

The Canberra Times 28 March 1928: TUGGRRANONG HOMESTEAD LEASED. GUNGAHLIN TO LET. Applications were recently invited by the Federal Capital Commission for the lease of Tuggranong Homestead with 1500 acres of land for a period of ten years. The successful applicant was Mr TJ McCormack of Red Hill. Tuggranong Homestead was the original home of James Cunningham a pioneer of the district. It was for some time used by Mr CEW Bean, Official War Historian when compiling the Australian History of the War. Within the next few weeks said the Lands Officer (Mr JC Brackenreg) it was proposed to invite applications for the lease of Gungahlin Homestead for many years the home of the Crace family. The property comprises about 700 acres. The conditions of the lease will be similar to those of Tuggranong.

The Mercury Hobart Tasmania 26 May 1928: DAIRY FARMS FOR CANBERRA - COMMISSION'S VENTURES. CANBERRA May 22. The homestead and 765 acres of the old Gungahleen station about four miles north of Canberra, on the Yass Road has been leased by the Federal Capital Commission to Dr Watson, formerly editor of the 'Historical Records of Australia.' The property passed out of the hands of the Crace family the original owners of the property, in January this year on the death of Mr Everard G Crace.

The original station comprised about 20,000 acres in the Ginninderra district and was taken up by Edward Kendall Crace in 1877. The present homestead was built in 1883. Following the establishment of a milk handling plant in the territory two new dairy farms are to be constructed on the banks of the River Molonglo by the Commission. This step has been considered necessary by the increase in population expected shortly with the advent of a further number of civil servants. Each farm will comprise between 200 and 300 acres and will be equipped with up-to-date bails and milking rooms, as well as comfortable cottages. Applications have been invited for the leases and the successful applicants should be in a position to commence operations almost at once. Included in the leases will be land suitable for Lucerne growing as well as excellent grazing land. With a large established marker and the accessibility of the farms, success is assured. The leases will be for 10 years.

The Canberra Times 12 May 1928: DAIRY FARMS TO SUPPLY CANBERRA TWO MORE OFFERED... These will bring the number of registered dairy-farms in the Federal Capital Territory to eight.

The Canberra Times 23 April 1928: NEW FORESTES FOR THE TERRITORY - PLANTING CAMPAIGN TO COVER 1,000 ACRES. Tree planting on an extensive scale has been commenced by the forestry branch of the Lands Department. Over 1,000 acres are to be planted and operations will, it is anticipated extend into September. Principally pinus insignis will be planted and the areas to be planted are Greenhills (130 acres), Mount Stromlo (400 acres), Kowen (100 acres), Uriarra (270 acres). An area of 300 acres on the south side of Cotter Reservoir will also be planted as a protective forest to guard against erosion. In addition much experimental work will also be done in a number of places beyond the confines of the city. The varieties to be used here include the Corsican pine ...western yellow pine ...and the green Douglas fir.

The Canberra Times 6 September 1927 lists the camps and temporary settlements in the FCT and notes the following forestry camps and numbers living in them. Stromlo, Kowen and Uriarra each had one man.

28 July 1927 Sanitation Report - Abattoir & Dairies:

ABATTOIR:

Unsewered. - Walls brick - cemented internally, concrete floors; internal space restricted. Slaughter House - rails for hanging beef suspended by wooden structures - too near meat for periodic limewashing and of absorbent nature. Mutton recess off Slaughter House- wooden rack for examining viscera - joint open. Hanging room for mutton and pork - wooden support for iron hooks. Beef and mutton temporary hanging room - fly proof gauze above and below walls of wood. Iron rails for hanging but supported by wood - floor concrete. Pig vats of concrete construction, two boilers for tripe being installed. City water connected; hot water provided by portable steam boiler. Offal boiling shed and hide drying shed combined - open sides, concrete floors - 12 coppers for boiling offal and barrels for tallow reception.

In the Slaughter House a concrete channel for blood is conveyed by pipe drains to two concrete filter beds used alternately for screening clots, but does not screen or prevent blood from entering the open brick channel which also receives the drainage from coppers and hide shed and continues to a very considerable area of shallow trenched land, extending nearly to the bank of a creek and thence to the Molonglo River.

The continuation of the trenched land is offensive even at this time of the year; puddles of putrescible liquids being dotted here and there, showing that the nature of the ground totally unsuitable for the purpose, there being little earth covering to inabsorbent substrata; older dried depressions are apparent near the creek bank.

- **Piggeries.** Troughs of irregular rock and cement for food and water - no outlet provided. Bones scattered everywhere, no shelters provided. Pigs fed on cooked offal. Offal not useful for pigs feed - hoofs, paunches etc., is burnt in the open with wood fires.
- **Offal Carts.** - Of wood construction and filthy; cold water only available.
- **Incinerator.** - For condemned carcasses and offal other than that containing fat, too small; carcasses burnt as above.
- **Bone Drying Rack.** - Uncovered - rack 12"- 24 "clear of ground. Bones bagged after a week's exposure.
- **Cooling Rooms.** - Not provided.
- **No By-products plant** is installed
- **No digesters** are installed for boiling down diseased carcasses.
- **Manure** from yarding paddocks spread out for drying purposes.

In the absence of sewerage it is evident that the present site is unsuitable, for the nature of the ground and the surrounding trees are not conducive to desirable conditions, and with the summer approaching the nuisance will increase, thus affecting the quality and cleanliness of the meat and also producing the extended fly-breeding are.

If at all possible it is recommended that a new site be chosen at an early date and extension to the sewerage system could be obtained, then the question of by-products could be considered, which would probably mean increased revenue.

In my opinion difficulty in satisfactory dealing with washing down waters only, would be experienced on the existing site. [The Abattoir was in Mugga Lane - it later moved to a site near Oaks Estate.]

DAIRIES

H.E. GAZZARD.

Unsewered . - Six months to expiry of lease. No water connected, tanks and tank carts employed. General sanitary conditions considering difficulties experienced, good; bails, milkroom etc., clean. Dwellings - temporary - no ventilation - clean.

Recommendations. To provide portable pans in lieu of cesspits to earth closets.

MURRAY'S DAIRY, - MILL FLAT

Sewered nearly completed; modern weatherboard dwelling; bails, milkroom and utensils satisfactory as regards cleanliness.

NIELSEN'S DAIRY

Sewered. - Modern weatherboard dwelling; - bails, milkroom yards etc., clean excepting old long earth channel - now being replaced by sewer. All clean and about 12 milk customers daily receive milk and cream in sealed bottles; - process of cleaning empty bottles - washed in warm water and soda and then into boiling water in bucket or kerosene tin.

Recommendations: Recommend that bottling system be discontinued, unless suitable sterilizing plant be installed owing to risk of possible infection from returned bottles affecting a source of milk supply, also running hot water or steam is not available for such washing at present time.

CLATTON'S DAIRY [should be Clutton]

Unsewered. - Sanitary condition - clean. Dwellings and buildings as at Murray's Dairy but long earth channel to quagmire - premises to be connected to sewer on completion of adjoining premises.

KELLY'S DAIRY

Unsewered. - Sanitary condition - clean. Condition similar to Clatton's [sic Clutton] Dairy as regards drainage. Delivery vehicles generally, in satisfactory conditions at time of visit.

1928

The Canberra Times 12 July 1928: CENSUS 8,012 FOR FCT CITY AREA 5,625

A tentative statement of the result of the census of the Federal Capital Territory taken June 30 was made available yesterday by the Director of Federal Police (Major Jones). The census shows that the total population including figures for Jervis Bay, was 8,012 comprising 4,536 males and 2,763 females. The difference is due mainly to the fact that the earlier census was taken at a holiday period when a large number of residents were absent from the Territory.

On the latest census the total number of people living in the city area, was 5,625, comprising 3,141 (or 3,111) males and 2,181 females.

Figures for other centres were:

- Military College Duntroon - 238 males, 155 females: Total 393
- Jervis Bay - 292 males, 129 females. Total 421
- Cotter, Uriarra, Stromlo - 99 males, 40 females - Total 149
- Majura, Kowen 24 males, 27 females: Total 51
- Tuggranong, Kowen, Tharwa, Booroomba, Tidbinbilla, 63 males, 56 females: Total 119

1928 ELECTORAL ROLL - OUTSIDE CANBERRA

THE ABATTOIRS

QUINN, Ilis home duties

WARE, Margaret & Rowland home duties & slaughterman

Rowland George Ware, son of George Ware of Braidwood married Margaret Clarke. He died on 19 April 1932 aged 48 years. *The Canberra Times* 20 April 1932: WARE - At the Canberra Abattoir suddenly April 19 1932, Roley, son of Mrs and the late Mr Ware Braidwood NSW

YOUNG, Clarence butcher

ALLAWAH

ANDERSON, Kenneth grazier

BLACK MOUNTAIN

ARMITT, Thomas labourer

BOOROOMLEA STATION

BOWMAN, Samuel labourer

BROWN, John groom

HALL, Herbert book keeper

REIDY, Thomas carpenter

BOOROOMBA STATION - *Bygone Queanbeyan* by Rex Cross - Booroomba (Boorooroomba). An aboriginal name meaning 'wallaby jumping over a rock'. Booroomba is an old property out of Tharwa associated with Wright, Davis, KcKeahnie, Keogh and Row, Sir Keith Murdoch and Hyles...

BYRNE, Elizabeth & Patrick home duties & labourer

CAMPBELL, Edward station hand

COSTELLO, Michael station labourer

GIBSON, Joseph boundary rider

HALL, Louisa housekeeper

JEFFS, Gladys cook

KERSHAW, Arthur labourer

KIRCHNER, Mona & Robert home duties & labourer

Robert Henry Charles Kirchner was buried in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery on 22 September, 1962.

TYRIE, Margaret & Henry housekeeper & manager

Buried in Queanbeyan:

Henry Tyrie died 18 October 1970 aged 80 years - Margaret Louisa Tyrie moved to 37 Surveyor Street Queanbeyan where she died 10 November 1968 aged 78. Margaret was born at Cooma and was the daughter of Alec McGuigan. She married Henry Tyrie and lived at Tharwa.

BROOKVALE

HAMMERSTROM, Carl & Knut	gardener & gardener
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BULGA CREEK

BROWN, Sarah & Archibald	home duties & grazier
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Archibald Brown was buried in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery. He died on the 30 May 1947 aged 66. His grave was paid by Mrs Sarah Brown of Bulga Creek. In the same grave is Sarah Brown buried on 25 November, 1953. She died on the 27 November 1953 aged 68.

BURBONG

CAMERON, Leo	grazier
Yargun CHAPMAN, Blanche & Reginald	home duties & grazier

COTTER

The man who gave his European name to this area of land and the river that flows through is was Garrett Cotter who was born in Ireland in the County of Cork in 1802 - son of James Cotter and Margaret nee Foley. Like many Australians of British descent he arrived as a convict. His story is to be found in *Cotter Country* by Bruce Moore. The waters of the Cotter River were damned to form Canberra's first water supply and work on this dam commenced in 1912.

COTTER DAM

GRAY, David	labourer
LAWLESS, George	labourer
PIKE, Louisa & John	home duties & engineer
PRINGLE, John	labourer
WITT, George	ganger
WITT, Harold	labourer

COTTER JUNCTION

COOKE, James	labourer
MATHIESON, Amy & Andrew	home duties & labourer

Andrew James Mathieson, son of James John and Margaret (nee Walters) Mathieson was born in Edinburgh Scotland and came to Australia in 1920. He married Amy Cooke and had two children. He died 5 April, 1932 aged 47. His funeral notice was in *The Canberra Times* 6 April 1932 and noted that his home was 'Tinroff' Cotter Road.

O'BRIEN, James	labourer
WILSON, Ethel & Matthew	home duties & labourer

COTTER ROAD

ALISON, William	grazier
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Arawang COTTER ROAD

BROWN, Henry	grazier
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Fairvale COTTER RIVER

STUART, Douglas	grazier
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Illowra COTTER ROAD

TANNER, Guy	grazier
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The Pines, COTTER ROAD

WEAVER, Marie & Herbert	home duties & ranger
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Above: An early photograph with title of *First Bridge* across the Cotter River. Loaned by Alison Neiberding.

COTTER RIVER

BLEWITT, Ernest	grazier
Ernest Edward Blewitt died 29 October 1967 was buried in the Anglican section of Woden Cemetery. Buried in the next grave are Tammy Ree Blewitt who died 10 September, 1971 and Mary Margaret who died 2 July 1990.	
HANCOCK, Edith & James	home duties & carter
OLSSON, Violet & Henning	home duties & ganger
RITTER, Louis & Louis	labourer & turnkey
WIDSTALL, Charles	labourer

Spring Valley COTTER ROAD

JAMIESON, Evelyn & Thomas	home duties & farmer
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CUPPACUMBALONG

Bygone Queanbeyan by Rex Cross - *Cuppacumbalong*. Another aboriginal name meaning 'meeting of the waters'; it is situated where the Gudgenby and Murrumbidgee Rivers form a junction. 'Cuppa' as it was affectionately known, was first settled in 1847 by James Wright. It later passed to Leopold Fane de Salis, then to Campbell, Thring and Circuit, George McKeahnie, N Thompson and finally Frank Snow, before being acquired by the Commonwealth...

SNOW, Myrtle & Frank	home duties & grazier
THOMPSON, Dorothy & James	home duties & stationhand
Dorothy Alice Thompson was buried in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery on 31 December, 1965. Two James Joseph Thompson are buried in the Woden Cemetery. One was buried in the RC Section on 6 July, 1965 and the other was buried in the Ex-Servicemen's Section on 21 June 1974.	

Fernhill YASS ROAD

SOUTHWELL, Anne, Elsie, Jane, Frederick & John	home duties, home duties, home duties, grazier & grazier
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GIBRALTER

BLEWITT, Ethel & John	home duties & grazier
RUSTIN, Agnes & John	home duties & ganger

GINNINDERRA

BOREHAM, Lucy & Edward	home duties & grazier
Lyll Gillespie Ginninderra, <i>Forerunner to Canberra</i> - (Ted) Son of Peter and Susan Boreham of Lake Bathurst, born 1872. Married Lucy Eliza Cook in 1893. They lived at "Nine Elms" Ginninderra...He died in 1957 and his wife survived until 1966...	
BURGOYNE, Joseph	grazier
CAVANAGH, Earin	labourer

SLOAN, Elizabeth home duties
 WATSON, James literature
Ginninderra, Forerunner of Canberra by Lyall Gillespie - Watson, Dr J Frederick Resident of Gungahlin homestead 1928 to 1940. Well known historian. Author of "History of Canberra".

HORSE PARK

GIFFORD, Eleanor, Frank & Thomas home duties, grazier & farmer

TEA GARDENS

RYAN, Edward grazier

GULLA GULLA

McMURTRIE, Dorothy home duties

GUDGENBY

CRAWFORD, Jessie & Granville home duties & labourer
 OLDFIELD, Adelaide & Thomas home duties & station manager
 PERKINS, Lucy teacher

HALL

The Canberra Times Supplement February 15, 2000 - articles on Canberra Pioneers by Lyall Gillespie has the following information about the Hall family after whom the village of Hall was named:
Henry Hall after whom the village of Hall would be named arrived in Australia from England toward the end of 1823. The son of John Hall and Mary Middleton, he had intended to practice as a surgeon, but instead took up farming and grazing...He was then granted 1500ha in the Ginninderra district. He named the property "Charnwood" and on March 22, 1837 married Mary Fisher, daughter of Lieutenant CW Fisher at St Phillip's Church Sydney. The Halls then settled at Charnwood...Henry was noted for his hospitality and conducted his Charnwood property successfully until 1873 when he retired to Yass. Mary Hall died in January 1876 and Henry survived her by four years. They raised a family of eleven children:

PO BOLTON, Annie & Eric home duties & grazier

St John's Churchyard by Jean Salisbury notes the following Bolton burials in the church cemetery:

- **Bolton, Annie Lilian** First child of Frederick Munday and Rebecca nee Mackay, Jeir. She married Eric Thomas Bolton in 1925. The couple had one son and lived at Hall. In later years they moved to 23 Higgins Crescent Ainslie where Annie died 29 August 1964 aged 66.
- **Bolton, Eric Thomas**, Fourteenth child of Joseph and Mary Ann Bolton. He was baptised at St John's 1892 and married Annie Lilian Munday in 1925. He died 29 December 1958 aged 66 years.

BOLTON, Rosaleen & Edward home duties & labourer

BOYD, Frank labourer

BROWN, Elizabeth, Sophie, Ebenezer & Ross home duties, home duties, storekeeper & shop assistant

The Brown Family was established in the Hall area prior to the decision to make it part of the FCT

Lyall Gillespie *Ginninderra, Forerunner to Canberra-*

- *Brown, Ebenezer, Son of Stephen Brown and Jane Brown nee Stear of Dalton. First purchased land at Hall in 1895 and built his home "Winarlia" adjoining the Hall Premier Store. Married Elizabeth Southwell and joined in partnership with his brother Charles Southwell in conducting the store, which they continued until his son Ross assumed control in 1934. Died 1956 aged 90 years. Children: Hassell Claude, Dorothea (Mrs HFW Smith) and Ross Hamilton...*

BURTON, Ada, Ada & Sydney home duties, home duties & mechanic

Buried in the Hall Cemetery are:

- Lyall Gillespie *Ginninderra, Forerunner to Canberra- Burton, Sydney William. Resident of Hall from about 1911. Built his own home and resided there until he died in 1951... Married Ada Louisa McFeeters. Children: Noel, Vera (Mrs R Lowe) and William. [Bob Lowe was a Rat of Toobrook. He and his wife Vera lived for many years in Hackett Gardens Turner and have a daughter.]*

PO BUTLER, Annie home duties

Lyall Gillespie *Ginninderra, Forerunner to Canberra- Butler, John senior. Married Anne Dwyer at Yass in 1846. Worked both Palmerville and Yarralumla before taking up a small selection in the Tea Gardens area near Ginninderra. Built his home 'Malton' there. John and Ann had several children including Patrick, Margaret, John and Maria (Mrs JAH Kinlyside).*

CARNEY, Vera & William

home duties & grazier

Vera Kathleen Carney was buried in Woden Cemetery in the RC Section on 26 October 1938. Buried in the same grave is William Joseph Carney who was buried on 26 May 1970.

GILLESPIE, Lillian & William

home duties & labourer

GUDGEON, Beatrice & Henry

home duties & mail contractor

Lyall Gillespie Ginninderra, *Forerunner to Canberra- Gudgeon, Henry Lester Born in England. Came to reside in Hall in the 1920s. Opened a small grocery and confectionery shop in the village. Lived with his wife Beatrix and family at 'Ottocliffe'. Children: John and Robert.*

Beatrice Minnie Gudgeon was buried in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery on 27 August 1958. Henry Leister was buried in the next grave on 7 May, 1968.

HALL, Elizabeth, Francis, Arthur, Charles, Joseph & John home duties, labourer, labourer, labourer, labourer & labourer

HOLLINGSWORTH, Clara, Susan & John home duties, home duties & labourer

Clara Janet Hollingsworth was buried in the Hall Cemetery in the RC Section on 10th May, 1965. In the same grave is John Hollingsworth who was buried on 12 April 1952.

PO HOLLINGSWORTH, William & William

labourer & --

KINLYSIDE, Ada & George

home duties & coachbuilder

Memories of Hall by Leon Smith - George [Kinlyside] was born in Canberra in the year 1877 and was the son of Mr and Mrs G Kinlyside Senior. After the death of Mr Kinlyside Senior, his widow married Mr Thomas Murty and for many years kept the old Ainslie Post Office...George Kinlyside came to Hall in 1898 to begin business as a fully qualified wheelwright on the opposite side of the street to the store. He married Ada Hollingsworth in September 1909 and they made their home in Hall a short distance from his workshop...when time permitted - he built a community hall on his own property at his own expense. The Hall, named, "Kinlyside Hall" was used for many purposes including dances, socials, concerts etc, and for a time was used for Church services by the Anglicans prior to the completion of their own church...In 1938 George sold his business to Mr JA Rochford. George and his wife then moved to Canberra to live after 40 years residence at Hall. For a period of about five years he was employed by the Government Transport Section at Kingston repairing passenger buses. He retired in 1944 on account of ill health and passed away on 8 November, 1945 aged 68 years. His wife survived him by six years and died on 24th July, 1951 aged 72 years...

Below right: Alison and Nairn Stuart. Alison was nee Kinlyside of Briar Farm. On the left is their daughter Alison Neiberding. This photograph was taken at Acton Cottages in the 1920s.



McCLUNG, Sara & William

home duties & labourer

PO MALONEY, Margaret, Thomas, William & William home duties, labourer, labourer & labourer

MANNERS, Alice & George

home duties & caterer

Manners, name unknown was buried in the Ex-Servicemen's Section of Woden Cemetery on 4 February 1954. Alice Louisa Manners died on 10 February 1975 and is buried in the Methodist Section of Woden Cemetery.

O'BRIEN, Elsie, Hyacinth, Isabella, Andrew, Sidney, Matthew & William home duties, home duties, home duties, labourer, labourer, labourer & grazier

PEARSON, Albert

motor driver

PO SHUMACK, George

road ganger

SMITH, Eric

labourer

SOUTHWELL, Annie & Charles home duties & storekeeper
Ginninderra, Forerunner of Canberra by Lyall Gillespie - *Southwell, Charles William Son of Samuel and Harriet Southwell . Storekeeper at Hall in partnership with his brother-in-law Ebenezer Brown Also Post Master at Hall for many years. Married Annie Louisa Brown 1900. Retired to Wollongong 1940. Died 1960 and Annie died 1968. Children: Milford and Ida (Mrs K McAndrew).*
 SOUTHWELL, Frank grazier
 PO SOUTHWELL, Florence home duties
 SOUTHWELL, Ida home duties

Charnwood, HALL

BONDFIELD, Edith & Eric home duties & grazier
 Edith Ethel Augusta Bondfield was buried in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery on 13 November 1964.

Coote, HALL

SOUTHWELL, Ann home duties

Eneagh Hill, HALL

KILBY, Beatrice, Beryl & James home duties, home duties & grazier

The Glebe, HALL

GRIBBLE, Zita, Mary, William & Milton home duties, home duties, grazier & labourer

Glenona, HALL

SMITH, Jane, Beatrice & Ellis home duties, home duties, & grazier

Hillview, HALL

BOLTON, Arthur grazier

Homeleigh, HALL

KILBY, Eunice & Athol home duties & grazier

Lockleigh, HALL

KILBY, Keith farmer & grazier

Rose Hill, HALL

LEE, Ethel & William home duties & grazier

Sunnyside, HALL

SOUTHWELL, Ethel & George home duties & orchardist
Ginninderra, Forerunner of Canberra by Lyall Gillespie - *Southwell, George Born 1877, son of Samuel and Ann Southwell. Married Ethel Moon 1913 and settled at "Sunnyside". Died 1942 and Ethel died 1944. No issue.*

Sunny Corner, HALL

SOUTHWELL, Rebecca & Horace home duties & grazier

HONEYSUCKLE

MUIR, Hazel & James home duties & grazier

KAMBAH STATION

BAKER, Brian overseer
 GRAHAM, Julia housekeeper
 GREGORY, Georgina & John home duties & ranger
 Georgina Susan Gregory was buried in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery on 4 December, 1969. In the next grave is John who died on 19 August aged 56 years. Mrs Georgina Gregory paid for the grave and their address was Cotter Road.

Sunnyside, MAJURA

EDLINGTON, Dorothea, Gertrude & Sheldrick home duties, home duties & grazier
Dorothea Maud Jordan died 5 June, 1960 and is buried at Riverside Cemetery Queanbeyan along with Sheldrick William who died on 27 June, 1962 aged 81 and Gertrude (nee Harman) who died 8 April 1963 aged 81.

MALCOLM VALE

HARMAN, Annie, Albert & Thomas home duties, grazier & grazier
Annie Douglas Harman died 29 June, 1954 and is buried in Riverside Cemetery.

MILL FLAT

1927 Sanitation Report - *Murray' Dairy, Mill Flat. Sewerage nearly completed, modern weatherboard dwelling, bails, milkroom and utensils satisfactory as regards cleanliness.* The report mentions other dairies - HE Gazzard, Niensens and Kelly's.

McNAMARA, Terence	dairy farmer
Bl 13 MURRAY, John	dairy farmer
Bl 3 MURRAY, Mary & Donald	home duties & dairy farmer

MULLIGAN'S FLAT

CAVANAGH, Esther, Clarence & Michael home duties, grazier & grazier

MOUNT STROMLO

The Canberra Times 12 March 1938: **MOUNT STROMLO COMMONWEALTH SOLAR OBSERVATORY.** The Commonwealth Solar Observatory was founded in 1923 for the study of Solar phenomena for allied stellar and spectroscopic research and for the investigation of associated terrestrial phenomena. It occupies a unique position among similar institutions in that it is the only one south of the equator entirely devoted to the researches mentioned. Its position is such that it fills in a gap and completes a chain of solar observatories around the earth thus enabling continuous observations of the sun to be made for the whole of the 24 hours. Its establishment has ensured that the international scheme of co-operation in Solar Research shall be carried into effect.

MOUNT STROMLO

CLARK, Lilian & Basil	home duties & engineer
HIGGS, Arthur	assistant
KING, Caroline	home duties
MARTIN, Charles	painter

MOUNT STROMLO NURSERY

BUTTERS, John	labourer
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OBSERVATORY QUARTERS MOUNT STROMLO

ALLEN, Clabon	assistant
BANHAM, Horace	instrument maker
CHALKER, Hubert	groundsman
GIRAUD, Victor	clerk
MELLOR, David	research assistant

The Canberra Times 26 March 1928: **SOLAR RESEARCH. MT STROMLO APPOINTMENT.** Mr DP Mellor BSc a graduate of the University of Tasmania has been appointed to the Research Fellowship of the Commonwealth Solar Observatory Mount Stromlo. After graduating in Hobart in 1925 Mr Mellor undertook research work at the University and also with the Electrolytic-Zinc Corporation Hobart. He takes up his duties at Canberra on April 10th.

NOWLAND, Kathleen & Zuriel	home duties & groundsman
RIMMER, Kathleen & William	home duties & astronomer

Kathleen Ann Rimmer died 23 August 1971 age 71. She is buried in Woden Cemetery.

The Canberra Times 31 March 1934: **NEW COMET REPORTED AT MT STROMLO.** The Commonwealth Solar Observatory (Mt Stromlo) advises that information has been received of the discovery of a new comet in the southern constellation Hydra. About the time of its discovery it was about four degrees south of the third magnitude star Gamma Hydrae. The cabled message received by the Observatory stated that the comet was discovered by the astronomer, Jackson at about 21 hours 40.7 minutes and its position was right ascension 13

hours 18 minutes 12 seconds and south declination 27 degrees 10 minutes. Its magnitude was 12.4 and its right ascension was decreasing at the rate of 1 minute 36 seconds and its south declination increasing at the rate of 24 minutes daily. The director of Mt Stromlo Observatory (Mr Rimmer) stated last night that conditions were not favourable for the sighting of the comet owing to cloud, and in any case, it would be invisible to the naked eye.

COTTER ROAD, MOUNT STROMLO

BLEWITT, Mary & Elvin	home duties & grazier
O'ROURKE, Annie & Cornelius	home duties & labourer

Annie & Cornelius later moved to 45 Westlake where the family remained until forced to move in the 1950s or early 1960s. Tenants were moved into new houses in the suburbs. The Westlake cottages were sold and moved to new sites. Cornelius died during the years of the family's Westlake time (see O'Rourke details). All his sons are now deceased - the last being Ronnie who died a few months after his brother David in 2000.

MURRYONG

HYLES, Lillian & Frank	home duties & grazier
HUTCHINSON, Joan	lady's help
MULLENS, Daisy	home duties
PENFOLD, Frank	labourer
RICHMOND, Stanley	station manager
SHEEHAN, Maurice	labourer

Ellen Sheehan, daughter of Thomas and Mary McAuliffe married Maurice Sheehan. She died on 9 November, 1929 leaving four young children.

PARKES

EVERY, Isabella, John & William	home duties, draftsman & grazier
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Cameronvale PARKES

EVERY, Alice	home duties
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PINEY CREEK, THE RIVER

GATES, Vivian & Arthur	home duties & grazier
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REEDY CREEK SUTTON ROAD

McGILLAN, Michael	labourer
McNAMARA, James	labourer
SOUTHWELL, Eliza, Kenneth & William	home duties, labourer & farmer

THE RIVERS

Crows Nest O'CONNOR, Desmond	grazier
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ROYALLA

BLEWITT, Pearl & Joseph	home duties & farmer
BLEWITT, Bridget & Eric	home duties & farmer
GOODALL, Gladys & John	home duties & grazier
KEELING, Gray	school teacher

ROSE HILL

MORRISON, Elizabeth & John	home duties & grazier
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John Morrison's father was born in Kilwatermoy Co Waterford. He married Catherine Welch. For a time the family shared Springbank Farm before moving for a few years to an area of land now called Stirling Park, Yarralumla where John Jr was born in 1871. From Stirling Park area they moved to their own farm at Bulga Creek. John Senior died at Bulga Creek on 21 July, 1897 age 82 and Catherine died on 5 March 1907 aged 80. Also buried at Riverside are Edmund who married Elizabeth Moore at Queanbeyan in 1903. She was a daughter of Christopher Moore of Jerrabomberra. He died on 18 April 1926 aged 59. Elizabeth died June 1958 aged 82. Patrick Clowes Morrison (son of John Jr) died 24 April 1934 aged 29 - gun accident; John Walsh Morrison born 22 May, 1904 - died 26 June 1988.

John Morrison (junior) was one of the prime movers in the promotion of a memorial in Queanbeyan to William Farrer who contributed so much by his experiments to the breeding of new strains of wheat. [Les Lyons]

SPRINGBANK

Today the site of the old farm houses is Springbank Island. This was part of MacPherson's land grant and takes its name from one of the natural springs in the area. The last tenant farmer was a Kaye. The Kaye family started off at Springbank in the early 1850s then moved to Klensendorlffe's land to tenant farm. They also leased Klensendorlffe's stone villa. In the early 1890s they built a new slab cottage and did not leave until 1924 when the land was resumed by the Commonwealth. They then returned to Springbank.

BATES, Nellie & Edwin home duties & contractor

KAYE, Edith, Kate, Letitia, Edith, Joseph, Leonard, Samuel & Charles home duties, home duties, home duties, home duties, ---, school teacher, dairy farmer & dairy farmer

MALONEY, Patrick farmhand

PAYNTING, Ernest farmhand

TONG, Ruby home duties

THARWA & PLACES VIA THARWA

Lyll Gillespie - *Aboriginal word for Mount Tennant.*

FISHER, Henry labourer

Henry Ernest Patrick Fisher died 2 March 1975 and is buried in the Tharwa Cemetery.

HIGGINS, Reginald school teacher

HUGHES, Annie, Daisy, Leslie & Thomas home duties, home duties, apiarist & labourer

JEFFERY, Ruby & Clarence home duties & storekeeper

- Clarence Charles Jeffery died 14 February 1948 aged 51.
- Ruby Pearl Jeffery died in 1978. She was the daughter of William and Clara (Venables) Luton. She came from Tumut.

KIRCHNER, Cuthbert labourer

Cuthbert Kenneth Kirchner was buried in the Ex-Servicemen's Section of Woden Cemetery on 29 May, 1969.

LUTON, Clara home duties

Mother of Ruby Jeffery. Clara's husband William Luton died in January 1928.

McINTYRE, Janet home duties

SKIPPER, Margaret & Charles home duties & labourer

SHEEDY, Emily & Patrick postmistress & postmaster

- Emily Sheedy was born on 25 June 1865 and died on 15 March, 1960 aged 94.
- Patrick Joseph Sheedy was born at Yarralumla on 4 July, 1869 and died on 16 July, 1959 aged 89.

The Sheedy family is another old one of the district. The family came out on the Lascar and arrived on 11 November 1841 and were initially employed to work for Klensendorlffe. The family consisted of Johanna and Patrick Sheedy with their children, Margaret 6, Michael 4, Mary 2 and baby, Catherine. Several children were born after the family arrived - Johanna (Julia) 1844 married 21 September 1865 to Edward Woods; Patrick (Black Pat) and Ellen. With the couple when they came on the Lascar was Mary Ann Blackburn aged 20, dairymaid - first cousin of Johanna Sheedy. Mary Ann Blackburn married Martin Pike in 1843. Julia Woods (nee Sheedy) died 25 March 1886 aged 43 - cause of death was diphtheria - Edward Woods died 31 July, 1913 aged 71 [information from Harrie Quince and Bert Sheedy.]

PO TORPY, Michael labourer

PO WATT, Horace labourer

WATT, Michael labourer

WEST, Una & Oral home duties & labourer

(Oral West was known as Bevis - his second name)

Couranga, THARWA ROAD

JOHNSON, Clara & Jack home duties & ---

DICK'S YARDS

NEUSS, Dorothy & Roy home duties & labourer

Dorothy Evelyn Neuss nee Oldfield died 30 July, 1934 aged 29. She was the first wife of Roy Albert Neuss.

Lucy Margaret Neuss (nee Skipper), second wife of Roy Neuss, died 7 January 1968 aged 44.

Roy Albert Neuss died 12 August 1975 aged 75.

FRESHFORD

CREGAN, Mary & John	home duties & grazier (Lower Freshford)
TIERNAN, Michael & Patrick	grazier & grazier

GIBRALTER, THARWA

WOODS, Mary & Thomas	home duties & grazier
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Mary Woods of Gibraltar, daughter of the late Michael Moloney of *the Pines* Tidbinbilla Road died 19 February, 1958 age 75. Michael Woods, son of Edward Woods of *Riverview* died 18 October, 1958 aged 82.

The Hill THARWA ROAD

MORAN, Thomas	labourer
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LAMBRIGG

Bygone Queanbeyan by Rex Cross - Lambrigg, name given to the property of William Farrer to commemorate his mother's birthplace... William Farrer, who later became famous for his work in developing improved varieties of wheat settled at Lambrigg on the Murrumbidgee River near the Point Hut Crossing in 1886. He came to Australia in 1870, working initially as a tutor to George Campbell's family at Duntroon, then as a surveyor for about ten years before he took up land. In 1882 he married Henrietta Nina, only daughter of Leopold F De Salis, the owner of the nearby Cuppacumbalong property. Immediately after buying Lambrigg, Farrer began systematic experimentation in the selection and cross-breeding of wheat varieties.

BLEWITT, Henry	grazier
FANE DE SALIS, Nina	home duties

Canberra times 23.2.1929: *The death of Mrs Nina Farrer of Lambrigg Tharwa on Tuesday last aged 80 marks the passing of an old district pioneer, and the widow of William James Farrer who did valuable work for this country in connection with the hybriding of wheat in order to find rust resistant varieties. In this he was eminently successful and the value of his work is fully estimated today in the agricultural industry of Australia. Farrer originally for health reasons emigrated to this country in 1868 and became tutor to the family of Mr George Campbell of Duntroon. He experimented afterwards on a farm at Cuppacumbalong and although his work was at first ridiculed by experts, his deductions and results are now adopted and his methods have become standard throughout the world. Today in the South Kensington Museum London are samples of 'Florence' and 'Federation' varieties of wheat growing in Australia. Mrs Farrer who was of a cheerful and benevolent nature often spoke of the early days of this district. She lived for many years at Lambrigg, a house which was made available to her from a grateful government. Deceased was interred in the private burial ground at Lambrigg in the same grave as her late husband. Archdeacon Pike of Queanbeyan officiated at the graveside and many district residents attended the funeral to pay a last tribute of respect to one of the fast vanishing pioneers.*

Queanbeyan Age 20.4.1906: *On Monday last there died at his residence Lambrigg Tharwa of Mr William Farrer a gentleman known throughout the length and breadth of this state as an expert in all matters connected with the culture of wheat. Arriving in Australia some 35 years ago Mr Farrer was for sometime tutor in the family of the late Mr George Campbell of Duntroon. He then took up land at Tharwa and being of an eminently scientific turn of mind set himself steadily to work with the object of improving the breeds of wheat in the direction of producing grain capable of resisting drought and rust to a greater extent than the varieties then cultivated...His great work at length received a tardy acknowledgement and on the 1st Sept 1898 he was appointed Government Wheat Experimentalist at a salary of £350 a year... Born of a well known North County family on 3rd April 1845 the late William Farrer after the usual public education proceeded to Cambridge where he graduated Bachelor of Arts with honours. .. Mr Farrer married the only daughter of the late Hon Leopold Fane De Salis MLC who survives him. There was no family of the marriage. His remains were laid to rest on Wednesday evening last at Lambrigg close to the scene of his life's work.*

FAIRLEY, Hicks	labourer
FARRER, Henrietta	home duties

SHEEDY, May home duties

INGLEDENE

LUCAS, Cecil grazier



GREGORY, Lynda, Ethel, Rebecca, Edward, John, Hugh, Leslie & Roy home duties, home duties, home duties, grazier, grazier, grazier & labourer

McGLYNN, Rebecca & John home duties & labourer

OLDFIELD, Amy, Bertha, Sarah, Edward, Herbert, John, Joseph & Walter home duties, home duties, home duties, grazier, grazier, labourer & grazier

Bertha Ann Oldfield was buried in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery on 13 August 1968. In the next grave is Herbert Thomas Oldfield who was buried on 17 March 1969.

READ, Ethel, Florence, Florance, Hugh & George home duties, home duties, home duties, general help & grazier

NAAS VALLEY

McMAHON, Agnes, Andrew & Daniel home duties, grazier & labourer

Agnes Isabell McMahon was buried in Woden Cemetery in the RC Section on 30 March, 1969. In the next grave is Daniel O'Connell McMahon who died on 13 November 1970.

TONG, Esther, John & Mervyn home duties, grazier & labourer

Esther May Tong was buried in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery on 14 October, 1969.

TOP NAAS

CREGAN, Jemima & Albert home duties & station manager

UPPER NAAS

LOVELOCK, Lily home duties

ORRORAL

CLEARY, Jemima & Albert home duties & station manager

PADDY'S RIVER

MALONEY, John grazier

WOODS, Elizabeth & Charles home duties & grazier

Elizabeth Woods was buried 22 December 1934. She was buried in Riverside Cemetery. Her husband, Edward, died in 1926 and is also buried in Riverside.

ROSE COTTAGE

HARRIS, Mary, Ruby, Richard & Richard Jr home duties, home duties, grazier & grazier

ROCKY CROSSING

KELLEHER, Ellen, Cornelius, Thomas & Timothy home duties, labourer, labourer & grazier

Timothy Kelleher of Rocky Crossing died 17th August 1939 aged 83. TJ Kelleher died 27 November 1933 aged 37.

Ellen Kelleher died 17th September, 1957 aged 94. Ellen was born at Ginnindery 4 June 1863 daughter of John Coppin of Coppin's Crossing. Michael William son of Timothy and Ellen died 19 September 1912 age 20.

ROSELEITH

RYAN, James settler

RIVERVIEW

THOMSON, Catherine & Thomas home duties & grazier

SPRING STATION

WHITE, Mary, Mary & Daniel home duties, home duties & labourer

THARWA ROAD MAIN CAMP

HARFIELD, Harry horse driver

WILLOWGLEN

OLDFIELD, Eva & Ernest home duties & grazier

TIDBINBILLA

Bygone Queanbeyan by Rex Cross - *Tidbinbilla, Tidbanbilly (Jedbinbilla, Jedbenbilla, Jelbinbilla - an aboriginal word meaning 'the place where all males are presumed to be made young men', and thus a place where secret aboriginal ceremonies were held. This refers more to the mountain. Tidbinbilla was settled by George Webb in the late 1830s.*

FLINT, Annie home duties

Annie Amelia Flint was buried in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery on 14 November 1960.

KELLY, John labourer

MAXWELL, Margaret home duties

REID, Florence & Herbert home duties & grazier

Herbert Charles Alexander Reid, third child of William and Sarah (McDonald) Reid married Florence Evelyn Oldfield in Sydney in 1910. Herbert died on 23 October, 1945 age 66. Florence Evelyn died in 1960 aged 67 and is buried in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery. Herbert is buried in St John the Baptist Church Cemetery in Reid.

Also buried at St John's is Herbert's brother, Aubrey AJ who died 24 November 1931 aged 49.

ROLFE, Anthony labourer

CONGWARRA

FLINT, Mary & Phillip home duties & grazier

ROCK VALLEY

GREEN, Mary & George home duties & grazier

TUGGERANONG

Bygone Queanbeyan by Rex Cross - *Tuggernong, Tuggranong and its various spellings mean 'cold plains' and a place associated with the names of Johnston, Taylor, Macquoid and Cunningham [and others].*

BARTLETT, Cecelia & Edward home duties & labourer

CURLEY, Vera & Mark home duties & grazier

EDLINGTON, Ann & John home duties & grazier

John Edlington died on 6th September 1938 aged 54. John Thomas Edlington was the son of William and Annie Edlington. He married Annie Bingley at Woodfield on 29 June, 1910. She was born on 6 August 1883. Gordon Leslie Edlington, son of Ann and John was born at Tuggeranong 15 April 1921 and died on 20 June, 1921. Ann Edlington died 29 December, 1928. Her parents were Samuel and Ellen (nee Cooper) Bingley. Nearby to their graves is another - Ronald Lester Edlington 25 February, 1991.

FISHER, Alice & Charles home duties & labourer

Alice Elma Fisher died 16 August 1974 and is buried in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery.

GALLAGHER, Hester, Michael & Patrick home duties, grazier & grazier

GRADY, David grazier

HALL, Ida & William home duties & lands ranger

MCCORMACK, Mary & Timothy home duties & grazier

MCINTYRE, Rebecca & James home duties & ---

OLDFIELD, Martha & Henry home duties & grazier

SULLIVAN, Diana, Mary & Sarah home duties, home duties & home duties

PINE ISLAND

THOMPSON, Mabel & Darcy home duties & grazier

TUGGERANONG HOUSE

MCCORMACK, William manager

PUBLIC SCHOOL, TUGGERANONG

Kurrumbene URIARRA ROAD

MURRAY, Ruby & Ernest home duties & grazier

St John's Churchyard by Jean Salisbury - notes the following burials:

Murray, Ernest, grazier living at *Kurrumbene* died 28 July, 1935 aged 54 years. He married Sarah Ruby Elizabeth Monaghan. Sarah, who has used only the name *Ruby* on the electoral roll died 21 May, 1978 aged 90 years. She was born at Nowra in 1888.

The Cliffs OLD URIARRA ROAD

LEE, Miriam & Leslie home duties & grazier

Honeysuckle URIARRA ROAD

EDWARDS, Jack labourer

WEETANGERA

Lyall Gillespie - *Weetangera (Wittanjirra)* Aboriginal word meaning 'to suck

BELL, Jean & Christopher home duties & grazier

BARLING, John labourer

John Elliott Barling son of John and Edith Barling was born at Casino and married Anne Cameron. He died 1 February, 1929 aged 60.

Kama DIXON, Os grazier

Lyall Gillespie *Ginninderra, Forerunner to Canberra- Dixon, Oswald Henry. Resident of Weetangera for many years and later of Canberra. Married Freda Annie Cameron, daughter of Evan and Edith Lavinia Cameron. Died 1982.*

SHELTON, Ethel & Robert home duties & farmer & grazier

SHOOBERT, Mary & Frederick home duties & grazier

Ginninderra, Forerunner of Canberra by Lyall Gillespie has the following to say *Shoobert, Frederick Resident of Weetangera for a number of years from 1925. Sons Percy and Edward.*

SKELTON, Jean home duties

VEST, Kathleen & William home duties & grazier

Kathleen Charlotte Vest was buried in the Presbyterian Section of the Woden Cemetery on 15 May, 1945. In the next grave is William Vest who was buried on 16 June, 1982.

WEBBER, William grazier

BELCONNEN, WEETANGERA

SHEPHERD, Louise & Austin home duties & grazier

CRANLEIGH FARM, WEETANGERA

GRANT, Annie home duties

Annie Louisa Grant was buried in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery on 19 November 1947

LEGG, Annie & James home duties & farmer

O'BRIEN, Edith & Matthew home duties & labourer

Emu Bank, WEETANGERA

BUTT, Emily & Percy home duties & grazier

Lands End, WEETANGERA

CAMERON, Edith & Evan home duties & grazier

Edith Lavinia Cameron was buried in the Presbyterian section of the Woden Cemetery on 10 May 1951. She died on 8 May aged 75 years. Her address was *Lands End Weetangera*. Her grave was paid by Selwyn E Robert Cameron of the same address. In the next grave is Evan Cameron who was buried on 25 September, 1956. He died on 23 September aged 88 years and his address at the time of his death was 2 Lister Crescent Ainslie.

PINE RANGE WEETANGERA

CHAMPION, Beatrice & Philip home duties & grazier

Beatrice Katherine Champion was buried in the Anglican Section of Woden Cemetery on 1 February 1968. In the

next grave is Philip Hubbard Champion who died on 14 November 1976.

PUBLIC SCHOOL WEETANGERA

RICHARDS, Jessie & Michael	home duties & teacher
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Springvale, WEETANGERA

SHUMACK, Amy & Alexander	home duties & grazier
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WESTERN CREEK

GIBBS, Ella & Charles	home duties & labourer
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WESTON

GREGSON, Ernest	cook
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COTTER ROAD WESTON

BATES, Elsie & Reuben	home duties & labourer
GREGSON, Ernest	cook

WODEN

ANGUS, Edith	home duties
CAMPBELL, Elizabeth & Arthur	home duties & grazier
Bl 1, 12A "Bonshaw" HETHERINGTON, Jane & Richard	home duties & grazier

WOODSTOCK

BLUNDELL, Norman	ranger
RETTALACK, Lena, Mona, Clive & Cyrus	home duties, home duties, grazier & grazier

WILLIAMSDALE

McKENZIE, Daniel	labourer
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VALLONA

DAVIDSON, Edward	jackaroo
LAING, John	school teacher
SMITH, Mary & Francis	home duties & grazier

YARRA GLEN

CAMPBELL, Nancy & George	home duties & grazier
LINDER, Harry	labourer

FCT POST OFFICE, QUEANBEYAN

WOODS, Mavis & Martin	home duties & labourer
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GUISE'S CREEK, WILLIAMSDALE

GREGORY, Rene & John	home duties & overseer
McKENZIE, Margaret & David	home duties & grazier

Tuson family

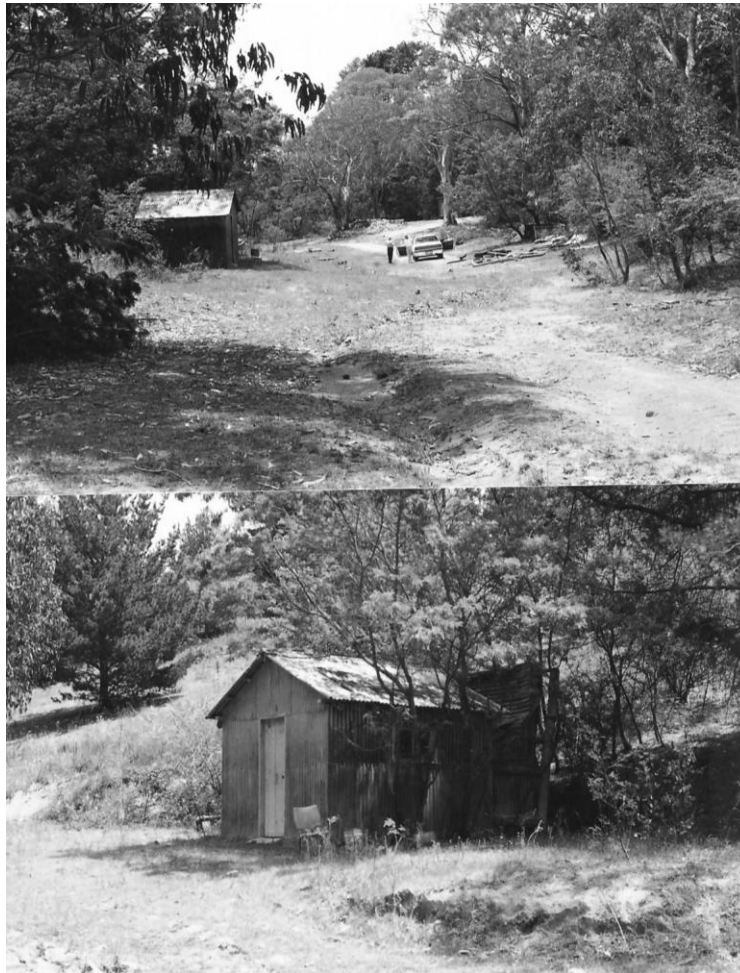
Harold Tuson was one of four men employed as overseers in forestry. He moved with his wife and children first to Kowen where he was responsible for putting the road and plantings. For a short time he moved to Westlake where the family remained for around six months before moving the Pierce's Creek. This family did not enrol for the 1928 vote. The following is a quote from *True Tales of Canberra's Vanished Suburbs of Westlake, Westridge & Acton* about the Tuson family written by daughter Ella Campbell: Harold William Tuson was born on 20 August, 1898 and died on 1 September, 1997. He and his wife, Margaret (nee Davies) travelled to Kowen (FCT) from

Cootamundra in October, 1926. Margaret with two daughters, Marie and Ella, travelled by train to Queanbeyan where they were met by Harold who had arrived earlier having driven a horse and sulky from Cootamundra.

Harold was Forestry Overseer of the Kowen Forest for some years, planting the first pine there in 1928. A third daughter, June, was born in the Private Hospital at Queanbeyan during the time the family lived at Kowen. After some years at Kowen Harold was transferred to Pierces Creek as Forestry Overseer. Before moving to Pierces Creek the family lived for a short time at Queanbeyan and then at 24 Westlake. We lived for approximately nine months at Westlake and during this time Harold travelled to Pierces Creek each Sunday night returning home each Friday night. Just before the move Patricia was born and the only boy, Harold (always called John) was born at Pierce's Creek.

I remember walking to Manuka or Kingston over Capital Hill - no buses were routed around Westlake at that time. People walked on the main road. I also remember a Bottle O called around Westlake every few weeks and the children would follow the horse and dray around the settlement.

Harold moved his family to Pierces Creek when accommodation in the form of a number of small cubicles combined together to form a house was made available and here he remained with his family (with three other cottage moves) until his retirement in 1960. Harold was responsible for putting down the road between Pierces Creek and the Cotter. He was also one of the men who built the tennis court at Pieces Creek and named Laurel Camp near Pierces Creek. (The nearby Mountain was Hardy and it's camp was called Hardy. Two famous comedians in film were Laurel & Hardy.)



Two photographs taken at Pierce's Creek in 1994. The Tuson three cubicle cottage was on the flat land top centre top photograph. The cubicles are what remained of the home at Pierce's Creek.



Photograph of the Cotter Area taken by Jack Jenkins in the mid 1920s. The bridge is across the Murrumbidgee River and on the left of the bridge is the pumping station.

The Canberra Times 22 February 1929: COMPLETE SUBDIVISION OF HALL AND AINSLIE LEASES. THIRD COMMISSIONER'S PROPOSAL OPPOSED TO IMPROVEMENT VALUES. Addressing the annual meeting of the Federal Lessee's Association yesterday the Third Commissioner (Dr Watson) expressed his opposition to the present values placed on the structural improvements on rural leases and intimated that as a result of re-valuation which had been made, these might be reduced.

It was decided to call a special meeting of lessees in the Hall and Ainslie district for Thursday next to give further consideration to the present situation.

The Third Commissioner (Doctor Watson) in addressing the meeting said that 29 leases in the northern area of the Territory had fallen due for renewal on March ... Of these nine had accepted, 14 declined and six had not yet replied. The reason for the disinclination of lessees to renew were the existing high values, the generally unsatisfactory conditions and other reason.

Certain of the leases which were subject to renewal, he said, were not in excess the statutory limit of £4,900 for holdings in the Territory, but he was endeavouring to bring about a more suitable amendment to the ordinance. Many of the leases subject to renewal had very irregular boundaries and in some cases detached blocks were responsible for increased cost of maintenance and fencing.

He said that he was strongly opposed to the values which had been placed on structural improvements to the leases. 'As a result of my representations,' he said, 're-valuations of structural improvements are proceeding at present. The first valuation is being made by one officer, and the second by another on condition that there shall be no communication between the two officers.'

He was not aware of the results of the re-valuations, but it had been stated that they would be lower. In his opinion only sub-divisions which had been satisfactorily sub-divided were at West Woden and Kambah. 'When faced with the problem of having uneconomic boundaries and 25 year leases, how are we going to obtain an equitable adjustment?' he said.

'It is wise to continue to extend some leases until the end of other leases which extent until 1950. I am in favour of the re-subdivision of the leases if the Government is willing to provide compensation and would support such a proposition,' Doctor Watson concluded.

Speaking of the Commission's method of valuing property, Colonel Goodwin (Chairman) said that the land had been assessed at too high a rate to permit of satisfactory return, and consequently the increase in the adjustment was not justified. The overhead charges on a small holding were equal to those on one twice its size he contended.

He said that he would not care for uniform sub-division as it would result in one lessee obtaining much better land than another. Many of the houses which had been revalued he continued, had outlived their usefulness, yet architects of the Commission had been asked to revalue such properties.

It was finally agreed to request the Commission to call the land board together immediately in order that lessees not satisfied with rentals and conditions might ventilate their grievances to the board. This resolution deals only with the 29 leases in the northern sub-division to be renewed on March 1.

The leases have been valued by Mr F Young, who is a member of the association, and it is hoped to place his views before the board. It was resolved to request the Commission to pay compensation for the damage done to stock, which had been moved from the Cotter Catchment area at one day's notice.

During the meeting, Dr Watson also stated that he proposed to the Commission an enlargement of the Ginninderra reserve and had suggested that the annual lessee should not be permitted to graze sheep there for three months before the shearing season.

The executive officers elected were as follows: President, Colonel JTH Goodwin; secretary & treasurer, Mr AE Wright; Committee, Messrs E Kelly, E Bondfield, HG McIntosh, K Anderson, AM Shepherd, WG Darmody, T Horne and M Gallagher.

<u>OUTSIDE CANBERRA 1929 - HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD</u>			
ALLAWAH 1929		LLOYD, Alfred	contractor, land
ANDERSON, Kenneth	grazier, land	(Kingston)	
AINSLIE 1929		GIBRALTER, 1929	
MALONEY, Richard	grazier, land	BLEWITT, William	grazier, land
READ, Thomas	farmer, land,	GINNINDERRA 1929	
Weetangera		BOREHAM, Edward	grazier, land
SHUMACK, Edward	grazier, land	BURGOYNE, Joseph	grazier, land
BELCONNEN, 1929		CAVANAGH, Clarence	grazier, land
AVERY, William	grazier, land	CAVANAGH, Michael	grazier, land
"Glenmoor" MOORE, Henry	grazier, land	"Gold Creek" CLAYTON, Rupert	grazier, land
BULGA CREEK, 1929		CURRAN, Arthur	grazier, land
BROWN, Archibald	grazier, land	CURRAN, Henry	grazier, land,
BROWN, James	grazier, land	Belconnen	
COREE 1929		DONNELLY, Patrick	grazier, land
HYLES, Joseph	grazier land,	"Horse Park" GIFFORD, Frank	land, Hall
Goulburn		GILLESPIE, Harold	grazier, land
"ARRAWANG", COTTER ROAD 1929		"Well Station" JOSELAND, John	grazier, land
BROWN, Henry	grazier, land,	KEVANS, Eva	home duties,
Stromlo		land	
COTTER ROAD, YARRALUMLA 1929		MOORE, William	grazier, land
HORAN, Michael	ranger, house	"Tea Gardens" RYAN, Edward	grazier, land
"FERNHILL", YASS ROAD 1929		THOMPSON, Charles	teacher, house
SOUTHWELL, Frederick	grazier, land	NEUSS, Roy	labourer, house
SOUTHWELL, John	ranger, land,	GUDGENBY 1929	
Belconnen		BOOTES, Albert	grazier, holding
FYSHWICK 1929		Bywong_Sutton	
25 BOURKE, Edward	ganger, house	OLDFIELD, Thomas	labourer, land,
		Booth's Range	
		GUNGAHLEEN 1929	
		BUTT, John	grazier, land,
		Queanbeyan	

JONES, David teacher, house
Ainslie
JONES, Ernest grazier, land
"Inglewood, Ainslie
WATSON, James grazier, land

HALL 1929
BROWN, Ebenezer storekeeper,
store
"Glendale" BOLTON, Arthur grazier, house
BOLTON, Eric grazier, land,
Belconnen
BONDFIELD, Eric grazier, land,
Belconnen
CARNEY, William grazier, land,
Belconnen
GRIBBLE, William grazier, land,
Belconnen
"Ottocliffe" GUDGEON, Beatrice home duties,
house
GUDGEON, Henry storekeeper,
shop
HALL, Francis labourer, house
HOLLINGSWORTH, John labourer, house
HOLLINGSWORTH, Susan home duties,
house
KILBY, Athol grazier, land
"Eneagh Hill" KILBY, James grazier, land
"Lockleagh" KILBY, Keith grazier, land
KINLEYSIDE, George coach builder,
house & shop
McCLUNG, William saddler, house &
land
MALONEY, William grazier, house
"Gledeswood" MOORE, James grazier, land,
Belconnen
MORRIS, William bootmaker, shop
O'BRIEN, Sidney labourer, house
O'BRIEN, William grazier, land
RYAN, James grazier, land,
Ginninderra
SOUTHWELL, Charles storekeeper,
house
SOUTHWELL, George orchardist, land
SOUTHWELL, Horace grazier, land
SOUTHWELL, Frank grazier, land,
Belconnen

"ILLOURA" 1929
TANNER, Guy grazier, labourer

KAMBAH 1929
GREGORY, John ranger, house
SHEEHAN, Gerald grazier, land

KOWEN 1929
McINNES, George grazier, land,
Queanbeyan

"LAMBRIGG" 1929
FARRER, Henrietta home duties,
land

MAJURA 1929
BUTT, Norman grazier, land
BUTT, William, land,
Queanbeyan
DARMODY, William grazier, land
EDLINGTON, Sheldrick grazier, land
"Canberra Park" GINNS, Henry grazier, land
HARMAN, Sidney grazier, land
HARMAN, Thomas farmer, land
HARMAN, William grazier, land
McINTOSH, Arnold grazier, land
McINTOSH, Catherine grazier, land
McINTOSH, William postmaster, land
MAYO, Joseph farmer, land
MAYO, Sarah farmer, land
MAYO, William ranger, land
O'ROURKE, Edward grazier, land

MILL FLAT 1929
MURRAY, Donald farmer, land, PO
Box 28 Canberra

NAAS 1929
GREGORY, Edward grazier, land,
Tharwa
GREGORY, Hugh grazier, land
GREGORY, John grazier, land
GREGORY, Rebecca, land
GREGORY, Victor grazier, land
McMAHON, Arthur grazier, land,
Tharwa Road
OLDFIELD, Joseph grazier, land
OLDFIELD, Edward grazier, house &
land
OLDFIELD, Herbert grazier, land
"Glencoe" Tharwa
READ, George grazier, land,
Tharwa
TONG, Francis grazier, land,
Naas Valley

OAKEY HILL 1929
MAGUIRE, Jack grazier, land

PADDY'S RIVER, THARWA 1929
CREGAN, John grazier, land,
Lower Freshford, Tharwa
GREEN, John farmer, land,
Kingston
MALONEY, John grazier, land
MAXWELL, Margaret home duties,
land, Tidbinbilla
WOODS, Charles grazier, land
WOODS, Thomas grazier, land,
Gibraltar, Tharwa
WOODS, Harold grazier, land

PARKES BARRACKS, CANBERRA 1929 (On the southern banks of Molonglo River opposite Provisional Parliament House - old No 4 Sewer Camp)

McKERRROW, William plumber, cubicle

ROCKY CROSSING, THARWA 1929

FLINT, Annie grazier, land
KELLEHER, Timothy grazier, land

ROCK VALLEY THARWA 1929

GREEN, George grazier, land,
Tidbinbilla

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVAL COLLEGE JERVIS BAY 1929

ADENEY, Geoffrey instructor,
quarters

JERVIS BAY 1929

ADENEY, Geoffrey instructor,
quarters RANC

STROMLO 1929

O'HANLON, Gerald grazier, land
Queanbeyan
ROWLEY, Frederick grazier, land,
Kingston
STUART, Douglas grazier, house,
Canberra

"THE PINES", COTTER ROAD, STOMLO 1929

WEAVER, Herbert ranger, house

"SPRINGVALLEY" COTTER ROAD STROMLO 1929

JAMIESON, Thomas farmer, land

The Canberra Times 8 July 1929: DANCE AT MOUNT STROMLO - STAFF ENTERTAINED. The staff of the Commonwealth Solar Observatory on Thursday last entertained at Mt Stromlo the staff of the Forestry and Entomology Departments together with a few friends. About 60 guests danced to the very effective music of Mr AJ Ryan with his table gramophone and amplifier. At 11pm a delicious home made supper appeared on numerous small tables scattered throughout the dancing rooms and cups of hot soup speeded the parting guests at 2am.

The guests were received by Dr Duffield (Mrs Duffield unfortunately being absent owing to an attack of influenza), Mrs Rimmer, Mrs Higgs and Mrs Banham. Among the guests invited were: Mr and Mrs Lane Poole, Dr and Mrs Tillyard, Mr and Mrs Grey, Mr and Mrs Carter, Mr and Mrs Kappler, Dr and Mrs Hill, Mr and Mrs Dadswell, Dr and Mrs Burrows, Mr and Mrs Willings, Mr and Mrs Currie, Mr and Mrs McMillar, Dr and Mrs Waterhouse, Mr and Mrs Cameron, Dr Sharwood, Mr M Blackall, the Misses Mildred May and Jean McLaren, Force, Darvall, Starling, Jones, romans, Yanbdell, Avery, Gell, Shaw, Fuller, Shannon, McEffe, Dr Finlay and

Messrs Oliphant, Tanner, Goodman, Blackman, Dodd, Loof, Lindsay, Turnbull, Jacobs, Webber, Chandler, Bruce, avery, Grosvenor-Francis, Dickens, Rummer, Higgs, Allen, Banham, Clarke.

MOUNT STROMLO 1929

BANHAM, Horace clerk, house
CLARK, Basil clerk, house
DUFFIELD, Walter director of
observatory, shop, Eastlake
HIGGS, Arthur assistant, house
NOWLAND, Zuriel ---, house
RIMMER, William astronomer,
house

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"SPRINGBANK" ACTON 1929

KAYE, Samuel, farmer, land

SUTTON 1929

"Frankford" HARDY, William grazier, land

THARWA 1929

BLEWITT, Henry grazier, land
HUGHES, Leslie grazier, land &
house
JEFFREY, Clarence storekeeper, land
LUCAS, Cecil grazier, land
OLDFIELD, Ernest grazier, land
RUSTIN, John ganger, land
SHEEDY, Patrick PM, land
SMITH, Nathaniel grazier, land,
Freshford
SNOW, Frank grazier, land
TIERNAN, Michael grazier, land
TIERNAN, Patrick grazier, land,
Freshford
WHITE, Mary grazier, land

THARWA ROAD 1929

"Stonyhurst" CLARKE, Wallace grazier land,
Woden
JOHNSON, Jack grazier, land
"Rose Cottage" HARRIS, Richard grazier, land

TIDBINBILLA 1929

FLINT, Philip grazier, land
READ, Herbert grazier, land

TUGGERANONG 1929

BARTLETT, Edward labourer, house
DUFFY, William teacher, house
CURLEY, Mark grazier, land
EDLINGTON, John grazier, land
FISHER, Charles ---, house
GALLAGHER, Michael grazier, land
GALLAGHER, Patrick grazier, land,
Woden
McCORMACK, Timothy grazier, house
OLDFIELD, Henry grazier, house
SULLIVAN, Sarah grazier, land,
Lanyon

THOMPSON, Darcy	grazier, land	ADAMS, George	butcher, land, Kingston
URIARRA ROAD 1929		CAMPBELL, Arthur	grazier, land
LEE, Leslie (Old Uriarra Road)	grazier, land	CLARKE, Wallis	grazier, land,
MURRAY, Ernest	grazier, land	"Stonyhurst", Tharwa Road	
WEETANGERA 1929		HARRIS, Richard	grazier, land,
"Hillview" BELL, Christopher	grazier, house & land	"Rose Cottage", Tharwa Road	
CAMERON, Evan	grazier, land	McINTOSH, Hector	grazier, land
CHAMPION, Phillip	grazier, land	"Callum Brae", Kingston	
DIXON, Os	grazier, land	RUSSELL, Alister	grazier, land,
LEGG, James	farmer, land	Eastlake	
"The Pines" READ, Jack	grazier, land,	SWAN, James	grazier, land,
Belconnen		Campbell Street, Queanbeyan	
READ, Thomas	farmer, land,	TIERNAN, James	grazier, land,
Naas		Narrabundah, Queanbeyan	
RICHARDS, Michael	school teacher, house	TYSON, Thomas	grazier, land,
SHELTON, Robert	grazier, land,	"The Hill", Queanbeyan	
Belconnen		WOODSIDE 1929	
SHEPHERD, Austin	grazier, land,	McLAUGHLIN, John	grazier, land
Belconnen		WOODSTOCK, 1929	
SHOUBERT, Frederick	grazier, land,	RETTALACK, Clive	grazier, land
Belconnen		RETTALACK, Cyrus	grazier, land
SHUMACK, Alexander	grazier, land	"YAMBA" COTTER ROAD 1929	
VEST, William	grazier, land	EDDISON, Walter	grazier, land
WEBBER, William	grazier, land	YARRA GLEN 1929	
		CAMPBELL, George	grazier, land
WODEN 1929			

The Sydney Morning Herald [NSW] 1 March 1930: RURAL LEASES IN FEDERAL TERRITORY. MINISTRY'S POLICY OUTLINED. CANBERRA, Friday. The Minister for Home Affairs (Mr Blakeley) to-day announced the policy of the Federal Ministry regarding rural lessees in the Federal Capital Territory. He said that the Ministry had decided to adopt recommendations made in the report of the Parliamentary Joint Committee of Public Accounts.

Among the recommendations adopted were those for the establishment of a Lands Advisory Board for the extension of leases where possible for 25 years, for the reference of anomalies in land values and rentals to the board; and for the waiving only in exceptional circumstances, of the requirements that lessees should reside on their leaseholds.

Experiments in top-dressing of pastures are to be continued and lessees will be granted financial assistance for the purchase of fertilizers. A reduction from 1/- to /9 [9 pence?] an acre will be made in the charge for rabbit destruction and the maintenance of fences.

The Ministry endorsed the observation of the committee that land values and rentals in the Territory were generally fair and reasonable, and decided that no action should be taken to purchase more freehold properties.

The Government said Mr Blakeley did not approve of the committee's recommendation that financial assistance should be granted to enable lessees to buy out their neighbours so as to increase the area of holdings. With regard to improvements acquired from the Federal Capital Commission by lessees, the committee recommended that the improvements should be revalued, and that where a lessee is dissatisfied he should have a right of appeal to the Land Advisory Board. After giving very careful consideration to this recommendation the Government considered that lessees should themselves obtain valuations of the improvements by competent valuers, and that where there was any disagreement between the Federal Capital Commission and the lessees such cases should be referred to the Land Advisory Board.

The Government had also decided that early action should be taken to compel lessees to make satisfactory arrangements for the payment of arrears when such arrears were due to circumstances not associated with the

leases and the lease conditions. The Government had decided not to take any action in the direction of purchasing any additional freehold properties.

The committee had suggested that the question of the carrying capacity of lands should be referred to the Land Advisory Board. It was the opinion of the Government that the carrying capacity could be greatly improved by the adoption of proper fertilizing methods.

IEWS OF ASSOCIATION

QUEANBEYAN, Friday. The annual report of the president (Col JT Goodwin) presented at the annual meeting of the Federal Territory Rural Lessees' Association showed that the year had been one of heartbreaking effort to gain some redress to the lessees from the Federal Government and from the Federal Capital Commission. The capital value of the holdings has been placed so high that most of the lessees are finding it difficult to meet the rents, owing to the decreased value of wool, the report says. Many claim that the wool cheques, when received this year, will not be sufficient to cover the rent charges.

A motion was unanimously passed that representation be made to the Minister, asking that a suspension of rents be made to lessees until the receipt of the wool cheques and that the penalty of 10 per cent be waived. A motion was carried asking for the formation of a land appeal board, with powers to make decisions in all cases, with provision for appeal to the Minister in cases of dissent.

The following officers were elected:- President, Mr GA Francis; secretary & treasurer, Mr R Wright; committee, Messrs HS McIntosh, EC Bondfield, H Clothier, T Horn, E Kelly, K Anderson, F Southwell, MJ Gallagher and E McMurtrie.