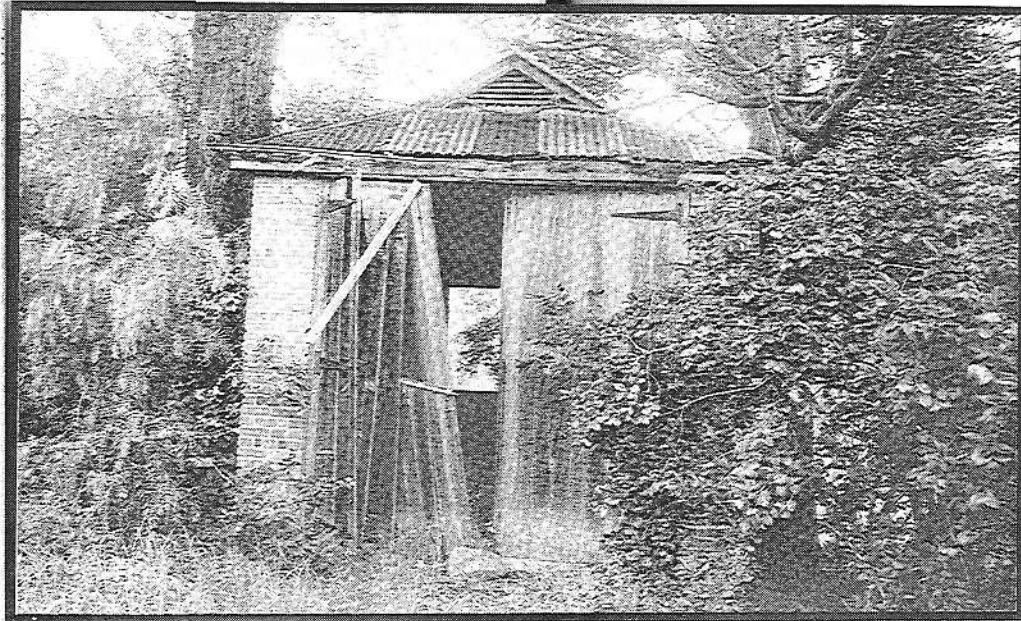
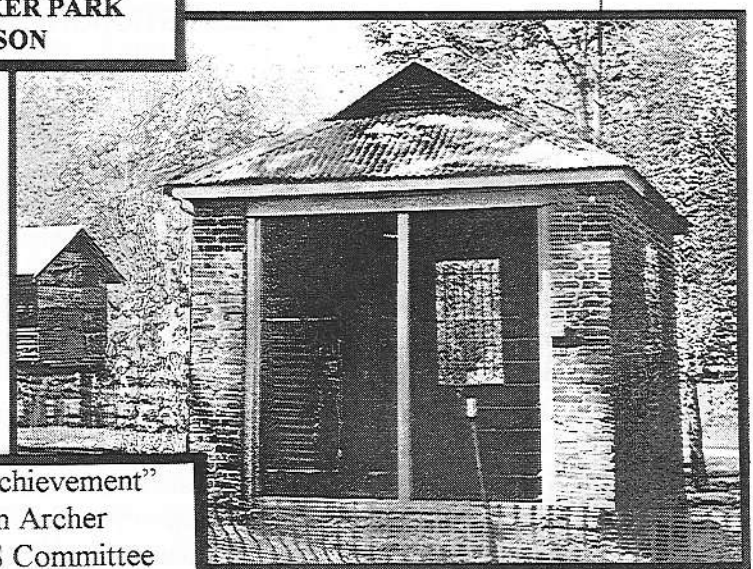
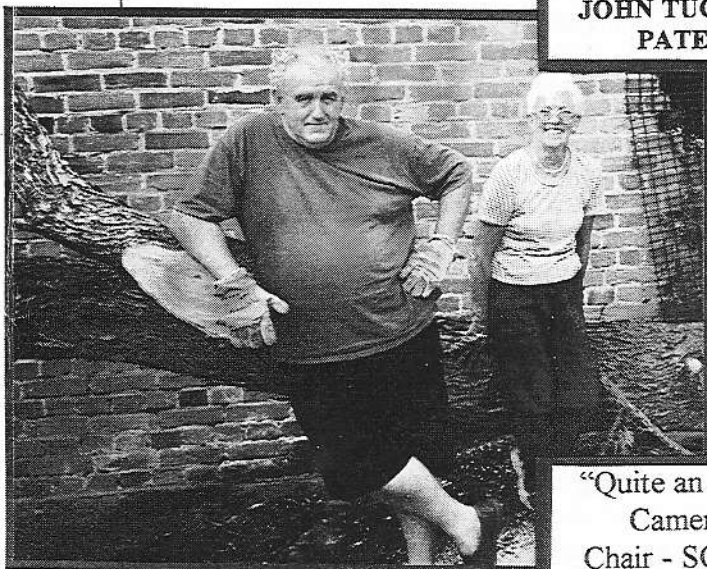




MUSEUM NEWS



**HISTORIC HEARSE SHED
JOHN TUCKER PARK
PATERSON**



**"Quite an Achievement"
Cameron Archer
Chair - SOS Committee
May 2003.**

Photos - Bill Anderson

THE AIM OF THE PATERSON COURT HOUSE MUSEUM
IS TO HOLD ITEMS IN TRUST
FOR THE PATERSON COMMUNITY
THE HUNTER VALLEY AND AUSTRALIA

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MEETINGS PHSI meets the first Thursday of each month - 7.30 pm. - at the Paterson Court House Museum (Recess December/January)

MEMBERSHIP FEES: Annual subscriptions due February each year.
Family \$10. Single \$5. Student \$2.

(Cover Story) SUCCESS FOR SOS COMMITTEE ("SAVE OUR SHED")

"Quite an achievement - wonderful", was President Cameron Archer's smiling comment following the society's success in staving off the possible demise of the HEARSE SHED in John Tucker Park, Paterson.

The removal of two large intruding trees, (one by members, the other by contract) future cross bracing and overall refurbishment ensures the future of this historic building, a unique welcoming landmark when entering the Dungog Shire.

SOCIETY SNIPPETS

- **OUR ANNUAL HERITAGE WALK** was most successful. Seventy plus people visited and enjoyed Cameron's tour of the town culminating in a visit to the Rowcliff's c1860's weekend retreat, "HAYWARD" on Commercial Road. (This sturdy warrior has experienced countless floods, water over two metres a common occurrence but still displaying its charm and obvious appreciation of the Rowcliffs) A recent donation of TORRES STRAIGHT ISLAND indigenous artifacts was a museum feature in the courtroom.
- **STALLS** were manned by members at DUNGOG'S AUTUMN FESTIVAL and TOCAL FAMILY HISTORY FAIR.
- **GUEST SPEAKERS** - Gionni di Gravio (John) spoke on the research facilities available at the University of Newcastle Archives Department. This year's ANNUAL HERITAGE ADDRESS was presented by Val Anderson - "Rev H M R Rupp - the Orchidman of Paterson."
- **REFURBISHMENT** work has commenced on the Keppie Room ANNEX c 1870's. Bill Anderson is working closely with contractor/member LINDSAY KIDD and the Keppie family.
- **BILL** has been successful in acquiring the necessary pattern of guttering (non standard) for some replacement on the museum building.
- **SECRETARY** Pauline hosted a visit to the museum of impressed staff from HUNTER COUNTRY TOURISM recently.
- A c 1860's cedar wall display cabinet has been mounted in the courtroom adding a further attraction. The unit was donated by Allan Dunlop of Paterson.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to member BORIS SOKOLOF who was elected this year as PRESIDENT of RAYMOND TERRACE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Also to Jack Archer, (Cameron's son has on occasion helped at the museum) who graduated this year from University of New England - 1st Class Honours.
- **HONOUR AWARDS** - For their community service contributions, society members HARRY BOYLE OAM, CAMERON ARCHER, PAULINE CLEMENTS, GAYE HART and CYNTHIA HUNTER have

been awarded the AUSTRALIAN CENTENARY MEDAL to celebrate the CENTENARY OF FEDERATION.

- **COCKATOO ISLAND - PATERSON - TOCAL - "THUNDERBOLT" CONNECTION.**
On the evening news of 30 May NBN featured a bulletin relative to a substantial government heritage grant for the revitalisation of COCKATOO ISLAND, the convict penal settlement in Sydney Harbour. A strong reference was made to the only successful escape (he wasn't!) from the island who went on to become the famous bushranger, "THUNDERBOLT" (he is of course "OUR FRED" WARD of Maitland, Tocal and Paterson district fame!)
- **A UNANIMOUS** vote of appreciation was extended to MARI METZKI (RAHS) for her tireless work in the continuing insurance saga.
- **VERY SPECIAL THANKS** to Pam and Peter Sivyer for their generous donation of two fans for the Museum. (Moved - Kathy Lyall Seconded - Lindsay Kidd). To Pam also for her continuing business liaison with John Partridge of McDonalds Book Store, Maitland relative to our literature sales programme.
- **UNSCHEDULED OUTING** - Blessed with glorious weather, a small group of local enthusiasts accepted Cameron Archer's invitation to visit DUNNINGS COTTAGE c 1907 (during non occupation) on the Tocal Estate. Quick phone calls resulted in additional visits as well to the recently sold former ROYAL OAK HOTEL (restoration outstanding), a revisit to the charcoal kilns at Vacy (this time with cameras but no measuring tape!) and the water pump house near Gostwyck Bridge (prompted by Bill Keppie and Graeme Martin's excellent article in the April edition of "M N")
- **MEMBER RESEARCH PROJECT:** Where was Mount Ephram, Paterson?
- **COUNCIL THANK YOU** All members of the Paterson Historical Society Inc wish to thank Dungog Shire Council for their continuing support of the Paterson Court House Museum. In particular the co-operation and co-ordination by Council's staffer, Steve Hitchens, with our co-ordinator Bill Anderson, at the museum.

Recent repairs to the King Street roadway fence has been much appreciated and thanks to Ganger Rodney Hunt and carpenter Peter Osmond for a well executed repair job.

The mowing, trimming and tidying of the museum grounds by Trevor Hunt and "young" Colin are always appreciated.



NEW ACCESSIONS

Photos - 1946 Train derailment - Bill Keppie - Paterson
Newspaper references to the above derailment - Jack Sullivan - Newcastle
Photo - c1900 Samuel and Sarah Patfield - Elaine Fairhall - Paterson.
Photo - c1911 Railway Bridge Paterson - Cynthia Hunter - Seaham
Wartime Volunteers - Paterson - John Dixon - Paterson.
Route of water pipe from Gostwyck Pump House to Water Tank at Martins Creek Railway Station - Bill Keppie - Paterson



KNOW YOUR TOWN - 12/14 CHURCH STREET PATERSON - Cynthia Hunter

The Settlers Arms was probably the first hotel built in Paterson, opening in 1832 or 1833. The Inn was on high land along the line of road to the Upper Paterson. If this date is correct, the Inn was probably built while the land was part of Mrs Susannah Ward's Cintra estate and before the Paterson township was established. The township was laid out in 1835 on a peninsula of land surrounded by the river that was part of Mrs Ward's land grant returned to the crown by negotiation.

At the 1836 land sale of lots in the town of Paterson, Thomas Magner boughts Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Section 1 (one and a half acres of land in all). Thomas Magner was an emancipist, entrepreneur, ship owner and general agent. In 1837, Thomas Magner advertised for a respectable person to manage 'a wholesale and retail store on Paterson's River'. (Advertisement dated 23/10/1837) Further research is needed to learn if this development was on his Paterson land purchase. In 1848, Magner was a 'publican residing at Hinton'. (MM 30/8/1848)

The Paterson site was probably soon sold by Magner to Henry Ferris who subsequently leased the building thereon as a hotel.

James Broderick (sometimes spelt Broadrick) held the licence for the Settlers Arms Hotel from 1846 to 1847 (at least)

Mr and Mrs Broderick were inn keepers at Paterson in 1851 (MM 3/9/1851) and many meetings to consider important issues of the time were held at their hotel, for example, the meeting to consider proposed taxes on tobacco production (MM 28/7/1852) and other aspects of proposed customs duties (MM 11/8/1852). Other members of the Broderick family appear to have lived at Paterson. James Broderick signed the anti-transportation petition (MM 18/9/1850) and John Broderick was secretary of the committee which petitioned the government about 'Irish exiles'.

Prior to the 1860s, Broadrick (or Mrs N Broderick) bought the site (one and a half acres) of the Settlers Arms hotel.

In 1863, a Crown Land Sale at Paterson was held for some blocks on the western side of church Street. Nicola Broderick bought the land at 12/14 Church Street, that is, Lots 5 and 6, of Section 6.

An article in the *Gloucester Advertiser*, 17/8.1949, says that Mr Broadrick (sic) 'went to the diggings during the gold rush where he was killed in a mining accident. His widow continued the inn for some time afterwards, then in the '60s, Thomas Lindsay took over'. This same article says that the inn was destroyed by fire in 1869.

Broderick's widow sold the site in 1876 for building the Paterson Public School which operated on this site from 1877 to 1971.

Mrs. Nicola Broderick built the house now under consideration. This house was built before the Odd Fellows Hall (1865), so the date is likely to be 1863 or 1864. Mrs Broderick conducted the building as a boarding house for about ten years.

Originally the house was two storey with an internal staircase. It was built of brick, the walls several bricks thick. dormer windows in the roof opened into four upstairs rooms. Downstairs were four main rooms, each 16 x 18 feet, and a central hallway. Three additional rooms were at the rear. Verandahs surrounded at least the front and sides. To the rear of the main building were servants' quarters, and possible other outbuildings.

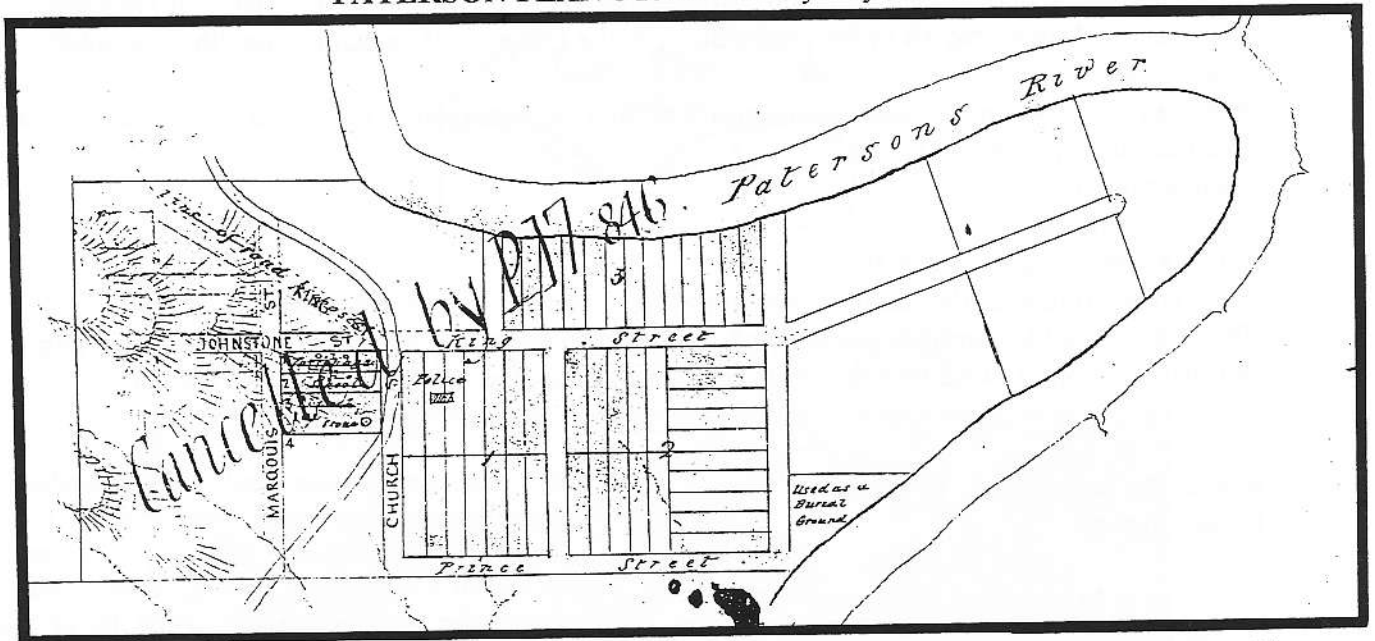
The death of Nicola Broderick occurred in 1879, aged 80 years.

At a date not known at this time Mr Vivaline Cann (who died in 1966) acquired the property from Mrs. Broderick.



Photo - Bill Anderson

PATERSON PLAN c 1833 - Harry Boyle OAM



Plan showing the land set apart for the site of a Church, School and Parsonage House in the Village of Paterson - being one acre for the Church; half an acre for the School and half an acre for the Parsonage House.

G B White Sury
(George Boyle White, Surveyor)

Note Area on Paterson river - "Used as a Burial Ground."
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1858 BUTCHERING BUSINESS FOR SALE

Maitland Mercury 24 April 1858 - Harry Boyle OAM

NOTICE

TO BE DISPOSED OF, a BUTCHERING BUSINESS, which has been carried on for the last twelve years with advantage, situate at the OLD BANKS, Paterson River, and in a populous neighbourhood, together with the township of Paterson, containing every facility for carrying on the business, with the advantage of two extensive grass paddocks and never failing supply of water.

To any industrious person capable of carrying on the same, would find this an excellent opportunity of realising a good income. The only reason for disposing of it is, the proprietor entering into other pursuits.

Application may be made to Mr. George Lee, West Maitland; or, to Mr. E. Lee, on the premises, up to May 8th, 1858.

EDWARD LEE,
Pool's Farm, Paterson.

April 23rd, 1858
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1867 PRIVATE SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES

Maitland Mercury 6 April 1867 Harry Boyle OAM

**CLARENCE HOUSE
PATERSON**

MRS. W.E. ROW (late of Sydney) desires to inform parents and guardians resident in Paterson and the surrounding districts that, at the request of numerous friends, she has decided on OPENING and ESTABLISHMENT for YOUNG LADIES for instruction in the various branches of a USEFUL EDUCATION.

Mrs. Row has the pleasure to announce that, having had some experience in tuition, she is enabled to offer advantages of a sound practical education, with Music and other accomplishments, combined with all the comforts of a home.

Clarence House is admirably adapted for educational purposes, from its peculiarly healthy situation, and has excellent accommodation for Boarders.

Terms and References on application to Mrs. Row, Clarence House.

Duties to commence on the 8th April.
Paterson, 1st April, 1867.

Cover photos - Hearse Shed 1988 (left)
Hearse Shed 2003 (right)
Pam Sivyer PHS - Jim Ritchie - Paterson Rotary.
Photos - Bill Anderson.

NAMING OF PATERSON 1833 - Harry Boyle OAM

Townships of Wollombi and Paterson. Archives 4/2519.96 No 33/18 - Township of Paterson.
Summary of Minute No 18 of the proceedings of the Executive Council on the 7th September 1833.
Present All

4. A plan of a town at the head of navigation of the river Paterson to be named "The Paterson" was in like manner approved by Council.

Plan herewith

Governors decision.

Same as foregoing signed R.B.

Viz., to be notified in the usual manner in the Government Gazette advertised 15/9/1833.

Plan transmitted to Surveyor general and requested to cause the ground to be marked etc., and to furnish two copies. One for magistrate on the spot, the other for this office. 17/10/1833.



Newcastle Chronicle - 12 February 1870 -
Cynthia Hunter

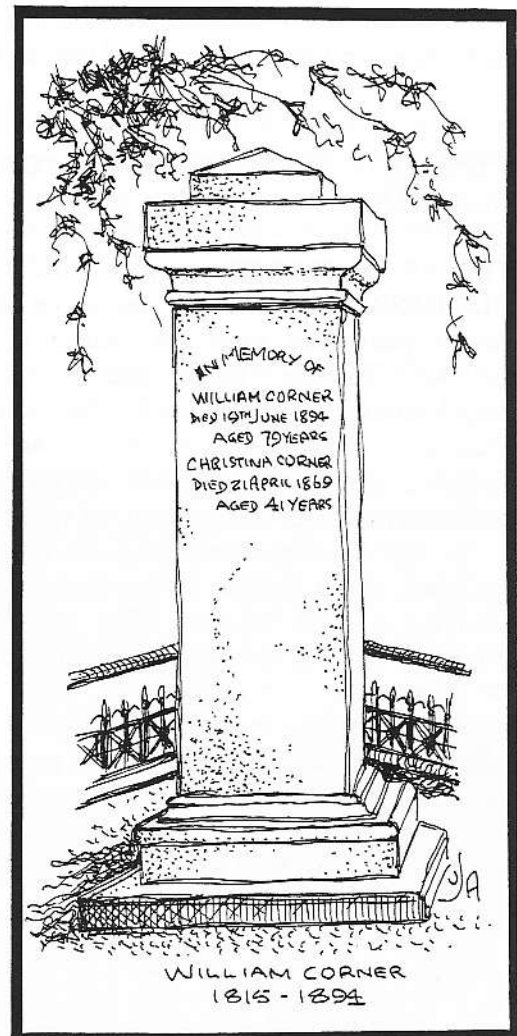
PATERSON

From our Own Correspondent

The late wheat crop is now coming in very freely. Day after day the town presents quite a busy appearance, from the large number of teams that arrive laden with wheat, some for shipment and some for sale. Last week upwards of five hundred bushels of wheat were shipped to Sydney by the steamboat. To-day, Wednesday, over a thousand bushels were put on board the steamer, besides which several buyers have been storing large quantities; it is calculated that from twenty to thirty thousand bushels of wheat will be exported from here during the present season. This is a contrast with the wheat production of former years. During the seasons of 1867 and 1868, the whole wheat production of each year did not amount to two thousand bushels; last year from eight to ten thousand bushels were grown, this year the wheat grown will amount to nearly fifty thousand bushels altogether. We learn that the wheat crop of the Williams River is equally as good as it is on the Paterson. Some of the wheat is of a first-rate description, reminding us of the wheat grown in former years. With a good wheat crop, and also a good maize crop, of which there is every appearance at present our farmers will be able to overcome the difficulties that have beset them for some years past, and a few more such years and our district will regain that prosperity for which it was noted before the many adversities which succeeded each other, commencing with the destructive floods in 1857, and continued by floods, rust in wheat, and other perplexities up to the end of 1868

An old and much-esteemed townsman, Mr. William Corner, who has for the last twenty-eight years carried on the business of a merchant in this town, is about to retire from business, having, we are happy to know realised a large competency, notwithstanding

bad times, loss of crops, and other difficulties and embarrassments from which our residents have all suffered for some years past. Mr. Corner has disposed of his business here to a Mr. Peden, of Sydney, who takes possession on the 1st of March. We are sorry, however, to learn that we are likely to lose Mr. Corner as a resident amongst us, as he has almost decided to take up his future residence in Brisbane, where he has large properties



✦ (Corner died in 1894 at the age of 79. He was widowed three times and is buried in St Paul's graveyard, Paterson alongside his first wife Christina and their infant children. Ed)