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PATERSON COURT HOUSE MUSEUM is open regularly on SUNDAYS - from 1pm

MEETINGS: Paterson Historical Society Inc. meets the first Thursday of the month - 7.30pm at the Paterson Court House Museum (except December and January)

JOURNAL: "MUSEUM NEWS" is published five times a year - February April June August October

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION DUE: February each year

Family: \$5.00 Single: \$3.00 Student; \$1.00

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COMING EVENTS:

MARCH 6 - MEETING - GUEST SPEAKER  
REX MEAHAN former Police Magistrate

HERITAGE WALK:

MARCH 16 - HERITAGE WALK - Launch of DOROTHEA MACKELLAR BOOK

APRIL 3 - MEETING-GUEST SPEAKER - DEAN RAINER  
History of Black Rock and Martins Creek Area

12 - OUTING - Lorn District - Historic Homes

19-20 - STEAM FEST

MAY 1 - MEETING - HERITAGE ADDRESS for 1997  
CYNTHIA HUNTER - Settlers of the Patersons Plains

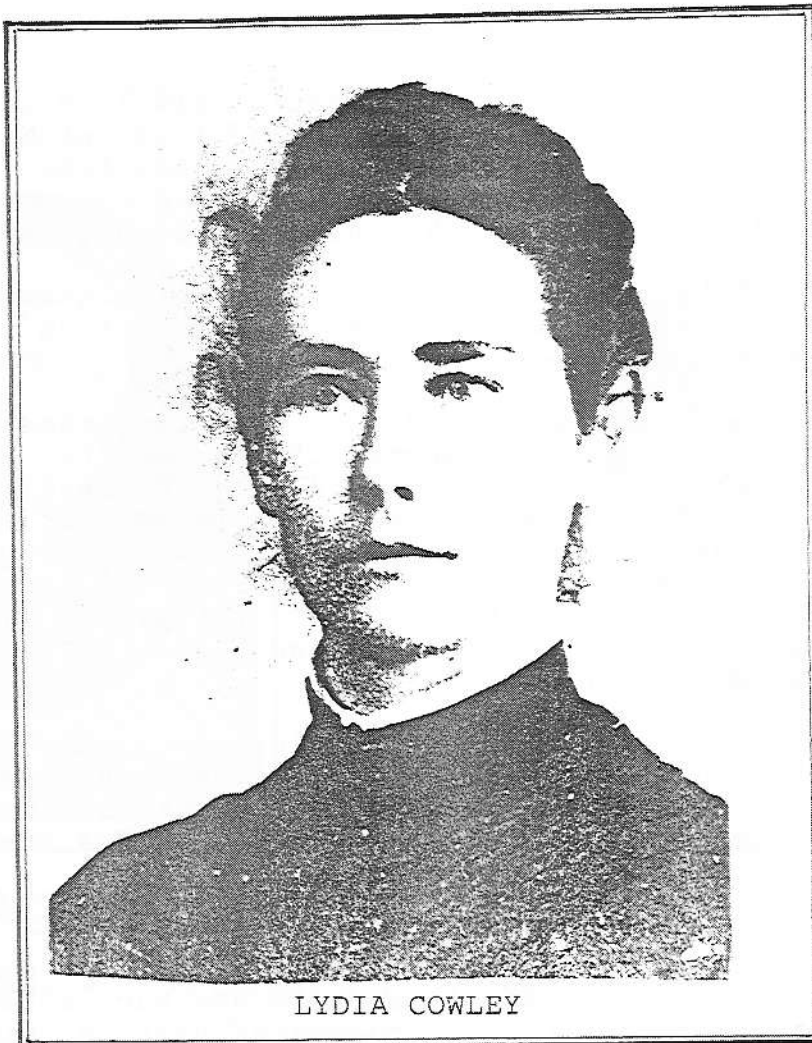
LOCAL HISTORY PUBLICATIONS:

Now available for sale - BURIALS IN ST PAUL'S CHURCH CEMETERY  
1839 - 1900  
Pauline M Clements  
\$30 - 250 pages

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COVER:

DANIEL and CAROLINE COWLEY - Courtesy Mrs S Custance  
Jack Sullivan



LYDIA COWLEY

THE COWLEY FAMILY DISPLAY: VAL ANDERSON

In the ground floor hallway of the Paterson Court House Museum is a neat display relevant to members of the Cowley family, pioneers of the Paterson Valley.

The articles on display were donated by a family descendant, Mrs June Custance of Kariong NSW in July 1996.

Forming the nucleus of the display is:

1879 SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION  
CERTIFICATE OF AWARD

to LYDIA COWLEY - GRESFORD PATERSON NSW  
PENCIL DRAWING

PENCIL SKETCH of DOG (for which the certificate was  
awarded)

FAMILY PHOTOS supplied by Mrs SHIRLEY CUSTANCE, KARIONG  
NSW and copied by Jack Sullivan, Society member.

MAITLAND MERCURY newspaper cuttings supplied by  
Jack Sullivan.

An attractive oil painting of ROSES by LYDIA'S daughter  
GLADYS ADAM can be seen in the Museum bedroom.

LYDIA COWLEY: MRS JUNE CUSTANCE

LYDIA COWLEY was the eight child of Daniel and Caroline Cowley, pioneers of the Paterson region.

Daniel Cowley came to Australia in 1838 with his first wife who died in February 1839. They were from the Isle of Mann.

Daniel worked as a Cooper for the rest of his life in the Hunter Valley. He owned land in the Paterson and lived at No 1 Prince Street for some years. He conducted a business from that address. In 1846 he married Caroline Weymouth who had accompanied her parents and eight siblings to Van Dieman's Land in 1835.

Caroline came to Paterson in 1845 to help her sister Helen Lindley who with her husband George, was conducting a Grammar School for young gentlemen.

Lydia was born in 1862 and would have been less than seventeen years old when she drew the "portrait" of a dog for which drawing she won an honorable mention at the Sydney International Exhibition of 1879. Although it was known that she did many drawings, this is the only one that is known to have survived.

Lydia married John Adam of Davis Creek at Gresford in 1890 after her parents' demise, Daniel in 1888 and Caroline in 1890. John and Lydia had six daughters.

Lydia's siblings included: Daniel Cowley of Carrobolla, William Cowley of Glendon Brook, Helen Brooker of Merannie, Mary Sherwood of Paterson, Catherine Steel of Newcastle, Caroline Cowley of Goulburn, Frederick Cowley of Paterson and Gladys Adam.

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The Society's Christmas Party for 1996 was held in the TOCAL Homestead Tea Rooms. It was pleasing to see such a large gathering of members to conclude another productive year. President Cameron conducted a tour of the complex, pointing out and explaining restoration and conservation work being done to the outbuildings and fencing. TOCAL Homestead is one of Australia's treasures - how fortunate TOCAL is to have such a knowledgeable and interested principal!

Tabled at the meeting were photos of the Society's outing to Wandon Valley Winery (naturally tastings had to be made!!!) and historic St Helena where the hospitality and afternoon tea was wonderful.

President Cameron congratulated Cynthia Hunter on obtaining her Masters Degree and Pam Sivyer and husband Peter's appointment as Governor-elect of Rotary District 9670.

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NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to Margaret and Peter Hardy, Jennifer and Barry Laybutt and Carol and Tom Ryan.

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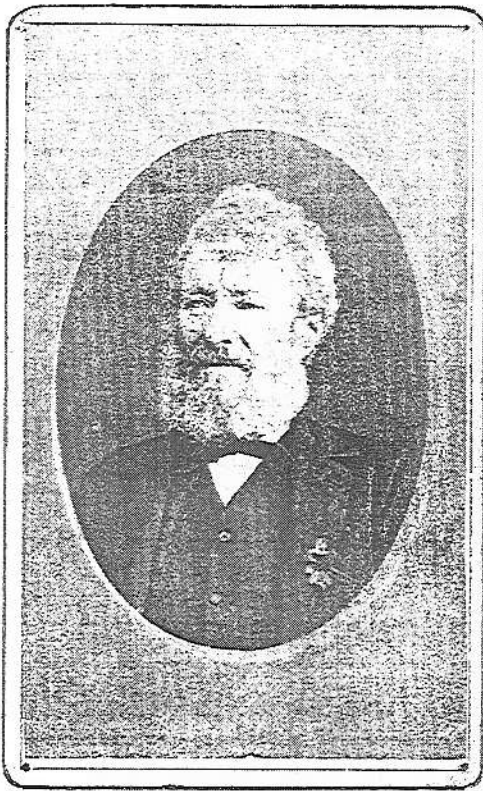
OVERHEARD AT THE RECENT CHRIS WILLIAMS FAREWELL:

"WHAT WOULD LOCAL HISTORY BE LIKE WITHOUT  
HARRY BOYLE and JACK SULLIVAN?"

An instant chorus . . .

"H E A V E N ! ! !"

(Popular Newcastle City Council Librarian, Chris has joined the staff of the State Library of New South Wales.)



DANIEL COWLEY



CAROLINE COWLEY

*Maitland Mercury*  
*January 31, 1846*

*M/M SAT 31.1.1846*  
 To the Manufacturers of Tobacco and  
 the Settlers in general.

**M**R. DANIEL COWLEY, COOPER IN  
 GENERAL, takes this opportunity of  
 thanking his friends for the support he has  
 hitherto received, and begs to acquaint them  
 that, for the sake of convenience, he has  
 REMOVED to those premises, known as  
 Mr. Phillips's Store, in the PATERSON  
 TOWNSHIP, and that he is now prepared to  
 offer to the public TOBACCO KEGS, &c.,  
 of a very superior description, being made  
 from the best seasoned staves, and hooped  
 with iron of first-rate quality.

Any persons, requiring their kegs with  
 wooden hoops can be accommodated when  
 residing within 25 miles of the undersigned's  
 residence. As they require first to be hooped  
 with iron, when ready for market, the under-  
 signed will call and put on wooden hoops.

All Tubs for Bathing, Washing, &c.,  
 Buckets, and all Dairy Utensils, and every  
 article connected with the trade, supplied on  
 the most reasonable terms, for Cash, or Pro-  
 perty delivered at Paterson at the Maitland  
 Market Price.

DANIEL COWLEY.

Paterson, January 12, 1840. 100

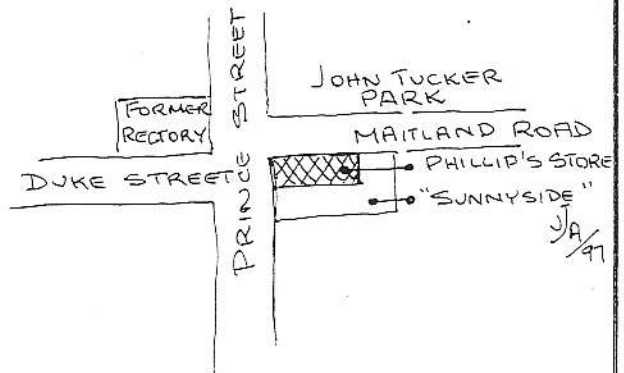
MAITLAND MERCURY 31. 1.1846  
 JACK SULLIVAN

*Maitland Mercury*  
*January 2, 1847.*

*M/M SAT 4.1.1847*  
**T**O LET, part of that commodious  
 Building situated in the Paterson  
 Township, opposite the Parsonage, known as  
 Mr. PHILLIPS'S STORE, comprising a  
 good front and upper Store, with counters  
 and shelves complete. Also, 3 good Rooms,  
 with detached kitchen, and back yard. For  
 further particulars apply (if by letter, post-  
 paid) to D. Cowley, Cooper, Paterson.

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MAITLAND MERCURY 2. 1.1847  
 JACK SULLIVAN



PATERSON - NSW



HELEN WEYMOUTH  
m G LINDLEY 1842



GEORGE W LINDLEY

*Maitland Mercury*  
*Sat. November 22. 1845*

**Grammar School, Paterson.**

**M**R. GEO. LINDLEY begs to intimate that he is now prepared to receive a limited number of Young Gentlemen as **BOARDERS**, who, under kind and judicious treatment, would be carefully instructed in the various branches of a sound and useful Education.

**TERMS**—payable in all cases quarterly in advance:—

For pupils from 8 to 12 years of age, Twenty-five Pounds per annum; to be charged from the date of entrance.

For pupils not within these limits, or for more than one from the same family, a difference would be made in the charge, subject to private arrangements. No extras except for books and stationery.

**Vacations**:—A fortnight in June, and three weeks at Christmas.

Mr. Lindley begs to add that he is prepared to exhibit testimonials from Thomas H. Braim, Esq., Head Master of the Sydney College, and to give local references of high respectability as to the progress made by pupils who are, or have been, under his care.

November, 1845.

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MAITLAND MERCURY 22.11.1845

JACK SULLIVAN