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**JACK SULLIVAN
LIFE MEMBERSHIP — JUNE 2005**

Jack Sullivan and Cameron Archer

Paterson Historical Society Inc has presented Jack Sullivan its finest tribute in awarding him a Life Membership. Jack has been a stalwart of the society for many years. His knowledge and generosity with research, his ability as an author has contributed greatly to the success of the society's literature program.

Photo: Bill Anderson.

THE AIM OF THE PATERSON COURT HOUSE MUSEUM
IS TO HOLD ITEMS IN TRUST
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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. \$5. single \$10. family.



- The society's executive is working closely with the Rotary Club of Paterson developing a new Town Walk and interpretation signs for the town.
- Member Esme Meehan, co-author with David Brouwer of Tocal enjoyed the launching of their book "At home amongst the stock" The Kidds of Tocal at Tocal's recent open day, "Peek into the Past."
- Members Val Anderson, Jack Sullivan, Harry Boyle OAM, Cameron Archer and Brian Walsh assisted David with another "All about Tocal" series book – "Crimes of Passion on the Tocal Run" culminating years of research into the 1837 Costigan and unsolved 1874 Tocal murders.
- PHS appreciates the continued support from our ever growing monthly, "PSST."
-and once again, the wonderful crop of fruit from the orange tree grown in museum grounds especially to show visitors (and taste) our famous PATERSON ORANGE has been heavily stripped.



ENQUIRY – FAMILY RESEARCHER MRS MAREE BOWEN

requires information re – John Sullivan who was Chief Constable at Paterson from 7 May 1839 to 7 November 1848. (Six of his children were born at Paterson) John's place of death is a mystery – he died shortly after leaving the force. Any help with this would be greatly appreciated. Mrs. Maree Bowen – 1 Sharon Avenue Jewells, NSW 2280. (ph. 0249489509)

Mrs Bowen has donated a copy of her family file on JOHN SULLIVAN c 1788 –c 1850 and his wife BRIDGET HARE c 1804-1851 to the society archives.



VALE — "BARB BROWN" – It is with sadness that we record the passing of member Eileen Barbara Brown aged 63 years. When Barb joined our group we felt privileged that someone of her intellect and historical background would want to share her time and expertise with us. Barb has left us with ideas and plans which we hope to fill in her memory.



GRANTS APPRECIATION — As a small group of dedicated volunteers the society executive fully appreciate any financial support received.

The Royal Australian Historical Society has awarded \$600 towards the re-cataloguing of historic photos and a \$500 literary grant to support the publication of Jack Sullivan's 2005 Heritage Address.

Member, Alan Dunlop has very generously donated \$500 towards the Hearse Shed restoration, a major project for the society. (Alan's Mum and Dad, Mary and Maurice are active executive and regular Sunday museum attendants.



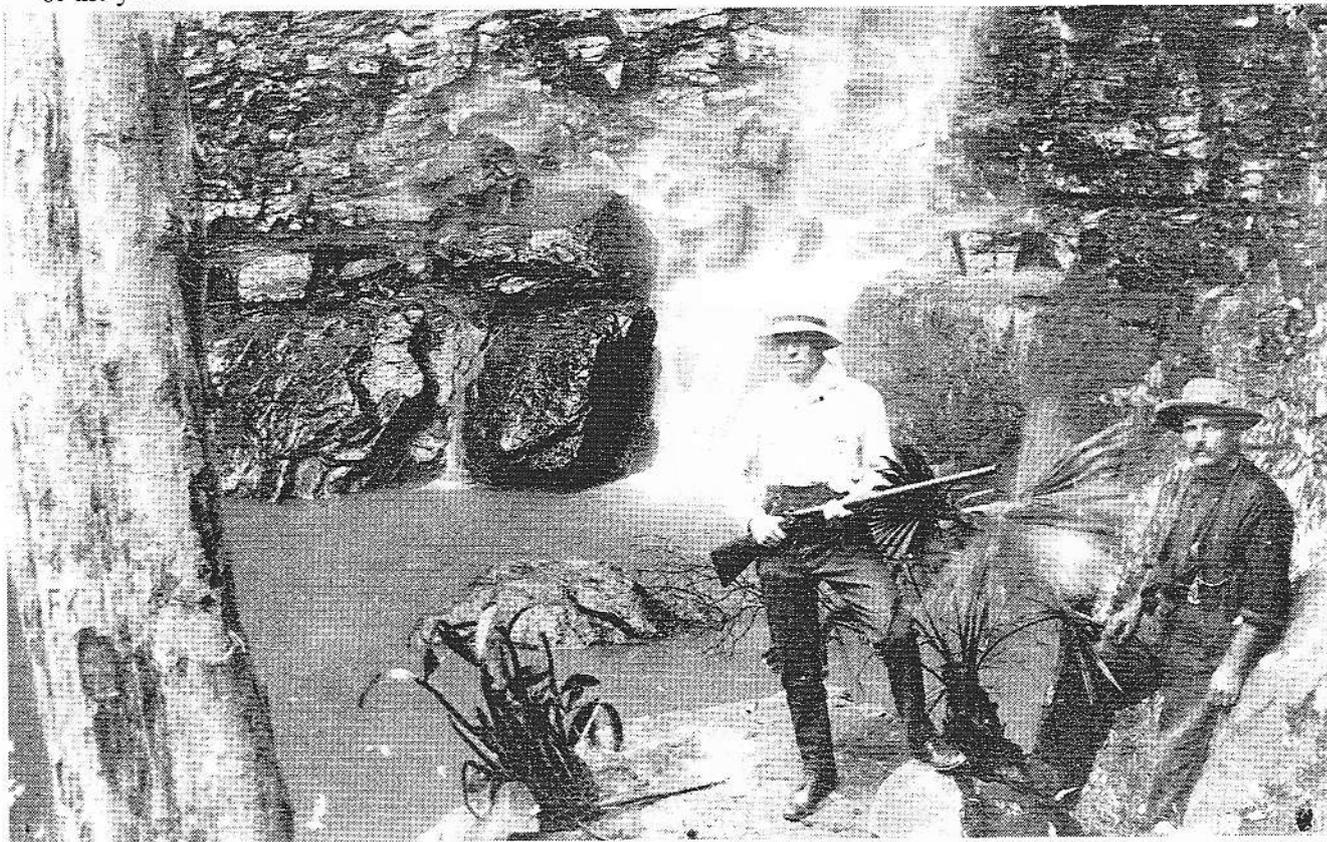
THE MONEYBUNG WATERFALL
PATERSON

Maitland Mercury – 22 September, 1864 – Jack Sullivan

We imagine there are but few of our readers aware that, within a pleasant half-day's drive or ride from Maitland, a very fine waterfall can be seen. It is situated some five or six miles from Paterson, on the dairy farm of Moneybung, Mr. Hall's. Of course Paterson is easily reached from Maitland by any vehicle, and we were informed a very fair dray road leads from Paterson to Mr. Hall's farm, although we visited the farm from another direction, on horseback. The farm-house is nearly on the top of a hill (a lengthy and gradual ascent), and the stream of water supplying the falls flows near the farm buildings towards a deep gully. The visitor walks easily some quarter of a mile from the house towards the head of the gully, and is then surprised to find he has approached close to the edge of a high precipice. The gully, perhaps a rift in the hill, opened by some old geological convulsion, opens suddenly on the sight, and the stream of water is seen bounding off the top of the cliff on to a rocky ledge, and then on to another and other ledge, till some eight or ten "steps" being thus passed, it pours over a precipice into the gully basin below. At each plunge the water sends up a rebounding shower of spray, as it strikes the rocky ledge, and the effect of the whole series of waterfalls is very fine—indeed we may say grand. The scenery of the precipitous gully itself is very fine also—rocky and sterile in the upper part of its sides, with only a casual shrub or tree here and there rooted in clefts of the rock; and then beautifully green and wooded along the bottom, where the stream can be seen for a long distance winding along between wooded banks.

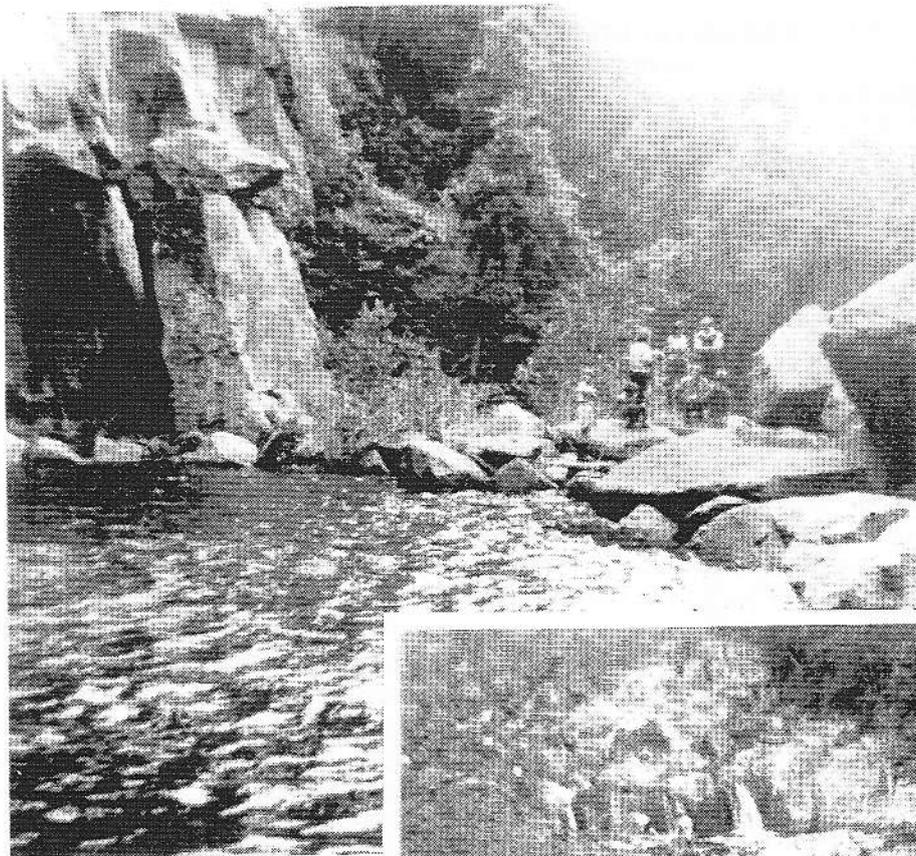
Just now the waterfall presents the grand appearance we have thus briefly noted. Whether it will do so after the summer heats have dried up the headwaters, as we presume they will, we cannot say. We understand that the stream is always running, but that it is now, after the abundant rains of this season, much larger in volume than usual. We must therefore be understood to speak of the present time when we promise any visitors to Moneybung Waterfalls a rich treat, well worth the journey.

The hills around are mostly rocky but well covered with grass; but in the gullies and sheltered nooks fine timber is growing, some of the trees we saw (the native pear, for instance) being very large specimens of their kind. Flowering shrubs and creepers innumerable also add to the scenery at this season of the years.



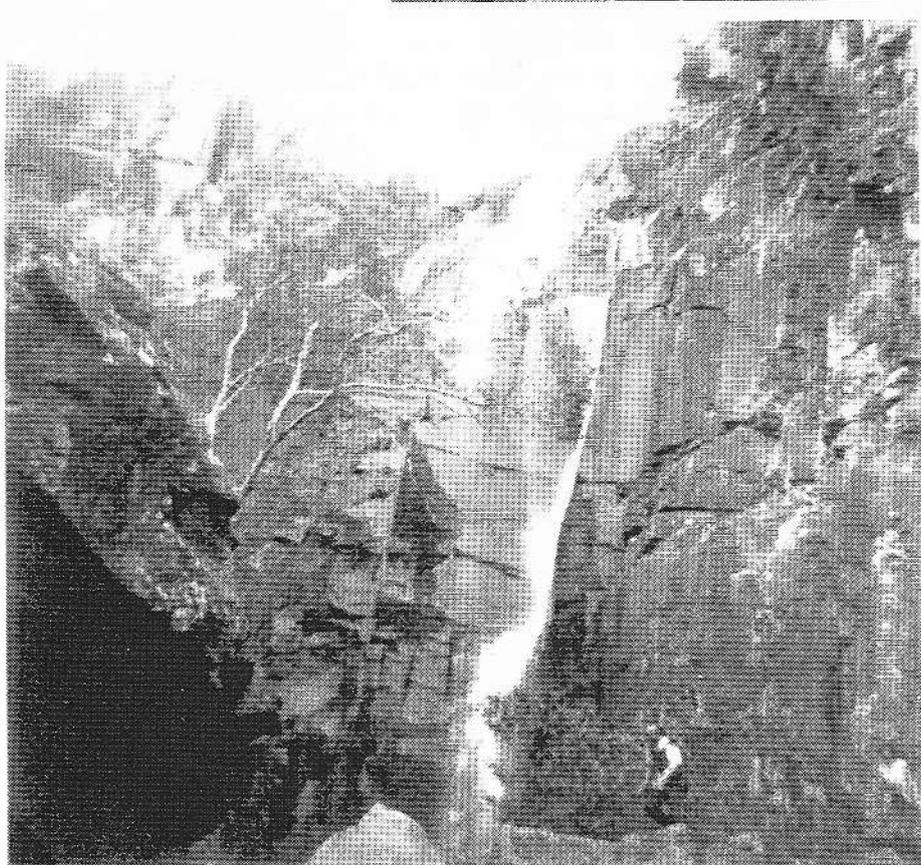
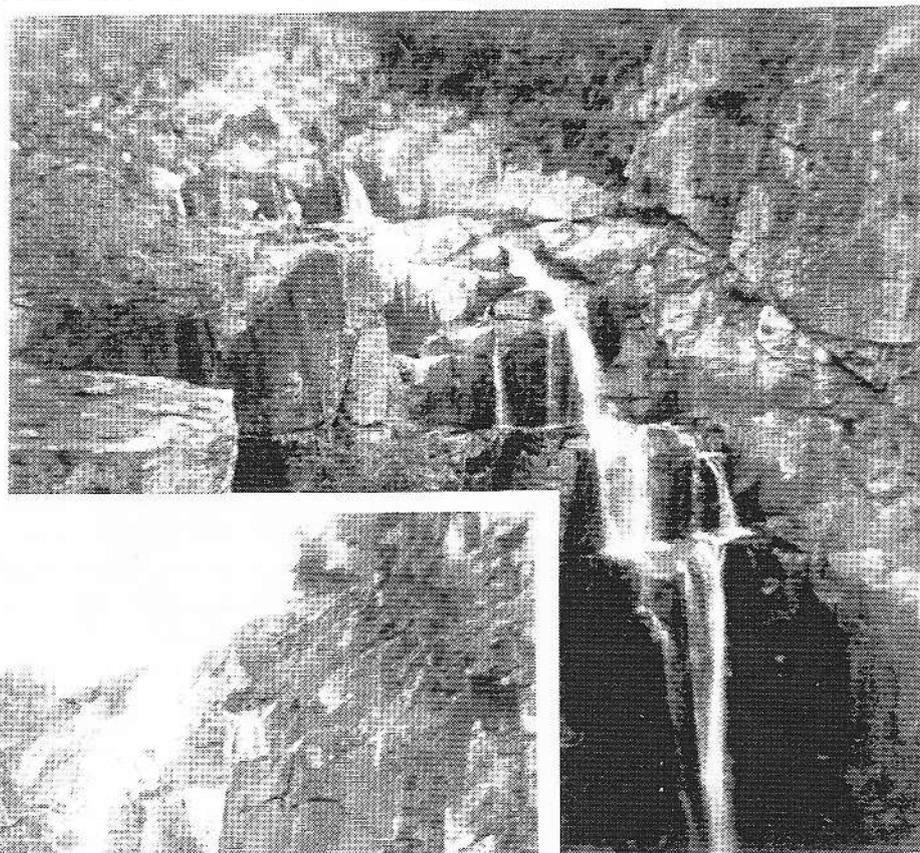
Moneybung Falls

"F K initials - Species Orchid *Dendrobium speciosum* (Rock Lily)



Moneybung Falls – PHS files

Top of the Falls



PLEASE NOTE

Moneybung Falls are on private property and not available to the public.

PHS executive

TOWN IMPROVEMENTS –

Maitland Mercury 19 June 1882 – John Dickson, Paterson

TOWN IMPROVEMENTS.—Of late but very little improvements have been made in our town, by the erection of new buildings, but it appears a new impetus is about to take place. We have the new School of arts buildings about to be erected; the new Post and Telegraph Offices, which will shortly be commenced; the new police station; Mr. J.G. Smith's new hotel in Princes Street will be a nice building when completed. It is now almost ready for the roof. The improvements, by erecting a series of bedrooms in connection with the Court-house Hotel are almost completed.

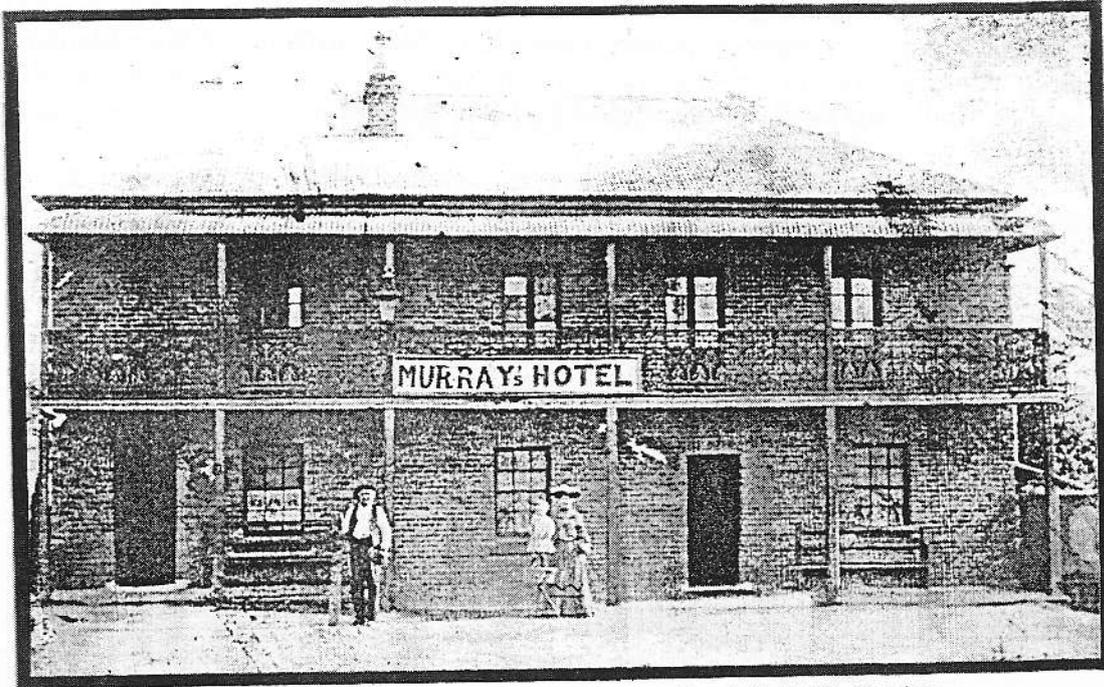


Photo – c1908 – “Murray’s Hotel” – Harry Boyle OAM Collection
(Commercial Hotel – currently “Paterson Tavern”)



Hotels and early Public Houses – Lee Geer – 1980 – **BUSH INN**

DATE:	LICENCEE	LIC.NO.
25/6/1838	David Brown	25
13/6/1839	David Brown	122
20/6/1840	David Brown	215
21/6/1841	James Keppie	367
29/6/1842	James Keppie	306
19/6/1843	James Keppie	296
11/7/1844	James Keppie	502
30/6/1845	C. Brown	422
29/6/1846	David Brown	469
23/6/1847	Daniel Brown	196
29/6/1848	Daniel Brown	559
1849/1853		
18/4/1854	Daniel Brown	894
1855		
15/4/1856	Mathew Healey	734
1857/1858	Mathew Healey	14/136
1859		
20/6/1860	William Richard Ley	429

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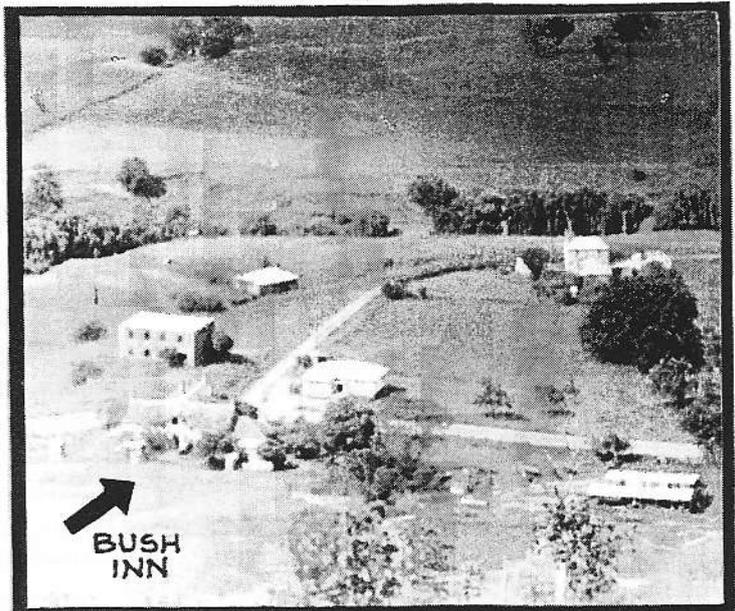


PHOTO - PHS FILES

OPENING THE NEW HARMONIUM IN ST PAUL'S CHURCH PATERSON

1876

Maitland Mercury 7 November 1876 – Harry Boyle OAM

On Sunday last, special services were held, morning and evening, in St. Paul's Church, Paterson, to consecrate a very handsome new harmonium, which has after many years of waiting been procured for the use of the choir.

The instrument is enclosed in a solid oaken case, and has a tone at once sweet and powerful. It possesses four rows of vibrators, equal to flute, cor anglais, clarionette, bourdon, fifre, clarion, hautbois bassoon, and also a tremolo and an expression drawstop, a heel-swell, and knee-swell pedals, base and treble. The improvements indicated make the instrument more powerful than the ordinary fourteen-stop instruments. Alexandre is the maker, and the instrument was specially selected in Sydney by a gentleman who performed his commission admirably. The cost of the harmonium, in the church, was £37.5s.

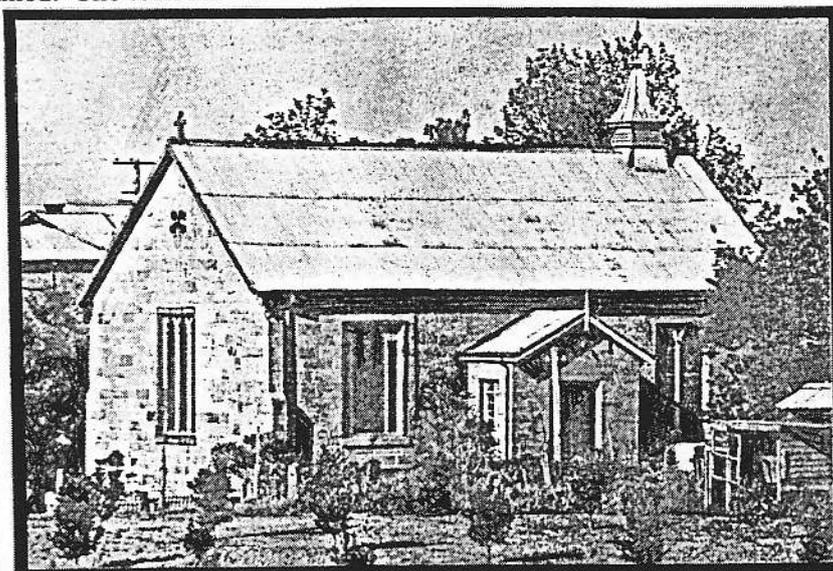
The musical service was taken on Sunday forenoon, by Mrs. Griffiths, of West Maitland, the eldest daughter of Mr. John Swan, of Lemongrove. For some years previously to her marriage, Miss Swan was organist at St. Paul's, and the compliment of asking her to open the new instrument was thought a proper one to pay her.

A statement was made of the condition of the harmonium fund. The total cost was £38, or thereabouts, the value of a chair having to be added to the £37 5s. paid for the harmonium. Towards the cost, £24 19s 6d had been raised by a lecture, two spelling bees, and contributions from various friends. There was therefore a balance due of £13 0s 6d

At the morning service, a collection was made which yielded £5 13s 6d, and in the evening a second, from which a sum of £2 12s was obtained. The total harmonium debt was thus reduced to £4 5s.



Right Rev W G Broughton
Bishop of Australia 1836 - 1848
Bishop of Sydney 1948 - 1853



ST PAUL'S CHURCH - PATERSON
COURTESY - NATIONAL TRUST - C. LUCAS
- 1967 -

2005- 26 and 27 November, 2005 will be special services to commemorate the consecration of the historic churches of St Mary on Allyn and St Paul's Paterson by the first and only Bishop of Australia, Bishop Broughton. The Right Reverend Bishop Brian Farren will attend the Paterson service on the 27 November.



MUSEUM ACCESSIONS —

- Paterson School of Arts - 1942 License – 1946 Entry Tickets – 1950 Spring Ball – 1956 Classic Theatre – Joan Priestley, East Maitland.
- 1960 Photo – Court House Hotel Fire – Alex Bevan
- Colour Photograph – “Sophia Jane” – Newcastle Regional Library
- 1941 Funeral Receipt – Fry Bros – Brooker Family estate
- Paterson Orange Photo Collection – Bill Keppie, Paterson
- Photo – Alex Wells – 1873 – Mrs Jenkins, Merewether
- Minute Books – School of Arts – 1916-1981
- Common Prayer and Hymnal Companion – 1939 – Lewis estate