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WANDERINGS IN NSW

George Bennett 1834

About two p.m. we proceeded on our journey to visit Dabee, an estate, the property of our travelling companion, Mr. Edward Cox. The road we had to pass was not of the most agreeable description either for man or horse, having a descent into deep vallies, and a corresponding ascent up steep acclivities.

As day dawned we proceeded on our journey, and arrived at a place called Cherrytree Hill on one side of it there is a steep, almost perpendicular descent, which drays passing this road were formerly obliged to descend at great risk ; but it is now avoided by a lately discovered route, nearly three miles further round. By nine a.m. we passed a deserted station,

formerly called, and still known as Vincent's Station and by one p.m. arrived at Dabee, which is pleasantly situated near the Cudgegong River, which, I believe, empties itself into the Macquarie. The situation of this farm is picturesque, being nearly surrounded by high wooded and broken ranges of mountains. On approaching the house, several of the aborigines were seen encamped; we rode up to them, and found an assemblage of several, of different ages and sexes: the males were armed with spears, clubs, and the womera, or bomerang; this last is a peculiar weapon thrown by the hand, and possesses the apparent anomalous property of striking an object in the opposite direction from

that in which it is at first propelled.

This estate is used by Mr. Cox principally as a dairy-farm, and a quantity of cheeses are made upon it, about which some of the men were at this time employed. They had now sufficient milk to make four cheeses, and expected soon to increase to ten, daily. Mr. Cox informed me he has made four tons of cheese on this farm in one season, and expected, during the succeeding one, to make nine or ten tons. The price of this article of course varies at Sydney; but it has been sold at forty-six pounds the ton. Attached to the neat little habitation at this farm is a garden, which contains strawberries and gooseberry bushes in a

thriving condition, and was rendered gay by many of our European flowering plants in full bloom.

The day after our arrival, (22d,) I ranged about the farm, and was much pleased with its situation. To procure an extensive view, I ascended an elevated hill, distant about a mile from the house, and known by the name of Mount Brace. The view from it was extensive - Plains, (varied by wooded patches,) upon which herds of cattle grazed or reposed;—spots of cultivated land, green with the rising grain; and the Cudgegong River winding its course amidst the tranquil scene, produced, in the combination, a very pleasing landscape.

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Here There and Everywhere

Rylstone is still without the services of a medical man. This week no less than four patients have been compelled to go to Mudgee for treatment, and in one case a doctor had to be brought down. This is a serious state of affairs, and some steps to put an end to the existing state of things should be taken at once (Rylstone Express, 19 January 1900, p. 8)

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Mr J J Fryer, at one time teacher of the Pinnacle Swamp school, and until recently second assistant at Petersham, has been transferred to Newcastle superior public school. Our office imp, in communicating this item says he was a demon sprinter. In other respects Jack was voted a jolly good fellow (Western Express, 29 August 1907).

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The Royal Shipwreck Relief and Humane Society has awarded a silver medal and certificate to Master Eric Young, son of Mr. S. C. Young, teacher of the Lue public school, near Mudgee, New South Wales, for the bravery which the lad displayed a few months ago in rescuing four children from drowning in Lawson's Creek, while in high flood (Mercury, Monday 20 September 1909, p. 5)

The Kandos District Race Club will hold their next meeting on Saturday, December 13. There will be six events, and £75 prize money. Programmes are obtainable from the hon. Secretary, Mr H E Thomas, Kandos (Mudgee Guardian, December 1924).

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Some time ago Mrs Gaffney, of Lue, sustained severe injuries by a tree falling on her whilst she was travelling on one of the Rylstone Shire roads out Lue way. A large amount of correspondence has been going on between the parties interested, but apparently without result, for I learn that an action for damages against the local council is to be heard in Sydney on 1st Sept (Mudgee Guardian, 26 August 1909).

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At the wool sale last week the famous Dabee wool sold up to 48d, and the clip averaged somewhere about 40d a very fine price. Manager Gately is to be congratulated (Mudgee Guardian, December 1924).

It is said that when the warm weather revives its members at the Narrango Jockey Club are to have a picnic meeting. This should take well (Mudgee Guardian, 26 August 1909).

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All roads led to Bogie on Saturday, the occasion being a great day, and the opening ceremony should live long in the memory of every Bogieite. A huge crowd of people assembled. The sports were well contested and much rivalry was in evidence throughout. The dance at night was equally successful. The hall was taxed beyond its fair capacity. Sunday found many of the visitors stranded, owing to a stampede of horses over night, but all eventually found their way home satisfied at having had a good time (Mudgee Guardian, December 1924).

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They had a lively roll-up at Ginghi last Friday night, and word comes that it was a real night's merry-making until daylight (Western Express, 25 July 1907).

It signifies a good deal in favour of Mr Saxelby's management of Rylstone butter factory, when it is stated that Wollar farmers have been sending their cream to Rylstone. Mr Saxelby is next week, distributing a circular to persons interested in dairying. The manager's laboratory at the factory if so fitted up that persons in the dairying industry should pay a visit, when they, no doubt, would learn something to their advantage (Western Express, 29 August 1907).

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Norman Rowland, a youth, living at Crudine, while swimming in Crudine Creek, was bitten on an ankle by a snake. The reptile clung to his ankle, and had to be kicked off by Mr. P. McNicol, who was swimming with Rowland, and who rendered first-aid. The youth was rushed to Sofala, where he was admitted to the hospital (Sydney Morning Herald, 25 February 1932, p. 10)

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Bush fires of great extent are raging in this district, consequent upon the recent high winds. One fire at Vincent's Mountain has been raging during the past fortnight (Sydney Morning Herald, 4 September 1895, p. 3)

TRIP TO MUDGEE RYLSTONE DISTRICT

1898

Leaving Sydney by the Western mail on Thursday evening we reached the picturesque village of Lue about 6 o'clock the next morning. Lue with its prettily sounding name, is about 13 miles from Rylstone, and is an ideal place to spend a quiet holiday. Away from the bustle and worry of business, with nothing to disturb the quiet calm but the songs of beautiful birds, and surrounded by congenial company and all the luxuries that hospitality can suggest, one gets a new lease of life. Saturday, the 5th, we made a start for Mudgee, about 20 miles distant, but having occasion to call at the Lue Railway-station, a light diversion was caused by the horse, which was left standing outside the station, taking into its head to bolt, a circumstance unknown before, as being a thoroughly quiet animal, he had earned for himself the sobriquet of "Safety." After travelling over some rough country the phaeton was upset, and the horse got clear of the harness. With the exception of a broken rib for the vehicle, and a

good scare all round, including poor Safety, who found there was nothing in bolting after all, the damage was soon repaired, and the party went on their way to Mudgee again. The road from Lue to Mudgee is full of interest, as the route, which was before but trees and scrub for miles, is now all under cultivation, the beautiful wheat fields and lucerne paddocks looking their best at this season. There is very flat country all round Mudgee, and, a good view of the town can be obtained from any slight eminence. After an enjoyable day the return journey was made, Lue being reached in good time. On Wednesday, 9th, a visit was paid to the Rylstone Horticultural Show.

Here we met with many friends and spent a merry day. Some of the blooms shown were indeed beautiful. The roses and pelargoniums would compare favourably with any shown in Sydney. The table decorations came in for a lot of criticism, and made the judge's work hard, as each one was prettily decorated,

yet quite distinct from the other. I think the table decoration competition should find a place on the schedule of every show, as it is a pretty exhibit and one in which a good deal of interest is always taken. About 6 o'clock we bade our Rylstone friends adieu, and with a good horse and the reins in particularly capable hands, soon covered the 13 miles to Lue, well satisfied with the day's outing. During our stay we visited "Henbury," the pretty residence of Mr James Dawson, about three miles from Rylstone, from there on to "Carwell," the residence of Mr J Nevell, a very romantic spot nestling at the foot of the mountains. From "Henbury" some pretty views are obtained of the surrounding country, as the homestead is built on a high eminence, while Carwell would require an abler pen than mine to do it justice. Before leaving Lue a visit was made to Lue homestead, the residence of

Mr Vincent Dowling. Here we found shearing in full swing. After an instructive lesson in shearing, wool-classing, &c., a visit was made to the 'rosary.' Here we found some beautiful roses of up-to-date species, the display of flowers being worth going many miles to see. Surrounded by beautiful scenery and all kinds of lovely flowering shrubs in full bloom, and its deep latticed verandah, which looked as if a hot day was a thing unknown, all tended to make Lue an ideal home. After another day in Rylstone, visiting among friends, we turned faces homewards, with many grateful recollections of our kind host, and hostess, Mr and Mrs Young, who made our stay so enjoyable, and gave the feeling that life is worth living, if only to occasionally share the hospitality so characteristic of the Mudgee Rylstone-Lue folk.

-A.C.F. (Windsor and
Richmond Gazette,
26 November 1898,

Need help researching your family history or interested in local history? Then come along to the Rylstone & District Historical Society's Local & Family History Group which meets at the Cottage Museum on the last Sunday of every month 11 am – 3 pm. Wireless internet is available. Please bring along some family information, and, if possible, your laptop, to begin your family tree adventure at the RDHS.

STORMS IN THE RYLSTONE DISTRICT

1900

At Lue Homestead on Monday 360 points of rain fell in about 30 minutes. Fences were washed away, and crops, garden, and a large dam were destroyed. Mr Dowling estimates the damage in the immediate vicinity of the Homestead at £200.

The recent rains were very patchy throughout the district. Camboon estimates its fall at 7 inches.

Some portions of Bylong Valley received 7 to 8 inches fall, while at Growee up to Tuesday

morning, the fall had only reached about 25 points.

Mr W C Corliss JP, of Bandanora, near Capertee, was in town yesterday. He estimates the fall at Capertee at 3 inches.

The dam at Lue Station has withstood all attacks for about 18 years but Monday's storm made a cutting about 12 feet wide right through it.

On Wednesday the Camboon Lane, so a Camboon resident informs us, was flooded, a stream heavier than the

Cudgegong River rushing through it.

The storm near Lue on Monday must have been a waterspout. It cut a track from Lue township nearly to Tong Bong, carrying away all fences it met with in its onward course.

The thunder and lightning during the storm on Wednesday morning was terrific. Nothing to equal it can be remembered in Rylstone.

At Camboon the storm burst in all its fury, immense hailstones cutting the corn to ribbons. During the storm a tree near the residence of Mr D Riches was struck by lightning and smashed to pieces.

In January 1897, the local rainfall was 169 points; in January 1898, 558 points; in January 1899, 285 points; and so far for January, 1900, 403 points have been reported.

(Western Express, 12 January 1900, p. 9).

GLENGARRY TO STAND AT WARRANGEE

1907

THE PONY GLENGARRY, imported by Mr MacNaughton, Maclean, Clarence River, is a type of animal not to be found elsewhere in the colonies, and these animals are now, indeed, very rare in the old country. Glengarry was bred by the Duke of Athole, and was by his celebrated pony Glentilt. The breed, while generally known as Highland ponies, are better distinguished as the Mull ponies, and tradition, in this instance with good authority, asserts that the breed is

descended from animals which were saved from one of the vessels of the Spanish Armada wrecked on the island of Mull, in the West of Scotland. It is at any rate a fact that these ponies have been bred pure for many generations by noblemen in Scotland, and their descent is credited as we have stated. Glengarry is a dappled grey, his height being 14.2, and has the strength and substance to carry 20st. in the saddle ought to stand a ton trial in harness. His style when trotting is superb, and his knee

and ad hock action something to be remembered. It was no doubt his grand action as much as his good looks that secured for him his unbeaten record all over Scotland, for he has been awarded first place on every occasion he entered a show ring, and amongst his honour is our first at the show of the Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland held at Aberdeen, and the gold medal of the same society's show held at Edinburgh.

He preserves his symmetry well, and should give some grand cobs and roadsters to these districts.

Glengarry will travel the Rylstone district to be inspected by the public. So do not promise your mares until you see Glengarry. He has proved himself a sure foal getter. For particulars apply to the Manager,

WARRANGEE, Rylstone.

(Western Express, 25 July 1907)