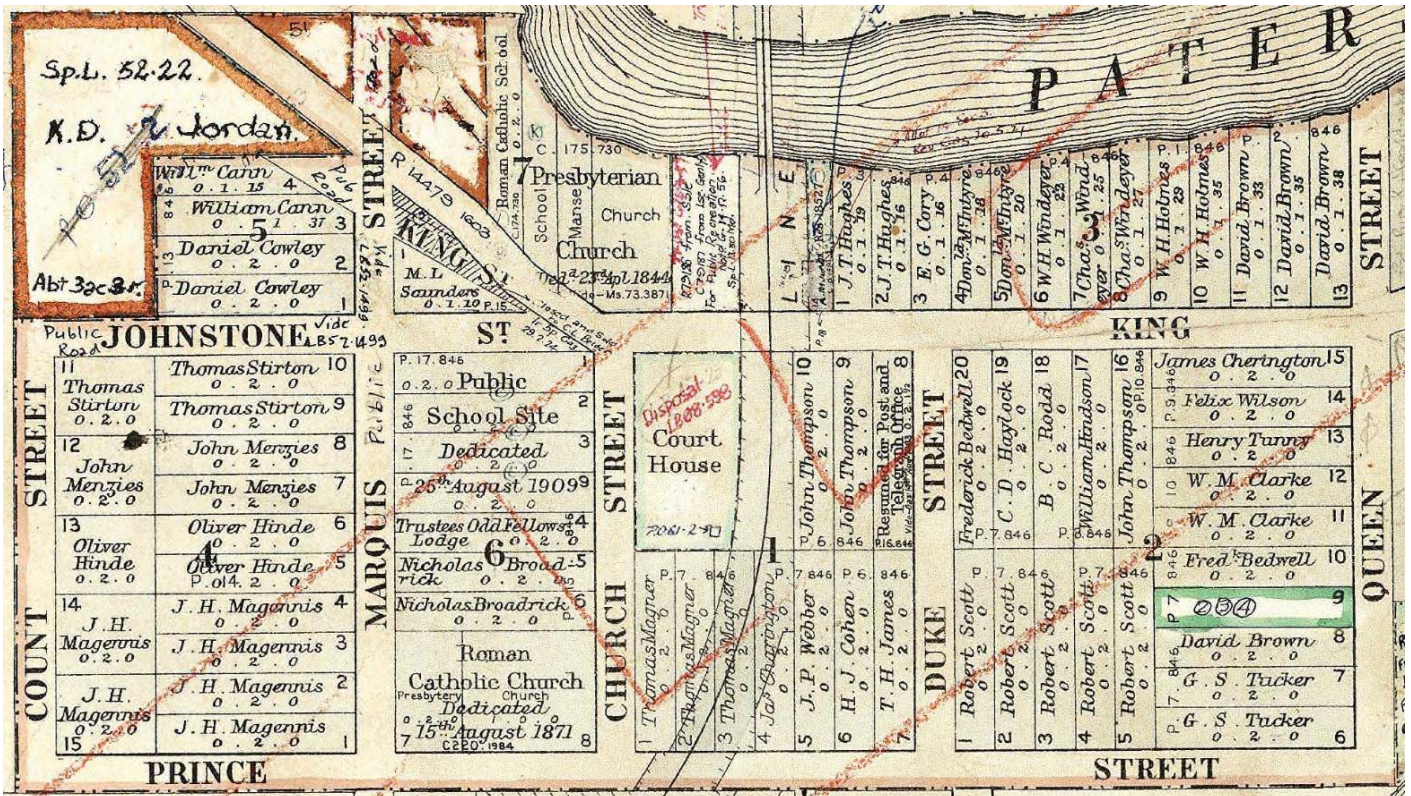


Brick cottage at 18-20 Marquis Street, Paterson

The following research notes have been prepared to add to our knowledge of "Hillside", the brick cottage at 18-20 Marquis Street Paterson that is also known as "Heard's Cottage".

When the 1833 plan of Paterson Village was approved and gazetted, only sections 1, 2 and 3 were divided into town lots.¹ Sections 1, 2 and 3 run from middle to right in the later plan shown below).



A later (1920) plan of the town of Paterson, showing the government land in seven sections. In the initial 1833 plan only sections 1, 2 and 3 were subdivided into lots.

Section 4, bounded by Marquis, Prince and Count Streets, is the hilly country to the west, overlooking the town. In January 1857 it was divided into 2 rood (half acre) blocks and offered for sale.² (see gazette notice on next page).

Digital technology accurately locates today's 18-20 Marquis Street as lots 5 and 6 in the 1857 subdivision of section 4. Oliver Hinde purchased lots 5, 6 and 13, giving him a total rectangular holding of one and a half acres with frontage to both Marquis and Count Streets.

Oliver Hinde

Oliver Hinde arrived in Sydney on 13 April 1858 as an assisted immigrant on the ship *Switzerland* with his wife Mary and son Charles. Immigration records provide details: Oliver was a 37 year-old brush maker from Roscommon, Ireland; Mary was aged 27 from Antrim Ireland; Charles was aged 4. Oliver and Mary could both read and write, and all three were Catholic.³

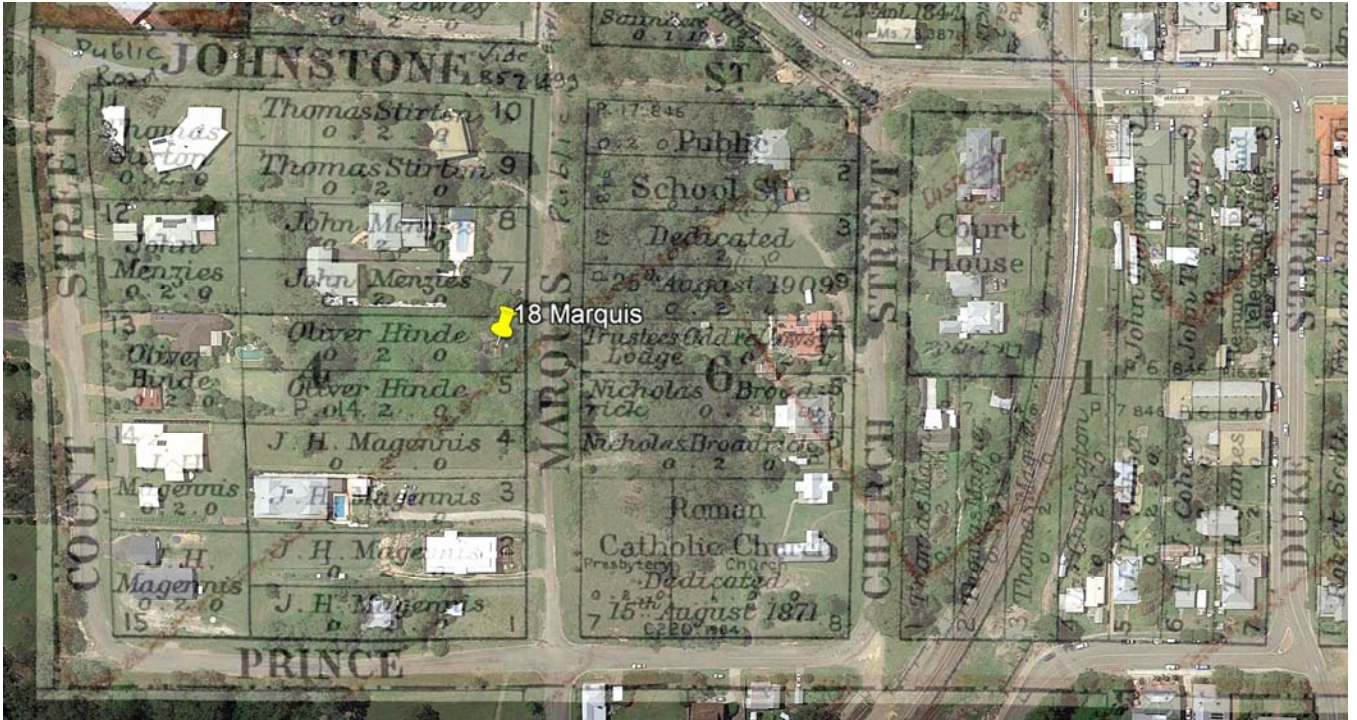
On 27 April 1858, just two weeks after arrival, Oliver Hinde was appointed to the NSW police⁴ and served as Coroner's Constable in Sydney.⁵ On 29 September 1859 he was appointed Chief Constable for the Police District of Paterson. A few days later he was also appointed Inspector of Slaughter Houses in the Police District of Paterson.⁶

TOWN LOTS.

COUNTY OF DURHAM.

Allotments in the Town of Paterson.

- Lot 1. Two roods, 2r., county of Durham, parish of Houghton, town of Paterson, allotment No. 1 of section 4. Upset price £8 per acre.
2. Two roods, 2r., county of Durham, parish of Houghton, town of Paterson, allotment No. 2 of section 4. Upset price £8 per acre.
3. Two roods, 2r., county of Durham, parish of Houghton, town of Paterson, allotment No. 3 of section 4. Upset price £8 per acre.
4. Two roods, 2r., county of Durham, parish of Houghton, town of Paterson, allotment No. 4 of section 4. Upset price £8 per acre.
5. Two roods, 2r., county of Durham, parish of Houghton, town of Paterson, allotment No. 5 of section 4. Upset price £8 per acre.
6. Two roods, 2r., county of Durham, parish of Houghton, town of Paterson, allotment No. 6 of section 4. Upset price £8 per acre.
7. Two roods, 2r., county of Durham, parish of Houghton, town of Paterson, allotment No. 7 of section 4. Upset price £8 per acre.
8. Two roods, 2r., county of Durham, parish of Houghton, town of Paterson, allotment No. 8 of section 4. Upset price £8 per acre.
9. Two roods, 2r., county of Durham, parish of Houghton, town of Paterson, allotment No. 9 of section 4. Upset price £8 per acre.
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15. Two roods, 2r. county of Durham parish of Houghton, town of Paterson, allotment No. 15 of section 4. Upset price £8 per acre.



Paterson town plan showing first title-holders, overlaid on satellite image. The yellow pushpin marks the GPS position of the cottage at 18-20 Marquis Street. This GPS reading was taken on-ground as a cross-check. It confirms that the cottage at 18-20 Marquis Street sits on lot 6 in section 4, purchased by Oliver Hinde.



Detail from the overlay at top of page.

In 1860 Oliver Hinde was issued with the title deeds to lots 5, 6 and 13 in section 4 of the government land in Paterson village. Each lot consisted of two roods (half an acre) bringing his total purchase to 1.5 acres.⁷

INDEX TO DEEDS, TOWN PURCHASES.

1860

No. of Reg.	GRANTEE.	AREA.			SITUATION.	No. of Deed.
		A.	R.	P.		
5	Hardwick J.M.		2		Rylstone	1217v
"	Hanau Deutz		2	32	Balruald	1220v
6	Hall William John		2		Beugard	1325/1326
"	"		2		"	1326/1325
"	Horne James Stirling		2		Rockley	1266v
"	"		2		"	1267v
"	"		2		"	1268v
"	Hinde Oliver		2		Paterson	1261v
"	"		2		"	1262v
"	"		2		"	1263v

Hinde remained in Paterson for only three years. Large changes occurred when the various police services in the colony, including the foot and mounted police, were combined. On 1 March 1862, under the newly passed *Police Regulation Act* all existing police forces were amalgamated to establish the NSW Police Force that we know today.⁸ With the merger came changes to rankings and opportunities for promotion. Oliver Hinde was promoted to Sergeant of Police at Scone, his promotion gazetted in September 1862.⁹

As a result of his move to Scone, in May 1862 Hinde advertised his Paterson land for sale, on which stood a "brick cottage of four rooms ... with a large cellar underneath in a foundation of stone".¹⁰ This is the cottage that still stands today at 18-20 Marquis Street. We can confidently conclude that he built the cottage in 1860 or 1861.

PATERSON.

MR. WILLIAM GEORGE has received instructions from Mr. Oliver Hinde to sell by auction, on **FRIDAY, 9th May, 1862, at One o'clock, on the premises opposite Mrs. Broderick's Hotel,**

A PIECE OF LAND, containing 1½ Acres, cleared and fenced, with a Brick Cottage of Four Rooms erected thereon, faithfully and substantially built, with a large cellar underneath in a foundation of stone, with a growing crop of Potatoes and Barley.

Also,

TWO COWS, quiet milkers, and Calves, with some articles of Household Furniture, &c., &c,

Title, grant by purchase from the Crown.

Terms very liberal at sale. **2862**

Oliver Hinde died in Camden in 1877, holding the rank of Senior-Sergeant for that district, and was survived by his wife Mary Hamilton Hinde.¹¹ He died intestate and in his widow's application for his estate there was listed "a parcel of land at Paterson valued at £30".

Evidently his Marquis Street land was not sold during his lifetime and it passed to his "devisee" (beneficiary of his estate), his son Charles Hall Hinde.¹²

Family legend

According to family legend, Hinde's cottage was used as a gaol, church and school.¹³ This may be a mix of fact and fiction, as little documentary evidence has been uncovered to support it.

The cottage was not officially required as a gaol. From 1835 a new courthouse and lockup operated in Paterson village and in 1858 the current courthouse and watch house (lockup) opened, only to be modified and expanded from late 1862. During Hinde's tenure at Paterson (late 1859 to early 1862) the two cells attached to the rear of the courthouse served as a watch house to hold prisoners in the short term (they would be transferred to Maitland or Newcastle gaols for longer stays).¹⁴ There is no evidence that Hinde's cottage was used as a gaol but there are some possibilities, albeit speculative ones.

Perhaps Chief Constable Hinde used his private residence for police business on occasions? Perhaps when he left the district in 1862 his cottage became vacant and was pressed into service for police business while the roof of the Paterson Courthouse was removed and a second storey added? Tenders were called for this work in June 1862 and it was not completed until September 1863. In 1882-83 a new watch house and constable's quarters was built on the block adjoining the rear of the courthouse (the residence is still in use today).¹⁵ Was it simply Hinde's role as Chief Constable that spawned the legend of his cottage being used as a gaol, or was the cottage was pressed into temporary service at some stage?

Hinde's cottage could have been used for Catholic services in the 1860s. Oliver and Mary Hinde were Irish Catholics, and he held a senior government position in the district. It is possible that his new brick cottage in Marquis Street became a "Mass Station", one of a network of private homes where priests from Maitland conducted Sunday Mass in outlying areas where there was no church. The first Catholic Church in the Paterson Valley was built in 1840 at Summer Hill, northwest of Vacy.¹⁶ St Columba's Catholic Church in Paterson was not built until 1884.¹⁷

The final claim of family legend is that the brick cottage in Marquis Street was used as a school. This may be correct. The centenary booklet for Paterson Public School states "*at one period a school for girls was conducted in Paterson, and this school, we believe, was held in the little stone cottage on the hill looking out over Paterson, just off the top of Prince Street*".

Occupants of the cottage after the Hinde family

Electoral rolls from 1903 to 1963, along with other records, identify the occupants of the cottage, shown as "Hillside", Paterson. It was not until the 1958 roll that "Marquis St" appeared. Note: *occupancy does not necessarily indicate ownership*.¹⁸

The Hartup family lived in Paterson from the 1860s.¹⁹ Henry John Hartup and his wife Elizabeth lived at "Hillside" from at least 1913, but possibly from earlier. Henry and Elizabeth married in Paterson in 1882 and their address is simply shown as "Paterson" in the 1903 roll but they may have been at "Hillside".²⁰ They definitely lived at "Hillside" in 1913 when a newspaper reported that *Mr Frederick Hartup, second son of Mr Hartup of "Hillside", Paterson, was married*.²¹ In 1920 Clarence Allan Hartup, the fifth son of Mr and Mrs H Hartup of "Hillside" Paterson, was married.²²

A 1924 newspaper records a prize-winner, "Mrs E. Hartup, Hillside, Paterson".²³

In 1929 Irene Evelyn Hartup, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Hartup, married John Thomas Heard at Paterson.²⁴ The 1930 electoral roll indicates the newly weds had moved to the

"Hillside" address. Thus Irene Evelyn and John Thomas Heard appear on the 1930 roll at "Hillside" along with Henry and Elizabeth Hartup. The situation was unchanged in the 1935 and 1937 electoral rolls.

In the 1943 roll, Irene and John Heard are at "Hillside" along with Irene's mother Elizabeth Hartup. Only Irene and John Heard appear at "Hillside" Paterson on the 1949 roll.

The 1950s marked generation change for the Heard family at "Hillside". Irene Evelyn Heard died in 1955 and her husband John Thomas Heard died in 1957.²⁵ The 1958 roll entry shows their son Thomas Keith Heard living in the cottage. The 1958 entry is "Heard, Thomas Keith, Marquis Street, dairy farmer".

The 1963 roll shows Thomas Keith Heard and his wife Fay Josephine living at the Marquis Street cottage. The family moved out about 1963 or 1964.²⁶

Current title information (2020)

18-20 Marquis Street is lot 18 in DP 791819.²⁷

Previous title holders

Disclaimer: This title information is provided for historical research purposes and should not be used for legal purposes. It requires further clarification and validation by a suitably qualified legal professional.

First title holder was Oliver Hinde who died intestate in 1877 and title passed by devise to his son Charles Hall Hinde. There is gap in the records from 1877 until the land was presumed to be in the possession of Sarah Charlotte Heard (nee Holman²⁸) from the nominal date of 1 January 1889. Sarah Heard married Henry Brooker at West Maitland in 1895.²⁹

Sarah Brooker applied for the land (lots 5, 6 and 13) to be converted from Old Systems to Torrens title. A single Torrens Title was issued to Sarah Brooker of Paterson, widow, on 10 February 1927.³⁰

In September 1931 new titles were issued, giving Sarah Brooker life tenancy, with the estate then to pass to "John Thomas Heard of Paterson, labourer". Sarah died later that year³¹ and a new title was issued to John Thomas Heard.

Title then passed to Harry Keith Corner in February 1958; to John Heard of Branxton in June 1958; and to James Roger Laird Lee in April 1964.³²

Heritage status

The cottage at 18-20 Marquis Street Paterson does not appear on the NSW government heritage database of items listed under the *NSW Heritage Act*. It is listed as a heritage item in schedule 5 of the Dungog Local Environmental Plan 2014.³³

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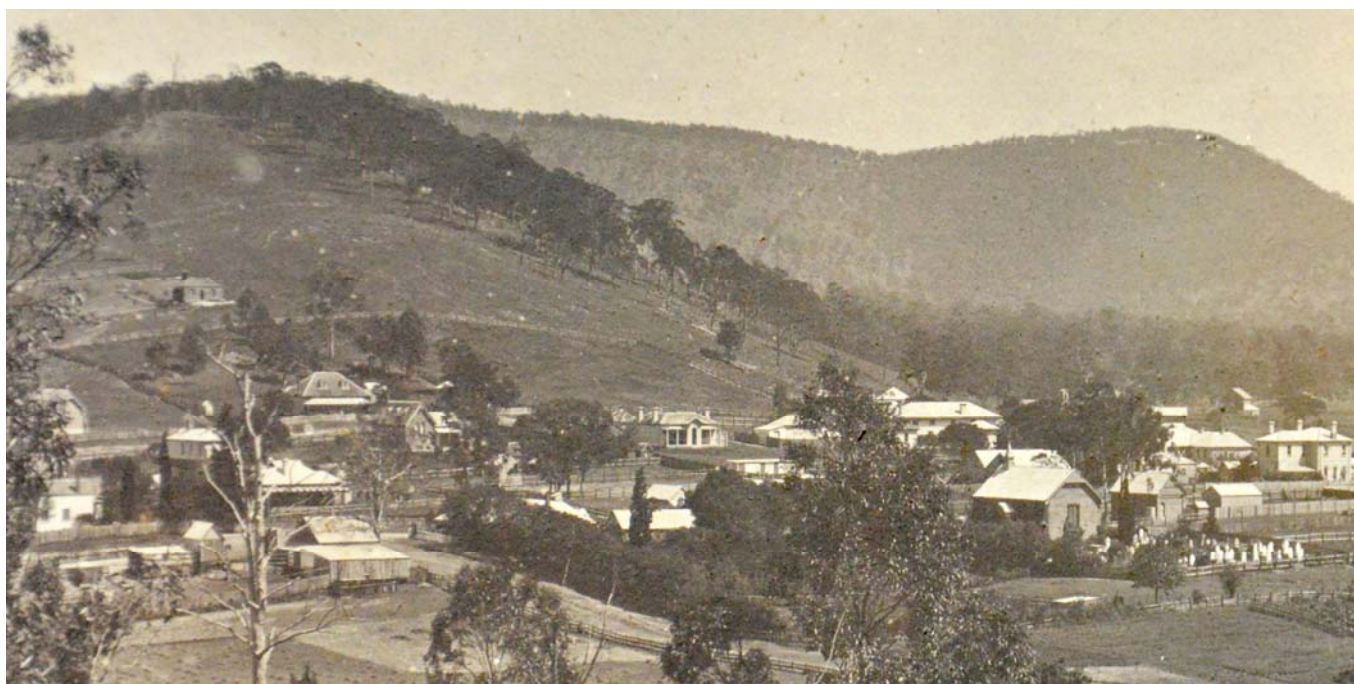
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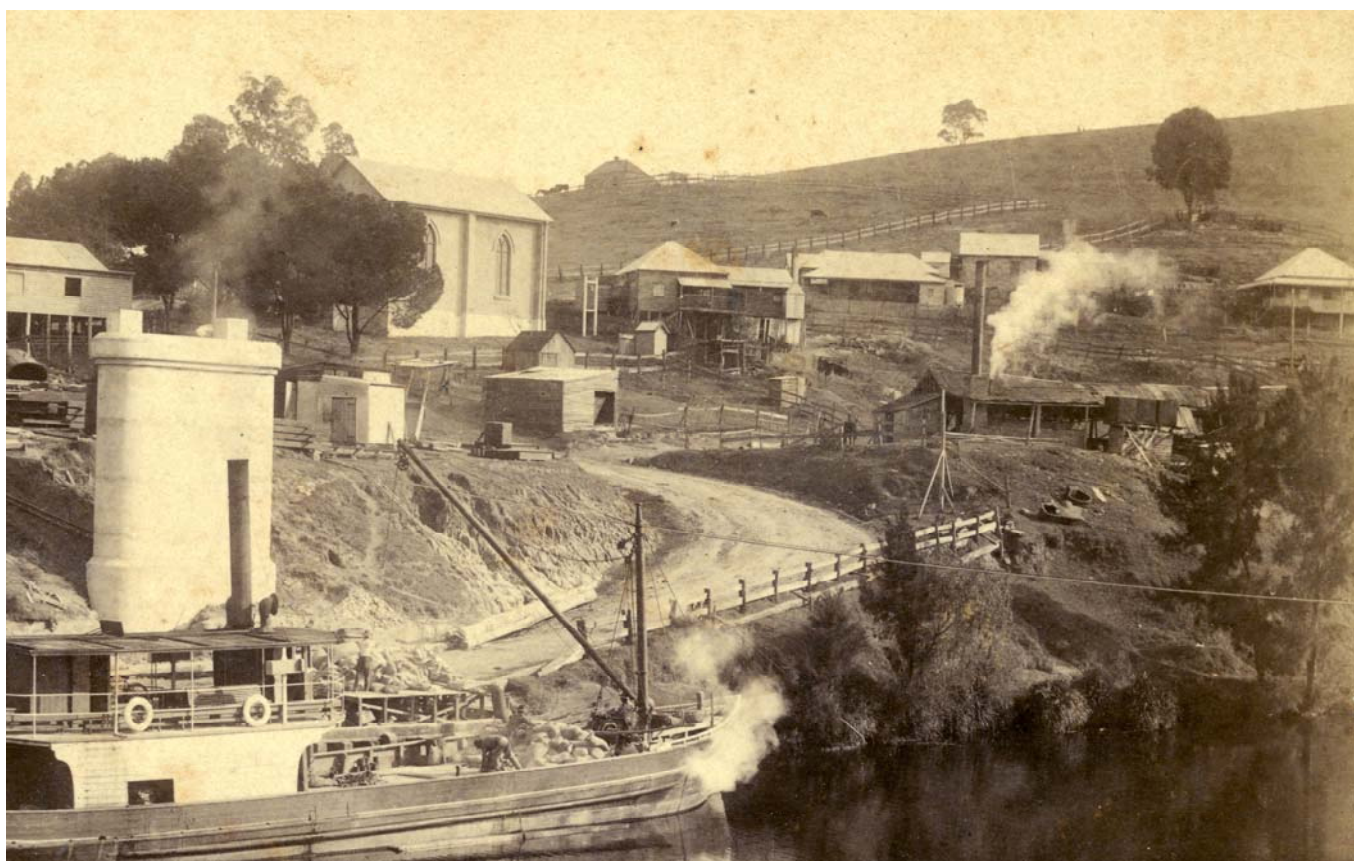
Endnotes

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- ²⁰ NSW Marriage Registration 4264/1882.
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- ²² *Maitland Daily Mercury*, 17 January 1920 page 6,
- ²³ *Newcastle Morning Herald*, 14 February 1924 page 2.
- ²⁴ NSW Marriage Registration 2611/1929.
- ²⁵ NSW Death Registrations 23340/1955 and 23027/1957.
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- ²⁷ Report by NSW Land Registry Services, 26 June 2019.
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- ²⁹ NSW Marriage 5186/1895.
- ³⁰ NSW Land Titles: PA27474; Torrens title, vol. 3968, fol. 112.
- ³¹ NSW Death 20530/1931. The death index indicates she had been born in Paterson about 1844.
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Photo gallery for 18-20 Marquis Street, Paterson



In 1904 "Hillside" cottage stands alone in Marquis Street at top left (Paterson Historical Society).



In 1909 "Hillside" cottage overlooks the town at middle top (Paterson Historical Society).



Aerial photo of Paterson in the late 1950s with "Hillside" cottage at middle top (Paterson Historical Society).



The now derelict cottage in 1980 (photo by Jeff Pickering).



In 2016 vegetation was removed from around the cottage (photo by Val Patfield).



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By March 2017 the cottage had been prepared for restoration (photo by Cameron Archer).



Above and below: the restored cottage in June 2019 (photos by Brian Walsh).



