorporated town, but a Court of Petty Sessions is held periodically, and there is a police officer magistrate stationed in the district (Mr. Elliott) besides two or three local J.P.'s. There are about fifty houses within the town itself, also police quarters, although only one officer, viz., Constable Robert Gamble, who is likewise Crown Lands' Bailiff and acting Clerk of Petty Sessions. The quarters used, however, are merely rented, but this gives dissatisfaction, and the inhabitants consider the Government should see about the construction of these without delay. There are two churches—Church of England and Roman Catholic,—service being held about once a month. The Rev. John Dixon generally officiates at the former place, and the Rev. Father O'Tighe at the latter. There is also a public school, with an average of about seventy. The teacher is Mrs. Geo. Taylor, a lady of great merit, and whose ability as an instructor of young is greatly spoken of. The number of hotels correspond with the churches,—there.

being two, viz., Mr. Jas. O'Neal's "Cricketer's Arms," and Mr. O'Leary's "Welcome Inn,"—The Landlord of which informed us that it was open to all,—shut to none. There are four stores in the town, the principal belonging to one of the most enterprising and energetic men in the district; and who is also the postmaster. I allude to Mr. Thos. Russell, referred to above in connection with the steam launch Pioneer. The re-maining storekeepers are Mr. Thos. Healey, Mr. Edward Coulter, and Mr. John Blackford. The latter gentleman has only been carrying on in rather a miniature way, hut is now making extensive improvements, and will soon have a commodious building erected. His brother, Mr. Adolphus Blackford, has just completed the construction of a fine little craft by Mr. Mat Carnard and Mr. John Braid,—also intended for the coasting trade. Another important enterprise was recently started at Cooranbong in an extensive way,—the Steam Sawmills of the energetic firm of Messrs. King and Co., of Melbourne,—Which are under the able management of Mr. J.C. Henery. The mill is now in full working.

operations, and there are sufficient logs lying on the ground to cut about 150,000 feet of timber straight away. There are about 40 men employed and it is estimated that from 35,000 to 40,000 feet will be cut weekly, and as the work extends, a number of other hands will be required. The machinery and all appurtenances are

of a first-class description,—no expense having been spared at the outset to procure good articles. While alluding to sawmills, I must not omit mentioning Mr. Joseph Lancaster's situated at Wyee, three miles from the town. These mills are the property of Mr. Wakefield, the successful railway contractor (who is at present engaged on the Northern extension) and do a large trade. The timber used is got from the Lake and surrounding district and altogether some sixty men are employed—squaring, felling, and at the mill. When in full work from 40,000 to 50,000 feet weekly is cut. To increase further what I might term their 'output', another steamer is being built for their use, which will be finished in about two months; also, a large punt to lighter their timber over the flats, which it is impossible for vessels to cross. Apropos of sawmills, the timber trade, and the flats, I might mention another instance of neglect committed by the late government, at which the public "out there" are very wroth. From what I could glean it appears the money for the construction of a dredge to be used exclusively on the Lake was voted when Mr. Eckford was a member five years ago, and the Minister in power at that time promised that the petitions of the people on the matter should be attended to. Judge of the surprise of the Cooranbong, however, to find that the dredge was put on to deepen the Parramater River; and upon representations being made they were shuffled off with the reply that she would be in the Lake in a month. This was twelve months ago, and she is now at Gosford, clearing out the creek. The idea of sending her to this place is absurd, as there is comparatively speaking no trade at all, as timber is all shipped from the Cooranbong side,—or should be, as the most convenient place, if the facilities were available. Gosford itself is lamentably played out. there is no timber there, and the inhabitants are abandoning it, and it will soon be similar to Goldsmith's "Deserted Village,"—and yet the government are blindly expending money in deepening the river or creek when it is totally unnecessary. Even five or six years back the place was retrogressing, as the sawmills of a most influential firm (Messrs. Scott and Jolly) had to close up about that time, simply because there was no timber to saw, and which latter is the stable commodity. Every praise is due to the member, Mr. Cunneen, for his efforts to get the dredge, and who, in conjunction with Mr. John Booth (member for Argyle), and Mr. Wm. Spears, have repeatedly agitated for its removal to the waters of the Lake, where it should be in common justice.

If Cooranbong is neglected in some matters, it can scarcely be said to be so by the Postmaster General, as eight mails weekly are despatched, and eight received. They have communication twice a week with Wallsend, and twice a week with Mount Vincent and Maitland; two mails weekly are also sent and received with Gosford and Catherine Hill Bay. Another mail weekly, via Wallsend, would, however, be a great acquisition to the inhabitants. and we would suggest Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday as the days,—and that one mail a week would then be ample to Mount Vincent and Maitland, as correspondence would reach Sydney via Wallsend, much quicker and in a more direct line, than by any other route. This is a simple yet a very important matter, and I would submit it to the attention of our

present Postmaster General, who, I know is anxious that additional postal facilities should be ex-tended all over the colonies, where required. The next place I wish to revert to is NEW PORT.

situated on the banks of the Dora Creek, about four miles from Cooranbong. It is a pretty little hamlet, and comprises about 20 houses, with perhaps 100 inhabitants,—who are chiefly engaged in the timber trade. There is a very comfortable building there used , as a provisional school, which was established mainly through the representations of the Rev. John Shaw. There are some sixty children on the roll, with an average attendance of about 40. Mr. John Douglas is the teacher,—a gentleman of most aimable and retiring disposition and who devotes his leisure hours industriously to the culture of fruit, flowers, vegetables, &c., and has made a waste track of land to "blossom as the rose,"—having a fine orangery, orchard, and exquisite flower garden surrounding the school building,—all comprised in about a quarter of an acre. In the season he also grows some excellent grapes. I will wait till the grape season sets in and try to renew my acquaintance with Mr. Douglas. However, having given a brief outline of the most noticeable features around Cooranbong, I will now ask those interested to follow me on a rapid ride of some thirty miles, through the country in what I will turn a southerly direction. After enjoying a refreshing night's repose at Cooranbong where, by the way, I might mention I fell in with Mr. Ed. John Hargraves,—son of the illustrious gold discoverer,—and that gentleman kindly volunteered to pilot us through the country. We left Cooranbong early in the morning, and the first estate passed through was a 2000-acre block belonging to Sir Daniel Cooper, which is chiefly used for grazing purposes, the whole being leased by an enterprising settler, named Frost, who has about ten acres under cultivation. Leaving it we passed over a 1000-acre block, the property of a Mr. Walker , which is lying dormant, but held by Mr. E. H. Hargraves, as the conditional purchaser. Adjoining this is about twelve miles of almost level country,—Government ground, evidently good growing land, if cultivated. It is open to be taken up at any time.—After crossing this track, and not having passed a horse or Animal of any sort, or any signs of civilization whatever, we made, MR HARGRAVE'S LAND.

and which is, without doubt, the most splendid estate in the locality. It comprises about 1000 acres of freehold, and 4000 leaseholds from the Government. Before reaching the boundary of this estate a number of crossroads were passed, leading to different places, but used ostensibly for the conveyance of timber, and as many as six teams are constantly traversing them. Mr. Hargraves has a straight and substantial fence dividing his estate, which runs in a direct line for about three miles, and inside the enclosure we encountered herds of magnificent fat cattle of the Hereford and Durham breed; while many acres of the land is highly suited for agri-cultural purposes; and the remainder of it and adjoining estates, evidently, from its geographical formations, contains hidden treasures in the shape of vast fields of mineral wealth at present untold, but which will most certainly be brought to the light of day sooner or later. After entering the dividing fence, and travelled

about a mile, we came upon a charming view of several BEAUTIFUL LAKES. The first was Lake Budgeway, and adjoining it, towards the South, Wallaraha Point,—which comprises a fine sheet of water of some 15 miles, while in the distance could be seen Tuggerah Beach Lake, much larger than either of the former. It is about ten miles long and five miles wide and separated at different places by points. In the North could be distinguished what is called Man-mora Lake, comprising a pretty sheet of water of about four miles square. Having taken a bird's eye view of these lakes and adjoining country,—the characteristics of which we have briefly described, we resumed our ride, and never held rein after till we reached Mr. Hargraves' homestead, NORAVILLE. The house, itself, is built in a most substantial manner, its owner having evidently studied elegance, comfort, and durability, in giving the architect instructions. It is also built in the fine off English style and is the very best site that could possibly have been chosen. It is on an elevation, overlooks the Pacific Ocean, and commands a fine view of the surrounding country for miles in every direction, the Sugarloaf and Warran Warran mountains being conspicuous in the distance. There are any number of stables, barns, outhouses, and enclosures, of the most substantial character, besides several flagstaff at respective distances. Some of the ground is under cultivation here, and first-class vegetables of different descriptions are produced. About half-a-mile from the house is what is known as the VILLAGE OF NORAH. It was surveyed for a township some years back; streets marked out, named, and duly proclaimed, and thus it has since remained, no buildings, of course, being thereon. Below the village (which is several hundred feet above the sea level, and directly above it), is CABBAGE-TREE HARBOUR. This bay is admirably situated for the requirements of an extensive coal and timber trade, which commodities abound in inexhaustible quantities in the locality. It appears to have been adapted by nature as an excellent shipping port; it is finely protected from inclement weather,—an elevated neck of land running into the sea on the weather side for about a mile,—which would have the effect of protecting vessels that might be anchored there, from the roughest weather. On the beach is a very neat and substantial boat house (erected many years ago by the government at the recommendation of Mr. Hargraves, with a £100 found upon the body of a man washed ashore there from a wreck). In the house is a very commodious lifeboat, with all appurtenances, ready for action at a moment's notice,—everything being remarkably clean and in good order.

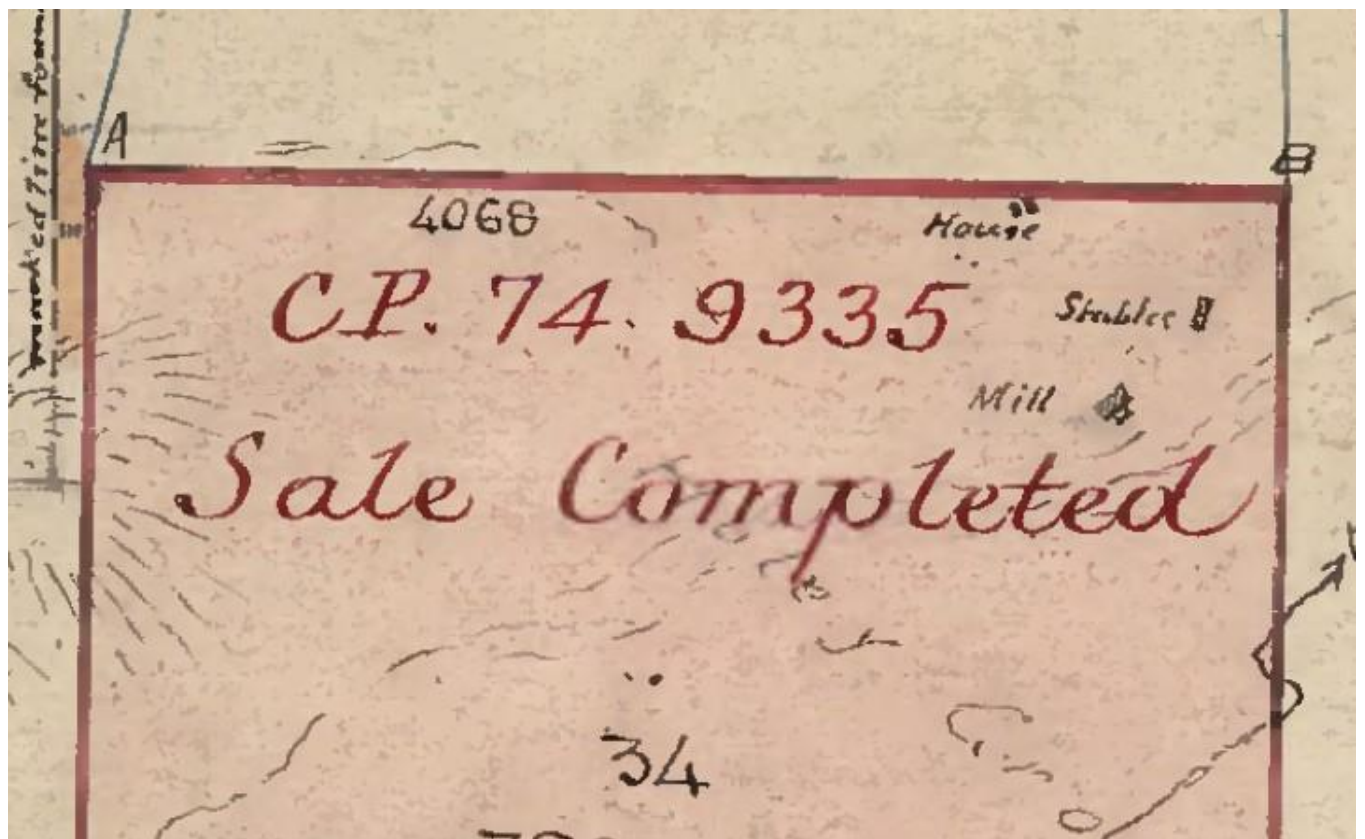
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One of the mills is especially to cut sleepers for the northern railway line and Mr Lancaster the superintendent got steam up this week for the first time, and I believe the machinery work beautifully.

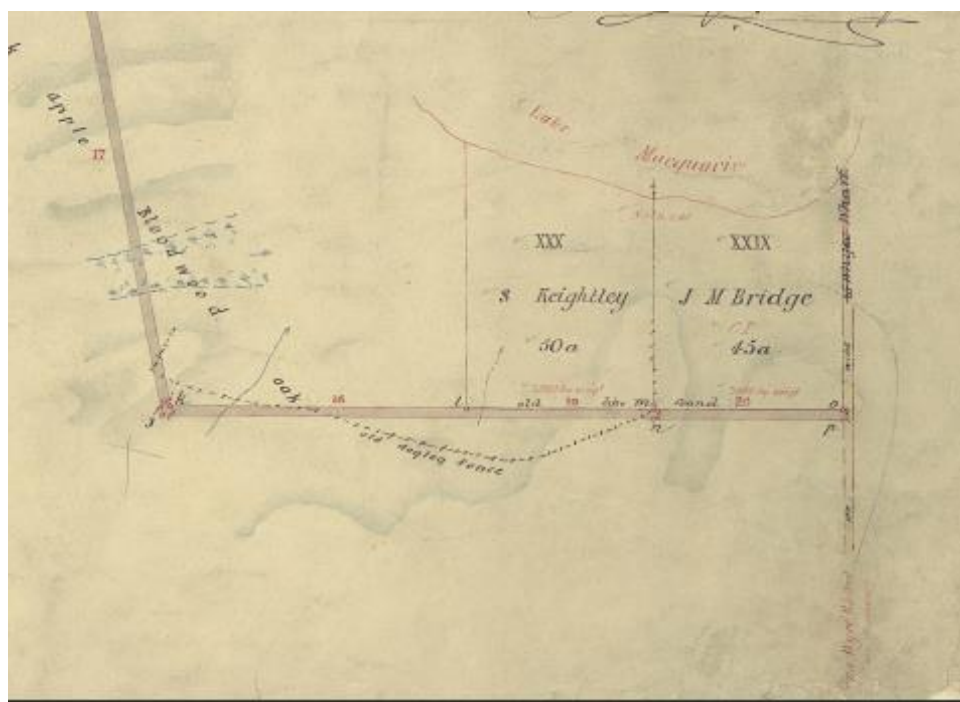
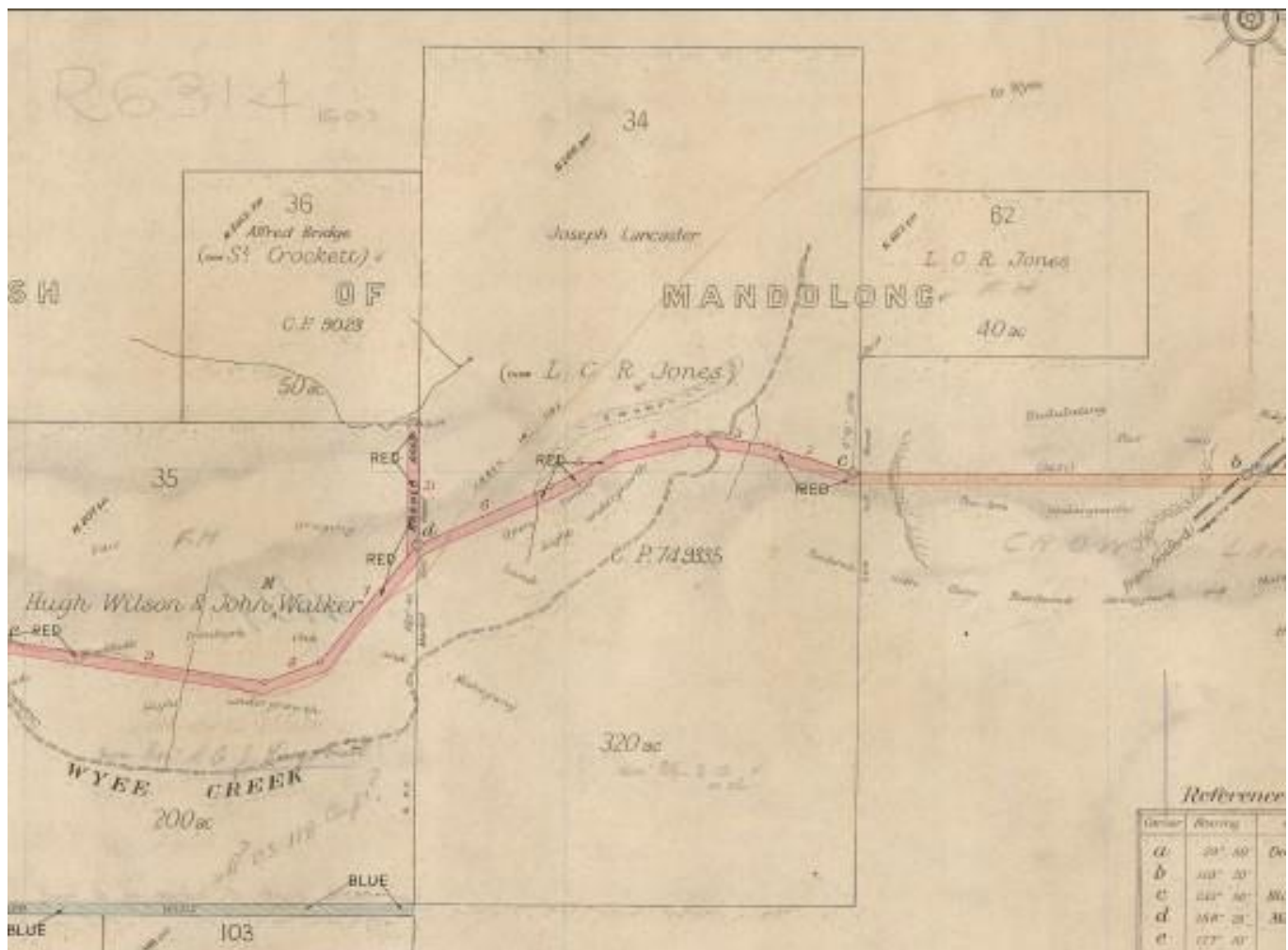
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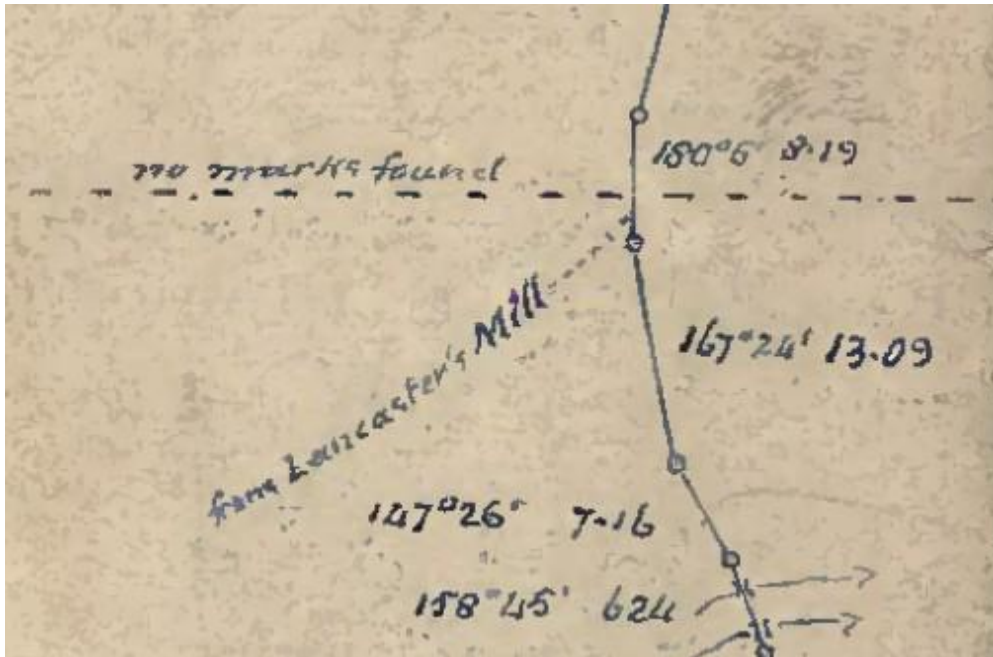
Mr Wakeford having an extensive sawing plant almost ready for operation at Lake Macquarie, where an abundance of superior timber is ready obtainable, some idea of the importance of the work at Lake Macquarie will be given when we state that an engine of 30 horse power, capable of being worked much higher has been placed there to be connected with a large frame saw, a large circular saw, some smaller ones, which will readily supply all the timber for the bridges, sleepers, and other purposes. In addition to the above-named conveniences a steam punt will be constantly employed in the conveying the timber to Newcastle, when it will be forwarded by train. It is estimated that 2500 sleepers will be delivered weekly by the punt, with all other kinds of timber required for the work, fortunately very little delay will occur in setting the machinery in motion, but at present some of the works on the line are nearly at a standstill for the want of timber.



Applicant in residence
Improvements: House, Kitchen, Store, Mill, Stables
worth more than £320
Soil Argillaceous, Loamy and Gravelly
Water abundant
Timber: Gum, Mahogany, Stringybark, Turpentine, Oak.
Land - rough pasture of very little use but for timber.







[ALIENATION ACT—SECTIONS 13, 14, 19, 21, & 22.]

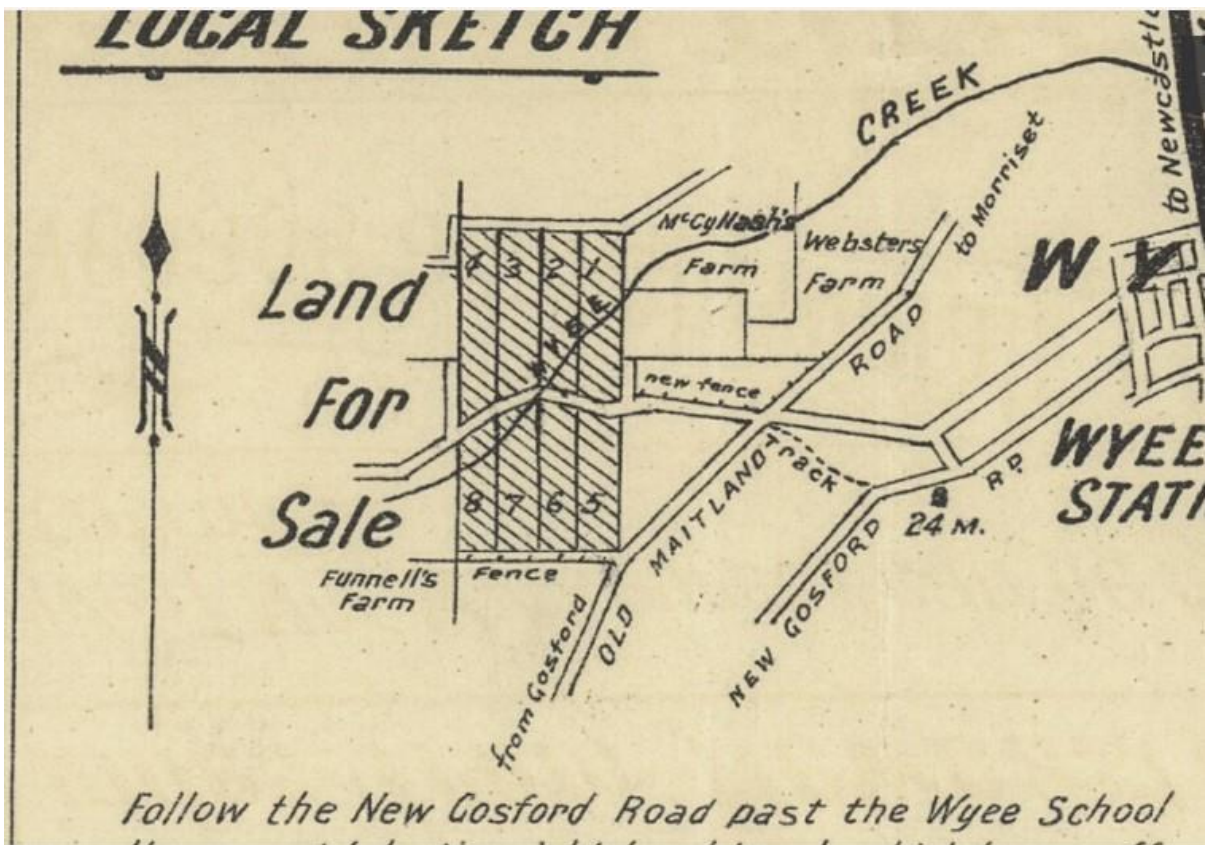
NOTIFICATION OF ALIENATION OF CONDITIONAL PURCHASE UNDER THE CROWN LANDS ALIENATION ACT OF 1861.

NOTIFICATION of Alienation of Conditional Purchase by William Wakeford
in the District of Rushmore Water

I HEREBY notify to you, as the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands for the District of Rushmore
Water that I have (*after a residence thereon of at least
twelve months) in consideration of the sum of one hundred pounds
this day alienated to John Brown Watt William Oswald Ecclestone John Ecclestone and
water running watt
of Lepton the three hundred and twenty acres of land, situated in the
County of Northumberland Parish of Wardlaw
which I selected at Gosford as a
Conditional Purchase, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, on the
20th August 1874, as also the following additional purchases (to be inserted
with particulars thereof if necessary):—



For research and study



District.	Applicant.	Description of License.	Fee Paid.		
			£	s.	d.
Coorambong ...	D. Hogan.....	Hardwood	0	5	0
do ...	J. Malone.....	do	0	5	0
do ...	E. Reid.....	do	0	5	0
do ...	J. Mills.....	do	0	5	0
do ...	W. Frush.....	do	0	5	0
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1876 Timber licence's

PARLIAMENT, THIS DAY.

In the Assembly, in answer to Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Lackey said a wood inspector had been appointed for the **railway** extension from Murrurundi and that it was his duty to inspect the **sleepers** when required. Also, that the amount advanced upon **sleepers** delivered at Murrurundi to Mr. Wakeford was £680 less ten per cent.

The House is now in committee upon the Stamp Duties Bill.

The Legislative Council has passed the June Supply Bill, and has also agreed to the second reading of the **East Maitland Reserve Bill**, and has passed it through committee with amendments.