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Martha Price and Robert Cooper Martin

Martha Price was born at Richmond on 8th February 1828 – daughter of William Price and Ann nee Cooper. William arrived in Australia on the *Ocean* in 1816. He was a convict but rose to the station of Gentleman. His wife, Ann Cooper was born in the Colony in January 1801. She was the daughter of Charles Cooper and Alse nee Davis who came to Australia with their eldest child, Sarah, on the *Barwell* in 1798. Charles was a convict and Alse free.

At the age of 18 years Martha married at the home of the minister, Matthew Adams at *Fairfield* to Robert Cooper Martin. He was the eldest son of Robert Martin Jr who came to Australia on the *Experiment* in 1804 and his wife Mary Elizabeth Merrick. Robert Martin Jr came free with his parents Robert Martin Sn and Mary nee Cooper. Mary Elizabeth Merrick was born in the Colony 14th March 1795. Her parents were convicts Edward Merrick (*Surprise* 1790) and Mary Elizabeth nee Russell (*Mary Ann* 1791). The couple married in Sydney on Christmas Eve 1791.

Robert Cooper Martin was born 17th November 1822 and died 2nd November 1884 following a fall from his horse. One leg was caught in the stirrup and he was dragged along. Martha died at Cobbora on 7th September 1913.

Both are buried in Cobbora Cemetery.



Martha Martin nee Price



Robert Cooper Martin in old age.



Robert Martin Jr

Robert Cooper Martin and his wife Martha commuted between Richmond and Cobbora. Family stories mention that Martha was referred to as *a carriage person*. That is she was not from the working classes!

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CHILDREN OF MARTHA & ROBERT COOPER MARTIN

HENRY COOPER MARTIN born 15th March 1848 at Cobbora. He was baptised at Cobbora by the Reverend HC Man and died there on 2nd December 1933 aged 85 years. On the 26th July 1893 Henry Cooper Martin married Martha Jane Jackson, daughter of John Jackson. Three children are known:

- Maude MC Martin 1894. She married Charles Lamb.
- Gladys AB Martin 1897. She married James Fox.
- Reuben Robert Cooper Martin 1899. He married May Farley on 12th May 1923. Reuben Robert Martin died 24th December 1966 at Cobbora. The couple had a number of children. Only the years of birth of a few of their children are known – they are Robert H 1925; Esther (not in family photographs?¹)1934 and John Leslie 1937. The other children are: Rita, Colin, Dawn, Marie, D'Arcy, Keith and Lorraine.



Above: May Farley and Reuben Robert Cooper Martin on the wedding day 12.5.1923.



May Martin with her children:
L-R Back Row, Marie Gorrie, Dawn O'Donnell, May (nee Farley) Martin, Lorraine Jones (and unidentified).
Bottom Row, L-R Keith Martin, D'Arcy Martin, Robert Martin, John Martin and Colin Martin.

¹ It may be that this child is in the photographs but known by her second name?

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The photograph above is of Reuben and May Martin's family in 1959 – taken at Gulgong. The back row shows Keith, Lorraine, John, Dawn, Robert and the front row – Rita, Colin, Dawn, Marie and D'Arcy. Seated are May and Reuben Martin.

ROBERT WILLIAM MARTIN 1850 Cobbora. He died 23rd July 1931 at Mendooran. He was 81 years of age. 19th January 1877 he married Rosetta Ann Taylor who was born 16th July 1856 and died 4th October 1923. She is buried in Cobbora Cemetery. Rosetta was the daughter of Thomas and Rosetta Ann (nee Cooper) Taylor. Rosetta Ann's mother, Rosetta Ann Cooper was born in London in 1822 – daughter of Thomas and Rosetta Cooper. Her father's occupation was brickmaker. The family came to Australia circa 1839. Rosetta Ann Cooper married John (also known as Thomas) Taylor at East Maitland 28th October 1839. Witnesses to the ceremony included the bride's sister, Alice Cooper. John and Rosetta Taylor had 14 children and Rosetta Ann died in 1865 at East Maitland Hospital about five weeks after the birth of her youngest child. She was 43 years of

age. The baby, a son, died about a month later. Both are buried in West Maitland Cemetery.

Rosetta (Rosanna according to her birth certificate) Ann Taylor was born at Maitland and was the eighth child of Rosetta and John Taylor. Robert William Martin and Rosetta Ann nee Taylor had eleven children: Robert William 28th November 1877 – married 28th March 1912 Rose Mabel Power; Martha 1st January 1879; Louisa 4th June 1880 – married Jack Robe 1904; Clara 7th December 1882 – married William Batholomew Bell 1906; Alfred 6th July 1885 – died 11th July 1963 Liverpool – married Myra Maisie Coleman 11th March 1911; Albert 11th August 1886 – married Nina Burkinshaw 1910; Herbert 22nd September 1888 – married Minnie A Friend 1912; Victoria Ann 6th December 1891 – married Edwin A Frazer 1913; Thomas Lockwood 29th September 1892 – 29th April 1977 at Gulgong – married France A Trollope 1927; Cecil Lloyd 1895; Jessie Mary 1899 (Wellington) – 28th December 1991 Coonamble – married Cecil Campton 1920. All the children were born at Cobbora.

CHILDREN OF ROBERT WILLIAM AND ROSETTA MARTIN.

Robert William Martin 28th November 1877 Cobbora. First child of Robert & Rosetta Martin

On 28th March 1912 at Gulgong he married Rose Mabel Power. He died 31st August 1935 at Cobbora. Rose was born 1st June 1889 at Cassilis and was the daughter of Eliza and Thomas Power. She died 10th August 1966. A descendent noted that Rose later

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formed a relationship with Frank Womsley. Rose Martin died 10th September 1966 and is buried in Dunedoo Cemetery. Rose's grandparents were Rose Walsh and James Power who were married on 16th April 1849 at Mt Pleasant chapel near Penrith. The religion was Roman Catholic and their place of abode at the time of marriage was Regentville. Their son Thomas – Rose's father – was born in Penrith in 1850. When he married Eliza Ann O'Malley (Rose's mother) at Uarbri in 1885 his occupation was given as farmer.

Robert William & Rose Martin had the following children:

- William Marsden Martin 23rd December 1912 – 16th January 1985. He is buried at Cobbora.
- John Robert Martin born 26th August 1914 at Cobbora. On 26th October 1936 he married Doris Kathleen Schmidke at Dunedoo. Doris was born at Cobbora on 10th September 1917 and died at Boggabri 15th January 1960. The couple had seven children;
 1. Barry John 17th March 1941. He married 9th September 1962 and had three children – Phillip John 9th March 1963 – married Leanne Howard 1st January 1963 – one child Rhani Lee 5th January 1989; Christopher Paul 21st October 1964 and Mark Anthony 9th May 1970.
 2. Robert William 27th May 1942 – married Lorraine Faye Morgan 1st April 1966 at Orange.
 3. Leslie Roy 5th September 1943. He married 9th October 1965 at Bathurst to Gloria Natalie Inwood. The couple had three

children: Karrene Maree 22nd January 1966; Ian Leslie 5th July 1973 and Dianne Lea 12th April 1975.

4. Lawrence James 1st May 1945. He married Patricia Helen Archer 23rd January 1976 at Forbes. They have two children Sharon Leigh 31st May 1976 and Tanya Michelle 6th January 1980.
5. Kathleen Mary 4th June 1946. She married Lance Arthur Austin 6th March 1966 at Bathurst. The couple have two children – Mark Anthon 31st December 1966 and Joanne 29th June 1970.
6. Sandra Marie 6th January 1951. She married Graeme Bruce Sargent 30th October 1970 at Bathurst. The couple have three children: Yvette Maree 30th August 1972; Darren Bruce 8th October 1977 and Troy Allan 31st October 1980.
7. Gregory Allan 17th May 1954. He was accidentally killed 26th April 1979 at Orange. On 26th January 1977 he married Delma Wheatly at Orange. The couple has one child, Julie Ann 16th February 1979.
8. Christine Sharon 6th February 1962.

• Eric Martin

Eric was born 20th March 1915. He remained a bachelor and died 29th January 1957. He formed a relationship with Ellen Jane Milsom who had in 1937 married Thomas Lancelot Thompson. Ellen Jane Milsom was born 27th August 1918 and died 12th June 1983. Her first child, Leslie Charles Thompson was born 22nd August 1937. Valda Thompson born

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21st September 1939. June Marie Martin born 5th January 1944 – married Alfred Sidery 4th April 1964; Michael John Lance Thompson 16.6.1952 – married 20.9.1980 Victoria Braithwaite 19.5.1956. (His father was Eric Martin but the couple had separated around the time of Michael's birth and Ellen Thompson decided to use this surname). Ellen married 1952 to Vince Sharrock and had two more sons, Robert Sharrock 22nd June 1957 and Colin Sharrock was born 4th April 1960.

- Stella Rosetta Martin
Stella Rosetta was born 29th September 1917. On 27th July 1935 she married Raymond McKenna. The couple had eleven children.

CHILDREN: McKENNA

1. John Thomas 23rd January 1936 – 20th January 1962.
2. Fay Ann 4th June 1938 – 3rd April 1941.
3. Clifford Raymond 15th September 1939 – 31st August 1940.
4. Eric Donald 2nd September 1941. He married Gloria Craigie – the couple had two children. Marie – married Steven Lee and Adam.
5. Terry Edward 21st November 1942.
6. Rae Stella Margaret 19th February 1947. She married Leonard Cox who died 10th September 1960. The couple had the following children – Diana, Donna who married and has at least two children – Jessie 8th December 1986 and another child that was due around August 1989. After the death of her first husband Rae married

Espedito Zammit and they have two children, Carol and Paul.

7. Robin Kezia 1st August 1948. She married David Fenner. The couple had three children. Julie 18th June 1966 – married Craig Elliot and has two children Mitchell 15th May 1989 and Kimberley 15th May 1989; David and Clifford.
8. Ruth Rozetta (twin) 1st August 1948. She married Laurie Nicholson. The couple have three children – Fay 1st June 1967, John 30th April 1969 and Desmond 24th April 1977/
9. Roma Rose 24th August 1948. She married Joseph Crockford. The couple have four children – Rosetta 4th June 1976; Carmen 26th September 1970; Bernadette 24th May 1974; Bradley 30th September 1980.
10. Marsden George (Manny) 10th August 1951.
11. Kay Lorraine 16th November 1953. She married Matthew Ballantyne and has three children. Raymond 27th February 1976; Eliesha 22nd June 1980 and Stella 7th January 1983.

* Jessie Louisa Martin

She was born 18th May 1919 and married 1. Athol Woods and 2 Llewellyn George Piper. Jessie had the following children:

Shirley Alice WOODS 18th January 1937 Binnaway. She married Darryle Steele. Their children are Sherril Louise who married Terry Henschil and had Kirsten Louise and twins Dean and Aaron. Michael Wayne Steele. He married Shirley Gallagher and had Matthew and

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Gregory. Gregory married Anita Stahn and had Benjamin and James.

William Athol WOODS 22nd December 1939 Urana. He married Lesley Dodds. Their children are William Allan; Vicki Louisa; Ross Anthony; Brian Llewellyn, Graham Bruce.

Veronica May WOODS 5th August 1941 Balgowla. She married Ronald Shaw and had three children, Stephen Mark; Anthony David and Jason.

Graham Bruce PIPER 12th December 1946 Tamworth. He married Claudia Lynette Hall and had two children, Corie Bruce and Tyna.

Sue-Ann PIPER 10th July 1948 Narrabri. She married Keith Edward Doring and had three children – Julie Anne Maree 13th September 1968; Deborah Louise 29th October 1968 and Jacqueline Kylie 27th December 1972. All the children were born at Wee Waa.

Llewellyn George PIPER 24th November 1949 Wee Waa. He married Eileen Stewart and had two children – Kellie Louise and Dean Llewellyn.

Pamela Louise PIPER 20th March 1953. She had one child, Anya Louellyn.

Carmel Anne PIPER 29th August 1954 Tamworth. She married Paul Roy Hanson and had two children – Shae Llewellyn and Joel Paul.

* Colin Alfred Martin
Colin Alfred Martin was born 21st April 1921 at Dunedoo. He married Irene Alice Milsom (or Milson) at Dunedoo on

28th February 1942. The couple had the following children:
Charles Alfred Martin 30th August 1942. He married Beverley Clemes 17th September 1966 at Tullamore. The couple had four children: Geoffrey Leonard 20th March 1968 Tullamore; Graeme Charles 15th February 1971 Mudgee; Matthew Alfred 30th April 1974 Sydney and Angela Sky 24th May 1974 Moree.

Colin John Martin 30th April 1944. He married 9th April 1966 at Binnaway to Heather Maree Urquhart. The couple had three children, Heather Ann 16th November 1967; Kellie Teresa 25th August 1970 and Carmel 22nd April 1973. All the children were born at Binnaway.

Patricia Irene Martin 4th September 1949. She married 21st February 1970 at Rylestone to Darral William Chapman. The couple had three children – Tanya Rose 25th June 1971 Rylestone; Justin Darral 1st July 1973 Muswellbrook and Peter William 6th July 1981 Musswelbrook.

Margaret Rose Martin 27th November 1946. She married 12th August 1967 at Binnaway to Edwin John Keen. The couple had three children, Michael John 19th December 1968 Coonabarabran; Colin Lesley 1st July 1970 Dunedoo and Damien James 17th April 1975 Coonabarabran.

Cyril Frederick Martin 3rd December 1947. He married 1st November 1969 at Kandos to Deanne Jean Sullivan. The couple had two children – Jason 7th October 1972 Mudgee and Jacqueline 7th May 1973 Mudgee.

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Robert Murray Martin 24th May 1949.
He married Jennifer Olive Hodge at
Sydney on 7th July 1972. The couple had
four children – Christine 10th February
1974 Mudgee; Alisha 9th February 1976
Mudgee; Fiona 9th September 1979
Sydney and Scott Robert Allen 15th July
1981 Sydney.

Frederick Albert Martin 23rd September
1950. He married Shirley McGrath 15th
January 1972 at Kandos. The couple
had one child, Paul 5th December 1976
Sydney.

Ann Wendy Martin (twin) 6th October
1951. She married Neil Elliott 9th
October 1971 at Binnaway and had
three children – Rachel Ann 2nd June
1974 Binnaway; Warren Graeme 29th
September 1981 Gunnedah and Douglas
Roy 7th June 1981 Tamworth.
Kenneth Martin 6th October 1951 – 7th
October 1951.

* Cyril Martin
Cyril Martin, brother of Eric – born 18th
January 1923 married Mavis Milsom,
sister of Ellen Milson who lived with Eric
Martin. The couple lived at Baraba
NSW.

* Owen Martin
Owen Martin was born 5th April 1928
and died 20th April 1982.

* Cecil Lloyd Martin
Cecil Lloyd Martin was born 11th
September 1929. He married Betty
Daphne Davis and had two children –
Cecil Dale who married and had two
children – Matthew Dale and Brent
Lloyd; Darryll Lloyd who had two
children, Sherree and Dane.

Martha Martin, second child of Robert William & Rosetta Martin.

Martha Martin was born 1st January
1879 at Cobbora and married 17th
March 1902 at Cobbora to Francis
Percival Weston. The couple had six
children;

Thelma Rosetta Weston circa 1902
Arthur Clyde Weston
Homie Clairine Weston 8th June 1908.
She married Hector Robinson.
Percival James Weston
Daisy Estelle Weston 22nd January 1916
William John Weston 31st March 1920.

Louisa Martin, third child of Robert William & Rosetta Martin

She was born 4th June 1880 at Cobbora
and married John (Jack) Robe.

Clara fourth child of Robert William and Rosetta Martin.

She was born 7th December 1882
Cobbora and married William
Bartholomew Bell. The couple had five
children;
Robert Reynolds Bell who married Esme
Buggy and had two children, Lorraine
and Robert.
Daphne Rose Bell married Edwin Shaw
and had two children, Laurence & Kevin.

William Henry Bell married Eunice
Wakefield and had six children –
Gordon, Barbara, Elaine, Karol, Annette,
Patricia.

Daisy Dorothy Bell married Charles
Thomas Hayes (deceased). The couple
had two children, Lyn and Glen.

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Alfred Martin fifth son of Robert William and Rosetta Martin

He was born 6th February 1885 at Cobbora. He married Myra Coleman. Myra Maisie Findlay Coleman was born 1st May 1889 at Prospect Reservoir. Her mother was Caroline Coleman who was 18 years of age at the time of her daughter's birth. Caroline Coleman was born at Yass.

Alfred's birth certificate notes that his father was born at Richmond and was 34 years of age. At the time of his birth his mother was 28 years of age and there were three females and one male living.

Alfred and Myra's marriage certificate dated 11th March 1911 at the Baptist Church at Canley Vale NSW notes that Alfred was a bachelor aged 26 years and occupation was Labourer Surry Hills Sydney. Myra was 21 years of age and her usual residence was Cabramatta.

Myra lived with her grandmother, Jemima Hall who married Charles Coleman and after his death William Whalan Money. The house that Alfred and Myra lived in at Cabramatta was bequeathed to Myra by her grandmother. (Information from Tom Ingram). Myra and Alfred are both buried in Liverpool Cemetery. Myra died in 1960 and Alfred in 1963. The couple had eight children.

Their children are:

William Herbert Charles Martin 1910.
He married 1943 to Gladys Tomlin.

Sylvia Martin born in 1912 Liverpool. She married twice. Her first marriage was in 1931 to Claude W Gyler and her second marriage to Rick Reeves. By the first marriage there were three children – Roy, Norman and John Gyler.

Ernest C Martin 1914 at Liverpool. He married Phyllis and had one son. Olive Ruth Rosita Martin 13th May 1915 Liverpool. She married 23rd May 1936 to Frederick Peter McNally who was born 10th November 1904 in Scotland. He died 24th May 1973 at Canley Vale NSW and Olive on 2nd November 1978 at Coffs Harbour.

The couple had five children. Helen Caroline McNally 12th September 1936. She married 26th February 1955 to Thomas George Ingram born 24th August 1937. The couple have four children, Kerry James 5th September 1955; Karen Narelle 10th February 1960-7th November 1977; Wayne Anthon 20th April 1963 and April Lee 1st April 1963. April Lee has one daughter, Haley Roxanne 1st April 1985.

Keith Frederick McNally 27th May 1939. He married 30th August 1963 to Beatrice Maud Ballangary born 31st August 1943. The couple have two children – Cheryl Lynn 22nd December 1961 and David Keith 21st March 1972. [NB Cheryl Lynn is the natural child of Beatrice and is adopted by Keith.]

Ernest William McNally 26th January 1943. He married first to Ella Cook and the couple had one child, Shane James. His second marriage on 4th March 1978 was to Valerie Tomlin and the couple have one child, Michael 13th December

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1970. Michael is the natural son of Valerie and has changed his name by deed poll to that of McNally.

John Samuel McNally 23rd July 1947. His first marriage was to Slawa Marynowskyj and the couple had two children, Lara Marita 25th February 1970 and Damien John Aaron 12th May 1973. His second marriage was to Sonya Lee Dubois born 2nd August 1958. The couple married 19th August 1978.

Brian Edward McNally 12th February 1951. He married 10th November 1974 to Sandra June Bailey who was born 17th August 1953. The couple have two children – Clair Lynette 27th December 1978 and Peter Edward 4th September 1981.

Maisie Doris Beatrice Martin 1917 Liverpool. She married 1937 to Russell Charles Spencer Gittoes (Wang) and the couple had four children – Barry (deceased), Myra (deceased), Alan and Raymond.

Alfred Vivian (*Tubby* or *Midge*) Martin. He married Joan Currie and the couple had two children, Vivian and Gregory.

Alan Martin married Myrtle Stone and had two children – Lynette and Russell.

Wallace Martin – married 9th March 1957 to Shirley Mary Arkle. The couple had two children, Jennifer Myra 9th November 1960 and Andrew Neale 1962.

In 1999 only Maisie and Alan are living.

Albert Martin sixth child of Robert William and Rosetta Martin.

He was born 11th August 1886 at Cobbora and married Myra Buckinshaw.

Herbert Martin seventh child of Robert William and Rosetta Martin.

He was born 2nd September 1888 Cobbora and married Minnie Friend.

Victoria Ann Martin eighth child of Robert William and Rosetta Martin.

She was born 6th December 1891 at Cobbora and married Edwin Frazer.

Thomas Lockwood Martin ninth child of Robert William and Rosetta Martin.

He was born 29th September 1895 at Cobbora and died at Gulgong 20th May 1976. He married Ada May Shearman eldest daughter of Theresa and Robert Shearman grazier of *Nellen-View* Goolma NSW. Ada May was born 20th September 1915 and died 15th August 1948. The couple had four children, Harold Robert Thomas Martin 26th November 1916; Cecil Lloyd Martin 7th January 1918; Noel Herbert Martin 12th May 1921 and Rosetta Ann Vaie Martin 24th January 1925.

Rosetta Ann Vaie Martin married 26th February 1949 to Milton Mark Honeysett. The couple have three children:

Dianne May Honeysett 3rd November 1949. She married John Parker and has one child, Nicole Elisabeth Parker 25th October 1974. Darryl Milton Honeysett 23rd July 1951. He married Barbara Knaggs and has twin girls, Liarna and Elissa Honeysett born 6th February 1985.

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Iann Mark Honeysett 3rd December 1957. He married 26th February 1991 to Leigh Stallard.

In a letter Rosetta Honeysett wrote – I have some memories my father Thomas passed on to me. He said, whilst his father Robert was away with his team, his mother Rosetta used to grow vegetables on the bank of the Talbragar River at Cobbora to keep the family fed and whilst she was gardening she used to tie the little children up so they wouldn't fall in the river whilst she worked in her garden.

Also he told me when his uncles Henry Cooper (Uncle Harry), Edward John (Uncle Ted) visited his father Robert William (my grandfather) when my Dad was young the men would be having a drink of rum whilst sitting around the fire and my father (Thomas) and his brothers used to keep asking for a taste of the rum and the uncles used to say, "Its only a waste giving rum to you kids to drink – just like feeding pigs on strawberries."...

Cecil Lloyd Martin tenth child of Robert William and Rosetta Martin

He was born 26th December 1895 at Cobbora and died 29th April 1997 at Gulgong. He married Frances Trollope and had two children, John who married Catherine Margaret and Jann who married David Walker.

Jessie Mary Martin eleventh child of Robert William and Rosetta Martin.

She was born in 1899 at Cobbora and in 1989 she was still living in a nursing

home in Cessnock. She married Cecil Campton. Their children are Robert Charles Campton 23rd October 1920. He married Dorothy Kessell and had two children, William 29th March 1947 and Margaret 17th May 1949.

William John Campton 15th July 1922. He married Linda Davis and had four children – Donald, Cecily, John and Linda.

Cecily Ray Campton 22nd January 1925. He married Betty Bailey and had four children, Lynette, Barry, Judith and Peter.

Keith James Campton 30th May 1927. He married Rose Hawkins and had Anthony, Wendy and Dixon.

Esther Betty Campton circa 1929. She married Walter Edgell (deceased) and had six children – Walter, Janelle, Kerry Cecil, Grahame, Cherie.
Esme Gladys Campton 2nd February 1937. She married Ralph Dockerty and had four children of whom only Julianne is living.

MARY ELIZABETH MARTIN born 7th May 1851. Her birth information notes that her father was a carrier of Cobbora. She died 13th June 1852 shortly before the birth of her sister who was named after her.

MARY ELIZABETH MARTIN 25th September 1852. She was known as Polly and died at Tallawang Road Gulgong on 9th September 1923. Mary married 20th April 1874 William Chandler who was a blacksmith by

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trade. The witnesses were her sister Caroline Ann Martin and John Nagle – the latter signed with an X. Mary Elizabeth and William owned land in their own rights. William later sold his to work full time at his trade. The couple had six children.

Louisa Chandler 7th June 1874. She married James Johnston and died in Sydney in 1900.

William Chandler August 1876 – 18th November 1907. William Chandler is buried in the Cobbora Cemetery and the cause of his death was a cancer on the brain. His concertina is now owned by Anne and Colin Chapman. *Doolie* Chapman, Colin's father continued to play the concertina and has been recorded by a group collecting folk history. William Chandler spent a lot of time with the family of Samuel and Edith Yeo (my grandparents – Edith was nee Chapman and his cousin) where he also played the piano. During his last illness Sam took scones (a favourite food) into the hospital for him. He did not marry.

Amelia Chandler 30th June 1879 – 26th June 1985 at Auburn. On 4th March 1908 at Surrey Hills she married Edward George Deans.

Ellen Chandler 13th April 1881. She was known as Nellie and died at Dubbo 29th June 1937. She married Thomas Carrett 25th April 1908. A daughter, Hazel Nellie Carrett was born in 1912 and married 23rd June 1931 to Harold Arthur Payne. She died 18th November 1982 at Redfern in Sydney. A daughter, Marjorie Isabel Payne was born 6th

December 1931. She married 6th July 1953 (Geurie) to Kenneth William White? Marjorie died 2nd July 1986 in Sydney. Mark Gregory White was born in Mudgee 20th June 1957 and he married 20th January 1984 to Lesley Ann Peate.

Florence Chandler 1885.

Janet Chandler 10th February 1888 – 20th April 1975 at Dubbo. She did not marry.

EDWARD JOHN MARTIN

He was born 23rd August 1854 at Richmond and baptised at St Peter's Richmond on 20th September 1854. On 22nd March 1881 he married Sophie Ann Chapman. His sister Caroline Ann Martin married Sophie's brother William Thomas Chapman on 19th June 1877.

Children:

* Edward John Martin 1883
He married Minnie Burns and had two children, Edward John and Joseph John.

* Amos H Martin 1885
He married Eily Bruce and had eight children – Roy, Alma, Dulcie, Dalrois, Merle, Betty, Lola and Beryl.

* Bertie Martin 1887
He died 7th August 1965. Bertie married Frances Hilda Bruce. The couple had five children:

Garnet Lindsay Martin 26th January 1916 – 10th October 1972. He married twice. His first wife was Melba Steele and

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second wife Dorothy Gibbet or Gilbert. Terry and Barbara Martin were born to the first marriage and Paul and Nola to the second. Nola married Phillip Atkins.

Bertie Douglas Martin circa 1920. He married Sadie Jones and had a son Garry who had two daughters by his first marriage. He married then to Fay Collins.

Audrey Joy Martin circa 1921. She married Harold Pincham and had two children, Sharon who married and had a daughter Kristen 17th October 1976 and Brett.

Harley Vance Martin 30th October 1923. He married Annie May Tindall and had four children: David who died 1951; Frances who married Currin and had a son Jamie 6th September 1976; Peter and Deborah.

Arnold Darrell Martin. He married twice. His first marriage was to Lorna Canham (divorced) and to Marie... Arnold Darrell Martin had two children – Denise who married John Case and had three children, Darren, Trevor and Lisa – and Diedrie.

* Kenneth C 7th March 1889. He died 20th June 1970 at Baradine. He married at Dunedoo on 26th February 1913 to Eliza Helene Jenkins. The couple had three children.

Eunice Martin who married Kevin Rice. They had two children, Gwen who married Griffiths and Valerie who married Norman Rees. The Rees Children are: Russell, Catherine and Angela.

Nita Martin who married Dick Bowerman. The couple had a son Bruce Bowerman who married Elizabeth West and has a son Peter born in 1978. They also have a daughter Lorraine.

Norman Martin. He married Charity Waters and has four children –

Ellen who married Victor PK Mottram – one son Kenneth 1964.

Alfred John married Dianne Winsor and has four children, Leanne, Roseanne, Geraldine and Jonothon.

Jacklyn married Allan Onpque (Williams). They have two children, Mitchell and Dea.

Bruce married Kay Brown. They have five children – Damien, Renee, Bruce, Kenneth and Aileen.

* Ivo Victor Martin 8th July 1892
He died 13th December 1969 and is buried in Gulgong. He married Lily Eliza May Jenkins at Dunedoo 26th February 1913. Lily Martin died 31st January 1979. Their children are:

PERCIVAL CLAUDE MARTIN 12th November 1913 – 31st October 1983
Currumbin Queensland. He married Adeline Ruth Pennyfather. The couple had the following children:

Patricia Leslie Martin 6th July 1948. She married Trevor Harris and the couple have four children: Jodi 25th July 1968; Peta 16th June 1971; Sara 29th March 1974 and Tia 23rd December 1975.

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Lynette Barbara Martin 1st December 1949. She married Anthony Voevodin and has five children, Anthony 3rd February 1970; Taras 11th April 1974; Damon 14th December 1976; Sasga 18th November 1979 and Tania 7th April 1981.

Rowland Kenneth Martin 19th June 1953 Bombala. Single.

Reginald Keith Martin 9th November 1954 Bombala. He married Rose Anderson and the couple have three children – Wayne 20th June 1975; Ian 4th October 1978 and Timothy 1st May 1984.

Gregory Ashton Martin 3rd February 1959 Bombala. He married Ellen Prichard. The couple have two children, Luke 15th January 1980 and Rebecca 19th February 1984.

LILLIAN ROSE MARTIN 2nd December 1915. She married Rowland Ernest Macbeth. The couple had five children. Neville Macbeth 18th October 1939. He married Gloria Morris and had two children – Susan Leigh Macbeth 24th May 1963 Townsville. She married Tony Blundsden. Joan Maree 20th September 1967 Perth. She married Darren Hansen and has one child, Jacqueline Kathleen Hanson 11th March 1989.

Geoffrey Neville Macbeth born and died 12th September 1941

Barry Macbeth 28th March 1947. He married Nila Bertalini and the couple have three children, Denise 28th December 1966. She married Rex Lillyman and has a child Kirsty born 19th

April 1988; Michael 16th June 1971 and Anthony 14th August 1980.

Joy Macbeth 17th March 1950. Her first husband was Keith Gower and her second, Steve Blacker. By her first marriage she had a daughter Helen Maree 29th June 1968. Helen married a man by the name of Bloom and has a daughter Brittany Roseanne 11th May 1989.

Robert Macbeth 4th July 1953. He married twice. His first wife was Wendy Williamson and his second Cynthia Lovell. By the second wife Robert had two children, Ross 23rd May 1984 and Matt 26th July 1985.

ERIC EDWARD MARTIN 20th July 1919 Coonamble. He married twice. His first wife was Joyce Ellen Mary Webb and his second, Gloria Phillis Raynor. Joyce was born 23rd March 1919 and Phillis 25th August. Eric Edward Martin had the following children:

Anthony Edward Martin 21st April 1940 – 19th December 1953 (cause of death – brain tumour).

Lawrence Victor Martin 28th May 1944 Mudgee. He married Carol O'Neil. The couple had three children, Wendy Louise 10th October 1969 Ferntree Gully; Anthony Lawrence 2nd October 1970 Ferntree Gully and Peter William 2nd October 1970 Ferntree Gully.

June Leslie Martin 2nd June 1946. She married twice. The first marriage 2^{3rd} February 1963 Mudgee to Herbert George Schwebel and the second in

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1988 to George Cox. Schewbel children –

Michele Schwebel 24th July 1963. She married 1st January 1983 to Albert Hadju and had two children, Justin Edward 30th May 1980 Wollongong and Jessica 28th August 1986 Wollongong.

Darren Jamie Schwebel 24th July 1970 Port Kembla.

Kay Martin (daughter from second marriage) 8th February 1955. She married three times. The first to Trevor Hanson – second to Steve Downey and third in 1989 to Geoffrey William Matthews. Two children born to the first marriage – Keith Edward Hanson 31st May 1971 (surname later changed to Downey) and Tamika Kay Hanson. Amanda Jane Downey 19th May 1978 and Timothy Matthews 1990.

Jan Martin 11th November 1979. Jan had a daughter, Kylie Ann 18th April 1979 – father Tony McDonald.

Ralph Martin 9th June 1960. He married at Shell Harbour in 1986 to Kerry Ann Christenson. The couple had one child, Rachel Lee 21st February 1988.

DOROTHY EDITH MARTIN 2nd June 1923 Mudgee. She married Bertrand Adshead. The couple had four children:

Bertrand John Adshead 12th November 1943. He married Judith Shand on 1st April 1967. The couple had three children, Jane 9th October 1970-9th July 1971; Maree 30th September 1972 Brisbane; Julie 5th January 1975 Brisbane.

Robyn Adshead 2nd October 1945 Gulgong. She married twice – her first husband Peter Cruise and second husband Dudley Griffiths. Robyn had two children both of whom changed their names to Cruise – Leanda 21st January 1971 and Leon 3rd December 1973.

Christopher Adshead 1st July 1953 Brisbane. He married twice – the first to Margaret Grant and the second to Carmel Mercer. Christopher 22nd January 1972 and by the second marriage Kimberley Louise 7th July 1984 and Anthony Robert 21st November 1986.

Gaye Adshead 1st July 1953 Brisbane. She married Daniel Joyeau-Bourgeois. HECTOR MARTIN 30th June 1928 – 2nd July 1928.

* Cecil A Martin 1895
He married Annie
(First child – details missing)

Paul Martin married Irene and had five children – Karen who married Robert and has one child Jessica; Delsia, Sonya, Christopher and Scott.

Maureen Martin married James McBurney Quinn. Three children, James, Phillip and Martin.

Colleen Martin.

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CAROLINE ANN MARTIN

30th August 1857-16th March 1945 at
Dunedoo. She married William
Thomas Chapman 19th June 1877.



Above Caroline Ann (Carrie) Martin
Caroline Ann Martin is my great
grandmother. Background to Chapman
Family and the life of Caroline and her
children.

THE CHAPMAN FAMILY

William Thomas Chapman, husband of
Caroline Martin was the son of Thomas
Chapman and his wife Hannah (nee
Garbutt). Thomas Jr came to Australia
in 1839 with his parents, Thomas
Chapman Sn, mother Mary Ann (nee
Clout) and siblings, Sarah born 1829,
John born 1831 and Elizabeth born
1833. Thomas was born in Benenden
Kent 16th August 1835. He died Mudjee
Hospital on 8th August 1890 – the result
of an accident at Guntawong when the
wheel of his dray ran over him. He is
buried in Mudjee Cemetery Section C
Plot 103.

Thomas Chapman worked for a time for
Joseph Onus at Windsor. Reference to
this work is to be found in Alf Smith's

*Some Ups and Downs of an Old
Richmondite in the Windsor Richmond
Gazette dated 25th March 1910 –
Windsor Street...But coming back to the
old place in Windsor Street where
McGuinnity lived. After he left a man
named Thomas Chapman lived there.
He worked for Mr Joseph Onus. He went
to Guntawong, and lived for a long time
with the Rouses. He met his death while
driving a wagon.*



Above: Hannah Chapman – photograph
probably taken at the wedding of her
son William Thomas Chapman.

Hannah Chapman was a widow when
she married Thomas Chapman. Nothing
is known of her first husband who had
the surname of Watts. She was born at
Clarendon 3rd May 1852, second child of
William Garbutt and his wife, also a
widow at the time she married him –
Elizabeth Callicot nee Cattin alias Cattell.

Elizabeth Garbutt had a child by her first
husband – Mary Ann Callicot who
married David William Dunscomb, son
of the coroner.

William Garbutt and his wife were both
convicts assigned to William Cox of

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Clarendon. *The Warwick Advertiser* 25th August 1821 has an account of Elizabeth Cattin alias Cattell's trial. It reads as follows:

Elizabeth Cattin, otherwise Cattell, was tried for stealing in the dwelling house of Richard Woodyatt, saddler of this Borough, a silk shawl, a gown, and a cotton shawl, his property, and a pair of shoes belonging to William Shaw – Richard Woodyatt said, the prisoner came to live with him soon after Michaelmas (September) and stopped about ten days. In the night of the 4th of November the prisoner got up and left the house; and in the morning they missed the things. He saw the prisoner again on the morning 26th May at her mother's house at Knowle. He went up the stairs to the prisoner, when she cried and she said she hoped he would be as favourable to her as he could; he did not make her any promises if she would confess. Witness asked the prisoner what she had done with the silk shawl. The prisoner replied she had cut it though and given the two parts to two poor children in London. Witness asked her what had become of the other things? She answered it was no use to say anything about them, as they could not be got back again – William Glover, constable of Knowle, deposed to the same effect, with regard to the account the prisoner gave of the things that had been stolen from Mr Woodyatt's – The prisoner wished Mr Woodyatt to be asked whether he saw anything dishonest by her accepting this? He said, he never did. GUILTY – His Lordship told the prisoner that she had been convicted of this robbery on the clearest evidence. Her offence was very

much aggravated by her betraying and robbing her master, whose property she was bound by every duty to protect. If masters could not trust and repose confidence in their servants, there was scarcely anything in this life worth living for. You have, concluded his lordship been imprisoned 12 months in the House of Correction for another offense. You are a very bad character; and the sentence of the Court is that you be transported for a term of seven years.

The prison indent describes Elizabeth Cattin alias Cattell as a servant, aged 27 years, five feet one and quarter inches tall, fair skinned, brown hair and hazel eyes. She arrived in NSW via Hobart on the Mary Ann 3.

William Garbutt's gaol entry describes him as 22 years of age, born in the parish of Glazely, Shropshire, a labourer, condemned and reprieved. *Charged upon the oath of Thomas Taylor of Neeton on a violent suspicion of having on the 14th day of September 1819 feloniously broken into the dwelling house of the said Thomas Taylor in the day time, no person being therein and feloniously stole there from one feather bed and bolster, one pair of blankets, one pair of sheets, one coat, one waistcoat, one pair of leather breeches, and two cloths, the property of the said Thomas Taylor; committed until the next Assizes and general Goal Delivery, the 4th day of October 1819 by Richard Baker Esquire.*

Another document noted that William Garbutt was also a horse thief. He sailed from England 28th July 1820 on the *Maria* and arrived at Sydney via

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Hobart 30th December 1820. He was assigned to William Cox at Mulgoa 14th May 1823. By the time of the 1828 Census he was at Cox's place at Clarendon. On 23rd March 1829 he married with the permission of the Governor to Elizabeth Callicot (widow). Witnesses to their marriage were John Freebody and Joseph Collins. Their first child, George, was born a few months later.

William did get into the papers – *The Windsor Richmond Gazette* 21st December 1843 – *William Garbet who has for some time under examination of being the party who fired Mr Hughes' stacks [hay stacks at Clarendon] was discharged on Tuesday there not being sufficient evidence to warrant his committal.*

April 30th 1910 *Reminiscences of Alf Smith...Mr William Garbutt lived around Richmond for many years. He was a government man for years to Mr Cox who died at "Fairfield" Windsor. Garbutt was the first man to drive a wagon over the Blue Mounts Road. He was a big man. I knew his son George and his daughter Hannah. She married Thomas Chapman, who afterwards was killed off a wagon somewhere about Guntawong, while in the employ of the Rouses.*

Thomas Chapman and Hannah (nee Garbutt) married 4th February 1956 at Box Hill. Thomas and Hannah had eight children and in their later years lived at Cobbora.

Their children are:-

William Thomas Chapman 4th October 1856 Richmond. He married at St Luke's Gulgong 19th June 1877 to Caroline Ann Martin.

Sophia Ann Chapman 1859 Richmond. She married in St Luke's Gulgong 22nd March 1881 to Edward John Martin (Caroline's brother). The witnesses were Thomas Martin and Hannah Chapman.

Mary Ann Chapman 17th October 1862 Richmond. She married in 1881 to Frederick Ferguson. She was still alive in August 1934.

Georgina Chapman 23rd July 1865 Richmond. She was baptised at St Peter's C/E Richmond and her father's occupation was servant. Georgina married 1885 to John Newton and she died 29th August 1934.

Alice Australia Chapman 2nd February 1868 and baptised at St Peter's Richmond. He father's occupation was servant. Alice Australia married in 1912 to widower Thomas Large. Mary Ann Large died 18th June 1957 at the War Memorial Hospital in Dunedoo and was buried on 20th June 1957 at Cobbora Cemetery. In later life her sister Sophia Ann Martin moved in with Mary Ann and Thomas Large. The couple did not have children.

Amos Chapman 13th September 1870 and baptised at St Peter's Richmond. His father still had the occupation of servant. He married 6th January 1896 at the home of John William Tucklan to Fanny Roubina Williams. He died 12th

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November 1934 of cardiac failure and is buried in the Cobbora Cemetery.

Clarence George Chapman 1873
Richmond. Clarence did marry but to whom is not known nor the whereabouts of Clarence.

David Edward Chapman 1877. He married a lady by the name of Eva and died 5th December 1952 at Camperdown.

COBBORA AND DUNEDOO AREAS HOME OF THE CHAPMAN AND GARBUIT FAMILIES. 1870S and onwards.

Hannah and Thomas Chapman and his in-laws William and Elizabeth Garbutt lived at Cobbora. They came to the area probably around the 1870s. The Martin family had been in the district from the late 1820s and finally officially received their land grant at Cobbora in the late 1830s.

Hannah and Thomas Chapman lived in a cottage near the post office and on the Sabbath prior to going to church the family used to meet at her home.

William Thomas Chapman bought a property called *Blackheath* that was near the property *Cobbora* owned by the Martin family. In 1910 William Thomas Chapman and his wife Caroline Ann bought the produce store in Dunedoo.

Cobbora & Dunedoo

Cobbora may have been named after the property granted to Robert Martin Senior in the 1830s. Family stories suggest that the land may have been occupied by the Rouse family prior to the official grant to the Martins. The land did go back to the Rouse family following the death of John Harden Martin, son of Robert Martin Jr.²

Information about Cobbora is found in a number of sources –

The Coolah Shire Information Book states:-

COBBORA

In the 1860s Cobbora was a post town on the Mudgee Mendooran and Denison Town Roads. Communication was by horse and dray to Mudgee and thence by Cobb's Coach to Penrith and then by Rail. Hotels were The Traveller's Rest (Martins) and the Welcome Inn (Blakemore's).

A police station was first established in 1885. Fourteen years later it became a two man station. Although closed in 1933 it is still well preserved and serving as a private residence. Cobbora was proclaimed a town on 20th March 1885.

A guide written by the postmaster in 1829 has an earlier reference to Cobbora.

Road to Mudgee and Pandora's Pass...Reach the Talbragar River at

² See the Martin Chapter for historical details about the Martin land *Around the Black Stump* by Roy Cameron.

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Uarbri, Fitzgerald's Farm. The land on this river is celebrated for its rich pasturage. Higher up the river are Nandowry Plains; and near its source is Doolaginmulla, Major Druit's grant. From Doolaginmulla there is a track south-east, leading to Krui Plains, Bilon etc. This track follows the course of the stream called Munmurra on which Mr A Busby has a grant. Lower down the river Talbragar are Cockabutta, where Eyre and Bowman have grants; Murrotherea and Yuckabutta; and at the junction of the stream that flows through the valley of Coolahburrangundi are Harrison's Plains where Mr Lawson has a large purchase, and Mr Chambers a grant, further still, are grants to Lowe, Junior, and Martin at a place called Cobra.

THE STORY THAT TELLS OF THE LOSS OF THE MARTIN LAND AT COBBORA AND RICHMOND³

Robert Martin Senior arrived with his son Robert Jr and wife Mary nee Cooper on the *Experiment* in 1804.⁴ They received a grant of land at Richmond and later at Cobbora. His will and that of his son Robert Jr left the land to their families and the wills were written in such a way to suggest that the family lands were to remain family lands.

Robert Martin Jr and his wife Mary Elizabeth nee Merrick had three

surviving adult sons – Robert Cooper Martin, William Martin and John Harden Martin. Robert Cooper Martin married Martha Price and moved to Cobbora. His brother William who ran the *Traveller's Rest* predeceased him. William died from diphtheria and his body was taken back from Cobbora to Richmond for burial. What became of his wife is not known. There were no children.

The next to die was Robert Cooper Martin. The family lands then moved into the hands of John Harden Martin, bachelor. The family story states that when John Harden Martin was dying one of the Rouse family sat on the front verandah and would not let the women in to see their dying relative. The women cried but could do nothing. John Harden Martin's will follows:

This is the last Will and Testament of me, John Harden Martin, Coberah, in the colony of New South Wales, Labourer. By the virtue and exercise of the power and authority given to or vested in me by will of my grandfather, Robert Martin the Elder, I appoint, give and devise unto George Rouse of Beaudesert near Mudgee in the colony of New South Wales, Esquire, all my individual and majority or equal half part share of one thousand two hundred and eight acres of land at Coberah in the said colony granted by the Crown to my said grandfather Robert Martin the Elder, by grant dated 30th day September one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine and in pursuance of the said power I also appoint give and devise to the said George Rouse all my individual moiety or eaula half part of share of one

³ It should be remembered of course that the land owned by Europeans belonged to the Aboriginal people.

⁴ Caroline who was a baby when the family left England did not arrive in NSW. Another daughter, Martha, who was 15 years old at the time of the first departure – the ship had to put back to Cowes for repairs after a storm – did not come to Australia.

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hundred acres of land known as Martin Farm situated in Richmond in the said colony devised to me by my late grandfather in my favour by his will dated thirtieth June one thousand eight hundred and forty three and then in the occupation of Thomas Simons, Thomas Eather and William Magic to hold to the said George Rouse, his heirs and Assigns for ever and I appoint the said George Rouse sole executor of this my will.

I revoke all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fourth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight.

JH Martin

Signed by the testator John Harden Martin as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us present and at the same time who at his request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses.

JA Tudor

John Pickman.

18th October 1881 by petition, probate of the last will and testament of John Harden Martin late of Coberah, New South Wales, labourer, deceased, was granted to George Rouse, sole executor. Testator died 10th September 1881. Goods sworn under One thousand four hundred and eighty five pounds.

DUNEDOO

The description of Dunedoo in the Coolah Shire information book –

Early information shows that Dunedoo district was first surveyed by Surveyor

Lewis in 1832 and almost immediately afterwards land was taken up by the early settlers. Among the first settlers were the Lowe family whose original 1280 acres was named Bolaro and the New family holding totaled approximately 3,500 acres situated on the western side of the Talbragar River. Bolaro was bounded by the Lawson family property up river and the Martin family property Cobbora, downstream... A series of articles written in 1933 in The Dunedoo Chronicle expands on this information about the early years of the district and include reference to William Thomas Chapman, husband of Caroline Ann nee Martin.

DUNEDOO OF THE PAST THE EARLY DAYS DUNEDOO DISTRICT UNRECORDED HAPPENINGS

*By AR Dawson
Part 1*

The early history of Dunedoo and district is full of interesting events that so far as I know have never been accorded the notice that they deserve. Many an incident would adorn a story full of human interest will never be paid for the benefit of the present generation because they passed away with the chief characters when their life's work was finished and they crossed over to "that bourne whence no traveller returns."

But we are still privileged to listen to the stirring tales of long ago from the few original settlers who remain. In this case and subsequent articles I propose to set down the events of outstanding merit that happened many years ago which

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will be of interest to our numerous readers and which will give an idea of how the early settlers lived. For the greater part of these reminiscences I am indebted to Mr Albert Leeson of "Anglewood" still hale and hearty despite his 76 years, and Mr A W Lowe of "Warringa" Pine Ridge. These men were boys in the days of blackfellows, wild horses, bushrangers, wool teams and bark huts. Youth and the attainment of man's estate found them still within a mile or two of the Talbragar and, now that their hair is white and their step not so firm as of yore, they can recount with dependable accuracy, the things that happened way back in the sixties and enjoy life with as much zest as do young people.

The great changes that have come about in the past 30 years have brought in transformation such as they in their wildest boyhood dreams never thought possible of achievement in their life time. But motor cars and radio picture shows and all the rest of the present day....[unreadable] are things the oldtimers never cottoned on to properly. For like the words of the old song, "they can't forget the days when they were young," and they would sooner have a good horse and sulky to ride in than the latest model car.

Mr Leeson was born at Capetee during the Christmas week in 1885 and was a toddler when he first saw the Valley of the Talbragar when his parents shifted to Coolah, then a small collection of bark huts. Later on when the Squire of Anglewood was a small boy his parents shifted to Denison Town, then the most important centre west of Mudgee, and

after a few years they moved to Talbragar. Of Denison Town there remains the two old pubs relics of its former greatness. As they stare at each other across the intervening few yards of metal roadway they look so pathetic that they appear to have buried all the old hatred they felt for each other when their shingles showed the red tinge of new ironbark. They were rivals then, but the years have mellowed their outlook till they appear to be sympathizing with one another and ruminating on their past grandeur. For they are substantial houses yet and tenanted, so what they have been and how proudly they must have displayed their white fronts in the flush of youth.

But it is a different story we have to tell of Talbragar. As you pass along the road to Gulgong well might we notice where the road turns lightly opposite Birriwa homestead with a few scattered stone on the left. Growing nearby are a couple of shade trees that were evidently planted there. They are the only things that remain of what was once the little roadside settlement known at Talbragar. The stone were part of the chimney of the old pub that, if not the original of Lawson's shanty, was indeed its counterpart. The teamsters used to stay there and the flats stretched away to the river. It is not hard to visualize the teamsters drying their wet clothes before the fire, which

*"Roared upon a fireside of good old fashioned size,
While the rain came down the chimney of the shanty on the rise."*

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The old pub was kept by Tom New, who later was landlord of the Old Redbank Hotel, which stood close to the old site of Dunedoo, on property now owned by Mr Eric Johnston. Tom New was the father of George New of Martindale who most of us remember as a well-known figure around Dunedoo up to the time of his death in 1921. Staying with Tom New when he kept the old Talbragar Inn was his father. "A remarkable old man," says Mr Leeson. "Old Corney New everybody called him. He was the most active man for his years I ever knew." They later lived in the old Bolaro Homestead that was on the rise near the Union Church, while the Redbank Hotel was being built.

The present owners of Martindale, Tom and Alan New, can claim a unique record, insomuch as they are the fourth generation of the family to live in this district. The outstanding events in the sporting calendar in the olden days were the Redbank races. Mr Leeson recalls an incident which has especial interest.

I was at the races one day, he says, when I saw a young fellow on a flighty horse. Who's the young fellow? I said to someone standing alongside me. That's a young cove named Charlie Nott, not long out from the Old Country, I was told. I was about 12 at the time and Charlie Nott would be then about 16. The writer always thought of Charlie Nott of Oakfield was our oldest resident, but the above shows that Mr Leeson was an old hand by the time of Mr Nott's arrival at Bolaro. Mr Nott, is however, a few years older, and is, moreover, the oldest man in the district. He is also the most active of all. It is

nothing to see him riding a young horse about now, and, if he has any stock to bring to the sales, he doesn't worry about drovers. "There's nothing like hard work" is his motto. Hard work, he says never hurt anyone yet.

Reverting to the races we find still another old hand, Mr Tom Chapman then a boy about the same age as Mr Leeson, was the champion jockey at the meeting.

"On the day I first saw Charlie Nott," said Mr Leeson, "Tom Chapman rode nearly every winner." The races used to be held on the black plain which is now part of Anglewood, but it was a good course, especially in wet weather, so they made another track further up on what is now Mrs Sheridan's farm. There was no charge made when the races were held on the plain, but when they shifted the course someone had a brain wave and decided and decided to charge a shilling to go in. Now this was something which the old timers would not stand at all. Talk about interference with the liberty of subject. It was all that they reckoned and a bit more besides. A council of action was hastily summoned. What to be done about it? Up comes old Mr Hercum with a spirited horse in his cart. When he heard about a charge being made he decided to do a bit of charging himself. Whipping the horse into a gallop he headed straight at the gateway where stood the dauntless two (gatekeepers). Whoa! Whoa! They shouted waving their arms about to stop the oncoming horse and cart. But they saw that the old man meant business and discreetly jumped aside to let him pass. Once inside he shouted out,

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"Where's the Committee? Look here you fellows here's a fiver. Us blokes as have horses here today will supply all the money you want for prizes. Now let all those people in for nothing and don't start your tricks here again asking people to pay to go in."

That was the only time there was any mention of paying to go to the Redbank Races. The old Redbank Pub passed out when the bullock teams disappeared off the roads and it was empty and used only occasionally as boundary riders' residence until 1908 when it went up in smoke.

PART 2

In last week's Guardian I touched upon Denison Town and the rival it's name derived from the Talbragar name of Talbragar. The latter derived it's name from the Talbragar Inn, which stood right up to the roadway.

My mother kept a little store there, said Mr Leeson. It was as far as I know, the only store this side of Mudgee. Neither Denison Town nor Coolah had a store then. People used to buy their supplies in quantities and get enough of everything in the way of food and clothing to do them for 12 months. Father had a team on the road, and if he was returning empty though Mudgee on from Singleton he would bring a few odds and ends to stock up the shop. The teams used to travel together and it was a fine sight to see four or five bullock teams following behind the other along the road. The reason for travelling together was in case the roads were boggy and they could help each other over the bad patches.

OLDEN TRADERS

Alongside our place at Talbragar was a waterhole where the teams used to camp, and which was always known as Leeson's waterhole. Father would be away for months on end sometimes with the team. The loading would be from out near Coonamble to Wallerwang or Singleton. If stores were few and far between there was always one tradesman always to be found in every little settlement. He was the blacksmith. There used to be two blacksmiths at Denison Town.

A pub would always be the first to do up, and the rest just grew around it. Despite all the facilities for drinking there were less drunks than you see about to-day. A few hardened drinkers from all the stations would spend all the year's savings in a few days, but they were the exception. Most young men were careful with their money. They didn't have much, and they generally knew how to look after it.

More than anything else the roadside pubs and shanties catered for the teamsters and travellers. He was a flash man who had a horse and cart.

THE CART AND HORSE

The old hands would keep the cart under shelter when not in use, and believe me, when they drove out with the wife and family they felt as proud as a present day millionaire is of his 1933 Rolls-Royce. And they would whiz past the lumbering bullock drays just like the cars fly past the sulkies to-day. Oh, yes. You were somebody years ago if you had a horse and cart.

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Mr Leeson's first recollections were of helping his brother to shepherd a big mob of horses on the river flats near Denison Town. The name of the settlement was bestowed in memory of a former Governor of the Colony, by the way. That shows what they thought of the place in the early days. There was only one pub then kept by Mr McCubben, and is the house where Mr Beavis Denman lives now. The other pub was built by Mr Latimer some years later. What a wonderful time the shearers and the teamsters must have had! They had only to walk out of one bar across the roadway and walk into another. Bush fun if you like.

BUSHRANGERS

There was an article in the Guardian not long ago where-in it was stated that the nearest police station to Mudgee in the early sixties was at Mendooran – or Mundooran, as it was then called. Mr Leeson begs me to correct this statement. And I'll tell you why I know, he said. There was a couple of bushrangers on the road, and one night they came to McCubbin's pub at Denison Town. Tom auld used to work at the pub, and his wife was cook. Auld, who was grandfather to the Aulds of Cainbil Creek was a powerfully built man and when the bushrangers came in and demanded money and grog he took to them, although he was unarmed and they both carried pistols. Another man came to Auld's assistance, and there was a blackfellow there, too, on whom they thought they could rely to give them a hand. While they were struggling on the floor Auld sand out to the blackfellow to take the pistols from the bushrangers. But the nigger's nerve

gave way and he turned and ran instead. He was in such a hurry to get away that he jumped right through the window smashing the glass as he went. The story goes that he never stopped till he reached the river and the broken sash was still around his neck. Meanwhile the bushranger had got the upper hand of the brave defenders and gaining possession of their pistols they shot Tom Auld in the mouth and his companion in the muscle of his arm. They were alarmed because they thought the blackfellow had gone for assistance, and stayed just long enough to grab two bottles of brandy from the shelves. As they passed out of the bar they fired two shots, which landed amongst the bottles. It was because of this visitation that the residents appealed for police protection, and got it. A sergeant named Booth was in charge of the station, and he had a mounted police constable to assist him. Their sleeping quarters were in the attic of the hotel.

KAIGAN MURDER

To prove there were no police at Mundooran at this time Mr Leeson described the arrival at Denison Town one day of a man from Kaigan Station on the Castlereagh. A murder had been committed at Kaigan, and the station hand had galloped the horse forty miles over rough roads to report it.

"I was there when he arrived," said Mr Leeson, "and I have never before or since seen a horse so absolutely dead beat. The sweat was just pouring off the poor brute which hung its head and was almost too exhausted to be led to the stables. The sergeant and mounted constable left straight away and arrived back with their prisoner the next day

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and took him on to Mudgee, where he was subsequently hanged."

The following account of the murder is given me by Mr Leeson, and this is as far as I can gather, the first time it has appeared in print.

Kaigan was owned by a Mr Brown, who had a book keeper who used to supplement his wages by making clothes, being a tailor by trade. Tailors were scarce in those days, and any man who could turn his hand to the trade was sure of getting plenty to do in his spare time. One of the station hands, a shepherd named Whitfield, had given the tailor a piece of cloth to make a pair of trousers for him. When the garments were made Whitfield complained that the tailor had used more material than he should have. Whitfield was a big man and the tailor was a weakling. A quarrel ensued and Whitfield in a rage of temper seized a pair of shears and chased the tailor threatening to kill him. The terrified little man ran to Mr Brown's office, but there was no one there. Whitfield caught the tailor and plunged the shears into his side. Strangely enough the murderer did not take to the bush as most murderers did in the olden days. He had killed an inoffensive tailor in a burst of rage, but history does not record whether or not he was sorry for what he had done. He went about his everyday affairs until the police arrived and escorted him away. If there had been a police station at Mundooran, there would have been no need for the man who brought the news of the tragedy to ride through to Denison Town.

Mr AW Lowe of Warringah is a mine of information concerning old times. Her is nearing three score years and ten mark, and, like most district natives can still do a day's work with the best of 'em. He is a native of Mudgee also, and his father, who died in 1931, was a native of Mudgee also Mr Lowe remembers the old church being erected in Denison Town. It was erected in the early '70s and cost 300 pounds. Mr Lowe has in his possession a gun with which his grandfather shot a bushranger. It is a story that would "break big" in every newspaper of the land if it happened these days, and no doubt it was a headliner even in the 60s when bushrangers were common enough.

SHOT A ROBBER

Mr Blackman of Mudgee had a lot of country out Dunedoo way, principally around Cobbora and further out towards Coonamble. It was his practice to pay his men in cash every three months and Mr Lowe's grandfather and a boy named McKenzie would leave Mudgee regularly every quarter with the money to pay the men.

Evidently the bushrangers were aware of the arrangements and laid their plans accordingly. Mr Lowe was ascending the gap at Barney's Reef when a man rode out of the timber and ordered him to hand over the money. Besides the money for the station hands there was a considerable sum in sovereigns belonging to a widow at Mundooran in a bag which was under the buggy seat. The bushranger saw Mr Lowe bend down and evidently mistook the gesture as a compliance with his peremptory

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order. But Mr Lowe had no intention of handing over the money. Instead of reaching for the money bag he took up a rifle that reposed loaded in the tray of his sulky. The bushranger had turned on his horse and was beckoning his companion to come up as Mr Lowe leveled the rifle to his shoulder and fired. The bushranger's horse took fright and galloped away. After going about 100 yards the outlaw fell off, and he was dead when Mr Lowe ran to his side. There were some timber getters in the vicinity and with their assistance Mr Lowe dug a hole and buried the dead man.

SILENT REMINDER OF TRAGEDY

A big sheet of bark was stripped from a tree nearby and the body was placed on this and lowered into the grave. The tree from which the bark was taken still stands, and the grave remains a silent reminder of the tragedy. Many who pass along the road through Barney's Reef to Gulgong and see the grave wonder who lies beneath. There is a popular belief that it is the grave of Constable Ward, who was shot dead by a Chinaman bushranger in 1863. But Constable Ward was buried at Talbragar.

In my next installment I will write up the story of the shooting of Constable Ward.

The shooting of the bushranger by old Mr Lowe was not reported until he and the boy McKenzie returned to Mudgee after journeying to the stations beyond Cobbora and fulfilling his mission on behalf of his employer. Police officers and the coroner went out to Barney's Reef, where the body was exhumed. An

inquest was conducted and the remains reinterred.

The Police Magistrate at Mudgee recommended that Mr Lowe be honoured by the Government for his bravery and courage in the defending of property of others against a highwayman and ridding the colony of an enemy of society. The recognition was tardy for 20 years elapsed before the Government acted on the recommendation. But Mr Lowe was a peaceful man, and did not seek reward or limelight. He thought more at the time of defending the money he was carrying to the widow at Mendooran, the proceeds of the sale of some cattle, than of hurting anyone. The medal he received from the Government was something he never bargained for and he took no pride in possessing it, for he wished above everything else to forget the tragic meeting with the bushranger on Barney's Reef.

DUNEDOO DISTRICT

On a Sunday afternoon not long ago I motored out to Birrawa homestead and with the kind permission of Mr L Coward, the present owner of the property I was allowed to inspect the last resting place of Constable Ward, the brave trooper who was shot down in cold blood by the Chinaman bushranger Sam Poo ways back in 1863. As I walked through the long grass towards the spot I could see that there was not one but many buried there. Several small headstones about two feet high fashioned out of rough sandstone were clustered under the big willow tree. On all but two of these the lettering has been obliterated by the relentless hand

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of time. Of those on which the inscriptions were legible I made out the year of burial as 1868.

There were not many regular burying grounds in those days and if it was too far to take the bodies the usual practice was to bury them at home in the garden. After Trooper Ward was buried on Mr Plunkett's place anyone from amongst the little settlement who died was taken there. That's how they all come to be buried together. A heavy sandstone slab covers the spot where Trooper Ward is buried. The big willow tree has grown up beside it and the trunk has grown over the side of the slab in a remarkable fashion. As it slowly forced its way upward and outward the heavy stone has been slightly displaced from its original position.

The sandstone slab has been artistically carved but the inscription cannot be read. I was about to depart when the setting sun shone from under a bank of clouds and threw into relief the shadows from the moss-covered lettering carving into the stone. Standing back, my guide and I could distinctly make out the name WARD. It is seventy years since the stone was placed in position and lying as it is horizontally, it has stood the rigors of time well.

ABOUT CONSTABLE WARD

It is from an article written by that well-known historian, Mr JHM Abbott that I first learned of the tragic fate of Trooper Ward who sleeps beneath the willow on Birrawa Station. Since then I have made exhaustive inquiries from the old hands for any details not mentioned by Mr Abbott. "I remember Constable Ward as

well as anything," said Mr Leeson when I spoke of the tragedy. "He was stationed at Coonamble (not Coonabarabran – Mr Leeson definitely made this point), and he called at our place a few days before he was shot. We then lived near Denison Town, and he was taking a prisoner to Mudgee. I was only a boy, and to see the prisoner with manacled hands tied to the pommel of the saddle left an indelible impression on my mind. The trooper rose and led the other horse with his prisoner. He just stopped for a few minutes while mother got him a drink of water and one for the prisoner, and they went off again down the road."

UNEXPECTED ATTACK

"I have heard," said Mr Leeson, "that Constable Ward was warned before leaving Mudgee to come back, to keep a lookout for the Chinaman, but I don't know whether that is right or not. From what I have been told he never expected to strike trouble when he started questioning the Chinaman. The Chinese were easy going as a rule and bushranging was the last thing in the world one expect them to take on. But Sam Poo was of a treacherous nature and as soon as he saw that Ward was a policeman he said, "Me no like policemen," and thereupon drew a horse pistol and fired point blank at Ward, who had not dismounted. The murderer took to the bush and was not captured for about three months. Later in the afternoon Mr Plunkett found the police horses wandering round with saddles on not far from the scene of the shooting about a mile west of Barney's Reef. He discovered the wounded trooper and brought him to Talbragar

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where he died from his wounds about two days after.

Ward was very popular and when he died a subscription list was opened for the benefit of his widow and children. Mr Leeson says he was not present at the funeral but he had ample opportunity to view the grave when his family shifted from Denison Town to Talbragar about the following year.

"Our old house used to be just down the road below the waterhole and bout 200 yards from the spot where Trooper Ward is buried," he says.

OLDER TRAGEDIES

"I could tell you about tragedies of the early days that nobody ever found out the rights of them," said Mr Leeson. "It was before I was old enough to take notice of things that a girl disappeared mysteriously and nobody will ever know what happened to her, but it was most certainly foul play of some sort. There was a shepherd on Oldcastle who married a widow who had a daughter about 16. She used to take her step father dinner to him if he happened to be too far away to leave the sheep and to home for it. She set out one day with his dinner and at night time the shepherd returned home to find that the girl was not there. Up till that time the mother thought she must have stayed and would return at night with her step father as she had often times done before. The husband had thought when she had not brought his dinner that some unforeseen circumstances had detained her at home. The news of the girl's disappearance travelled throughout the countryside and an

intensive search was made of the locality where it was though she might be. Every likely looking place was looked into during the week the search was conducted, but no trace of the missing girl was discovered.

"Years afterwards," Mr Leeson continued, "I can remember sitting by the fireside at home and the talk would turn to the missing girl. And mother would gaze into the fire, shake her head sadly and say, "I wonder what could have become of that poor girl? It was twenty years after that a stockman searching for some lost cattle came across a crevice between two big rocks, and peering down, saw some bones. Investigating further he found unmistakable evidence that they were human remains, and the police were informed. Medical evidence was such as to prove that they were the bones of a young girl about 16 years of age, and the obvious conclusion was that they were the remains of the missing girl. But what happened on that fateful day nobody knows. It is one of the unsolved mysteries of the early days.

UNSOLVED MYSTERY

"Another bush tragedy is that in some respects closely resembled the case of the missing girl at Oldcastle happened about the year 1867. I was at Denison Town one day when a couple came in from Mendooran to be married," said Mr Leeson. "I was about 14 at the time and of course in a little place everyone soon gets to know the reason for strangers waiting about. They were to be married by the police magistrate, who was due to arrive, but for some reason or other his visit was postponed

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so they went away and came back a week after. They were both working at Mendooran. He was a groom and she was housemaid or something. When they were married they went straight back to work

Nothing unusual about that years ago," said Mr Leeson. "people all had to work hard those days, and there was no such things as honeymoons. The couple didn't remain long at Mendooran and one day they set out on foot carrying their few belongings. Somewhere out the other side towards Coonabarabran they were heading for they expected to get work on a station. But they did not reach their destination and no trace was ever found of the husband. Years afterwards a blackfellow found in a cave in the Warrumbungle Mountains the skeleton of a woman. The clothing which the woman had worn had not rotted to that extent that identification was impossible. So the police thinking that the remains in the cave might be those of the woman who had disappeared years before brought a piece of the cloth to Mendooran for the purposes of identification. By a stroke of luck the woman still lived in Mendooran who made the dress and she was able to identify the material. By a stranger coincidence she had a small portion that was left over after making the garment still in her possession. Thus the police were able to compare the faded piece of the dress found in the cave with piece which the dressmaker produced and establish the identity of the victim after nearly thirty years. And so the curtain fell on another of those mysteries for which the early days were noted.

Whatever happened after the couple left Mendooran is pure conjecture. It is generally surmised that they were attacked by blacks, who were numerous and treacherous. No trace had ever been found of the husband, whose fate is yet unknown," concluded Mr Leeson...

THE FAMILY OF WILLIAM THOMAS AND CAROLINE ANN (NEE MARTIN)

CHAPMAN

The couple married 19th June 1877 and had a family of twelve children. William Thomas Chapman was born at Box Hill and a family story states that as a young man he worked for a doctor looking after his horses. Around 1870 he moved with his parents and siblings to Cobbora. Here he and his wife owned land in their own rights. The family property owned by William Thomas Chapman was called *Blackheath*. Two family stories written by two of the daughters follow:

Lillie Georgina Clugston (nee Chapman). My father's parents were both born in England and came to Australia in the eighteen hundreds in the days of sailing ships and settled in Richmond and lived there until the age of 14 years, then he went to the country to live to a place called Cobbora.⁵ He was a short man and became a jockey for a few years. As he grew older he bought and lived on the land. His parents owned land there. He had four sisters and two brothers.

His father's name was Thomas William Chapman. My father's name was

⁵ William Thomas Chapman's parents were Thomas Chapman born in Beneden in Kent and Hannah nee Garbutt born in Australia of convict parents.

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William Thomas Chapman, named after his Father, he being the elder. Then came Mary Ann who became Mrs Fred Ferguson and lived in Dubbo until deceased. Then Georgina, who became Mrs John Newton of Sydney, Sophia became Mrs Edward Martin who resided at Cobbora. Alice Australia became Mrs Large and resided at Cobbora also. Amos Chapman resided at Cobbora for a number of years, then took up land at Mendooran. David Chapman, their youngest brother took up shearing for a few years, cut two fingers seriously and had to retire and then went to Sydney and joined the tramway, retiring as an Inspector.⁶

My Father's Father married Hannah Garbutt from Merrigal NSW. Children:

- 1. William Thomas Chapman had five sons and 7 daughters.*
- 2. Mary Ann (Mrs Fergusson) had 1 daughter and 3 sons.*
- 2. Georgina (Mrs Newton) had 3 daughters.*
- 3. Alice (Mrs Large) had no family.*
- 4. Amos Chapman had two daughters.*
- 5. David Chapman had no family.*

My Father's parents were Church of England. My Mother's parents were Methodists.

My Mother's parents were both born in England who came to Australia in the eighteen hundreds in the days of the old sailing ships. They were six months sailing to Australia. They left Sydney

⁶ Aunt Lillie did not mention Clarence, the youngest son of Hannah and Thomas Chapman. Family stories mention that he was *hunted* – for what reason is not known.

and went up the Country to a place called the Bridle Track (Cobbora) and took up land and lived there all their lives.

My Mother's Father was Robert Martin an Englishman [sic, born in Parramatta] who married Martha price and they had six children:-

- 1. Harry Martin had three children and lived to be a very old man.*
- 2. Robert Martin had eleven children and also lived to be a very old man.*
- 3. Edward Martin had six sons, also lived to be a very old man.*
- 4. Mary (Mrs Chandler) had four daughters and one son.*
- 5. Caroline Ann (Mrs WT Chapman) had twelve children, seven daughters and five sons. Caroline is my mother.*
- 6. Thomas Martin, a bachelor died at the age of 30 with sunstroke. [sic died aged 28 years.]*

My father lived at Cobbora with his parents on the land until he became a young man then he took up a block of land at (Bridle Track) Cobbora when he married Caroline Ann Martin and lived on the same land where their 12 children were born and reared, seven of them married from there.

When Dad bought and built a Produce business and private home attached, Dad and mother moved from Cobbora to their home and business at Dunedoo with their five youngest children and left my third eldest brother to care for the farm, home and property. My grandmother lived with us for many years before we left the property. My brother was the caretaker, married and

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he and his wife cared for her until she passed away at the age of 87.

My youngest brother and sister finished their school days at Dunedoo – Grace and Bert. Five of us were married from Dunedoo. My father carried on business in Dunedoo until the final few years of his life when he became too old. He then sold the business and lived privately until the age of 92 years when he passed away. My mother predeceased him by just three or four years at the age of 87. [Both are buried in Dunedoo Cemetery.] The business and dwelling still stands to-day in the main street of Dunedoo.

When we were children we made our own billy carts and drove goats in them and had grand rides. We milked the cows, had pigs, sheep and cattle also horses on the property. Grew wheat, oats, corn and all sorts of vegetables in season, also had a wonderful fruit orchard, grapes etc. Kept fowls, turkeys, ducks, also guinea fowls, birds and dogs and of course goats, for pleasure. Had horse race meetings once annually and school picnics once a year. A magic lantern show once also when one came along. Church once each month, Service in the Church of England.

We lived three and half miles from school, where we walked twice daily to and from school. In winter it would be dark when we got home, 7 miles each day and was up each morning at 5 o'clock to milk 20 cows before breakfast, then had breakfast, washed and dressed for school, and then walk the three and half miles to school before 9.30 am.

We grew wheat, made hay, cut chaff and sold tons and tons of wheat bags of chaff to teamsters. Hawking bulk goods such as wheat, flour, sugar, machinery of all kinds, wool-hides, fur – rabbit, foxes etc. We ran a roadside business, chaff, corn, bran, oats etc, all kinds of grains for the convenience of the travelling public – teamsters as they were known then, waggons and horse drawn vans, using anything from 2 horses to 12 to draw huge loads from Mudgee through the places called Mendooran, Coonabarabran, Pilliga, Parlewah, Neil Rex and other places. These travellers would take their farm supplies to Mudgee and take back food supplies etc. My father drove a wagon and ten horses sometimes twelve depending on his load. He used to take two trips annually to Mudgee taking so many bags of wheat to take to the four mill to be ground into flour and wait 10 or 12 days to be ground, then so many bags of corn to be ground also.

He would also take sheep skins, bullock hides, bales of wood, also dead wood, fox, rabbit, opossum, kangaroo hides etc all to market. Then he would bring back so many tons of flour according to the quantity of wheat he had taken to be ground and a ton to one and half tons of white sugar, 2 bags of brown sugar, 2 or 3 bags of rice and cases of tinned foods such as jam, golden syrup, treacle etc and the family's needs of clothing footwear for all of s. A roll of calico for sheeting, bed linen, etc, many yards of cotton dress materials, curtains, towels, mostly roller toweling by the yard, flax for tea toweling, unbleached calico for bed linen. All the men and boys clothing for farm use, also boots. He kept a note

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book of all the sizes of boots and shoes for all of us, also men and boy's trousers etc. He would also take a bag of footwear to be repaired. My father had a wonderful memory. He smoked for 13 years when young then gave it up, and never drank spirits at all.

We slaughtered our own meat, 2 or 3 young bullocks in winter months and sheep and poultry for summer, plenty of fowls and turkeys and an occasional rabbit my brothers used to fancy. Had plenty of milk, always warmed it, then poured the milk into huge dishes and set in the dairy on a special table built for the purpose, then we'd have plenty of butter and cream. Could sell butter for 9d per pound. We also killed two pigs in winter, cured our own bacon and hams for Christmas. My Mum and Dad did that part as it took some time to cure.

When I was a school aged child I quite recollect the Breelong Blacks as they were termed, and how they murdered the Morbey Family and many other unfortunate people as they wandered along through portions of bushland trying to elude the Police, passing through homesteads at night, stealing food and killing as they travelled on. Five of us children, my brothers and sister were returning home from Cobbora Public School one day during their rampage when they passed through our property, half a mile from our homestead. When my Father and brothers went to bed during Jimmy and Joe Governor's roaming period, they used to keep their guns near their beds and in case of emergency and keep our dogs untied at night for safety. It was a

frightening time for everyone until they were captured.

The story of the Breelong Blacks was mentioned by many in my family and several accounts of the time are to be found in *The Hawkesbury Advocate*. The issue of 27th July 1900 states:

FOUR PERSONS BRUTALLY MURDERED HORRIBLE INJURIES TO OTHERS FIENDISH CRUELTY

A terrible tragedy was enacted on Friday night at Breelong about ten miles from Gilgandra at the residence of Mr Mawbey. A messenger galloped into town on Friday night, and reported that the whole family of Mawbeys had been brutally murdered by blacks. Constable Berry at once proceeded to the house and found Miss Kerz, Miss Hilda Mawbey and Percy Mawbey were dead and horribly mutilated. Evidentially a tomahawk was used, their skulls being smashed completely in. Miss Elsie Clarke (a niece of Mawbey's), Miss Grace Mawbey, and Mrs Mawbey were found to be wounded to such an extent as to give small hope of recovery. The police had not returned up to noon, but a messenger who arrived on Saturday morning from Mr Mawbey's states that the victims were murdered in bed about 11 o'clock on Friday night and the perpetrators were believed to be a couple of aboriginal blacks engaged by Mr Mawbey. The family is amongst the pioneers of the district and fairly well to do, owning a large area of land on the banks of the Castlereigh. Miss Kerz, a provisional school teacher, who was murdered, comes from Girilambone, and has only been in the district a short time, and was boarding at Mr Mawbey's. No

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men were sleeping in the house on Friday night. Mr Mawbey being away at the Breelong Post Office which belongs to him...

24th August 1900

THE BREELONG BLACKS

Jacky Underwood Committed to Trial

It is for the benefit of our readers who have not the opportunity of perusing the Sydney Dailies that we reprint the following evidence taken at the trial of Jacky Underwood at Mudgee on Wednesday:-

AF Garling, storekeeper deposed to going to Mawbey's on 21st July with the police and finding all the bodies dead or wounded lying about the place. He also found a yarran boondie (produced) in the front of a garden. He took Mrs Mawbey's dying depositions, wherein she said, "Jimmy Governor hit me with a tomahawk. I also saw Jacky with a tomahawk. I saw two of them. There were more of them outside." She also said they came at 11 o'clock for rations. Witness asked Mrs Mawbey was the woman with them. She said, "Yes." About twenty minutes later she said, "Jimmy Governor had his wife with him. Don't worry about them."

On Monday 23rd Mrs Mawbey became conscious for a short time. Witness said to her, "Who hit Percy?" She said, "It was Jacky." Witness said, "Which Jacky?" and she said, "Jacky Underwood." He asked her if she was sure it was Jacky Underwood. She said, "I am sure it was Jacky Underwood." Mrs Mawbey could recognise witness on

the 23rd and call him by his name and also recognised other persons. She could ask for a drink etc thus showing she was in a proper state of mind.

If being asked if he had any questions, Jacky said: "Jimmy hit the boy. The woman was lying on top of the boy when I came. Jimmy told me to go outside and see if anybody went outside through the windows. I saw two girls go through the windows, and came back and did not tell him.."

Berty Mawbey aged 9 corroborated the statement he made at the inquest. In addition he said, "I know Jimmy Governor. I know Jimmy Governor's voice and I think it was him saying, "I will blow your brains out." By the light of the fire that was burning inside I saw a tall man killing Percy. I also heard mother saying, "Oh don't kill Percy...." I think she was with the girls in the front bedroom. I heard Percy say, "Oh don't kill me. Oh don't shoot me." He was then in the sitting room. He did not mention anyone's name. My cousin Jack said to me, "Bert we'll have him; we'll get under the bed." I went out. I was trying to save Percy. I did not want him to be killed. I am sure the blackfellow I saw welting into Percy was taller than the accused. I saw him once before when his back was turned. He was wearing a straw hat similar to the one produced."

George Mawbey deposed he heard Percy say to someone outside, "If you don't tell me what you want, I'll shoot you." Witness was then under the bed. He heard Jimmy Governor say, "Take no notice of them Jacky, knock out their-----"

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- brains." He heard the girls screaming, and while under the bed heard his aunty say, "Leave the girls alone." Hilda was running up and down the bed screaming. He had seen the accused once up at Jimmy Governor's camp. He knew him by his one eye and curly hair and beard.

By the accused: "I can't swear that I saw you there. I do not say you killed the boy."

Jacky Underwood made the following statement.

Jimmy Governor did all the murder. I hit one girl in the room. She was not dead when I put her back in the room. The woman and the boy lay there, the woman was on top of the boy. Jimmy told me to go outside of the house. I went outside and saw the two girls running on the road. I then come back. Jimmy said, "Did you see anyone?" I said, "No." he then went out the back. I go out the same way. I saw the two boys, one go out of the window and another was lying under the bed. Jimmy asked me whether anymore in the bedroom. I said no they were all gone. Jimmy asked me how many I had killed. I told him I had killed one. He said again he do all the most murder. I think I said, I think you do more. After that he went back to the ... and he sees one of the girls crossing the creek. He run down to the creek, and the girl then fall down. Jimmy knock 'em on the head. He then started back and met the schoolteacher about 100 yards from the house and killed her. He saw one girl running along with nightdress on. She laid down and tried to plant. Jimmy said, "You can't

plant there; I see you, and I'll have you." He came back and went into the rooms. I put one girl under the bunk and put the blankets over her till I see Jimmy go outside. Then the girl came out from under the bunk and sat on the floor. I told Jimmy I would shut the door and not let him come into the room anymore. He said, "No, I'll go down to the creek." I then went to a fire about a mile from there. I waited for him there, but he never came. He went on to camp. When I got to the amp they were leaving camp and going across the creek, 300 yards from camp. They waited for me to come.

Jacky Porter and Mrs Jimmy Governor would not walk that night. Jimmy made up all about going to kill his missus and the baby. Jimmy said, "The first railway line we come across we are going to capsize the train. – I think the line running to Muswellbrook, Glen Innes or Tenterfield."

They are going to follow up the ranges into Queensland to Toowoomba and come into the range there, then follow the range on to the Dawson. They can go anywhere they like then. They will follow the sea to Townsville. If they once get into the big mountains there they will be right. Nobody knows them about there.

"We are going to murder a man and a boy near Mundooran who gave up tucker," Joe said. "Come on we must get to Merrygoen." We got there at dark and stopped rill 9 o'clock, then went through the paddock, and Jimmy collared a draught mare belonging to Merrygoen, rode her a mile, and camped that night. Jimmy asked me

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how far to Digilah. I said I did not know. Jimmy said, "We will watch this house and go in and murder the man and woman, baby and boy." We did not do it, but went a bit farther and then came upon a bark hut. Jimmy went inside and took a cotton shirt (produced), a tin of jam, a tin of tea, a box of matches, some tobacco, socks, a cap, a tin of fish, two calico bags and some sugar. Me and Joe told him not to kill the man and woman. That was about two miles from Merrygoen. We went a bit further and boiled our billy of tea just before the men came who fired at us. They did not hit anyone. I never saw Jimmy or Joe since. I went into a paddock and stopped there that night. I could not find any matches, so I made towards Mudgee. I went across by Redbank and came to a house where they gave me a feed, then told me about the great murder at Breelong, and about one the murderers being lame. That was me. I told them that I knew nothing at all about it. I then seen two young fellows coming to the house; one had a rifle and the other a breech-loading gun. They asked me where I came from. One of them said he knew me, and I said, "Yes that's me." He told me to come to the police station at Cobbora but the other one said, "Take him to Leadville," and they took me to the lockup.

The night before the murder Jimmy had an argument with Mrs Governor and came down to my camp and said, "You mate now Jack; come on, we murder all Mawbeys." We went down to murder Mr Mawbey but were frightened when we got to the old hut."

Accused was committed for trial.

The 27th July 1900 issue of *The Hawkesbury Advocate* had two accounts of other murders committed by Governor – one near Gulgong and the other at Merriwa.

These articles did not mention the other side of the story. Jimmy Governor looked like his Irish grandfather and had red hair. He was educated at Gulgong Primary School and married a white girl, daughter of a miner. He was employed by Mawbey as a fencer but instead of being paid wages he was paid rations – in other words he was paid as an Aboriginal worker.

There were also problems with correct rations and Mrs Mawbey belittled Jimmy Governor's wife when she attempted to get the rations due.

From family stories there is oral and other evidence of massacres by the settlers of the Aboriginal people. One family story mentions that the adults were shot and the babies thrown into the river to drown. I have also heard of poisoned flour being put out for Aboriginal people.

Lillie Chapman mentioned that when she was young she and her other siblings used to creep out of a night to watch Aboriginal corroborees being held.

Lillie also recalled that her mother used to collect grass, bind it in flannel, pour hot water on it and then crochet it into collars. Adeline Grace Chapman (known as Grace) also wrote a family story. Part of it follows:

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I was born in 1896... Blackheath was the name of our property and was situated 4 miles from the small township of Cobbora where I spent most of my school days. I completed my education in Dunedoo which was the final 12 months. I walked to Cobbora school – also Sunday School for eight years.

Our mail delivery was by coach which came from Dubbo tri-weekly and in the winter evenings I with brothers and sisters used to light a bonfire by the road side to keep warm to sit and wait for the arrival of the mail which wasn't due until about 8 pm.

I had my share of work to do, such as feed fowls, pigs and turkeys, horses etc and round up the suckling cows for our own milk and butter. We had our own fruit and vegetable garden and had to assist in jam and preserve making and drying out of the fruit for winter. My mother made black pudding when a pig was slaughtered. They used to melt in our mouth. There was corn to husk in season, melons, pumpkins, squashes etc – to pick and also peas and if an oversupply was taken to Cobbora and sold.

Kindling wood and big logs had to be packed handy for burning and lamps filled with kerosene for the night and often a surprise party was brought into the home and the music was supplied by a concertina and Cotuch [?].

I had to scrub a big dining room with sandstone as it was boards. Linoleum wasn't known of and the boards came up as white as chalk.

On Saturdays I always prepared lunches for my Dad and three brothers and rode a horse three miles to take it to them where they were working. Then I would go and pick quinces when in season for Mother to preserve and make chutney and jam. There were no idle moments on the land. There were 12 of us, but all had plenty to do.

I did play cards, viz: Euchre, Pedro and Cribbage, the latter two being unheard of today as only the elderly folk know of them but in my opinion tow excellent games with a ton of fun.

A family of boys came to our place many evenings for card game and to enjoy female company. There were six boys in the family and no girls, and at our home were 7 girls. There was no matchmaking, just good sports. Around the road to their place was 7 miles so they used to walk through the bush which was only three miles after an evening enjoyment they'd walk home again and think nothing of it.

I used to go setting rabbit traps with my brothers in the winter evenings and on wet days I'd go and catch rabbits – dig them out of burrows or chop them out of logs and the dogs would do the remainder. The boys would skin them and place them on hooks to dry then sold to dealers by the pound weight.

I often went gathering gum and gee brings and five corners which was wild fruit, also Quandongs something like a cherry but only larger which made lovely pies. To us it was very palatable. I never see or hear of them today probably they must have been dug out

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to make way for the tilling of the ground to sow wheat or whatever preferred.

Mother was a placid person and easy to get on with – seldom lost her temper and always understood our problems. Dad was different. He was very popular but very hasty. He was impatient and things had to be done on the dot. He was Church Warden for 50 years and always sang in the choir till he was unable to attend because of ill health. Mother couldn't attend because of ill health. She had a gall stone operation and was left with a discharging wound. Her op was performed by a student who knew little. She had a glass drainage tube in her side as a result of this operation.

Dad's favourite colour was blue. Mother really didn't have a colour scheme. She was always busily engaged cooking for the family and didn't have much time for much else till they grew up.

The dentist visited Cobbora once a month, and Joe Check, the photographer, would every few years, set up his tent near the Dunedoo bridge. The family had their photographs taken against the backdrop of tennis court, boating scene, or a landscape. Formal photographs of this nature were still taken as late as 1934.

On 19th June 1937 Caroline and William Thomas Chapman celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. My mother, Violet Ann Austin (nee Yeo) did not attend. She was in Collarenebri expecting me. I was born the next morning at 8.30 am. Below: around

September 1937 – Violet and Leonard Austin with Ann Robina born 20.6.1937.



Grace had the following to say about the anniversary celebration. The 60th Wedding Anniversary was held in their home at Dunedoo. It was arranged by Edith (Mrs Yeo) and Mary. It was held in portion of Dad's Produce Store on a very wet day. Minnie's husband, George Stitt, made the cake. He was a baker at Mendooran. Sam Yeo, Eddie's husband, made a speech and Minnie's daughter played Old Lang Sine on the piano. Albert (Doolie) Chapman played the concertina and brother Bill Chapman did a step dance to music. Presented Mother and Father with an eiderdown each. Dad slept out of doors on the verandah and Mother inside. The Groomsman and Bridesmaid attended (Mother's brother and Father's sister). Bertie was not there. He married Beryl and died of cancer of the kidneys. Ted's suit was grey, my dress was a pretty blue wool with deep reverse pleats. May wore an overcoat, black; Maud a brown suit; Edith a skirt and cardigan. May who is on the extreme left in the photograph is wearing a black woolen frock. Minnie's dress was black and Lillie had a skirt and cardigan. Dad wore an overcoat and Mother a black woolen frock.

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Audrey Yeo, youngest child of Edith (nee Chapman) and Samuel Yeo recalled the following about her grandparents –

Grandma used to sew suits for the boys and dresses for the girls by candlelight by hand. They used Calabushes with the seeds scraped out to save rendered down fat for cooking. I believe the children were all born at the farm and grandma had a midwife to attend her. I remember Mum telling us once when Grandma had one of her children Auntie Minnie plaited up Mum's hair and sewed the plaits to the top of her head so tightly it was necessary to cut off her long hair.

Washing was done in a little outhouse (three walls) with two round tubs made of wood tied with three rows of wire. It was a dirt floor. A fire was made outside to heat the boiler.]In the house] the floors were made of small trees cut in half, bark side down and straight side up, laid side by side. They were scrubbed with sandstone – a nice size for the job found outside. They got pipe clay from the creek beds to clean the fire places – also used to mark the tennis courts. The walls were papered with newspapers. The glue was made from flour and water.

Grandfather mostly, but Grandma [too] could play the concertina or he played the two spoons. The boys were all musical. Dances were in the dining room with friends and in later years they were held in the wool sheds once a month.

In old age William Chapman owned a car with wind down windows. It looked

top heavy and he drove in one gear – second. He turned it over in a creek – name not remembered. It became known as *Chapman's Downfall*.

Fortunately no one was hurt. Caroline Chapman was thrown from the car.

In old age William became very careful with his money. My mother, Violet Ann Yeo, used to help in the house. She was paid ten shillings per week and had to wait for her money as he carefully extracted it from his pocket, unfolded the note and so on. He also attended the local picture show where he bought boiled lollies that he hid. Caroline found them and helped herself.

There are also stories that William Chapman used to be the stitcher up for the shearers when they got cuts. He is credited for setting his own broken leg. And in later life he had a broken nose as the result of a difference of opinion with another local. It was never reset. He also wrote poetry.

The concertina owned by William Chandler was passed on to *Doolie* (Albert) Chapman, son of William and Caroline. He was interviewed in old age by Bob Campbell and Sharon Frost during their process of collecting Australian Music and Song from our early history. This interview was transcribed and part of this follows:

Question: Was there ever any singing between dances (ie the local dances)? Would anyone sing a song?

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Doolie: Oh Yes – Sing a song. And they'd call a breakdown. Do a step.⁷

Question: On his own?

Doolie: Yes, on his own. There were quite a lot of people could do a step too. And the first time I was asked to do a dance before I married... they'd get me to do a step, and got me a few bob.

Question: What was the step you did?

Doolie: Just an ordinary step... and they'd play it. There were different sorts of steps you know... My old man and Billy Thompson, they used to do a lot of work together. They'd by to a dance and then two would stand up. They could do the same. One bloke would stand here and the other, his mate (showed positions). And they'd play the music (musicians). My old man and Billy would both be doing the same step; then they'd change places and do a different one.

Question: It was always the man used to do the step dances was it? Was there ever a woman?

Doolie: No.. Oh yes... Edie Talbot... she could dance just like the men used to, the same. That's the only woman I can remember that could do a real breakdown... You have to wear hobnails... hobnail boots... You had to wear something different for the hall (for dancing). You had to have a decent

floor. They used to cut up a candle and have sawdust put on the floor.

Caroline Ann Martin kept the family bible. One page has the following poem.

*Steel not this book
For fear of shame for here
You will see the owner's
Name and when you Die the
Lord will say, where is the
Book you stole away.*

Caroline Ann (nee Martin) and William Thomas Chapman had twelve children:

Frederick Thomas (Fred) 1st May 1878
May 12th March 1880
Edward John (Ted) 1st October 1881
Mary Elizabeth (Polly) 9th January 1884
William Henry (Bill) 26th December 1885
Minnie 9th October 1887
Edith Roubina (Eddie) 22nd July 1889
Albert George (Doolie) 27th November 1892
Alice Maud (Maud) 5th September 1894
Adeline Grace (Grace) 29th September 1896
Bertie Berkley 20th February 1899.

FREDERICK CHAPMAN

Born 1st May 1878 and died 14th October 1968 Dunedoo. He is buried in C/E Section of the Dunedoo Cemetery. He married Eliza Ann Nott at the Union Church Dunedoo 29th July 1905. Eliza Ann was born at *Bolaro* Cobbora 1st November 1884 and died 16th January 1971. She is buried in the Dunedoo

⁷ According to my mother *The Step* was usually a man's dance – either single or a couple of men. It was a heel toe movement and boots were worn.

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Cemetery. The couple had four children:

Charles Thomas Chapman 14th October 1906 *Oakfield* Dunedoo – 16th October 1909 Dunedoo.
 Frederick Lawrence Chapman 3rd November 1909 Gulgong. He married Gertrude Hannah Noy at the C/E Church Dunedoo 31st December 1928. Hannah Noy was born 29th February 1911, daughter of William and Gertrude (nee Milson) Noy. In 1989 she was still alive. Frederick and Gertrude had the following four children:

Douglass Lawrence Chapman 21st May 1929. He married first Zena Ballard (divorced) and second, Noeline Joy Bryant. Their children are:

Wayne Douglas Chapman 8th June 1956 Dubbo. He married Christine Priest (no issue) and then on 27th November 1982 to Michelle Alotta. This couple had Ashely 18th September 1985 and Joel 1st October 1986.

Mark Darryl Chapman 24th May 1958. He married 5th October 1985 to Judith Hedger.

Debbie Joy Chapman 24th May 1958. She married 8th March 1980 to Warren Eggleston. The couple have Rick 9th October 1982 and Trent 28th February 1985.

Donna Kim Chapman 13th January 1971 Dubbo.

Valerie Celia Chapman 6th December 1930 Dunedoo. She married twice – 17th January 1950 to John Robert Lawrence and 21st February 1981 to Daniel Cooper. The children by her first marriage are:

Ngaree Ann Lawrence 13th September 1952 Dunedoo. She married Kerry Owen Fields 29th January 1972 and has two children, Chantelle Louise 24th March 1977 and Adam John 16th December 1981. An Adam John 16th December 1981.

Dale Robert Lawrence 16th April 1955. He married Kerry Anne Oats 4th October 1980.

Warwick John Lawrence 5th June 1957 Mudgee. He married Joanne Mary Wiegold 8th March 1980. The couple have three children – Nathan Troy 8th November 1982; Danielle Louise 13th September 1984 and Joshua David 6th January 1987.

Dulcie Evalyn Chapman 23rd June 1915 Gulgong – 1st June 1985. On 3rd August 1939 she married at C/E Church at Dunedoo to Robert Hamilton. The couple had two children:

Laura Ann Hamilton 8th July 1940 Dunedoo. She married C/E Church Dunedoo 20th April 1974 to Keith Leven. They have two children, Darryl 19th September 1975 and Malcolm.

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Garry Trevor Hamilton 6th
January 1942 Dunedoo. He married
in the RC Church at Dunedoo to
Sandra June O'Neil. The couple have
two children, Jason Robert 11th
August 1968 and Fiona Evalyn 26th
August 1971.

Travis Clyde Chapman 20th August
1918 – 27th October 1918.

Nellie Caroline Alice 9th October
1919 *Riverview* Dunedoo. She
married in the RC Church at
Dunedoo to Royland John Norris on
30th December 1938. The couple
have five children.

Rita Nelly Norris 22nd May 1939.
She married in the RC Church at
Dunedoo 17th November 1956 to
Brian Burgess. The couple have five
children –
Wayne Michael Burgess 1st April
1957 Dunedoo
Dianne Rita Burgess 8th March 1958
Dunedoo
Geoffrey Davis Burgess 22nd March
1959 Dunedoo
Debbie Margaret Burgess 24th July
1962. She married Wayne Konz.
Julieann Burgess 17th June 1972
Dunedoo.

Donald John Norris 3rd April 1941
Dunedoo. He married in RC church
Newcastle to Joyce Tobin. The
couple have four children.

Adrian Noriss 19th April 1967
Damien Norris 19th May 1969
Newcastle
Rebecca Norris 4th January 1971

Regina Norris 2nd November 1975.
All the children were born at
Newcastle.

Barbara Ann Norris 22nd
December 1944 Coolah. She
married in the RC church at Coolah
to Allan Moss. The couple had two
children: Michelle Barbara 22nd
August 1966 Sydney and Stephen
Alan 26th December 1971 Sydney.

Barry Phillip Norris 23rd July 1946
Dunedoo. He married 28th February
1946 at RC Newcastle to Helen
Baker. The couple have two
children, Olivia and Karen.

Graham Norris 24th February
1958 Dunedoo.

Ronald Trevor Chapman 4th
December 1929 Dunedoo – 3rd May
1968 Dunedoo. He is buried in C/E
Section of Dunedoo Cemetery. In
1953 he married Elvie Myers and the
couple have two children, Stephen
Michael 8th September 1953. He
married Gail. And Larry Wayne 16th
January 1955 Dunedoo. He married
Roslyn Harding and has two
children, Tegan and Shane.

MAY CHAPMAN

May was born 12th March 1880 and died
10th December 1976 at Dunedoo. She
married George Thomas Nott who was
born 22nd June 1878 *Bolaro* Cobbora son
of Mary Alice (nee Yeo) and Charles
Nott. He died 16th March 1972 at
Dunedoo and is buried in the C/E
section of Dunedoo Cemetery. The
couple married 6th October 1899 at St

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John the Baptist Church at Mudgee.
The couple had six children.

Frederick Thomas Nott 28th January
1901-10th June 1902 Dunedoo.

Daisy May Nott 13th September
1903 *Oakdale* Dunedoo. She
married at *Three Mile Homestead*
Cobbora 20th July 1932 to Mervyn
Robert Alexander Snodgrass. He
was born 7th March 1906 and died
1989. The couple had three
children:
Ronald Leslie Snodgrass 14th August
1934 Mendooran. He married at PLC
Pymble 22nd September 1962 to
Margaret Forsyth. The couple have
three children: Rosemary Patricia
31st July 1966 Pymble; and twins –
David James Robert and James
Michael Anthony 19th October 1969.

Colin Macgregor Snodgrass 14th
August 1934 Mendooran. He
married in the Presbyterian Church
at Lindfield 15th February 1964 to
Janet Ruth... The couple have two
children: Annabel Louise 1st March
1967 and Duncan Macgregor 19th
June 1969.

Joan Margaret Snodgrass 6th June
1948 Dunedoo. She married 10th
April 1968 at the Methodist Church
at Mosman to David Tye. The
couple have two children: Malcolm
David 9th February 1970 and Jennifer
Anne 8th July 1972.

Albert Edward Nott 3rd October
1905 at *Three Mile* Cobbora. He
married the C/E church at Dunedoo

12th June 1933 to Elsie Alice Fraser.
The couple had two children:

Peter Albert Nott 11th July 1935
Gulgong. He married at Presbyterian
Church at Dubbo to Margaret Helen
Edith Howarth. The couple had two
children, Denise Frances 29th
January 1961 and Andrew Peter 10th
February 1964.

Norma May Nott born at
Coonabarabran. She married at the
Methodist Church in Dubbo on 23rd
March 1966 to John Henry
Honeysett. They have one son,
Benjamin John 14th June 1971.

Walter James Nott 27th December
1907 Gulgong. He married 26th
March 1935 at St John's Church
Gulgong to Regina (Jean) Isabella
Power. The couple have five
children:

Donald Walter 4th December
1936 Dunedoo.

Noeleen Issabella 4th December
1938 Dunedoo. She married 16th
February 1963 at Holy Trinity Church
Dubbo to Geoffrey Allan Martin.
The couple have two children,
Cynthia Louise Martin 14th June
1963 and Geoffrey Allan martin 29th
January 1965.

Judith Dianne Nott 17th April
1943 Mendooran. She married at St
Brigit's Dubbo 9th September 1965
to Francis Joseph Hanslow. The
couple have three children: Kelwyn
John 16th August 1966; Trevor
Joseph 31st August 1967 and Gerrard
Francis 17th June 1943.

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Rodney Joseph Nott 12th February 1945 Gulgong. He married at the Presbyterian Church Grenfell 8th September 1972 to Lillian Ann Huckle. They have a daughter Stephanie Jane 10th October 1973.

Owen Malcolm Nott 23rd May 1947 Dunedoo.

George Thomas Nott 11th June 1910 at *Three Mile* Cobbora. On 1st July 1933 in the Church of England church Gulgong he married Thelma Jean Piper. The couple had four children:

Bryant Lonsdale Nott 8th January 1934 Dunedoo. He married 8th May 1955 at the Church of England church at Coolah to Venetta Honeysett. Bryant died 5th April 1975 at Gulgong. The couple had one son, Larry Bryan 29th September 1959.

Barry Clyde Nott 21st January 1942 Mudgee. He married and has three children, Sharon Lee 12th April 1963; Darryl 31st May 1965 and Warren 11th November 1968.

Jeanette Irene Nott 11th April 1944 Gulgong. She married in the RC Church Coolah to Barry John Pickett. The couple have two children: Stephen Matthew 22nd June 1969 and Kylie Ann 2nd October 1972.

Phillip John Nott 31st January 1949 Dunedoo. He married 21st January 1970 at C/E church Coolah to May Meyers.

David Edward Nott 8th May 1915 Gulgong. He married in the RC church Mudgee 25th February 1941 to Nancy May Bourke. The couple have three children: Margaret Lynette Nott 28th November 1941 Dunedoo. She married at Kogarah 15th April 1968 to Desmond Thomas McEnvoy.

Desmond Francis Nott 11th August 1944 Gulgong. He married at Wellington RC Church 26th January 1974 to Barbara Lacey.

Diane Marie Dunedoo. She married at St Joseph's RC church to Anthony Ronald Casey.

EDWARD JOHN CHAPMAN

He was born 1st October 1881 and died 13th March 1963 at Dunedoo and is buried in Dunedoo Cemetery. He married Mary Alice Yeo 16th January 1906 at St Luke's C/E church at Gulgong. Mary Alice Yeo was born 30th March 1886 and died 11th August 1937 aged 51 years. The couple had four children.

Ethel Mary Chapman 3rd July 1906 Mendooran. She married 2nd February 1926 at Mendooran to Stanley St Clair Snodgrass. He was born 16th November 1902 and died 7th June 1976. The couple had three children:

Ethel Maxine Snodgrass 27th December 1927 Merygoen. She married at Mendooran 30th December 1946 to Harold Douglas Newton who died 2nd February 1984. On 10th December 1977 she

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married Gordon Cruickshank. By her first marriage she had four children – Rhonda Anne 19th August 1947 Binnaway – married 27th January 1959 at Dubbo to Kevin Curtis; Meryal May 29th October 1949 Mendooran – married 27th September 1969 to Geoffrey Brennan; Maxim Douglass 17th June 1955 Mendooran – married 11th November 1978 at Dubbo to Elizabeth Doull; Donna Maxine 21st December 1961 Dubbo – married Dubbo 4th October 1981 to Stephen O'Brien.

Norma Frances Snodgrass 12th February 1928 Mendooran. She married at Mendooran 21st July 1948 to George John Nielson. The couple had five children:

Phillip John Nielson 2nd July 1949 Mendooran – 28th August 1959 Dubbo. He is buried at Dubbo;

Cheryl Norma Nielson 11th March 1952 Dubbo – married at Dubbo to George Norrish; Roslyn Mary 9th September 1955 Dubbo – married 3rd January 1976 to Baker and the couple have two children – Matthew John 27th November 1978 Kogarah and Megan Anne 29th April 1983 Dubbo.

Geoffrey Allen Nielson 24th March 1983 Dubbo. He married at Pymble 21st January 1983 to Bronwyn Moffet.

Rodney Donald Nielson 1st November 1961 Dubbo. He married at Avalon 29th August 1982 to Karen Anne Fenney. The couple have two children, Bradley Phillip Ramsay 5th October 1982 Mona Vale and Caitlan Anne 6th February 1986 Mona Vale.

Edward John Chapman (*Little Ted*)

He was born 7th January 1910 Dunedoo and died 26th April 1986 aged 76 years at Waratah. He married at Mendooran 27th December 1937 to Gwendoline Putland Smith. She was born 11th December 1916. The couple had five children:

Gwendoline Mary Chapman 29th September 1938 Mendooran. She married at Mendooran 7th October 1957 to Barrie Mitchell Carter and has two children: Wayne Geoffrey 21st July 1958 – married Frances Anne O'Sullivan 20th May 1978 at Norfolk Island; David Mitchell 12th March 1962 – married 4th October 1968 to Wendy Bye.

Graham William Chapman 2nd March 1941 Mendooran. At Florida USA on 2nd March 1971 he married Anne Marie Kenerson.

Phillis Susan Chapman 22nd February 1943. She married 19th March 1966 at Mendooran to Peter Lowry Muller and has two children: Scott Andrew 25th September 1968 Sydney and Nicole Annette 5th November 1971 Sydney.

Lynda Marion Chapman 13th January 1945. She married Gordon David Hanna on 25th March 1967 at Mendooran. The couple have two children: Kathryn Margaret 22nd August 1969 Newcastle and William David 9th September 1972 Newcastle.

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Alan John Chapman 2nd
December 1948 Mendooran. He married Cheryl Court 15th January 1972 at Dunedoo and has two children: Brett Alan 22nd April 1974 and Cherie Anne 28th August 1977.

Edna Fay Chapman 15th June 1916 Dunedoo. She married at Mendooran 19th February 1936 to Ben Raymond Jones. The couple had four children:

Edna Fay Jones 20th October 1936 Mendooran. She married 20th October 1956 to Ronald Bernard Jorgensen. The couple have four children:

Kim Fayette Jorgensen 3rd
July 1957 Temora. She married Richard Job 30th October 1982 and has two children: Jonathon Stafford 21st July 1984 Dubbo and Nicholas Richard May 1986.

Robyn Michel 7th October 1958 Dubbo. She married Edward John Benson 16th October 1983.

Terry Jacqueline 7th
March 1958 Dubbo. She married Geoffrey Douglas Hull.

Shayne Roanne 20th
February 1962 Mudgee.

Noel Raymond Jones 7th January 1940 Mendooran. He married 23rd March 1968 at Japan to Chizuko Kondo. The couple have two children Gavin Raymond 20th October 1969 Hong Kong and Ken

Russell 17th January 1971 Hong Kong.

Ian Russell Jones 7th October 1942 Mendooran. He married in Dubbo 28th March 1969 to Ann Gascoigne. One daughter, Gay Leanne born 31st July 1969 in Bourke.

Mary Dawn Jones 12th August 1944 Mendooran. She married in Mudgee to Nev Bede Rhineberger and the couple divorced 30th September 1980. After the divorce Mary Dawn and the children changed their names to Jones. The children are – Mark Raymond 22nd August 1966 Mudgee; Kaylene Frances 15th February 1969 Wellington; Jenna Maree 17th January 1971 Wellington; Denise Louise 18th May 1973 Wellington and Paul Nelson 15th May 1975.

Ivy Isabella Chapman 18th March 1920 Dunedoo. She married twice – the first marriage was 5th August 1939 to George Beverley Jones and the second 9th December 1951 at Dubbo to Keith Hume. Children by the first marriage:

Barry George Jones 26th
November 1940 Mendooran. He married 15th May 1965 at West Wyalong to Irene Patricia Sealey and the couple have two children- Joanne Lisa 10th January 1967 West Wyalong and Katrina Louisa 30th March 1970 at Taree.

Coralie Isabell Jones 3rd
September 1944 at Mendooran.

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She married 5th October 1968 at Macksville to Donald James Welsh. The couple have two children, Kim Marie 22nd July 1971 Macksville and Natalie Joy 9th January 1976 Macksville.

Rhonda Mary Jones 28th October 1947 Mendooran. She married 25th March 1972 in Melbourne to John Raymond Lambeth. The couple have two children – Belinda Lee 23rd April 1976 Melbourne and Nicole Maree 2nd December 1977 Melbourne.

John William Jones 14th January 1950 Mendooran. He married at Macksville 21st January 1972 to Frances Jeanene Bennett. The couple have two children – Melissa Anne 1st August 1973 Macksville and Christine Jeanene 1st November 1978 Macksville.

By the second marriage:

Karen Stuart Hume 22nd February 1960 Dunedoo. She married Peter Supierz and has one child – Michael Joshua 7th October 1984 Macksville.

Gordon Leslie Chapman 6th May 1927 Mendooran. He married 11th December 195- to Nerida Snodgrass. The couple have five children:

Margaret Chapman 28th July 1952. She married Brian PK Pauling 11th December 1974.

Wendy Chapman 27th September 1956. She married 9th

November 1985 to Peter Robert Ross.

Jill Chapman 2nd August 1956. She married Gaston Kuiters and the couple have two children – Jade Lila 7th April 1983 and Todd 16th April 1986.

Paul David Chapman 28th October 1959.

Anthony George Chapman 23rd May 1964.

MARY ELIZABETH CHAPMAN

She was born 9th January 1884 and died 13th June 1951 at Dunedoo. She is buried in the C/E section of Dunedoo Cemetery. On 5th March 1904 at St Luke's Dunedoo she married James Yeo. He was an older brother of Samuel Yeo who married Edith Roubina Chapman (daughter of Caroline nee Martin and William Thomas Chapman.) Mary Elizabeth was known as *Polly*.

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James Yeo was a widower with several small children one of whom was Edith Yeo who later married Albert (Doolie) Chapman.

Annie Mason born 1865 at Coolah was the first wife of James Yeo. She died on 6th April 1901 aged 36 years. The couple had six children – Mary Alice, Henry (1888-1888), Rachel Eliza, George Edwin, Edith, William (1892-1892), James and Chris.⁸

⁸ Chris died Tuesday 10th July 1990 and was buried the following day in the Dunedoo Cemetery near family members. Rachel died 11th April 1940 aged 53 years. She drowned in the dam and her body was taken to Yeoville, home of Edith and Samuel Yeo. The only family member to marry was Edith Yeo.



Above: Some of the Yeo boys with their wool clip – circa 1906

A newspaper cutting in the back of the Chapman family bible refers to the death of James Yeo.

A link with the history of the Dunedoo district was broken recently by the death on January 12th of a pioneer, Mr James Yeo, at the age of 95 years. Deceased had enjoyed excellent health and was regularly to be seen at the bowling club amidst his many friends. Being an interesting personality he was always able to hold the attention of his listeners. His death occurred at the Dunedoo Memorial Hospital after only a few days illness.

The late Mr Yeo, the third son of the late Mr and Mrs Yeo was born at Maitland on 19th June 1862 and came to Bolaro the property now known as Yeoville at the age of 14 years – this was before Dunedoo existed.

In his early days he was a teamster and one of his longest jobs was to cart wool from Coonamble to Wallerawang. Later he was to select his own property Hillview, where he carried out farming and grazing pursuits and lived up to the time of his death.

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Deceased was the last surviving male member of a large family, the only one of whom now left being his sister, Mrs Arkins (Orange). The others were Dave (Tooraweehan), John (Dunedoo), George (Dunedoo), Henry (Dunedoo), George (Dunedoo), Sam (Drummoyne), Fred (Dunedoo), Alf (Wallaroos, Mendooran), Alice (the late Mrs Charles Nott Oakfield Dunedoo), Theresa [sic – Thirsa] (the late Mrs Matchett Leadville). He married Miss Annie Mason and there were six children of the union namely, George, Chris (Mudgee), and Jim (Dunedoo), Edith (Mrs AG Chapman Dunedoo), Mary (Mrs F Chapman deceased) and Rachel. After the death of his first wife he later married Miss Mary Chapman and their three children were Annie (Mrs NR Monk Mendooran), Mrs Cyril Nott (Dunedoo) and Albert (Dunedoo). To the bereaved deep sympathy is extended. There are also twenty-seven grandchildren, forty great grandchildren and eight great great grandchildren.

Children of Mary Chapman & James Yeo.

1. Annie Caroline Yeo 24th January 1906. She married Norman Richard Monk (26th May 1899 – 15th August 1981). Annie remarried in Dubbo in 1987. She died in the late 1990s. Annie and her husband had two children –

June Elizabeth Monck 12th June 1937. She married Keith John Millar 14th March 1956 and then John Keith Underwood on 15th August 1968. By her first married she had one child, Christina Anne Millar 11th January 1961. She married Ian Joseph O'Leary in 1979. By

her second marriage she had two children – Julie Lynette Underwood 27th March 1963 and Rhonda Janine 7th June 1965. Rhonda Janine married Mark Frances PK Launt and has two children, Samantha Frances Launt 6th February 1985 and Peter Dean Norman Launt 11th January 1986.

Noeline Ann Monck 29th November 1938. She married Brett Mulhall and has three children – Norman Brett Mulhall 6th March 1961; Rodney Jason Mulhall 8th February 1962 and Katrina Anne 3rd September 1971.

2. Robert William (Ab) Yeo 8th September 1907 – 2nd October 1985 aged 78 years. He married Rita Monck 5th January 1935. The couple had three children –

Gwen Yeo 11th February 1935. She married 7th December 1957 to James Tibbets (born 17th April 1928). The couple had two children.

James Tibbets 29th March 1959. He married Maureen Doyle 29th August 1981.

Katrina Tibbets 5th October 1961. She married Steven Urse 22nd March 1980 at Dunedoo and has one child, Chad John Urse 19th September 1984.

Margaret Joan Yeo 2nd March 1937. She married Allen Walkom Barrett and has five children

Sharon Lee Barrett 3rd August 1956 – 3rd August 1956.

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Garry James Barrett 28th June 1957. He married Stephanie Murie on 19th December 1981. The couple have one child, Bradley James 22nd February 1982.

Rawden Mark Barrett 21st November 1959.

Susan Jane Barrett 18th November 1962. She married David Chappell on 9th September 1984.

Gavin Bennett 22nd March 1964.

Roydon James Yeo 13th November 1939. He married 27th January 1962 to Jean Mathieson. The couple has three children: Penny 16th January 1963; Geoffrey 11th November 1965 and Richard 10th June 1967.

3. Heather Jean Yeo 11th May 1917 at *Hillview*. She married 11th February 1944 to James Thompson Nott who was born 7th February 1914. The couple had three children.

Neville John Nott 27th August 1944. He married and divorced.

Phillip James William Nott 7th January 1947 Dunedoo. He married 28th July 1973 in Sydney to Margaret Marie Verrell. The couple have three children all born at Cootamundra. Benjamin Phillip John 26th February 1975; Hamish Phillip Edward 17th August 1976 and Richard Phillip Nicholas 8th August 1978.

Gary Bruce Nott 19th January 1952 Dunedoo. He married Mary Ann

Nott 10th July 1976 at Gulgong and the couple have two children, Kelly Ann 27th June 1979 and Susan Elizabeth 28th April 1981 Gulgong.

WILLIAM CHAPMAN

He was born 26th December 1885 and died 9th April 1964 at Dunedoo. On 26th January 1911 he married at Denison Town to Elizabeth Seis who was the daughter of German immigrants who were vine dressers.

Elizabeth was born 4th February 1886 and died 10th July 1971 aged 86 years. Her parents were Nicholas Seis and Katherine Schieman who married 18th July 1874 and lived at Uraby.

Their children are:

William Frederick 20th November 1911 Gulgong. He married Edna Turner 13th July 1940. She was born 3rd October 1915. The couple had the following children:

Barrie Thomas Chapman 2nd April 1943 Coolah. He married Rosyln McGaffin at Kandos and they have two children, Paul Anthony 15th March 1970 and Todd Andrew 17th March 1973.

Darrall William Chapman 14th October 1944 Coolah. He married Beatrice Martin 21st June 1971 at Rylestone. They have three children – the first two were born at Rylestone and the third at Muswellbrook. Tanya Rose 25th June 1971; Justin Darral 1st July 1973 and Peter William 6th July 1981.

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Lavenia Elizabeth Chapman 23rd November 1947 Rylestone. She married Robert Geelan 14th May 1966 at Kados on 14th May 1966 and divorced. She then married Kenneth Rutherford 25th April 1981. By her first marriage Lavenia had two children, Leigh Elizabeth 9th October 1966 and William 6th November 1978.

Doris Evalyn (*Queenie*) Chapman 23rd November 1913 Cobbora She married at Gulgong to Thomas Desmond Fitzgerald on 12th December 1933. The couple had one child, Kevin Desmond 9th September 1934 Dunedoo. He married at Lithgow to Joan Doreen Fowler on 25th April 1953. Thomas and Joan had three children:

Heather Dianne Fitzgerald 21st January 1955 Lithgow. She married Reginald Fitter 17th June 1972 and this couple had two children both born in Lithgow – Allison 13th November 1955 and Michael Kevin 15th February 1958. [Dates must be wrong – 1975 & 1978?]

Donna Maree Fitzgerald 9th November 1959 Lithgow. She married Stephen Mitchell 25th October 1980 and have one child, Rebecca Jane 31st July 1985 Lithgow.

Christopher Kevin Fitzgerald 23rd November 1962 Lithgow.

Amos Eric Chapman 22nd October 1914 17th January 1955. He married circa 1956 at Bathurst to May Bryant. No issue.

Thomas Keith Chapman 1st November 1916 Cobbora. He married Phyllis Sutherland 1st January 1941. No issue.

Viva Maud Chapman 11th June 1918 Cobbora. She married Harold Oliver White at Wellington on 26th January 1940. The couple have three children:

Leslie Allan White 11th June 1940 Goondiwindi Queensland. He married Sandra Slattery 22nd May 1965 Canowindra and has two children both born at Canowindra – Matthew Allan 12th August 1973.

Roy Oliver White 6th August 1943 Sydney. He married Deidre Masters 28th March 1970 Woodstock and has two children both born at Cowra – Karen Leann 19th May 1972 and Kerrie Lyn 4th December 1977.

John Harold White 6th August 1943 Dubbo. He married Kim Slinsby 1st June 1980 at Cowra. The couple have three children all born at Cowra – Damien John 16th May 1980; Matthew Charles 20th October 1981 and Melissa Patricia 25th September 1985.

Beryl Chapman 7th November 1923 Gulgong. She married Frederick Charles Verrall 17th June 1944 at the C/E church at Dunedoo. The couple have five children:

Norman Frederick Verrall 7th December 1946 Mt Gambier SA. He married Ann Fitzgerald 4th July 1970 at Dubbo and the couple have five children – the first two born in Dubbo and the others in Tasmania. They are, Lisa Anne 27th July 1971; Leslie Norman 20th March 1974; Christine Judith 20th January 1981; Robert James 16th March 1982 and Melissa Patricia 1st September 1983.

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Margaret Maree Verrall 27th June 1948 Mt Barker SA. She married Phillip James William Nott 28th July 1973 at Sydney. For details of their family see Mary Elizabeth Yeo line.

Malcolm Charles Verrall 2nd January 1950 Mt Barker SA. He married Dorothy Marie Heufel 26th September 1979 at Dubbo. The couple have one child, Heide Suzette 8th May 1980 Dubbo.

Colin Leslie Verrall 17th May 1955 Dunedoo. He married first to Debbie Howell. The couple divorced and Colin married Nicole Jane Taylor 3rd October 1981 at Dubbo. Colin has three children all born at Dubbo. They are – Kristy Marie 6th November 1977; Amber Jane 29th May 1982 and Jasmyn Lara 2nd November 1983.

Robyn Charlotte Verrall 8th August 1957 Dubbo. She married Colin Lappa 25th April 1982 at Dubbo and the couple have two children, Bibiana Beryl 2nd April 1983 and Christopher Colin 26th January 1986. Both children were born at Dubbo.

Virginia Ivy Chapman 31st July 1927 Gulgong. She married Leonard Lawrence Treeve 24th January 1948 at Dunedoo. He died 18th February 1986 at Dunedoo. The couple had one daughter, Jennifer Isabell Treeve 22nd July 1953 Dunedoo. She married twice – her first marriage to Stephen Bradshaw was 11th February 1972 and her second to Neville Wallace Rose 19th February 1977. Two children were born to Neville and Jennifer – Kylie Elizabeth

6th February 1981 and Troy Robert 11th May 1984 – both were born at Dubbo.

MINNIE CHAPMAN

Minnie was born 9th October 1887 and died 30th July 1966 at Burwood Hospital. She is buried at Wonora Cemetery. On 27th January 1914 Minnie married at Dunedoo to George Stitt (1889-14th March 1934 Mendooran.) The couple had the following children:

Nellie Caroline Stitt 12th January 1915 Dunedoo. She married 4th July 1936 at Dubbo to Griffith Brown. Their children are:

Betty Elinor Brown 2nd May 1938 Mendooran. She married 10th July 1973 at Sydney to John Griffiths and had one child, Cameron Thomas 25th June 1977 Sydney.

Moya Jennifer Brown 3rd August 1945 Rose Bay. She married 27th January 1974 to Howarth and has one child, Kendall 16th April 1980 Sydney.

Iris May Stitt 12th March 1916 Dunedoo. She married 30th September 1937 at Mendooran to Alfred Joseph Coyle. The couple have two children –

Margaret Elizabeth 28th June 1937 Mendooran. She married January 1958 in Sydney to Ronald Stone and has two children, Peter 6th March 1960 and Donna 21st December 1963 Sydney. Both children born in Sydney.

Josephine Dorothy Stitt 15th July 1939 Mendooran. She married in the USA 12th January 1963 to Walter Starch and has one child, Nerissa 16th

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April 1967 Sydney and another child born 26th November 1968.

EDITH ROUBINA CHAPMAN

Edith Roubina was born 22nd July 1889 and married Samuel Yeo 13th March 1907. In old age the couple sold their property to their only surviving son Alfred Frederick (*Bill*) Yeo and moved to 6 Hentley Street Drummoyne where Sam died 12 February 1955 and Edith on 12th February 1961. Both are buried at Botany Cemetery – 13A, No 165. Samuel Yeo was the youngest son of James and Ann (nee Russell) Yeo and was born at Yeoville 10th October 1880.

The Yeo family came from Swimbridge and can literally trace their family back to William the Conqueror. Also from Swimbridge were the Nott family. The Yeo, Nott and Chapman families intermarried – some background information about the families follow:

NOTT FAMILY

Several members of the Nott family came to Australia. One was John Nott who arrived in the 1860s and settled in the Maitland area.

The CWA wrote a book on the Dunedoo area.

The following is a quote from that book –

On 23rd December 1866 Charles, James and Thomas Nott departed London on the sailing ship The Royal Dane which was skippered by Captain Davis. The ship arrived in Brisbane Queensland. However at the time there was a financial crisis in the Northern State so

they decided to come to Sydney for the purpose of seeing their brothers William and John who had come to Australia years previously. From Sydney they went to Newcastle and from there to Maitland. They noticed some bullock teams down the street with the name Yeo on the drays. Knowing Yeos in Devonshire they made themselves known. Hence they ascertained that their brother John Nott was at the time in Maitland on business. Half an hour later they met John. John and his brother had already moved to the Talbragar River and settled on Portion No 1 on Bolaro (100 acres), where they were joined in June 1867 by Charles, James and Thomas. Charles and John in 1867 had a horse team which carried supplies from Maitland to Bourke and from Wallerawang to Bourke. Thomas Nott prior to coming to New South Wales was a member of the Marine Artillery in England and was present at the siege of Sebastapol. He was fatally injured when taking a load of wheat down the Guntawang Gap, the shafts pinned him to a tree and he was killed. He is buried on his North Shore Property.

YEO FAMILY

The first Yeo to arrive according to oral history, was a sailor who jumped ship (late 1820s or early 1830s?). He wrote home telling how good the land was around the Moss Vale area. By the time the Yeos did arrive this land was taken and they had to look further afield.

The first documented Yeos were Roger and Maria Yeo who with their children – with the exception of their son John who later came to Australia as an adult

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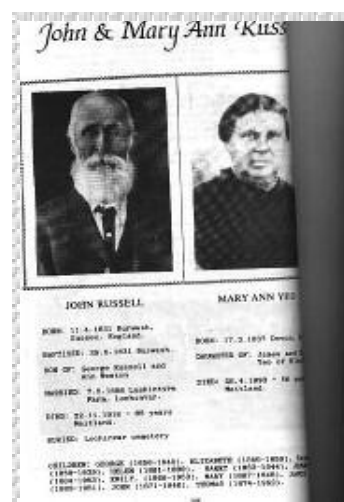
on *Lloyds* 29th June 1860 – came to Australia on the *Amelia Thompson* in 1839 and settled in the Bathurst area. Another story mentions that there were members of the Yeo family on the ill fated *Dunbar* which sank outside the heads in August 1957. The bodies are buried in the church cemetery of St Peter's in Newtown Sydney. Lists of passengers but not crewmen and servants have been published.

Another group of the Yeo families came to Australia on the *James Baines* that arrived in Melbourne pm 12th February 1855. From the *James Baines* they transferred to the *Hellespont* on 17th February 1855 and sailed to Newcastle. This group of the Yeo families then travelled to Morpeth where they settled. In this group were James Yeo, son of John Yeo and his wife Alice nee Stribling; his cousin, George Shapland Yeo, uncle and aunt James and Elizabeth (nee Yeo) Yeo along with their children. James and Elizabeth Yeo remained in Morpeth and it was in their home that members of the Yeo family travelling from Dunedoo and other parts of the state would meet when they came to town for supplies etc. Family stories mention that James and Elizabeth Yeo were big people and James rode a light draught horse that had a special saddle made to hold his stomach.

A daughter of James and Elizabeth, Mary Ann Yeo married John Russell 7th May 1856. He was the brother of Ann Russell who married James Yeo (son of John and Alice Yeo) 28th July 1856. James Yeo was born a few months after his father's death on 9th August 1835 and Mary Ann Yeo was born 17th March

1837. James died 17th July 1907 – a few months after my mother's birthday on 15th March 1907. Mary Ann Yeo died 26th April 1893.

Below – photograph from a book on the Russell family. *Russells From Burwash 176401988* by Jean McIntosh.



The Russell family came to Australia from Burwash in Sussex in the late 1830s. Ann and John's parents were George Russell and Ann nee Weston and their siblings were George (22nd September 1828-25th January 1899), David (16th November 1840-22nd August 1912) and Emma (10th August 1843-28th September 1922).

George Shapland Yeo was a well respected man whose obituary was reported in the *Windsor Richmond Gazette* Saturday 30th May 1891. He was baptised in Swimbridge 26th March 1833. On 10th November 1857 he married Betsy Elizabeth Pender. The couple had seven children. They moved to Scone and then to the Hawkesbury – prior to 25th May 1857 at which time the *Gazette* records that he was a

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member of the Hawkesbury Agricultural Society. Part of his obituary follows:

By the death of Mr GS Yeo, which took place last Saturday morning, the Hawkesbury District has lost a good resident and an honorable and consistent man. Mr Yeo had not long been ill, and his death came as a surprise, even upon many of his most intimate friends. The funeral took place on Sunday last and was conducted by Mr T Primrose. The cortege left the deceased's late residence at Mulgrave at 3 o'clock and added to its numbers until when it reached town it presented a most imposing appearance. The members of the Richard Coley Masonic Lodge, to the numbers of about forty in full regalia, arched at the head of the hearse, and after the mourning coach came the late Mr Yeo's favourite horse riderless. A large number of vehicles bearing friends, and after these horsemen and pedestrians representing all parts of the district. When St Matthew's Church of England was reached, the coffin (which was covered with beautiful wreaths), was taken inside the building, and a very impressive service was conducted by the Reverend D'Arcy Irvine. The church was absolutely crowded, as also were the grounds where the remains of the deceased were lowered into the grave. The burial service was read by the incumberant and the impressive Masonic service by Bro John Jackson Paine, WM, after which those who could do so had one last look at the shell which contained the remains of a man to know who was to like him and respect him. Mr George Yeo, took a deep and fervent interest in the farming

industry, and was no mean authority on all questions pertaining to it. As a stockbreeder he made his mark, and in all the colonies the Mulgrave Stud Farm is as well known as any other kindred establishment of the kind. Mr Yeo was President of the NSW Agricultural Association, besides being a Magistrate and taking an active part in any and every local movement calculated to benefit the district. Altogether he was one of those men who, being scarce, are an acquisition to any locality; one who was in touch with all classes, and whose removal will be sorely felt. Mrs Yeo and family have the sympathy of young and old and rich and poor, in the loss they have sustained by the death of one who being a good friend, was also a good husband and father.

It would appear that James Yeo (son of John and Alice nee Stribling Yeo) had similar characteristics. Samuel Yeo, youngest son of James Yeo had this to say about his father – *he was an unassuming man and a gentleman, honest and truthful and never used bad language and was respected by all persons he came into contact with...Father I am told, although of good disposition could look after himself and very few would provoke him a second time...*

Like his cousin George, James Yeo, was also a good horseman. According to his son, James was an excellent rider who loved and understood horses.

It is not known whether or not James Yeo was a member of a Masonic Lodge. His son, Samuel, however was. The United Grand Lodge of NSW provided

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the information that Samuel Yeo was initiated into the Lodge Ulungra, No 299, meeting and Mendooran on 20th September 1918 and that he was a foundation member of Lodge Dunedoo No 647 meeting at Dunedoo on 18th October 1935.

Samuel Yeo was also Chairman of the Agricultural Show Committee and the longest serving member on the Coolah Shire Council. For this duty, if the newspaper articles are to be believed, he may have held the record for the state for this duty.



Samuel Yeo was like so many others of the family, a good sportsman and participated cricket, tennis, foot racing and was one the gentlemen jockeys that rode for prizes such as a silver plated tea service.

A letter written by my grandfather, Samuel Yeo, described his family's life. He wrote about the early years in the Luskintyre area – *James Yeo was a carter and often away six months...became the owner of a bullock team and drove from West Maitland to*

Coonamble ... no made roads...crossed the Castlereigh... no bridges.

He used to drive his team as far as 'Wallerwang' which was a very difficult task as big hills such as Cherry Tree, Stoney Pinch had to be negotiated. He loved his team and only on account of his age had to reluctantly retire.

The history about his mother written by Samuel Yeo

LIFE OF AN AUSTRALIAN PIONEER

The Lady of whom I wish to chronicle her life's history as a pioneer of this country – came to Australia during the year 1851 [sic it was 1839]. She was born in the country of Sussex England on 30th august 1835. She was accompanied by her four [sic three – one born in Australia] brothers and one sister. Her maiden name was Ann Russell. With her relatives they first took up residence in West Maitland New South Wales and resided there until the year 1856⁹. She then married James Yeo who also came from Devonshire England.

Their first home was a place named Stanhope near West Maitland. James Yeo was a carrier by occupation and he on many occasions was away from home. Frequently for a six months duration, inevitably leaving his wife by herself and as time wore on children were left to her care.

⁹ The year they married was 1855 and the probable reason for the family coming to Australia was that Ann's uncle, a convict – with the surname of Weston was transported to Australian and probably wrote home to say that Australia was a good place etc.

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In those days the aboriginals commonly called blacks, were fairly numerous and among them some were very hostile and of course, notorious thieves. Where she lived neighbours were few and far between. On various occasions she was molested by the blacks and managed to ward them off simply by strategy and presenting a fire arm. Houses in many instances were built of iron bark slabs about 2 inches in diameter just sufficient for a fire arm to be protruded.

For her to subsist and provide food for her children it was necessary to have cows for milk and butter. There was no fenced in paddocks and it can be easily realised the difficulties she experienced in finding the cow and oft times she had to break young ones in. It was also necessary for her to obtain flour, sugar, tea and other commodities which was made even more difficult by the inevitable prolonged delays caused by floods and other causes to her causes to her husband. Although wood was plentiful it had be chopped and carried in, a duty made more difficult by the never ceasing watchfulness of the blacks.

Cooking of the food was also a problem, no gas or electric stoves then available. Camp ovens were extensively used and oft times dampers were cooked in ashes, which provided the 'staff of life'.

Despite the hardships and privations she endured she was always optimistic and cheerful. Rearing of poultry was also no easy task owing to the blacks being very partial to fowl or turkey.

As time proceeded they decided to change their living place and decided to live at Ballarah¹⁰ near Dunedoo also in New South Wales. In the meantime the husband had acquired a horse team and through the medium of the horse drawn wagon, eventually arrived at their destination. There they obtained a block of land, and resided there for the rest of their lives – although by this time the black's menace had practically subsided.

Further hard work had to be resorted to there again, the pioneer of which I write, in common with most farmer's wives, had to do the cooking for the harvest hands, which often consisted of six to eight men, to provide mid-day lunches it was often necessary for her to carry a large bucket of tea and food for a distance of nearly one mile.

It is interesting to relate that she was fortunate in always having good health attributed she would smilingly say to hard work.

In addition to the few facts mentioned she reared a family of eight sons and three daughters.

Although always working hard in her young days she lived to enjoy life in a more comfortable manner and was held in high esteem by everyone she came in contact with.

Samuel Yeo

Ann and James Yeo were established at Bolaro by 1872. One major disaster that occurred in 1874 was a big flood – Sam

¹⁰ I think this should be Bolaro?

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wrote the following – *During the year of 1874 just after they had settled down having built a home etc they were victims of the big flood, they suffered considerable loss, and the family had to climb up live big apple trees the water being 4 foot deep at that point completely covering the Bolaro property.*

A book on the history of Dunedoo written by the CWA tells the story of the flood and the Nott family...

Charles [Nott] decided to have a sleep and chose a table on which to rest. He then requested a friend, named Gibson, who happened to be in the house to wake him if the flood should start to carry the table through the wall. The water rose over 2 foot deep in the house. His brother James with his wife and sister-in-law spent the night on top of a wheat stack.

The reason for Ann and James Yeo moving to the Bolaro district may have been influenced by knowledge of the area and friends already living there.

James had experience and knowledge of the district though his work as a carter. Ann lived in the Cassilis area from around 1839 to early 1850s. When her family arrived from Burwash in Sussex the family that consisted of parents George Russell and wife Ann nee Weston and young family stayed with Ann's brother, James Weston. He had a property in the area and the township of Weston – part of his land – is named after him. After his son became blind and a daughter married against his wishes James Weston decided to move

to the Maitland district and his sister and her family went with him.

James Yeo bought properties for all his sons with the exception of Samuel who inherited the family property. The girls were expected to marry well. Two of the girls married teachers and Mary Elizabeth married one of the Nott boys.

The original family property was inherited by Samuel Yeo who sold it to his only surviving son, Alfred Frederick (Bill) who in turn sold it to his son Warren Yeo runs the farm today.

James Yeo's Will

This is the last will and testament of me, James Yeo of Bolaro in the county of New South Wales, farmer and grazier. I appoint my three sons, George Yeo, James Yeo and Alfred Yeo to be the trustees and executors of this my will and I direct payment by them all my just debts and funeral expenses.

I give and bequeath the whole of my real estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever situate unto my said trustees and executors administrators and assigns upon the trusts following that is to say upon trust to permit and suffer my wife to carry on all my station and other properties and to sell each year all wool shorn from the sheep and all crops grown on the lands and receive the proceeds thereof for her own use and benefit and also with the full power to my said wife to sell from time to time any portion of the livestock or personal property forming part of my estate (but not any real property) which my said executors and trustees shall by writing

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under their hands authorize her to sell from time to time and to receive the proceeds thereof for her own use and benefit.

And from and after the death of my said wife upon trust to divide the whole of my said real estate and personal property estate and effects between and amongst my five [four?] following sons namely Henry Yeo, George Yeo, Frederick William Yeo and Samuel Yeo or such of them as have attained or shall attain the age of 21 years in equal shares and proportions absolutely their heirs, executors and administrators and assigns.

But upon the express condition that each of my said sons before he can take any share or interest under this will must bring all landed property of every kind which he owns at the time of his mother's death and must transfer the same to my trustees and executors for division as aforesaid.

And if any son or sons shall not do so within the time aforesaid then such son or sons shall forfeit and lost all share and interest under this my will and my estate shall then be divided amongst the others of my said sons in equal shares.

I charge all my property with the payment by my said sons of the following amounts to their sisters within one month after my said sons possession of the property aforesaid, namely to Thirza Beatrice Matchett one hundred pounds, To Eliza Ann Arkins, fifty pounds and to Mary Alice Nott fifty pounds provided that if in my lifetime I give the said three daughters, such gifts

shall be a satisfaction in either in full or portents as the case may be of the charges in their favour hereinbefore given witness my hand at Mudgee this 21st day of August AD 1900...

The will was duly signed and witnessed by Charles D Mears and CB Heath of Mudgee.

Samuel Yeo married Edith Roubina Chapman on 13th March 1907. Their children, all of whom were born at the family property of Yeoville are:

Violet Ann 15.3.1907 – 7.6.1989

Canberra

Lola Evalyn 3.8.1908-August 1990.

Samuel Trevor August 1910-
8.11.1911

Elva Grace 11.8.1812 and in 2002
still lives in Mudgee.

Alfred Frederick 23.9.1914-1990s

Alice Rita 6.2.1917-1990s

Audrey Nita 19.4.1926- still lives in
Sydney 2002.

Sam and Eddie looked after the old couple. James Yeo died following a heart attack on 15.6.1907. Ann Yeo died 29.8.1911.

My mother, Violet Ann Yeo recalled that when her grandmother died sulphur was burn in the room. She also recalled that the old lady like Sao biscuits and Mum with her sister Lola used to *pinch* some of the biscuits and hide under the big bed to eat them.

There is a family story that the first son of each Yeo family (Mum's generation) died young. Investigation showed that there was a pattern of such deaths but not always the son – my sister died aged

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one year one month and one day. These deaths along with a high incidence of deaths from cancers makes one wonder if the chemicals used on the farms may have contributed?

Samuel Trevor – known as Trevor – died in my grandmother's arms. She held him as he died and said to my grandfather – *He's gone Dad*. She kept a locket with a lock of his curly hair in it. A family story states that his body was the first to be buried in the Dunedoo Cemetery.

Through the stories told to me by my aunts I have been given oral histories about the women of the family and their lives.

In general one can say that the roles of women and men were quite clearly defined. Women prior to marriage could work – but usually in tasks such as teaching, nursing, domestic work, shop assistants, typists, waitressing and sewing. Once married the woman's domain was her home. She could still work in jobs such as cleaning and washing for others – and being the local midwife. However in a world with few labour saving devices her time was fully occupied with giving birth, raising children, keeping the house clean, cooking and the seasonal occupations of bottling fruit, making jams and so on. Entertainment in the form of dances, balls, tennis afternoons, cricket and so on was integral to the life of the community.

Church too was an essential part of the lives of the majority of people and there was in general a gulf between those

who were baptised in the Roman Catholic religion and those of the Protestant faiths.

My aunts wrote and I compiled from the information the following:

DAILY LIFE IN THE HOME AT YEOVILLE

The day to day life of the family home followed a routine – Mondays were wash days, Tuesdays for ironing and so on. Bath nights was Saturday night. A large round tub was filled for the purpose. Cooking was done on a fuel stove with cast iron pots – later came enamel. As there were no fly screens or fly spray, flies were an ever present problem.

No one was allowed to sew or knit on the Sabbath and on Easter Times Mum (Eddie) gave us fish on Good Friday and Easter Sunday and for Lent we always went without butter.

All the children were baptised by a travelling parson who was based at Coolah. When the minister came to preach he stayed at *Yeoville*.

The family attended church at 11 am and both Sam and Eddie worked hard for the church. Eddie ran a stall at the annual Bazaar. The new Church of England at Dunedoo had the furniture donated by local people. The Yeo family gave the oak pulpit.

From the late 1800s and into the mid 1930s it was the norm for families to attend church on a Sunday. In the 1800s the church was more than a place of worship – it was a place where

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people met for social gatherings – a place where people of the country district could meet to yarn and share their joys and sorrows with their fellow neighbours.

The church's central position in the life of people and the fabric of society has now gone (for many people). To give but one example of the importance of organised religion, in the early 1950s it was still necessary for students' applying for a place in Sydney Teachers College to have two references, one of which had to be from a clergyman.

Other important organisations were for the men, the Masonic Lodge (if Protestant), Agricultural Show Committees, Band and sporting associations. Women often became members of the auxiliary of the sporting clubs and looked after the refreshments. They also joined associations such as Country Women's (CWA) and Church organisations.

SCHOOL

Lola and Violet Yeo commenced at Ballarah School (towards Cobbora from Dunedoo). Sam Yeo and his sister Thirza also attended the same school. Annie Redman was one of the teachers who taught Lola and Violet. This school like the majority in the district was a one teacher school.

The CWA book says of Ballarah School, *There is no record of the first school, but apparently it was situated close to the old road about two miles on the Dubbo road on a property now owned by Mr Greg Nott. A clump of trees marks the spot.*

Other records show that a school was built in 1898 in the adjacent paddock in the top corner close to the old road now the property of Mr Eric Conliffe...Some of the early teachers were Mr Arkins [he married one of Sam's sisters], Mr Jeperson, Mr Matchett [married another one of Sam's sisters], Mr Barwick, Miss Bates, Miss Martin, Miss Annie Redman. As well as the three R's the children were taught hygiene, eg how to clean teeth with a clean rag and salt. Exercises were taught using a broom handle. Rounders, skipping, knuckles with sheep bones were some of the games played in the recess breaks. Sewing was taught to the girls. In the morning the pledge to the flag was made – "I honour my God, I serve my King, and I salute my Flag". As with most schools today the hours were from 9 am to 3.30 pm. No uniforms were worn. The girls wore a clean home made frock and if using chalk slates, wore an apron over their frock. Lace up boots were worn by both girls and boys.

Only primary school education was in the early days, compulsory. Children left school at the end of sixth class. Some furthered their studies through correspondence courses. Teacher training was through apprenticeship and 'on the job' training under the guidance of a qualified teacher. Women did teach but had to resign on marriage. The wife of a male teacher was expected in a small school to teach the girls sewing. She did receive a small remuneration. It was not until the late 1960s in NSW that women teachers received equal pay to men.

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SPORT

The main games played were athletics (foot racing and the high jump), cricket, tennis, football, horse racing, vigero and rounders (latter two played by women). Yeoville had the first local tennis court and Lola recalled *Bankmanagers, school teachers, family and friends used to attend the tennis picnic. Aunty Polly came down with a washing tub full of sandwiches cakes and puddings and other family wives all bought eats to help Mum (Eddie) as some of the visitors used to stay for tea, and have a sing song around our piano. Dad (Sam Yeo) used to play, or some of the visitors. Picnics were held in holiday times all people from the town and farms gathered and had races for young and old, high jumps, long jumps, hop-step-and jump. Dad was very good at running and jumping...his shoes were flat healed with strips of leather across the sole. The Yeo boys plus a policeman from Cobbora who became and honourary Yeo for the occasion, played cricket in Sydney against a Sydney team – the Yeos won and Sam is credited with putting at least two balls over the boundary.*

Both Sam Yeo and William Thomas Chapman were *Gentlemen Jockeys*. Both won many horse races. Prizes in the form of gifts such as silver tea services, brooches were given – some suitably inscribed. Sam had several race horses that included a stallion called *Black Pan* and a mare called *Rose Pan*. An article in the *Early days of Dunedoo* reminiscences in the local paper described a number of the races.

A letter from Sam to his nephew Fred, written in the early 1950s informs us of the prowess of the Yeo family – perhaps just a little stretched...

Dear Fred,

Congratulations doing well at rifle range – keep up the Yeo tradition. Harry (before I started) won a shooting match at the old Redbank Hotel...I was looking on but in my mind's eye see the old red tanks with bulls eye painted on it. There were a lot of shooters from surrounding districts the longest range was 300 years, the bull's eye was large and if your Dad and Uncle Fred shot at the same time I am afraid there would have been a few missed and a few misses. Incidentally the Leadville range 1912 I equaled the stare record of 197 out of 200 and at the opening of the Coolah range in 15 consecutive bulls at the 200 on the same day at the Toorawehan range was opened. Fred also stinging on a number of bulls. Southwell shot at Cobbora range and... re golf it is the only game that I think I have not played seriously. I went around the Dunedoo links one day with Herb Rusten and won. Shall never forget going around with Wal Tranter¹¹ who did not play well and won a few trophies – he had to retire with a football knee. Well we came to a high hill almost 60ft perpendicular. Wal said the hole is about 40 yards from the top. I played a chip shot which may of went anywhere but on climbing the hill we found my ball about 2 yards from the tee. I said to Wal if he had told me the exact distance I would have holed in one.

¹¹ He married my Aunt Elva Yeo

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SNAKES

Along with the many stories about crows, the *Joe Blake* - the humble black, brown and hoop snakes gave birth to may tales that like the fish stories allowed the size of the story to grow in length each time the story was told. Daughters of Caroline Ann Chapman used to stay with their grandmother (Martha Martin nee Price). On the way to her home they were often passed by hoop snakes. Lola also recalled that when she was a baby she used to feed cake to a black snake that put its head up through a hole in the flooring to be fed.

INDIAN HAWKERS

The CWA book on Dunedoo mentions some of these men.

Ashamatali was an Indian Hawker who travelled the district during the late 1800s and early 1900s in a canvas covered van with roll up side and blinds all lined with paisley pattern on a dark red background. The van was driven by two beautiful bay horses. He died in Baradine in 1929 at the age of 110.

Another's name was Ali Box. Each daughter of Sam and Eddie remembered these men. *My brother Bill and I used to visit him and watch him make Johnny Cakes and Curry. He always gave us some and gave me a little stool to sit on. He sold lengths of cloth, cotton, pen knives, etc and my Mum used to buy things from him. He came to our house occasionally for a cup of tea and little warm cakes.* (Alice) Rita Yeo.

There were two Indian Hawkers...one was a very good swordsman...another played the concertina...mostly two horses and a caravan...As evening came on they used to pray to Allah (out of sight up in their van). Most of their merchandise came in big boxes to Yeoville and they would next pick it up when they came to our place. Audrey Yeo.

Old Ally used to visit Yeoville. He would ask permission to kill a sheep but Dada never let him because was a cruel method. However he used to come into the house and Eddie would play the piano for him whilst he did a dance with his sword. His swordmanship came in useful when he was attacked by a couple of youths in the district. He lived to be an old man but died as the result of an accident when his fray (or cart) overturned on a bend near Dunedoo. Lola Yeo.

THE SHOW

The CWA book records some information about the shows.

The first Dunedoo Exhibition or Carnival took place on April 30, 1913. No ground was notified as reserve for showground at the time as the 'show' was held two miles out of town on the property of Mr H Nott of Rosedale. Mr H Patrick was Patron and Mr O'Brien President. The exhibition membership totaled 150 and the fund for prizes amounted to fifty-six pounds. It appeared to have been very successful and the crowd was estimated to have been about 1,000. It was opened by Mr WF Dunn MLA.

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The present showground was provided in 1913 and dedicated by Gazette Notice of 8.6.1934 and Grant issued to Trustees.

The *Mudgee Guardian* of 1921 noted that the Dunedoo Show Committee consisted of Messrs S Yeo (Chairman), FJ Lonerghan, WT Chapman, Geo Paterson, GJ Nott, AC Christie, D Lewis, CB Campbell, WE Nixon, H Greenhalgh, GH Cohen, H May and the secretary. At the meeting the committee decided that the price of admission would be Gentlemen 2/-, Ladies 1/- and children eight years and older 6d and under eight – free. All returned soldiers wearing a badge would be admitted free.

CHILDREN OF EDITH & SAMUEL YEO

1. VIOLET ANN YEO 15.3.1907 – 7.6.1989. On 1.6.1933 she married at Gulgong St Luke's Church of England to Leonard Austin 20.8.1896 (give or take a year or so) – 26.4.1976. His parents were John Edward Austin and Mary (nee Leonard). He was born at Hawthorn Melbourne and had one brother, Frederick, KIA in Belgium in 1917. Leonard also had two sisters.

Following her birth, Violet Ann was looked after by Caroline Ann Chapman and in later years Violet was the one chosen to look after her grandmother who was crippled by arthritis.

Following her marriage Violet and her husband lived in Dunedoo where their first child, Inez Edith was born 25.10.1933. The child had major health problems and in November 1934 she

died and is buried in Rookwood Cemetery. By the time their second child, Ann Robina was born on 20.6.1937 the family had moved to Collarenebri. Here Len ran a garage. Unfortunately in Easter 1941 he was informed by the owner of the garage that *things* were not doing too well. The owner helped Len to find new work in the small town of Canberra – then more a series of small villages separated by sheep paddocks than the capital city of Australia.

On 20.12.1958 Ann Robina Austin married Florian Gugler (7.9.1934-1.3.1989) and the couple have two children, Robina Jane 17.1.1962 and Austin Brett 21.7.1964. Robina and her partner Ian Wilson have a daughter, Felicity-Ann 26.10.1994.

Canberra Times Monday December 22, 1958

A full length sheath gown of off-white satin with train was worn by Miss Ann Austin at her marriage to Mr Florian Gugler at St John's late on Saturday afternoon.

The gown was matched by a pearl coronet holding an elbow length veil and a trailer of gold roses from a Bible.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr and Mrs L Austin of Westlake and the groom the younger son of the late Mr and Mrs F Gugler of Austria.

Miss Moya Lynch as bridesmaid wore an apricot sheath street length frock with full nylon organza overskirt. She matched it with an emerald green sash with matching Alice band in her hair. Mr David Johnson was best man... The reception was at the Copacabana

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Restaurant at Civic and the wedding cake was made by Mrs Iris Lynch.



Detail of photograph taken at 27 Westlake prior to leaving for the church. Moya Lynch on right and Ann Austin, left. Below: Circa 1958 Florian & Ann outside 27 Westlake.



2.LOLA EVALYN YEO 3.8.1908. She died 7.05 pm 17.7.1990. Her pet dog, *Nipper* and cats died a short time before Lola's final illness. On 17.3.1941 Lola married William (Bill) Francis Breheny, blacksmith. Bill died 30.7.1976.

The couple had three children. Lola Gail who married Trevor Wells. He died circa 2000. The couple did not have children; Samuel Patrick – he married in Perth to a lady with a first name of

Sandy – no children; Dennis William 8.1.1944. He is a bachelor.



3.SAMUEL TREVOR YEO August 1910- 8.11.1911



Elva Yeo on left – and the other two were Tranter girls - dressing up.

4.ELVA GRACE 11.8.1912 – 8.30 pm 18.8.2003. She married at Mudgee 13.1.1932 to Walter Henry Tranter. He was born 2.10.1908 and died 18.4.1989. He is buried in Mudgee Cemetery. Prior to her marriage Elva worked for a time

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as a student nurse. Below a photograph of Elva Yeo in her uniform.



The couple had four children:

- Barry Tranter 16.9.1932 at Toowoombah Queensland. 4.9.1954 he married Valerie Rae Wilson – born 25.5.1936. The couple divorced. Barry married a second time to Patricia Thornton. On 24.11.1989 Barry died from cancer of the liver. His obituary mentioned that he had been school captain in 1949 and attended All Saints from 45/49. Barry was sent to Hawkesbury College by Edgells in 1951 where he obtained his diploma in Food and Technology. He later managed Tom Piper Foods in Sydney, Carkey's Abattoir in Cootamundra, Tegal Turkeys in Tahmor, visited America and Japan as part of his work and introduced flavour based turkey into this country. He excelled at cricket, football, bowls and tennis. He had a wonderful sense of humour and a great family man. He was the first of my first cousins to die. When he found out about the cancer he said, *[I] have had a great life, the only thing I feared was old age and now I won't have to face that. The real hurt is that people I love will grieve.* Barry had three children, Carolyn 10.11.1955 at

Oberon. She married 24.3.1979 to Colin Golg and has two children Meghan Anne 19.6.1981 and Peter James 24.5.1983 – both born Wollongong; Susan Kay 3.8.1957 Blayney. She married 5.8.1978 to Ricky Norris Patrick and has two children – Amanda Rae 6.8.1981 and Belinda Joan 10.6.1983 – both born Kurri; Diane Joy 4.3.1961 Sydney. She married Gregory William Latimer and has two children Geoffrey William 12.11.1933 and Joel Thomas 1.9.1983 – both born Bulli.

- Betty Tranter 11.8.1933 Gulgong. She married Arthur Brackenreg and has two sons, Craig 12.3.1963 and Grant 14.1.1966.
- Trevor Brian Tranter (known as Brian) 16.2.1935. He married 27.3.1965 to Pam Miller and has two children, Sonya 11.8.1965 and Steven 13.3.1969
- Robyn Tranter 28.11.1947 Gulgong. She married 17.12.1967 to Neale Paterson and has three children, Mark 4.10.1969; Timothy 14.3.1971 and Daniel 18.9.1974.

5. ALFRED FREDERICK YEO *Bill* 23.9.1914 – late 1990s. He married on the steps of St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney to Irene Quirk 28.8.1919-October 2002. The couple had two children who were brought up in the RC faith

- Yvonne Yeo 4.7.1941 Dunedoo. She married 5.2.1966 to John Fisher and the couple have two children, Gabrielle Ann 23.1.1967 and Paul John 5.2.1969. Both children were born in Sydney.
- Warren Yeo 31.1.1943 Dunedoo. He married at Engadine 19.8.1967 to Helen Preddy. The couple have four children – Peter 11.5.1968, Marina 9.11.1970; Bernadette 16.9.1972 and

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Megan 22.7.1975. All the children were born at Mudgee.



Above: Alfred Frederick (Bill) Yeo right and Leonard Austin.

Below: Leonard Austin and daughter Ann at Yeoville



6. ALICE RITA YEO 6.2.1917 – 1990s. She married 13.3.1936 to Thomas Percy Page 2.7.1913-14.3.1949 – a day after his 49th wedding anniversary. When the couple first married they lived at Walgett where they lived with Tom's

Uncle Joe and Aunt Queenie Pallier for awhile. After the birth of Pam in October 1937 Rita went to stay at Collarenebri with her sister Violet and her husband Leonard while Tom worked as a shearers' cook – the only job he could get at the time – still the Great Depression years. Later they moved back to Dunedoo where Tom worked for Uncle Fred Yeo. When the war with Japan started Tom enlisted. Prior to his marriage he was one of the guards on the Sydney Harbour Bridge at the time of the opening. In later years after the war Tom and Rita moved to a soldier settlers' farm at Taralga. Once the family had grown they then moved to Wollongong – or rather nearby Dapto – where Tom worked for awhile in the steel mill. Rita and Tom had a family of seven children.

Below: Late 1937 at Collarenebri – L-R Rita and her daughter Pam, Ann and her mother Violet. Pam was born with long black hair and I (born 20.6.37) had very little – I recall grabbing handfuls of Pam's hair and pulling it.



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Above: Pam (left) and Peggy with brother Daryl or Nigel at Taralga.

Rita and Tom Page's children are:

Pamela Jocelyn Page 4.10.1937 Walgett. She married at Taralga 30.6.1956 to Donald Leslie Halkett. The couple have the following children-

- Sharon 25.3.1957 – she married at Mornington Victoria 22.11.1975 to Hugh Goodyer and has a child, Rosanna Leslie 9.7.1984
- Alice Ann 5.12.1958. She married at Mornington to Brian Seale and has a child, Sara Anne Katherine 29.11.1981 Tweantin Queensland.
- Donna 4.11.1960 married Mornington to Ralph Harland.
- Carol Joy 23.7.1962 married Mornington to Peter Locke. They have two children Nathan Peter 28.5.1981 and Jessica Ann 16.7.1981.
- Lynette 27.6.1966. Married
- Susan Janette 1.9.1968. Married.

Peggy Sylvia Page 14.4.1939

Dunedoo. She married at Drummoyne from her grandparent Yeo's home on 9.11.1956 to Kevin John McAlister. Kevin was born 6.1.1928, son of Patrick

Edwin McAlister and Ada Lillian nee Walsh. The couple have three children

- Rodney Charles 16.6.1957
- Ashley Kevin 23.10.1959
- Barbara Edith Kay 27.5.1961. She married William Walker and has one child.

Samuel Peter (Peter) Page 2.7.1940 Dunedoo. He married at Albany WA to Yvonne Margaret Reid on 18.11.1967. Prior to marriage Peter had a child, a daughter born in New Zealand. Peter and Yvonne have two children,

- Deanne Margaret 22.5.1968. She married 1990 and has one known child.
- Anthony Peter 19.9.1970. Both children born in Albany where the family remains.

Thomas Paul (Paul) Page 9.11.1941 Wentworthville. He married Judith Haynes and has one child. The couple divorced. He married 19.12.1970 to Cheryl Ruth Schmidt. The couple have four children –

- Glen Alan 4.8.1970
- Kerry Edith 5.11.1973
- Julie Gay 30.7.1977
- Child born 1986.



Cheryl and Paul Page on their wedding day.

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Perry Yeo Page 5.10.1943
Wentworthville. He married
1.5.1965 to Caroline Ann Jenkins.
The couple have three children.

- Lisa Patricia 16.6.1966
- Scott Perry 2.1.1970
- Megan Ann 16.7.1972

Daryl Adrian Frederick Page
14.9.1950 Goulburn (family had the
property at Taralga). On 15.12.1950
he married Carmel Eva Perry. The
couple have two children.

- David Geoffrey 19.9.1977
- Rebecca Anne 4.2.1980

Nigel Rodney Charles Page
13.12.1953 Goulburn. He married
19.10.1974 to Judith Helena
Cochrane. The couple have three
children.

- Sandra Jayne 1.7.1975
- Steven Michael 26.8.1977
- Leanne Fay 3.2.1980



Above: Standing L-R Audrey & Albert Bingham, Rita Page – seated L-R Elva Tranter, Lola Breheny, Violet Austin, Tom Page. 1980s.

AUDREY NITA YEO 19.4.1926/ She
married 14.5.1949 to Albert John
Bingham at Drummoyne. Albert was
born 2.6.1927 at Paddington. He died
18.7.2005 Sydney. The couple lived until

around 2001 at Henty Street
Drummoyne. They have two children.

Gary John Bingham 8.6.1950
Annadale. He married 2.4.1977 to
Ingrid Helena Jansen who was born
24.12.1957. The couple have two
children, Louisa 18.10.1981 and Amy
Kathleen 10.4.1984 – Both children
born at Westmead.

Janice Bingham 2.12.1953
Annandale. She married at Campsie
to Bruce Donald Paterson on
20.12.1974. Bruce was born
16.1.1953. The couple have two
children, Calum 30.3.1982
Belconnen ACT and Jessie 8.10.1984
Baulkham Hills.

Below: Audrey Yeo in 1940s. She
worked as a *Postie* during the war.



LILLIE GEORGINA CHAPMAN

She was born 25.2.1891 and died at
Ryde Hospital on 3.9.1979. She is
buried in Rookwood Cemetery. She
married in a duel ceremony with her
sister Adeline Grace (known as Grace) at
the Union Church at Dunedoo on
4.2.1922 to Charles William Clugston.
He was born 28.9.1888 Cooma and died
24.12.1957. He too is buried at
Rookwood in the Presbyterian section.

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Charles William Clugston was the son of Thomas Clugston and Amy nee Duvery. She was the daughter of Angelo and Elizabeth Duvery. She was born in 1861 and died 11th November 1918 in Adaminaby NSW. Thomas Clugston was born in 1856 – son of Robert and Sarah Clugston in Adaminaby. Robert was born 1831 and died 13th February 1979 Adaminaby. Sarah was born in 1830 and died 14th June 1912 Adaminaby. Thomas Clugston died 22nd September 1939 in Milton. He married Amy C Duvery in 1883 – registered Cooma.

Charles Clugston, husband on Lillie was the third child born to Thomas and Amy Clugston. His siblings were – Robert 1885; Eleanor 1887; Ada E 1891; Thomas 1892; Herbert 1895; Aubrey 1897; Harold 1900 and Bertha 1904.

Lillie and Charles had two children –

Lorna Christina Clugston 21.12.1922 Tamworth. She married 15.7.1950 at Port Morseby to Raymond Stuart (10.10.1924-9.4.1960). The couple have three children –

- Donald Raymond 2.3.1955 Oro Bay New Guinea and died 2.3.1955 at Oro Bay.
- Charles William 2.3.1955 Oro Bay.
- Heather Christina 29.5.1957 Oro Bay. She married 19.2.1977 Thornleigh to Allan Nilson who was born 29.7.1956. They have two children, Peter Raymond 4.8.1980 and Samuel Scott 4.8.1980 – the twins were born at Hornsby.

Lorna Christina married for a second time to Maurice Cann (13.2.1913-

9.1.1979). There were no children from the second marriage. Lorna died circa 1986 and was cremated. Her ashes have been placed with her parents.

Coral Jean Clugston 20.2.1925 Riverstone and married at Burwood 30.9.1950 to Ronald Alwynne Crockett born 13.9.1923. In the late 1990s Coral was suffering from cancer and may have died since that time. The couple had two children.

- Darryl Graham 25.4.1953 Ashfield. He married 15.11.1980 at Parramatta to Coralie Maureen Simmons (12.11.1956). They have two children, Lisa Maureen 9.8.1983 and Nicole Jean 8.9.1990.
- Cheryl Jean 1.3.1955 Epping. She married 14.3.1981 at Gosford to Trevor Tones (16.10.1947). This was Trevor's second marriage and he has a daughter from his first marriage – Rachel born 27.11.1975.

ALBERT GEORGE (*Doolie*) CHAPMAN was born 29.11.1892 and died at Orange two days before his 90th birthday on 27.11.1982. He married on 29.4.1914 Edith Yeo, daughter of James Yeo and Annie nee Mason. She was born 10.2.1891 at *Hillview* Dunedoo and died 16.4.1968. She is buried in the Dunedoo Cemetery in the C.E section.

The couple had a large family.

Lillian Amy Chapman 28.11.1914 Dunedoo – 12.5.1982 Lismore where she is buried. She has one child, Jennifer Mary Chapman 16.5.1944. She married 30.11.1963 at Mudgee

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RC Church to John Perkins. He was born 15.1.1944. The couple have three children – Mark John 31.5.1964; Susan Leanne 21.3.1966 – she married in April 1988 and Nicole Louise 2.12.1971.

James Maurice Chapman 29.10.1915 Dunedoo and died at the Public Hospital Gulgong 8.11.1923. He is buried in the Dunedoo hospital and the cause of his death was Hydatid of lung Pericardium. The funeral left from the home of his grandparents, William and Caroline Chapman.

John Thomas Chapman 10.6.1917 Dunedoo and died 15.5.1918 Birrawa. The cause of death was acute Hepatitis – edema of lungs and cardiac failure. He is buried in C.E section of Dunedoo Cemetery.

Arthur Clive Chapman 23.1.1920 Dunedoo. He married 15.6.1946 at Mudgee to Vera Peel (born 15.7.??). Arthur died in the Dunedoo Hospital 28.10.1985. The couple have six children –

- Suzanne Vera 21.1.1948. She married 25.1.1974 at Gulgong to Lloyd Graham who was born 21.4.??.
- Ian Clive 5.1.1951 and married 10.11.1971 to Melva Morrissey. The couple have three children, Kin Lea 9.4.1976; Kylie Maree 2.1.1978 and Natasha May 16.7.1981.
- Peter James 21.12.1954 and died at Gulgong where he is buried on 22.6.1970.
- Noel John 2.6.1956 – he married 23.3.1980 at Gulgong to Roslyn

Roberts. They have two children, Oliver Mary 2.1.1982 and Shannon Nicole 6.10.1984.

- Robyn Mary 15.8.1959. She married in Lithgow on 31.1.1981 to John Potter. The couple divorced in 1985. In 1988 she married David Inder
- Graham 25.1.1961. He married 23.1.1982 at Gulgong to Maryanne Johnson. The couple have three children, Diana Maree 6.9.1982; Judy Ann 6.8.1983 and Rachel Jane 1985.

Charles Albert Chapman 21.8.1922 Dunedoo. He married 28.1.1946 to Gloria Felcity Kerrison who was born 26.1.1925. The couple have seven children.

- Sandra Gloria 12.8.1946. She married at Mendooran 25.2.1967 to Kenneth Bruce McDonald. The couple have four children – Christopher Bruce 29.7.1967-2.2.1968; Louise Caroline 7.2.1976; Michele Gai 20.11.1978 and Elisa Margaret 23.7.1980.
- Reginald Graeme 10.7.1948. He married 25.4.1970 to Josephine Slattery born 6.12.1950. The couple have four children – Paul James 14.10.1970; Gavin John 12.4.1972; Stephanie Louise 2.5.1974 and Elliot Ross 1.8.1983.
- Estelle Christine 23.5.1952. She married 22.9.1979 to Brian Ralph Towse who was born 1.1.1933. The couple have three children, Michael Brian 7.7.1980; Jason Andrew 7.6.1982 and Graham Paul 7.6.1982

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- Gregory Ross 18.11.1954. He married 29.1 (or 11) 1977 to Dianne Marie Walker who was born 3.4.1955. The couple have two children, Grant Russell 27.5.1982 and Mark rowan 15.11.1985.
- David Lance 4.9.1958
- Cynthia Carol 28.1.1963

Raymond Leslie Chapman 13.1.1924 Dunedoo and married a widow, Edna Stapleton. The couple did not have children.

Annie Caroline (Dawn) 23.4.1926 Dunedoo. She married 26.6.1948 to Keith Miller who was born 4.5.1928. The couple divorced in 1984. They had four children.

- Neil Francis 11.6.1951 Mendooran. He married Narelle Stanford who was born 18.5.1952. The couple have two children, Timothy Neal 15.11.1975 and Lyndell Narelle 26.8.1978.
- Bryant Keith 16.11.1952 Dunedoo and died 1.9.1973. He is buried in the Mendooran Cemetery.
- Colin Raymond 14.7.1954 Dunedoo and died 16.10.1956 Mendooran where he is also buried.
- Meryl Jean 28.11.1956 Dunedoo. She married in Wagga Wagga to Gordon Tress and has two children, Barry James 3.11.1960 Dunedoo and Mark Kenneth 8.12.1961 Dunedoo.

Norma Jean Chapman 31.7.1928 Dunedoo. She married William Simpson. The couple have two children,

- Glenda Joan 23.6.1949. She married Rodd Heyde and they have two children, Phillip Ross 24.8.1972 and Lisa Kathryn 22.11.1973.
- James William divorced and no issue from the first marriage. He married the second time to Fiona and has two children, Matthew William 20.11.1983 and Laura Fay 24.7.1985.

Geoffrey Yeo Chapman 8.8.1930. He is six hours older than his twin, Leila Mary Chapman. He did not marry.

Leila Mary Chapman 8.8.1930. She married 12.4.1952 to Kenneth Pile born 24.6.1928. Mary died in the Mudgee Hospital 27.12.1986 – cause of death kidney failure. She is buried in the C.E section of Mudgee Cemetery. The couple had four children –

- Kevin 16.7.1953. He married in Mudgee 9.11.1974 to Susan Annette Minor who was born 24.12.1954. They divorced in 1974. He then married a widow named Maureen in February 1987. He has three children, Jodie Lee 20.5.1975 Mudgee; Megan Louise 4.3.1979 Mudgee and Clinton John 6.3.1980. The widow whom he married had four children.
- Kerry Jean 3.10.1954. She married 3.10.1981 at Dubbo to Patrick Madden who was born 24.1.1956. The couple have two

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children – Jamie Patrick 8.5.1985
Dubbo and Lauren Mary Jane
20.9.1986 Dubbo.

- Wendy Narelle 11.7.1956
- Stephen Geoffrey 28.2.1964

Zena Marie Chapman 11.3.1932
Dunedoo. She married July 1953 to
Donald Frederick Yeo who was born
22.7.1931. The couple have three
children.

- Darryl Maxwell 28.2.1955
Dubbo. He married 23.8.1980
The Rocky to Lisa Young. The
couple have four children,
Rosalie Margaret Marie
17.6.1981, Jeremy Donald
19.12.1982, Shawn Anthony
19.5.1984 and Benjamin.
- Rhonda 4.2.1958 Dubbo. She
married 10.5.1980 at *Boxwood*
to Ali Luhtasaari. The couple
have one known child born
1988.

Colin Kenneth Chapman 7.6.1933
Dunedoo. He married Anne Horne
9.1.1971. The couple have two
children, Nigel Adrian 16.4.1972 and
Darelle Maree 6.8.1974 – both born
at Dubbo.

Patricia Edith Chapman 13.3.1935.
She married in Sydney to Raymond
Warner on 5.7.1957. The couple
have two children,

- Ann Maria 7.3.1958. She
married 6.3.1976 to Grahame
Patterson. The couple divorced.
She married two, Les Dean. By
her first marriage she had one
child, Tanya Louise 6.5.1976 and
my her second marriage

Benjamin 26.7.1985 Lithgow and
Kate Alyce 25.6.1987.

- Peter John 25.2.1959. He
married in 1985 to Sue... two
children are mentioned – Joanne
Louise 6.7.1987 and Amy Laura
6.7.1987.

Jean Wilma Chapman 4.1.1937
Dunedoo. She married in January at
Mudgee to Norman Beileiter and
has two children, Leonie Beryl
10.10.1968 and Alison Mary
9.6.1971.

ALICE MAUD CHAPMAN

She was known as Maud and was born
5.9.1894. Maud died 19.6.1978 at
Orange and married 1.1.1927 to Leslie
Leahey. Her nieces, Annie and Violet
Ann Yeo (cousins) were the
bridesmaids.



Violet Ann is on the right and Annie on
the left. The colour of the dresses was
blue.

Maud and Les Leahey had two children,

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- Norma Rose 2.7.1928. She married at Fanny Bay Darwin to Richard Pepper and had four children, Lelsie who is married with a son, Jenny, Michael and Richard.
- Ronald 9.7.1931. He married 9.1.1960 to Dawn Quinlan. The couple have two children, Lynanne 7.1.1961 and Paul 28.2.1967.



ADELINE GRACE CHAPMAN. (Above with Arnold Jones.)

She was always called Grace. She was born 29.9.1896 and lived to close to 100 years of age. On 4.2.1922 she married in a duel ceremony with her sister Lillie

to Arnold Jones who was born 27.6.1892. He died in July 1954 and three weeks later their only son, Malcolm Wallingford Jones born 19.1.1923 died after a tree fell on him. Malcolm married Myra Docra and has one daughter, Vicki who was born 9.9.1950. She married 12.5.1972 to John and has a daughter born in 1987.

BERTIE BERKLEY CHAPMAN

He was born 20.2.1899 and married 1. to Joan Croft – no issue and 2. 12.12.1945 to Beryl Hayes who was born 10.11.1921. Bertie died at Kensington 24.9.1968 and is buried in Rookwood Cemetery. Beryl died 19.10.1990 aged 69 years. Bertie had two children, Phillip 2.1.1953 Darlinghurst and Joy born 21.10.1946? Darlinghurst. She married Steven Wilson. They divorced and she remarried 28.8.1983 to Phillip Garlick. By her first marriage she had two children, Melissa 20.9.1975 Darlinghurst and Ryan.

HOMAS MARTIN

28th August 1858 – 20th December 1887 aged 28 years. He died from sunstroke and little is known about him. He did not marry.

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Above: Snapshot taken 19th June 1937 – 60th Wedding Anniversary of Caroline Ann (nee Martin) and William Thomas Chapman. With them in the photograph are some of their grandchildren. The photograph was taken in the backyard of the Chapman family home in Dunedoo. Back row standing L-R: Malcolm Jones, Heather Yeo (married a Nott), Amos Chapman (face obscured), Ivy Chapman, Bill Yeo, Ted Chapman, Elva Yeo (wearing hat), Ab Yeo, Margaret Chapman,, Iris Stitt (married Coyle – she is standing at back because she was expecting a baby) Beryl Chapman, Raymond Chapman, Coral Clugston. Front Row L-R Norma Chapman, Norma Leahey, Caroline Ann Chapman (grandmother), Ronald Leahey, (standing in front of grandfather), William Thomas Chapman (grandfather), Gordon Chapman, Dawn Chapman, Audrey Yeo.

Below Left, Martha (nee Price) Martin in old age and right, William Thomas Chapman, her grandson-in-law.



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Above Left: Jennifer Mary Chapman daughter of Lilian Amy Chapman on her wedding day. She married John Perkins at RC Church at Mudgee on 30th November 1963. Right – Robina Jane Gugler, daughter of Florian and Ann (nee Austin) Gugler – 1962. Below left, Ann Austin, daughter of Violet (nee Yeo) and Leonard Austin aged 7 years, 2 months August 1944. And Right, three of the Nott girls with their father, Charles Nott (?).



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Bottom left members of the family of James and Ann Yeo – Henry, Matilda, John, George and Florence and three of Henry and Matilda's children. Photograph page from a book *Russells From Burwash 1764-1988* by Jean McIntosh - photographs loaned by Ann Gugler. Bottom right, Violet Ann Yeo – daughter of Samuel Yeo aged 12 years.



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Above photograph taken at Yeoville home of Edith (nee Chapman) and Samuel Yeo. Bill (Alfred Frederick on the tractor. Rita (Alice Rita) Yeo seated rear.



Above is the family photograph of William Thomas and Caroline (nee Martin) Chapman. Two more children were born after this photograph. Edith Roubina Chapman (my grandmother) is standing near her mother. Caroline made all the children's clothes. Below is a photograph of William and Caroline 19th June 1937 taken the day of their 60th wedding anniversary.

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Above left – William Thomas Chapman in old age. Right -four generations of Chapmans. Caroline Ann (nee Martin) Chapman is holding the youngest member of the four generations.

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Above Edith (nee Chapman) Yeo cutting the ribbon to open the Dunedoo Bridge. Next to her on the right is Samuel Yeo and far right Audrey Yeo (born 1926) youngest child of Edith and Sam Yeo.

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Above Edith and Sam Yeo at *Yeoville* Dunedoo. Above left Violet Ann Yeo born 15th March 1907. The hand holding her is her Aunt Grace's and I was told that the dress was made from her mother's wedding dress. On the right is Violet Ann aged 2 years.



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Below is a 1950s photograph of Violet Ann (nee Yeo) and Leonard Austin. This photograph was taken in the backyard of 37 Hacket Gardens Turner ACT. The couple minded their grandchildren when babies – Robina & Brett Gugler.



Below Leonard Austin (left) and Bill (Alfred Frederick) Yeo at Dunedoo circa 1941



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Ann Robina Gugler born 20th June 1937 at Collarenebri. Photograph taken by Leonard Austin.

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Above is a photograph taken by Leonard Austin in Collarenebri. The child on the right is Ann Austin and the girl on the right is a visitor. Below is Ann Austin on her birthday 20th June 1941. The photograph was taken at Queanbeyan. The family moved to Canberra shortly after Easter 1941 and moved to 27 Westlake Canberra.



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Above Ann Austin in the yard 27 Westlake with pet dog, Uncle Itch. Below Ann & Violet Austin circa 1941 Canberra.

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Above – wedding photograph of Ann Austin & Florian Gugler 20th December 1958.

Below - photograph of Ann (nee Austin) Gugler and her children, Robina Jane and Austin Brett. The photograph was taken in the 1970s.



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Above – l-r Robina (top of head), Ann, Brett Gugler and Violet Austin circa 1966.
 Photograph taken at 37 Hackett Gardens Turner. Below r-l Pat & Dennis Breheny – sons of Lola (nee Yeo) and William (Bill) Breheny.



Above left Elva Yeo(on left) fancy dress; centre Elva Yeo during her training as a nurse;
 right – Samuel Yeo photograph taken in the early 1890s.

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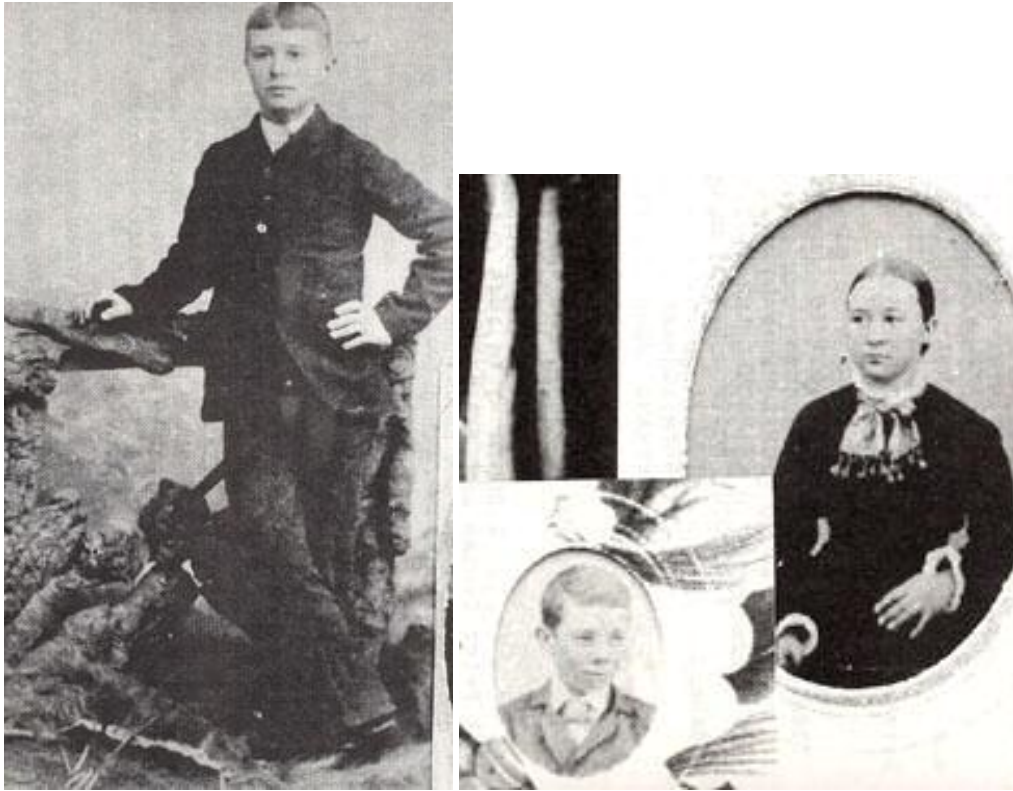
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Above left – Robert Cooper Martin who married Martha nee Price. Right – Edward and Sophia (nee Chapman) Martin and one of their children.

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Above left Edward Chapman, younger brother of William Thomas Chapman. On the right are Georgina and Amos Chapman.