



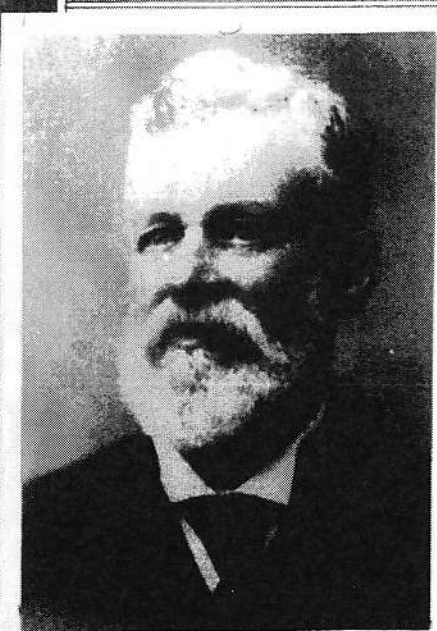
# MUSEUM NEWS

## THE JOURNAL OF PATERSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY INCORPORATED

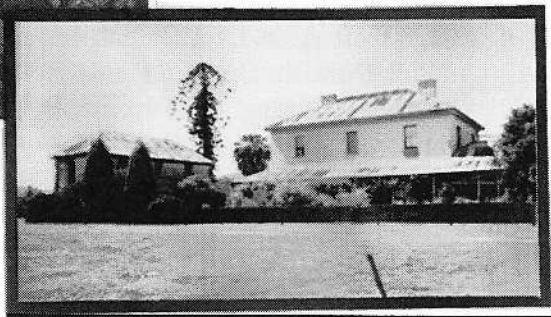


Illustrated Testimonial to Theophilus Cooper Esq JP  
in appreciation of his 16 years of service to the  
Paterson District 18 January 1902.

Source – University of New England Archives.



Theophilus Hampson Cooper  
(1827 – 1912)



Gostwyck – 1876 – Martins Creek

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IS TO HOLD ITEMS IN TRUST  
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**MEETINGS:** 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.



- **JACK SULLIVAN REQUEST**—Did “our Harry” leave his forwarding address with anyone? Jack wants to check something out with him – (don’t we all!!)
- **SOCIETY** member Jennifer Dunn (and husband Robert) have proudly welcomed their first grandson, Michael – Congratulations!
- **A ROBINSON FAMILY REUNION** will be held commencing 10 am Sunday July 8 at Paterson School of Arts Hall. A new publication, “From Saddlers to Settlers – The Robinson’s of Martins Creek” will be available for sale on the day @ \$25.00 – 260 pages – 200 photos (some dating back to 1850s) – letters from 150 years ago – 1053 Australian descendants listed – a DVD of 200 historic photos will also be available. This excellent publication is a limited edition.
- **A \$400.00 GRANT** from the Australian Government Department of Families, Country Services and Indigenous Affairs – Volunteer Small Equipment Grants (VSEG) 2006 has enabled three electric heaters to be operational throughout the museum.
- **MEMBER** Alan Dunlop has added another Cadillac to his collection. Alan purchased this model from the Net and it is at present in a container en route from the United States of America. Dating 1912 it will be garaged with his 1910, 1911 and 1913 models. Museum stalwarts, Mary and Maurice Dunlop (Alan’s Mum and Dad) are proud custodians of Alan’s fleet and regularly have them on the road at Veteran Car outings.
- **VAL AND BILL ANDERSON** were among the 100 plus visitors on the inaugural Newcastle – Norfolk Island flight on May 7. Already having visited for silo research material in 1995<sup>1</sup> they lost no time in renewing old contacts and were well received. From KAVA<sup>2</sup> archaeologist, Helen Sampson<sup>3</sup> – to handle the voluminous amount of crockery pieces recovered during digs – place pieces in a glass bowl, cover with rain water for two weeks – change water, recover, add “Softly” gently stirring during both procedures – seems to work well!

<sup>1</sup> “Colonial Silo Mysteries” – All About Tocal Series #6 – 2003

<sup>2</sup> Kingston and Arthur’s Vale Administration

<sup>3</sup> Helen Sampson – author of “One Ship – Two Names – Three Voyages” - The story of the Sirius.

## GOSTWYCK MARTINS CREEK

The first Gostwyck at Martins Creek was built by Edward Gostwyck Cory (1797-1873) in 1836. Cory, with his wife Francis arrived in Sydney on the *Allies* in 1823 and was granted 2,030 acres on the Paterson River in September of that year. Cory was successful in his pursuits as a settler and expanded his land holdings into the Armidale district.

At Gostwyck he constructed a water-driven flourmill on the river and milled grain for other landholders. John Ponsford Luke purchased Gostwyck from the Cory estate on 17 June 1874 for £4,250. (He was at the time manager of the Bank of NSW at Murrurundi). The following references to Luke's time on Gostwyck are from the Harry Boyle OAM research papers.

**FOR PRIVATE SALE**, the "GOSTWYCK" ESTATE, CONTAINING 4000 Acres of Rich grazing and Agricultural Land, situated on the Paterson River, three miles above the town, and fourteen from Maitland.

For particulars apply to     H. & F. WEAVER  
  Land and Estate Agents,  
  West Maitland.

*Maitland Mercury* 17 June 1873

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**TENDERS** are invited until 9<sup>th</sup> May for the LABOUR OF TAKING DOWN "GOSTWYCK HOUSE," Paterson. Specification and particulars at the office

W. WHITE, Church-street.

*Maitland Mercury* 30 April 1874

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### PATERSON

**SALES OF LANDED PROPERTY.**—There has not been for many years past such a quantity of landed property in this district changed hands as there has been within the past few months, and, generally speaking, the landed property disposed of has realised very high prices. Amongst the most prominent of the large estates that has recently changed owners, the Gostwyck Estate stands first upon the list, and considering the dilapidated state of the buildings and fences throughout the entire estate—the amount which the estate realized must be considered very satisfactory—perhaps it may not be out of place here to note that the present proprietor contemplates to effect very large improvements as soon as possible on the estate. First and foremost, a new dwelling—house of spacious dimensions, is to be erected, the old dwelling-house having already been demolished and pulled down to the ground, upon the site of which the new building will be erected. This improvement having been commenced, the various other improvements necessary for a first-class homestead will no doubt be carried out with vigour.

*Maitland Mercury* 6 July 1874

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### TO BRICKMAKERS

**TENDERS** required for MAKING and BURNING 80,000 BRICKS at Gostwyck, Paterson.

J. P. LUKE

*Maitland Mercury* 11 August 1874

**PATERSON.  
IMPROVEMENTS IN THE DISTRICT**

Some time ago, I noticed that the Old Gostwyck House, on the Gostwyck Estate, had been pulled down, with the intention of erecting a more commodious dwelling. Since that notice appeared, the new house has been erected, and is now just about finished. It is a capacious and handsome building of two stories, and we learn the proprietor of Gostwyck, Mr. J.P. Luke, will remove to his new residence before Christmas. It is now many years since we noticed so many improvements being carried out either public or private, in this district.

Luke sold to Theophilus Hampson Cooper 23 September 1885 for £12000 (the transaction included extra land). During his sixteen years in the Paterson area Theo Cooper served as Warden of the District Council, as Magistrate and Licensing Magistrate, Guardian of Minors and Deputy Returning Officer for the Paterson district of Durham Electorate. In 1902 the estate was subdivided and the homestead lot purchased by George Priestley whose descendants still occupy the property.

References: Jack Sullivan  
Settlement of the Paterson District – A C Archer



**The Johnstone Family of “Annandale” – Paterson**

Major Edward Johnstone, born late 1700s in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, saw service in the Peninsula War as a member of the 50<sup>th</sup> Queen’s Own Brigade. He married Anne Rae in 1826 and the family came to the Colony of NSW in 1834. They settled at Paterson, NSW where in 1836 Edward became a Magistrate and then in 1838 he became a Brevet Major on retiring from Military service. Edward and Anne Johnstone had a family of four children, one son, James Rae Johnstone, b 830, and three daughters, one of whom was James Rae’s twin.

Edward JOHNSTONE  
b. 1793  
d. 29.1.1850 buried East Maitland Pres.  
Cemetery aged 57

m. Anne RAE  
1827 b. 1795  
d. 18.12.1860 buried in Devonshire St.  
moved to old South Head Cemetery Watson Bay

Mary Rae  
b. 2.9.1827  
d. 14.5.1904  
m. 7.1.1852

Elizabeth  
b. 1828  
m. 26.7.1855

James Rae  
b. 24.3.1830  
d. 29.7.1899  
m. 10.12.1860

Agnes Grace  
b. 24.3.1830  
d. 6.7.1873  
m. 11.8.1847

Courtesy: Margaret Johnstone, Johnstone Family Historian, Carinda, NSW

**From Jack Sullivan's Files**

*Maitland Mercury* – May 1903

There is little of stirring interest in Paterson at the present time. The weekly market and the fortnightly cattle sales create the biggest bustle in our public life, and by way of diversion the **Paterson Ping-Pong Club** continues to flourish bravely.

*Maitland Mercury* – September 1880

**THE ORANGE TRADE.**—The fruit dealers are unusually busy picking and bringing to market our orange crop. The season's crop is an abundant one, but the dry weather of late has had a very injurious effect upon the fruit. That full juicy nature which generally characterises the oranges of this district is in most instances now found wanting. Still some of the orangeries are producing rich fruit.

**PROPOSED CATHOLIC CHAPEL.**—Active measures are being taken to collect funds to erect a Catholic Chapel in this town. We learn that already a good sum of money has been collected and promised. The principal supporters of the movement are desirous of pushing on the movement so that the erection may be completed, and the first and opening services may take place on next Christmas morning. We learn that it has not yet been decided whether the building will be constructed of brick or weatherboard.

*Maitland Mercury* – July 1896

**PATERSON ORANGE**

Some really splendid oranges are now to be seen at Mr. Patfield's fruitshop, which were grown by Mr. Parish at Wallarobba. The finest of them turned the scale at 13 ounces, but they are all tip-top specimens of this juicy delicious fruit.

*Maitland Mercury* – January 1844

**THE ROADS.—THE RIVERS.**—The rains, we hear, had made a complete bog of the road from Maitland to Black Creek in several places, on Wednesday last; and beyond, towards Singleton, it was, as usual in heavy rains, axle deep in mud and water in many parts. And in other directions we hear of the road being cut up for the time. The fine warm weather that has now set in will soon set all this to rights. The Hunter scarcely seemed affected even in color, and no rise could be observed at Maitland; but we hear a temporary flood occurred on the Paterson river, just above that township, stopping the Gostwyck mills.

**PATERSON**

From *Sydney Herald*, May 1842 - Jack Sullivan

On Thursday last it began to rain very heavily in this district, and by Saturday morning the river was very much flooded—we have seen the Paterson less flooded after a full week's rain—it is evident that in the upland parts of the district the rain must have descended in torrents, before so great a rise could have taken place in the lower river. In this instance, the flood was productive of great good, in as far as the peace and safety of Her Majesty's subjects are concerned, for on Saturday morning a report was made to the Police Magistrate, by Charles M'Quarie, Esq., J.P., that he had been informed by Mr. Lord of Sydney, that five bushrangers were seen in the neighbourhood by him, on his way from Dungog; a mounted policeman being in company with him, very early in the morning, they described a fire not far from the road—the trooper rode immediately in the direction of the fire, around which were the five scoundrels who made their escape from Newcastle; the trooper, being left to fight his own battles, succeeded in capturing one of the villains; the other four escaped.

About ten o'clock, the Police Magistrate, Major Johnstone, despatched the chief constable, with five other constables, in pursuit of the remaining four. These, by the aid of a black, were tracked a distance of thirteen miles, and at last taken in a scrub, on the bank of the Paterson River. They offered no resistance. It is supposed they had thrown their arms into the river on the approach of the police, as their powder had been damaged a day or two before, by the bearer tumbling into a creek on the William River. They were taken by Chief Constable Sullivan and three others. When fairly secured they said they would never have entered our district had they known of it. They further stated, it was their intention to have swum the river that night, and escape to the upper countries. Unless the Government kept a police boat at the Paterson, these men would, in all probability have escaped—the river was perfectly impassable otherwise, and had it not been for the Government boat, the constables would have been delayed in their pursuit for a long time, if, indeed, they could have succeeded at all in crossing the flooded stream.

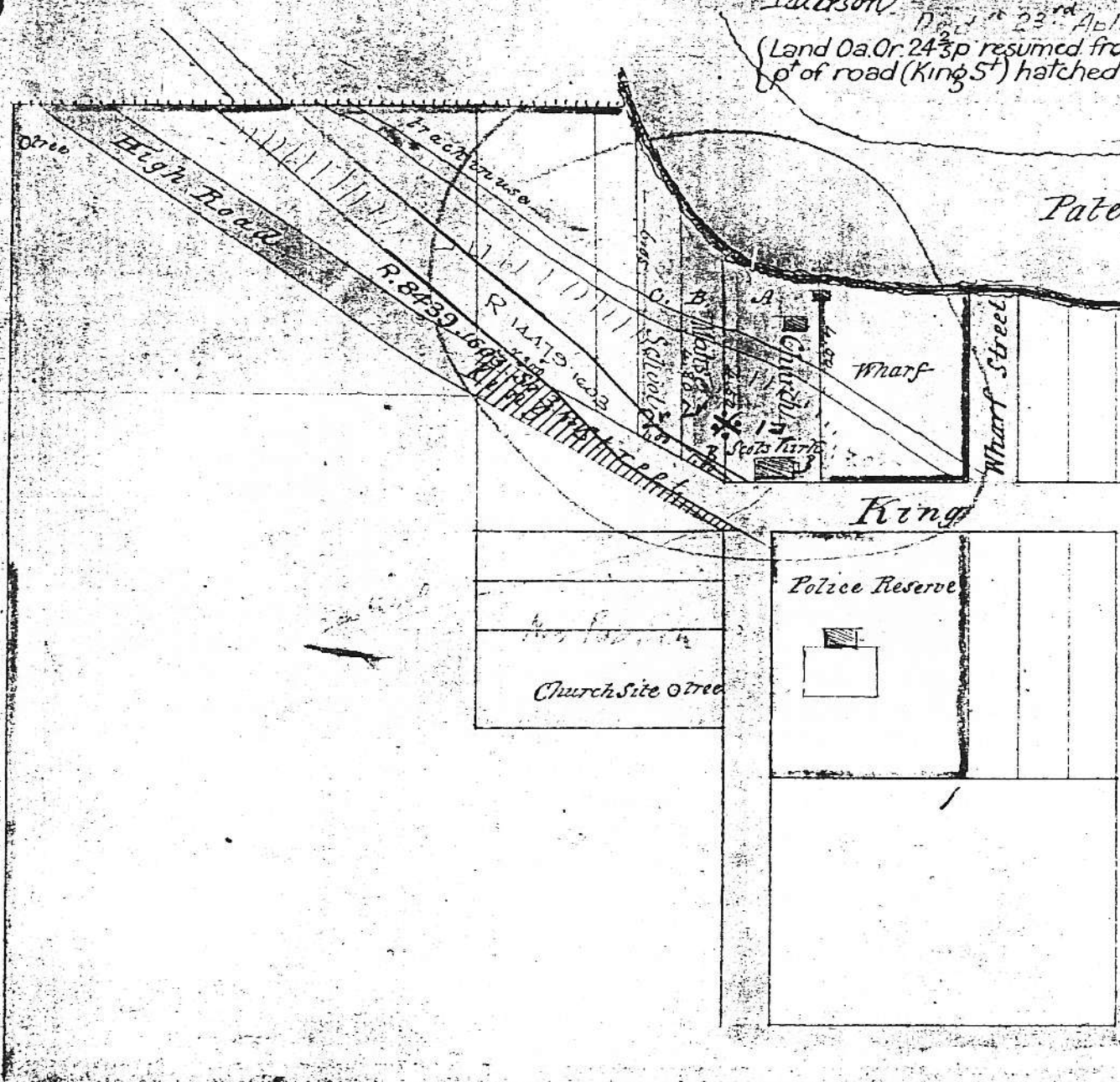
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Sketch of  
of Paterson

# MAITLAND.

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\* Vide M.S. 3876 appointing  
William Corner, Alexander  
Angus McAlpin and James  
for sites for Presby<sup>n</sup> Church  
Paterson. Dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
(Land Oa. Or. 24<sup>th</sup> sp resumed from  
p<sup>o</sup> of road (King St) hatched



of the Presbyterian Church lands of the Town

A. Site of Church (built) the New Front

B. Journey House Half an Acre

C. School House

James Carr  
Trustees  
at

1. 1838 No 273 3871  
vs A, B, & C for road R. 44791603 and  
closed Gaz. 21.7.22 Rds 05317

Town of Paterson

Parish of Moughton

County of Durham with Des<sup>ns</sup>

Boyle White

and River



Street

White Sep 43

### READING OLD PLANS AND MAPS

Our treasurer, Shirley, whose working life was spent as secretary in legal firms and is an avid researcher has kindly offered to interpret one of the earliest undated plans held in the society's archives.

George Boyle White most likely prepared the plan prior to the grant to the Presbyterian Church - probably 1843. Others added the other written parts; William Corner and the names with his were the trustees of the land for the church. The alteration to King Street extended probably was added about 1922.

Boyle White's Map

CINTRA AND CLARENDON – Cameron Archer  
(BRIEF BACKGROUND)

Lieutenant William Ward with his wife, Susannah Matilda and family arrived in Sydney on the *Dromedary* in January 1820. Ward died shortly after their arrival, however his widow had some influence and was granted several portions of land at Paterson – “Cintra” north of and adjoining “Bona Vista” and “Clarendon” over the river from “Bona Vista.” The 1828 Census has Mrs Ward residing in Sydney with her four daughters. She later remarried at the age of 52 to the Paterson Clerk of Petty Sessions, Robert Studdert aged 24.

Details on Clarendon are not clear – in fact they are confusing because Henry Dangar’s 1825 record has it being granted to Lieutenant F B Gibbs RN and transferred to S M Ward. “Clarendon” never became a substantial property as it contained very little good land.

A sandstock brick terrace-type building was built between Martins Creek Road and the river and a stone building was built up towards the base of Hungry Hill. Both were demolished last century.

Susannah Matilda Studdert (Ward) 1789-1862 lived on “Clarendon” in her later years and she is buried in St Paul’s Graveyard, Paterson.

(from Settlement of the Paterson District – AC Archer)

**IMPORTANT SALE**  
OF  
**Valuable Property**  
ON THE  
**PATERSON.**  
**25th FEBRUARY, 1880.**

**BRUNKER & WOLFE** have received instructions from the Trustees in the estate of the late Robert Studdert, Esq., to sell by auction, at Brown's (late Fullford's) Hotel, West Maitland, on **WEDNESDAY, the 25th of February 1880, at 11 o'clock,**

The **FOLLOWING HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE and DESIRABLY SITUATED PROPERTIES:—**

**500 ACRES LAND, near the Town of Paterson, and known as CLARENDON**

**32 Acres Land adjoining Paterson Township, now leased to Mr. Whyte. This portion will be offered in two Lots**

**418 Acres 3 Roods, part of the Church and School Estate.**

Also,

**99 ACRES, portion 20, adjoins the north-east corner of the above. Will be offered in one lot; if not sold, will then be offered in lots as now divided.**

**21 Acres (more or less) on the bank of the Paterson River, on portion of which are erected the residence of the late Mr. Studdert, and other Substantial Improvements.**

Terms cash. 10/3 148

**TO LET, by Tender, for a term of Three Years, the Estate known as CLARENDON, situate in the District of Paterson containing an estimated area of 500 Acres, about 40 Acres of which is excellent Cultivation Land and the residue Good Grazing Land. The Improvements consist of COMFORTABLE COTTAGE, containing Four Rooms; also, Cattle Yards and Hay Shed.**

Possession will be given on the 1st July, 1880.

The highest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

Tenders addressed to the undersigned will be received up to noon of the 1st day of June next.

Further particulars on application to **J. P. LUKE, Esq., Goswycck, Paterson,** or the undersigned.

**R. A. YOUNG,**  
Solicitor,  
West Maitland.

West Maitland,  
26th April, 1880.

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Maitland Mercury notices – HARRY BOYLE DAM RESEARCH PAPERS

