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Front Cover Mechanics' Institute Singleton, Built 1866. Woodblock c1880.

Woodblock Donated to the 74 George Street Management Committee by the Robinson Family Collection

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Rodney Taylor & Julie Lonsdale

Enjoy researching, expanding your knowledge and the company of others with similar interests.

FROM THE EDITOR

As 2019 comes to a close, we are about to enter a new year and a new decade. Milestones like this tend to make us reflect on what we have achieved in the past and what there is to do in the future. It is also a time to reflect on our families, both present and the past and for those interested in family history, the festive season has us thinking about how our ancestors may have celebrated their Christmas. Thanks to the volunteers at the Family History Society of Singleton, those stories have come to light for many of our members and casual visitors. It is important to remember our past, it helps us to understand who and how we have become who we are today. It is also a time to be grateful for those we have around us. I am grateful to our hard-working volunteers who continue to help uncover the stories, the ancestral trees and reveal the names that mean so much to so many.

The society also keeps a record of obituaries and funeral announcements and when you look through these you soon realised Singleton has experienced a year of great loss with some of our most well known local identities passing on. With this in mind, we have many local families facing a festive season without their loved one and on behalf of the Society, I pass my condolences on to you all. It is important we keep the memories of their lives alive which is one of the very reasons our Family History Society exists. We are more than happy to share these stories with our readership so your contributions are most welcome. On that note, I wish you all a Christmas filled with love and special memories to savour into the future. Di.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy safe 2020. The devastating drought and bushfires have left so many in dire needs this Christmas and the coming year or years in some cases, so I hope that you or yours are not in this situation.

The fires have made me think about what I would grab if I found myself in an evacuation position. The utmost consideration is your personal and family's safety but I have always said to my husband Rob "make sure you grab the blue folders" which hold all my BDM certificates but that's just a small part of my family history hence I am putting all my family history on an external hard drive and while scanning photos can be a tiresome exercise; it is one of my New Year's resolutions to make sure I would at least have a copy of those old irreplaceable family photos.

2020 will be a time of reflexion for the Singleton Shire as we commemorate the 200 years of European settlement. John Howe's party reached the Hunter River near Whittingham on the March 15th 1820 and soon became a destination where many of our ancestors made a 'home'. There are so many stories to tell of good and bad times, of courage and determination and of blood, sweat and tears however with the opening up of the St. Patricks Plains came the demise of the Aboriginal community and this should also be remembered.

Singleton Council has planned several events to mark the occasion and is encouraging others; more can be found on Council's website. We are putting a booklet together acknowledging all who participated in the discovery expeditions which led to the March 15th 1820 outcome. We would love to hear from any descendants.

In the meantime, stay safe, enjoy your family get togethers and like the rest of Australia; pray for rain, an end to the drought and fires and that all will be well.

Cheers and all the best for the festive season and a very happy 2020. *Lyn*

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

WHITTINGHAM CEMETERY UPDATE

Please note the updated 3rd edition of Whittingham Cemetery Volume 2, December 2019 is available thanks to John Tindale and Michael Heffernan.

The Library is closed from December 11th and reopens January 8th, 2020 at 12

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

3PM
15th February 2020
At the Mechanics Institute 74 George Street, Singleton
All Welcome

2020 MEMBERSHIP

You will find a 2020 membership form included with the newsletter please return this along with your fee. If you direct bank your membership fee please make sure your name is referenced and the form is sent by mail to PO Box 422, Singleton or emailed to famhissingsocinc@yahoo.com

WE NEED YOU



There are many ways you can help YOUR society.
You Just Have To Put Your Hand Up



We Need Duty Librarians for 2020. Please consider assisting us, it would be appreciated as we find we need back up to maintain our library hours and assist our existing Duty Librarians. Ideally having two people on duty together is best. We open for three hours on Wednesday and Saturdays. It is a great way to expand your knowledge.

Other Ways You Can Help in 2020. Creating data bases, researching, indexing, typing, covering books, articles for the newsletter; these are just some ways you can assist the Society or you might have your own project in mind that will assist us. Contact Lyn 65722235

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE PAST: 1919

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25th, " CHRISTMASTIDE.

Once more, the increasing revolution of the wheels of time has brought round the great religious festival that is being celebrated by Christian people in all parts of the globe. As time goes on 'there seems, to a certain extent, to be a gradual losing sight of what Christmas means, and what it stands for. Possibly, people are becoming more material in their views. One would not, of course, care to see the holiday season shorn of all its brightness, festivity, family reunions, and general happiness; but Christmas Day at least demands a serious and solemn thought. During the four dread years of war Christmas for many thousands of homes must have been a sad time particularly, and this Yuletide also the vacant places at the festive board will cause many a heartache, and many a tear to flow. In those war-time Christmases things looked black for the Allies, and there seemed little hope of peace ahead. We have now come to our second peace Christmas, and should not lose sight of those gallant lads who did so much to bring not only peace but victory. In the past twelve months we have enjoyed anything but industrial peace in Australia, and particularly in New South Wales. These unhappy conflicts always leave an aftermath, of suffering for the families of strikers, and thousands of men have been thrown idle by the wild actions of others, in many a home this Xmas there will be many who will sadly realise what the 'cost' of direct action' is; it is the women and children who have to pay. There has hardly been a portion of the year that was not more or less marked by strikes of one sort and another. Then, too, we had the deadly ravages of the influenza, which took a fearful toll of the people of the State, young and old succumbing to it, and business for a time was practically paralysed. Here in our own district the dread visitation appeared, but fortunately our experience was a very light one. In any case, such an epidemic leaves effects that last for a very long time after in more ways than one, and this Christmas many will be missed who had looked forward to the season with all youth's hope and gladness. Another visitation was the prolonged drought that has worked so much disaster and ruin practically all through Australia. Herds and flocks have suffered tremendously, and those primary products on which so much of a country's welfare depends were crippled to an alarming extent. For well nigh two years the farmers and settlers have, been sturdily fighting against heavy odds, over hoping for a change, until at last many fell out of the ranks ruined and unable to continue the struggle. "The Tragedy of Out-back" has probably never been so strikingly borne home to city folk than it was this year. With depleted stock many are now starting life afresh and it must sound somewhat ironical for many of these people to hear the time honoured greeting, "A Merry Christmas." However, there is now; a better prospect ahead, and we all hope that the coming year may be blessed with good rains, fruitful seasons, and bounteous harvests, and that those who have so stoutly fought the uphill battle of the drought may receive a rich reward. Despite all the hardships and sufferings of the past, we still have much to be thankful for, and if the people and their leaders will take a true view of their duty to the whole community and to themselves Australia will have happier year than in the past. This is the time for building up and not pulling down, and the more clearly that is recognised the more sure are we of having peace within our gates. To all our readers we have once more the pleasure, of wishing them "A very Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year."

Transcribed from the Singleton Argus (NSW : 1880 - 1954), Thursday 25 December 1919, page 6

GOVERNMENT AND GENERAL ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS, PARRAMATTA,

Saturday, 18th December, 1819.

SATURDAY Next, the 25th Instant, being CHRISTMAS DAY, the same is to be observed as a Holiday throughout the Territory; and there will be Divine Service as usual at the several Churches throughout the Colony; the Government Gangs of Artificers and Labourers mustering and attending Church the same as on Sunday.

By Command of His Excellency the Governor,
H. C. ANTILL, Major of Brigade.

Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser (NSW : 1803 - 1842), Saturday 18 December 1819, page 1

COINS FROM LONG AGO DISCOVERED

Whilst Mr George Coyle was busily engaged in having his workmen demolish the old terrace of houses in Hunter Street, almost opposite the Methodist Parsonage, various old coins were found among the debris, which, without possessing any claim to great antiquity, yet must have a history of no common interest could those copper symbols but tell their story. There placed upon a rafter, was a George III, penny, also a penny and a half penny of the reign of George IV., and a big thick Victorian penny dated 1854. Perhaps the hand of some laughing child placed them there in succession, as each treasure was obtained, or perhaps they were associated with some intimate family festival, for certainly they were not put there for any amalgamation of wealth. We cannot read their history, but perhaps the most remarkable and impressionistic discovery was that of a George III, halfpenny, which was engraved upon one side with the words (still clearly distinct), "Joseph Smyth – cast for death – 4th July, 1827 aged 33. Surmounting this is filigree work, and beneath it a heart pierced with two arrows. On the reverse side is engraved "Mary Ann Smyth – aged 27." What fancies might weave themselves around this and what conjecturing when any of a million guesses may be right, or not one in twenty million even approach the right solution. Accident, design, family history, or childish prank, these coins were there, and although it is thought that the first post office was situated in those buildings, the finds scarcely warrant a supposition that the long forgotten post-master was laying up for himself treasures upon earth. Speculate as we might, those coins will not give up their story. Certain it is that they have been handed to the "Argus" representative, and even at the mystic hour when all those who are not dancing are asleep, they have failed to portray anything further than is symbolised on their bronze surfaces, and whether greybeard or child placed them there will possibly remain a mystery.

Singleton Argus 18th October 1929; Transcribed by John Tindale

Additional Information

John Smyth died in 1827, found his burial reg.1827 132 V 128, however Mary Ann is proving a little harder to find so we will continue researching for the next issue in April; perhaps this is a challenge you might like to take up. A little information on George Coyle can be found in Back Page Bits. Wonder where the coins are now?

George 111 [1738-1820] pennies were first produced in 1797; one with 10 laurel leaves and one with 11. These were followed by 1806,1808 and 1809. is Often referred to as the Mad King; George 111 His son George 1V [1762-1830] was Regent from 1811 until his accession in 1820. George 1V pennies and half pennies were minted in 1825, 1826 and 1827. In 1826 there were two versions of the 1826 half penny. Queen Victoria ascended the throne in 1837 and reigned until 1901; she was the longest serving monarch until the present Queen Elizabeth 11. In 1854 6,720,000 Victorian pennies were produced. LM





'When I Was Young'

Rodney Taylor



I was named Rodney Bruce Taylor

Father to Michael, Megan, Andrew and Phillip

I was born in 1953 at 'Fairholme', Singleton



I am the only son of Trevor Taylor and June nee Hamilton

Grandfather to Nicholas, Ethan, Emily, Darcy, Macy, Angus, Jacob, Leo and Lucy

I am the grandchild of Roy Stewart Taylor and Bessie Isabel nee Fairhall who resided at 'Clover Lea' Stanhope and Richard Edward Hamilton and Muriel nee Dunford who live at 'Killafuddy' Glendonbrook and later at Dangar Road.

My Father was a dairy farmer and grazier on 'Clover Lea' and ran a successful Jersey Stud. He was a Councillor on Patrick Plains Shire and Singleton Council for nine years in total. Dad was also Secretary to Elderslie Hall for 35 years, again Secretary for the Branxton Show Association and the Cattle Club and a member of the Stanhope/Elderslie Bush Fire Brigade. He was a busy man my Dad.

Brother of Jennifer, Anne Maree and Alison.

Husband of Carlene Joy nee Dunn. We were married in 1975 at St James at Morpeth.



My Mother was a homemaker and involved with the Elderslie Hall Association and she was also busy in her own way.

I grew up on ‘Clover Lea’ Stanhope; ‘God’s Country’; pretty hot and dry at the moment.

The house I grew up in is now on a property detached from ‘Clover Lea’; it was built in the early 1900s. There were other houses built for John Taylor who arrived about 1850 and his descendants who have lived on the property. His son Walter’s house still has a visible footprint.

Our family circumstances I consider were contusive to most dairy farmers of the time. We had a roof over our heads and good food on the table. My sisters and I had a good life; my parents were wonderful people.

Church: We went to St. John’s Church Branxton and later All Saints’ in Singleton.

Transport: We used to take the milk down in cans every morning by horse and cart to meet Charlie Johnson who had a milk lorry. The first car I clearly remember was an FJ Holden, Dad had others before then, but I can’t recall what they were. My Grandfather Roy only used a horse and plough because he didn’t believe in motorised farm equipment. He eventually had an FJ too, but he was a hopeless driver, used to crunch the gears all the time.

Our neighbours There were the Harrigans’ who along with Taylors’ were the first Tenant Farmers on James Mitchell’s estate. Charlie and Thelma Johnson’s family, Jack and Rose Bush, Ray and Muriel Wake and the Golans’ who sold to Bob and Kit Foggo who in turn sold to Gordon and Maria Fuller.

I attended Stanhope School; in fact, I was the last child registered at the ripe old age of four in an attempt to keep the school open. When the school finally closed, I then attended Elderslie School. I attended Singleton High School after which I went Yanco Agricultural College in the Riverina.

My favourite teachers were Carol Brolly later Russell, Andrea Renaud, Bill Gates and Col Curnow who were all at Singleton High.

The nearest shop was Jack aka John Bercini’s and McKenzie’s and Speed aka Ivan and Clare Ernst owned the Paper Shop.

My best friends: I didn’t really like this question because I might insult someone however Craig Miles and Kerry Harris were probably the closest and if I miss someone I apologise; my memory isn’t what it used to be.

My favourite treat was a Hexham Oak Strawberry Malted Milk Shake or a Thick Shake depending on how much money Dad had in his pocket at the time. Watermelon’s grown on our place; nothing these days compares to those.

My favourite pastime was playing Tennis. I particularly enjoyed playing at Mick Burgess’ ant bed court at Lamb’s Valley and later Denny Cope’s Court at Glendonbrook. I did enjoy attending local dances.

The biggest event of the year was George Brown visiting us on holidays; coming by train it was always exciting going to pick him up. George was a State Ward who lived with my great grandfather Albert Rea Taylor prior to WW1 and viewed ‘Clover Lea’ as his first and second home. George taught me many skills including playing cards which I still enjoy. George was best friends with Dad’s older brother Leslie Martin Taylor and they enlisted together on the 8th September 1915. George was 18 and Uncle Les 23 and were not to return until 1919.

Holidays were not a thing we did; if anything we went and saw relatives and friends.

My first job was as a Share Dairy Farmer with Dad.

My outstanding memories of my childhood; has to be snowing in Stanhope in 1965 and to me this was bigger than man walking on the moon in 1969 which is next in importance.

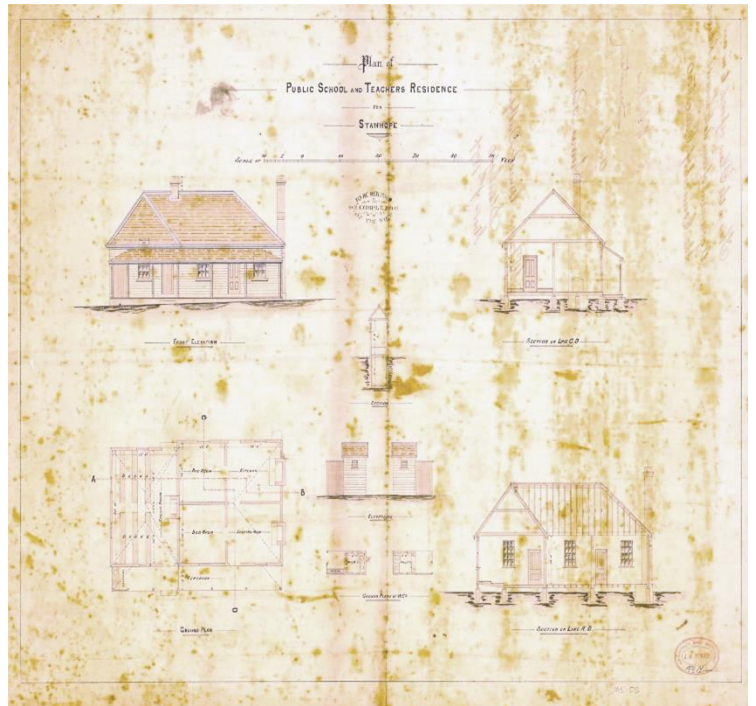
Comment on life: Stay positive, keep your chin up, put up with what you have to and try to keep smiling. *[Rod’s favourite saying is “I was only put on this earth to help”]*

If I could have two family history questions answered they would be; what ship or ships did John Taylor born in England and his wife to be Eleanor Magnall said born Dublin Ireland [there could be so many variations of spelling both her Christian and Surname] sail to Australia aboard; both arrived around 1850 and where did the name ‘Clover Lea’ come from.

LOCAL & GENERAL NEWS

FAIRHOLME BIRTHS

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs A. Crouch, of Belford, at the birth of a daughter to Mrs Crouch yesterday, and to Mr and Mrs Trevor Taylor, of Stanhope, with a son born to Mrs Taylor today. Both the mothers and their infants who are at Fairholme Maternity Hospital, are reported to be doing well.



Birth Notice for Rodney

Singleton Argus (NSW : 1880 - 1954), Friday 7 August 1953, page 4

Stanhope School Plans Dated 18.8.1877 Pender Collection UNC

John Wiltshire, Pender, 1833-1917 James Pritchard was the builder

<https://livinghistories.newcastle.edu.au/nodes/view/76180>

Stanhope Was One of the Earliest Schools

Stanhope had its first public school three years before Singleton and 13 years before Branxton.

The first Stanhope school was opened in 1850, and was located about a quarter mile from the present building. It was an old slab structure with a shingle roof.

A few years later an acre of land was given for school purposes by the D. S. Mitchell Estate, which owned a very large area of land in that district, and a school of slab and shingle was soon erected thereon.

This was on the site of the present building and it served for some 15 or 20 years until 1878 when it was replaced by a new weatherboard structure with shingle roof.

This third school was unfortunately completely destroyed by a bush fire which raged through the district in 1904.

A start was soon made in replacing the building, and in 1905 the present weatherboard school was opened, still on the site previously given by the D. S. Mitchell Estate.

There is no record of the dates of the appointments of the early teachers, but those who filled the position from 1850 onwards were: Mr. Rouff, Mr. Rockliffe, Mr. Bushell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. T. Monahan, Mr. Bartholomew Lynch, Mr. Joseph Lynch, Mr. T. Monahan (return appointment), Mr. F. Wilson, Mr. Richard Ryan, Mr. Hill, Miss Lydia Simmons, Mr. James Adams, Mr. Christian Kohlhoff, Mr. J. Bentley, Mrs. Hellyer, Miss E. Guest, Miss A. Curry, Miss Wales, Miss B. Taylor, Mr. James O'Brien, Mr. D. Edmonds, Mr. John Cox, Mr. F. McNamara.

In the early days Stanhope could boast of up to 70 children attending the school, but this number gradually dwindled as the years rolled by and fell off steeply after the departure of Mr. McNamara.

It was then proclaimed as a subsidised school, in 1944, and it is still operating on this basis.

The first subsidised teacher appointed was Miss Irene Bendich, and the following year, her sister, Miss Evelyn Bendich was appointed, and still fills the important position.

At the present time the attendance has grown to 15 pupils, and residents are agitating for the school to be raised from a subsidised basis to a full public school.

To celebrate the centenary of Education in N.S.W., a programme of children's sports events and a concert were held yesterday afternoon, and were followed at night by a dance. Over 100 invitations had been sent out to former pupils of the school and those who were able returned for the functions.

One of the oldest known pupils of Stanhope is Mrs. Brown, of Cessnock, who is 89 years. As a child, she lived at Elderslie, and with her brothers, the late Messrs. Edward and George Moore, walked the five miles to attend Stanhope school, which was the nearest one to her home.

Back Page Bits

PAULINE'S PONDERINGS

I wonder if they work wages out like the following theses days; it must have been 'Glad Tidings' for women in December 1919.

Merry Christmas Everyone

WOMEN'S WAGES Minimum 39/- Weekly

The Board of Trade on Tuesday fixed the minimum wage for women workers in the metropolitan area at 39/ weekly—an advance of 9/—to take effect from January 1. The inquiry into the subject extended over 17 sittings, and it was contended that provision should be made for the following items:—Board and residence, clothing, and boots fares, light and fuel, laundry necessaries, union, lodge, papers, correspondence, amusements, church, and charity, as well as for old-age insurance, marriage, an annual holiday, Christmas Day, and Good Friday, and dental attention. The President ruled that the provision for old age, an annual rest, and marriage were outside the functions of the board, whilst the Christmas Day and Good Friday holidays were matters for the Court of Industrial Arbitration.

On the other matters the board decided the following as the minimum cost of living for women workers—board and lodging, £1/1/ per week; clothing, boots, and toilet requisites, 10/6; miscellaneous (which includes allowances for tram fares, friendly society, union fee, church and charity, newspapers, stationery and stamps and amusements, as well as for laundry and dental attention), 7/6, making in all £1/19/ weekly.

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CHRISTMAS DUCKS

At the Police Court on Tuesday a young man named Rex Dixon, aged 22, was charged, before Messrs A. Simmons and J. W. B. Waterhouse, J.'s P. with having, on December 8, stolen 3 ducks, value £1, the property of Chas. Halter, John-street. Constable Clements who arrested accused, said he was pretty drunk at the time. Dixon first said he bought the ducks, and afterwards said he was in Halter's yard and found he had the ducks, but could remember nothing else. Evidence as to identification and the birds being seen in Dixon's possession having been given, accused pleaded guilty, and was fined £3, in default one month's hard labour. Two days were allowed for payment of the fine.

Singleton Argus (NSW : 1880 - 1954), Thursday 11 December 1919,

MIRIAM'S FIND

Where Did That Saying Come From

Getting Off Scot-Free

Sometimes people say this wrong because they think its "getting off scotch free.". The actual term is "getting off scot-free." What's a scot? A scot was a municipal tax in 12th-century England, it's basically the equivalent to modern tax. Hence, getting off scot-free meant getting away tax-free. The saying is quite an old one and found in Robert Green's publication 'Pandosoto' in 1588.

See <https://knowyourphrase.com>

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George Coyle was born in New Zealand in 1883. He was a builder at the time of finding the coins he lived at 73 York Street with his wife Clarence Virgo nee Clark/e 1879-1874. Clarence was born at Walgett to James Ayres Clark/e 1840 England -1911 Bulga and Mary Dawes 1848 Patrick Plains-1936 West Maitland. Her parents named their children after rivers, places and constellations; her siblings names were Barwon Venus, Texas Sirius and Hunter Horace. George and Clarence's son Errol James 1915-2005 married Gwendlyn Emily Jones 1917-1970 in 1942. Errol was a builder, a George Street service station proprietor and ran a Taxi Service from 73 York Street until it was purchased by Cecil Smith in 1948. George passed in 1967 LM

BY GOSH! BY GEE! BY GEORGE!

Census Taker: Good morning, madam, I'm taking the census."

Old Lady: The what?

Census Taker: The c-e-n-s-u-s!

Old Lady: For lans sakes! What with tramps takin' everyfin' they kin lay their han's on, young folks takin' fotygrafs of ye without so much as askin', an' impudent fellows comin' roun' as wants ter take yer senses, pretty soon there won't be nothin' left ter take, I'm thinkin

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