

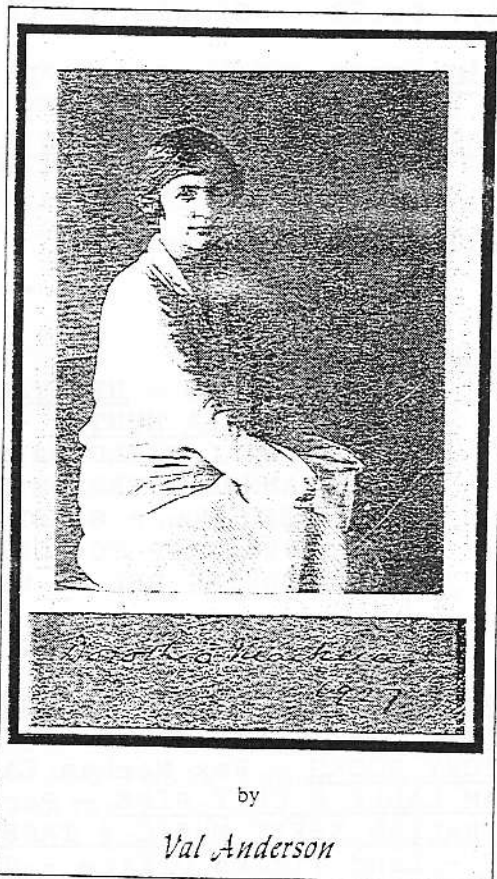


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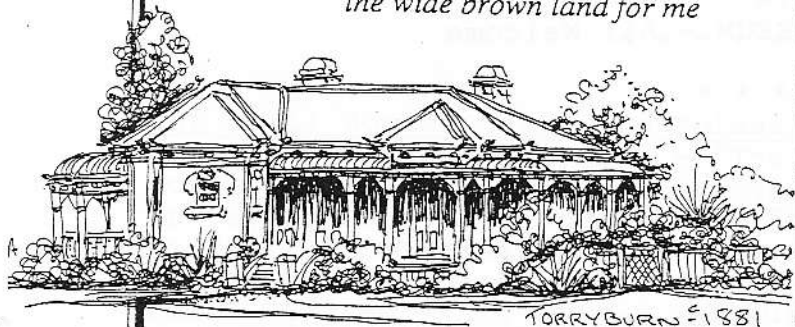
The
 Dorothea Mackellar
My Country
 Paterson Valley
 Connection

*I love a sunburnt country
 a land of sweeping plains
 of ragged mountain ranges
 of droughts and flooding rains
 I love her far horizons
 I love her jewel-sea
 her beauty & her terror -
 the wide brown land for me*



by

Val Anderson



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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)

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COMING EVENTS:

MAY 1 - MEETING - HERITAGE ADDRESS

CYNTHIA HUNTER - SETTLERS OF THE PATERSONS PLAINS

MAY 2 3 4 - TOTAL FIELD DAYS

MAY 25 - LAUNCH PATERSON LODGE BANNER (see separate sheet)

JUNE 5 - MEETING - GUEST SPEAKER - CAMERON ARCHER
1996 TRIP TO RUSSIA

7 - WORKING BEE at MUSEUM - All Welcome

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CURATORS CORNER: VAL ANDERSON

RECENT DONATIONS:

HISTORY BOOKS - Rex Meehan EAST MAITLAND

CREAM LADLE @ CLAY PIPE - Partridge Family PATERSON

AUSTRALIAN SHEET MUSIC @ TAPE - Frank Hawkins EAST MAITLAND

BOOK - Land Titles Office - SYDNEY

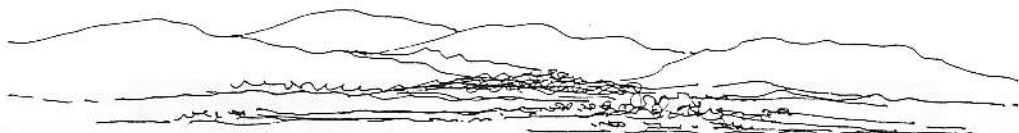
POEMS @ LITERATURE - Dorothea Mackellar Dunn SWANSEA

PHOTOGRAPHIC COPIES of "ANNANDALE" Deeds - Gay Hart @ Robert Muir-

MERCHANT FAMILY GOODS - Barbara Brown-Parker ANNA BAY

PATERSON

Our small collection of linen is now available for public viewing. Century old christening gowns from the Hallinan and Ingle families, crochet and lace from the Newcombe and Keppie families are now placed in the map cabinet (office). Displayed on archival board and tissue the articles are greatly admired by the ladies.



Mountain District and Beyond - Paterson Valley - NSW

The year 1997 will probably go down as one of our busiest! Our Annual Heritage Walk and Dorothea Mackellar Book launch on 16 March attracted over 200 people. As well, 40 visitors from Sydney arrived at 10am so we had an early start to a busy day!

Just under 100 adults (children free - quite a number) registered for the Heritage Walk led by President Cameron, a larger number than normal continuing on to the second stage (Norm Worth from the Maitland Mercury thought between 40 and 50!).

Champagne flowed at our April meeting (thanks Cameron!) when we saw for the first time our conserved Lodge Banner in situ, display case as well, in the Court Room.

Over ten years of angst, but now when the project is all but finished and ready to be unveiled on May 25 we can all feel justly proud that our banner can take its place in Australian history - it does look grand!

A special thanks to Bill Anderson for his mammoth effort in supervising this project - well done Bill!

Thanks to Phil Leak who gave the museum a new look by kindly painting the entrance steps and touching-up other areas of the building.

PUBLISHING - OUR NEW ERA!

The first print of our Dorothea Mackellar publication sold in the first week, and, the second printing is near to being a third.

St Paul's cemetery listings are selling well - we appear to be fulfilling another phase of our society's Charter, to research and record the history of our district.

Pauline M Clements - EDITOR

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AN OBSERVATION:

Could Paterson have the only
Lodge Banner, hanging on display
in a Court Room, which is now a Museum?

CLIVE CORBETT

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Our April Social Outing to Bolwarra House and Bolwarra Barn at Lorn was most enjoyable - "The best one yet!" was Harry Boyle's comment- (all our outings are "The best one yet!" as far as Harry is concerned!). Bob and Paula Cameron were wonderful hosts and we could only wonder at the time and care that is being carried out on this beautiful historic home. Bob and Paula joined us on our visit around the corner to Trevor and Rae Black's, rescued from demolition, Bolwarra Barn. Historical facts on both buildings were revealed, however a Paterson connection with Bolwarra House was interesting when Shirley Threlfo and Mabs Keppie made mention of the Corner family's association with Bolwarra House. We finished the morning with a visit to nearby King Tom's (aboriginal) gravesite.



Photo - Pauline Clements

SAMUEL KINGSTON

Samuel Kingston lies buried in the churchyard of St Paul's, Paterson, beside his wife, Anne. Samuel died on 16 July 1852, aged 84 years, according to the inscription on his tombstone, having spent the last twenty-seven years of his life in the Hunter district, most of it at Bandon Grove, which was named after his home in Ireland. He was born in County Cork, probably near Cork city about 1770. On 26 June 1800 at Murragh he married Anne Stanley. Samuel and Anne had a family of either seven or eight children between the years 1804 and about 1819. He was a farmer, being described in various documents as a yeoman and a ploughman.

In 1824 disaster struck the Kingston family. Samuel was accused of forging a receipt for the rental of land and tried on 25 August at Cork. An account of the trial which appeared in the "Cork Morning Post" casts doubt on his guilt. Although the evidence was conflicting and Lord Carberry testified to Samuel's character being "unimpeachable", the jury brought in a verdict of guilty and Samuel was condemned to transportation for "the period of his natural life". The newspaper reports that "the prisoner who was a respectable man, about 50 years of age, on hearing the verdict pronounced, was overwhelmed with affliction, and burst into a flood of tears".

No doubt the journey to New South Wales aboard the convict transport, "Hooghley", was a very unhappy one for Samuel. The journal of the Surgeon Superintendent, Robert Tainsh, records two occasions on which he was on the sick list. He was one of 73 convicts who suffered from scurvy. Fevers, dysentery and diarrhoea were also rife.

After a journey of 107 days via Rio de Janeiro, "Hooghley" arrived in Port Jackson on 22 April 1825. A muster of 193 convicts was held on 25 April, two men having died on the voyage. Samuel is first listed as having been assigned to Carters Barracks and then on 30 April to J H Boughton. No further record has been found until the 1828 Census in which he is listed as a shepherd, the assigned servant of J H Boughton at Tillimby.

Anne Kingston and her children, meanwhile, were living at Clonakilty, Co Cork. Soon after Samuel's trial she had petitioned the Lord Lieutenant Governor for mitigation of the sentence, pleading "if humanity to suffering innocence is to be found in your generous breast, let the tears, the sighs and prayers of a miserable family have effect in procuring the object of their tender affections", but to no avail. However, Samuel applied for his wife and family to be sent to New South Wales at the expense of the government and this was granted on 15 May 1829.

With three other convicts' wives and families, Anne and three of her young adult daughters and one 14 year old son, travelled aboard the convict ship, "Southworth", arriving in Sydney on 14 June 1832. Ships' papers record that "Anne Kingston says that it is two years since she last heard from her husband and that he was then at Paterson Plains in the capacity of Land Steward to Mr Boughton but she believes that he has now some land of his own", and that "Mr Caleb Wilson, agent for Mr Boughton, will take charge of this woman and her family".

A Ticket of Leave was issued to Samuel on 31 March 1833 and a Conditional Pardon on 16 August 1841. By the time of his death in 1852 he had purchased 1400 acres of land on the Williams and Chichester Rivers, previously owned by Sir James Dowling. His long detailed will, accompanied by a map, dated 17 May 1847, bequeaths the land to his children and grandchildren.

The daughters of Samuel and Anne married soon after their arrival, Amelia to James Bignell on 30 Oct 1832, Lydia to William Barnes on 29 July 1833 and Ann (Nancy) to James Taylor on 9 Dec 1833. After William Barnes was drowned at sea in 1838, Lydia married Alexander Smith. Samuel, junior, who had arrived with his mother and sisters in 1832, married Catherine Kealy on 3 Feb 1845. It is thought that Ellen, probably the first Kingston daughter, married William Henry Seymour and migrated to Canada, and that another daughter, Susannah, married Adam Haggarty and remained in Ireland. However, several Haggarty children joined the Kingstons at Paterson Plains.

The story of Samuel Kingston and his wife, Anne Stanley, has been researched and recorded by many of his descendants now scattered around the world - in Australia, United States, Canada and Ireland, and perhaps elsewhere.

Monica Gibbs

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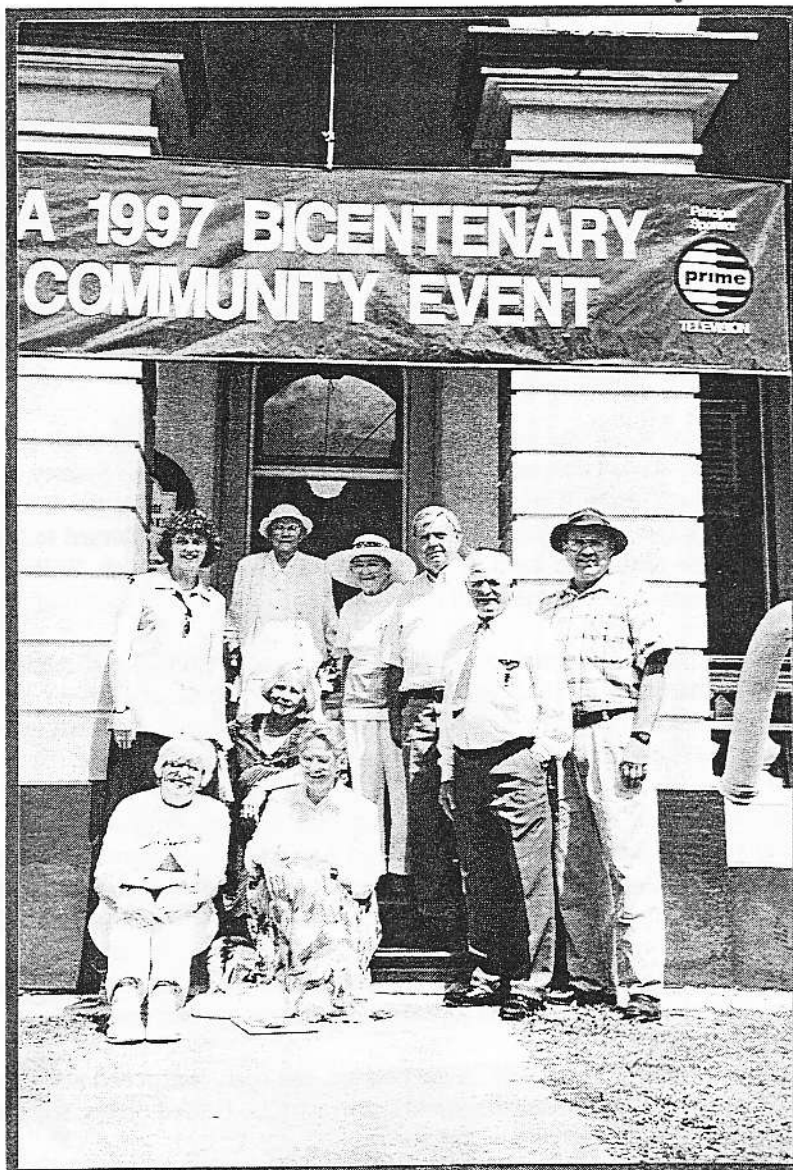
OUR SPECIAL THANKS to MONICA GIBBS of EAST MAITLAND, OUR GUEST CONTRIBUTOR to this EDITION of "MUSEUM NEWS".

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MAITLAND MERCURY EXTRACT: 19 MAY 1894 - JACK SULLIVAN

At our February meeting Cameron Archer tabled last years "PITS" Concert Program ("PITS" is a local drama group that presents an annual concert in aid of local charity - and have a lot of fun as well!)

Paterson's first dramatic company performed "DRED" as their first performance in May, 1894 and described thus... "a piece which will require much practice and study to carry out successfully, but with the help of the Paterson ladies, who have consented to take various parts, we have no doubt a highly creditable and talented performance will result."



COMBINED ANNUAL HERITAGE WALK and DOROTHEA MACKELLAR BOOK LAUNCH - PATERSON COURT HOUSE MUSEUM - 16 March 1997

Back Row: Mardi Ryan, BICENTENIAL COMMITTEE - Enid Stubbins, DUNGOG HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Hazel Hancock, GRESFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Jack Sullivan, HISTORIAN - Harry Boyle OAM, HISTORIAN - Cameron Archer, PRESIDENT, PATERSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Front Row: Val Anderson, Author of MACKELLAR BOOK LAUNCHED, PATERSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Cynthia Hunter, HISTORIAN - Sr Adrienne Howley, DOROTHEA MACKELLAR BIOGRAPHER and NURSE-COMPANION.

(Above are the principals involved with research for the Dorothea Mackellar book) Photo - Bill Anderson

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HUNTER MUSEUMS WELCOME OUR NEW FIELD OFFICER:

Through funding supplied by the NSW Ministry for the Arts (Museums' Program), a Regional Field Officer has been appointed to the Hunter Chapter of Museums Australia (NSW) to assist nine of the region's museums to improve their services. Ms Dawn Pearse, who holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Postgraduate Diploma in Museum Studies, will work for twelve months assisting local volunteer-run museums to upgrade their collection documentation, exhibition presentation and conservation of their collections.

WE WISH DAWN WELL!