



*This is the cover
of a diary¹ kept by
William Mitchell³
between
10 April 1887 and 15 Sept 1887
It covers a part of his trip north from
Bethanga in search of
a suitable property to purchase.*

In this diary William Mitchell introduced his own shorthand for some common words. These have been expanded in the text reproduced.

Most obvious symbols used by William Mitchell in his diaries.		
that or who	\ were	\ when
/ the or who	Ɔ came or come	
— place or way	— where	— road
/end or cattle	@ horse	3 or c collection
Ɔ selection	Ɔ paddock	o children
✓ creek	(o) there	

It should also be noted that capital letters are not always used for names or starts of sentences as we use them today. The punctuation is also different in that a comma is often used to end a sentence. If I make comments they included as [this].

Inside the outer cover is small pocket in which there were several enclosures.

One of them is very much out of step with the dates, being a letter written to his wife in 1889 when he was sick with diabetes which killed him that year.

That letter is reproduced on the next pages.



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like to see you again. but we don't kill a pig every
day & while you are away you had better enjoy
yourself at your leisure, you will be prisoner enough
when you come back, we are all well
from your affectionate husband

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[the text of this page is typed out on the next page.]

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GAZELLE 26TH, THE PROPERTY OF MR. WILLIAM M'CULLOCH OF VICTORIA.

We believe that in a very few years it would produce more sugar and completely outshine the
The past few years have witnessed a rapid improvement in the seed of farm crops and consequently a

[These are the parts in the pocket.

What follow is now the body of the diary.]

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clover on it & a lot of cattle I was not near enough to see the condition of many of them, what I saw looked in fair condition, we passed an old cultivation paddock the grass looked much finer were it had been ploughed, evidently much improved. the most of the grass on the plain is kangaroo, the plain & ridge without timber is about a mile wide, & the timbered land looks nice and open I think most of it pepermint timber, we went down the plain 3 or 4 miles, & saw severil little places fenced in 2 pannels square I saw like 3 young poplar trees in one, I should take them to be dummy improvements to block selection. it looks a grand place to select, but it is exceedingly cold in winter & cattle fall away very fast & it is too wet for sheep, we saw a lagoon on the plain, & counted 13 black swans on it, saw 2 of them fly they had white wings, we saw a lot of ducks on the lagoon that flew a long time before we got to them evidently the Mother of ducks has sent all the ducklings there at 10.10

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we met a boy with a flock of sheep, they had
very little wool on them, some appeared to be in
good condition & some was lame, I asked boy if
they had foot rot he said they had, I asked him
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it with us. after dinner I took off my pants & crossed the creek. it was half way up my thigh & the absence of caloric was distinctly palpable. Brad having a little cold on him rode across, after we crossed the creek we got into box timber & white sandy soil, we went up a black gully, passed the head of it crossed another road the land so far not up to much, we saw a lot of dead trees in front of us & thought we were coming to some place, but was disappointed the trees had all died a natural death & the road went passed, we went on till we thought we had gone far enough & felt satisfied we were going wrong, & having a place to camp & being near time, we camped, a man rode up I asked him were we were to, he said we were on the road to Abafoil, It was Abafoil Creek we crossed, there has not been any working on it, we had come the long way around we ought to have gone down the first plain we passed, & not

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us to diggings, timber died a natural death were
we camped, grass is short & a good floor of it
& a lot of cattle, horses, & kangaroos feed on it,
would do for a 2nd class, horse went back
rather fast so we tied him up at night
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had a spell writing verses, had a fine day
in evening Brad said when is good Friday,
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on at 7.40. our directions¹² were to go a mile & a half or 2 miles down to a cross road & take the left hand road & cross the creek & the road would take us to a selection 5 miles on & the selector would direct us to the diggings 5 miles further, we went over 2 miles down, crossed the creek by an old paddock the road went to the slip-rails, we went up the creek to see if we had missed the road, found another track that went to the slip-rails, we then got a track at the back of the paddock & followed it, it took us nearer back to where we started from than the other tracks, we then followed the creek down sometimes we had a track & sometimes none, the land on the opposite side of the creek had mostly trees that had died a natural death, there was swarms of cattle on it & short grass the grass looks much finer where the trees are dead & the roots much closer together. the cattle there on the whole rather poor, we come to a road 4 or 5 miles down, went on it a little way & then followed the creek down till 11 o'clock. we then marked

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one & also of going back to Bald Blair
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& followed it, sometimes we had it good
& sometimes no track at all, at last
track went wrong way & we left it & went
through bush & got on a good road took
us to Obern station 5 miles from diggings
same distance as 1st \ we got directions
yesterday I only went to a creek Brad crossed
& went to station on our way to diggings
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rode across behind pack, we went down
 $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile below store & camped after
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starting in fair condition, there was plenty of grass but it looked sour, most of the soil to day is granity looking grit, saw a few more cattle, a lot of the country looks rough or coarse, with a few stringy barks, but mostly honeysuckle, oaks, & other rubbishy looking stuff, saw no good land to day a man showed us about 2 1/2 dwts of gold he got this week fof sicking & showed us where he got it in old ground, he washed it in a dish, the creek is worked for gold there is a little tin in it but not worth saving we got some where someone has been panning off.

16th about three miles down the creek saw a few cattle rather poor, there was a large & very good yard there & a house ¹⁴ & a woman that probably was not reared out of the world like she is now from her manner of speaking, some good

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rubbishy looking stuff, saw no
good land to day a man showed us about
2 1/2 dwts of gold he got this week fof sicking
& showed us he got it in old ground, he
washed it in a dish, creek is worked for gold
there is a little tin in it but not worth saving
we got some where someone has been panning
off,
16th about 3 miles down creek saw a few
cattle rather poor, there was a large & very
good yard & a house & a woman probably
was not reared out of the world like she is now
from her manner of speaking, some good

looking children, a buggy etc, probably it was
a stock mans place evidently as is diggers
other side of ~~at~~, about 5 miles farther down
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too far away to see what they were, crossed a
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ridges are scrubby but have a lot of grass, &
sandy, I think we are 6 miles from station
& busy all to tell which way to go, probably
can take a good & a grass right I can keep.
have had a cloudy day & night is fine, baked
a damper, & is several red cattle outside as well as
in paddock, saw other cattle above paddock,
we could buy no butter at station, but
M^{rs} give me $\frac{1}{2}$ a pound, we had hot
salmon for supper, (cattle looked just good
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14th got a track just above tent in
morning & followed it up, & was dray
tracks on it & we followed wheel tracks
regardless of any beaten road, we went over
a very low gap & went down over nearly
flat forest land, sandy with plenty
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a very low gap & went down over nearly
flat forest land, sandy with plenty
of grass & bushes on it, 2 or 3 miles on

crossed a plain & come to the henry river.
saw a lot of good store cattle & some
old frames of houses & a tree marked 42 _ 43.
there has been an old diggings there, crossed the river
and got on to a distinct track, the country got
rather rough, oak & honeysuckle trees
plenty of grass, saw a few cattle there it was
open in fine condition, about 12 o'clock
we got to yarrow creek station 15 miles
from mount Mitchell, & 12 miles from
oak wood station, as far off as when we left
mt mitchell, we saw a prime fat hereford
heifer & a hereford bull that are evidently
for the Glen Innes Show from what 2
men say that are camped with us, the land has
been all gritty, got directions to Glen Innes
15 miles, from a young chap there, he said
they take all the cattle down the country to fatten
they get no fat cattle on either yarrow creek
or mt. mitchell stations, crossed yarrow
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some cattle 2 big bullocks in them looked
good beef, went through a fence 3
miles on land was well grassed, some
times red & sometimes sandy, & some swamps
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by man river, after dark 2 men
rode up 1 are working at Gulf & is no one
working reefs they are only two working &
& they come to Glen Innes for stores
I think there is fatter cattle here than on
sandy land we have been, men say
there is no road to Gulf from Oakwood & a
stranger could hardly find it, & they could
not direct any one so that they could
find it, we ought have done best thing
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19th went to the land office the clerk showed me a tracing of the county of gough superior to the one in general use, washed our clothes, bought this book etc & in the evening copy the first part of it from the record I had on writing paper.

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mares which I consider very good,
some pens of fat cows that was not
very fat, several Devon & Hereford
bulls, etc, several Durham cows etc
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show after dinner there was more people
than yesterday, several of the entries not
there, saw a young woman showing of her
horse inside the ring, also the men & action,
there was several very small ponies shown
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highly commended as well as I can remember
there was some good pictures, a large oil
painting of Munro, the store-keeper
got the prize, there was a lot of wool work,
etc, etc, leather, tanned skins of different
native animals with the hair on, wheelwright
timber, etc, poultry, & dogs, a brass band
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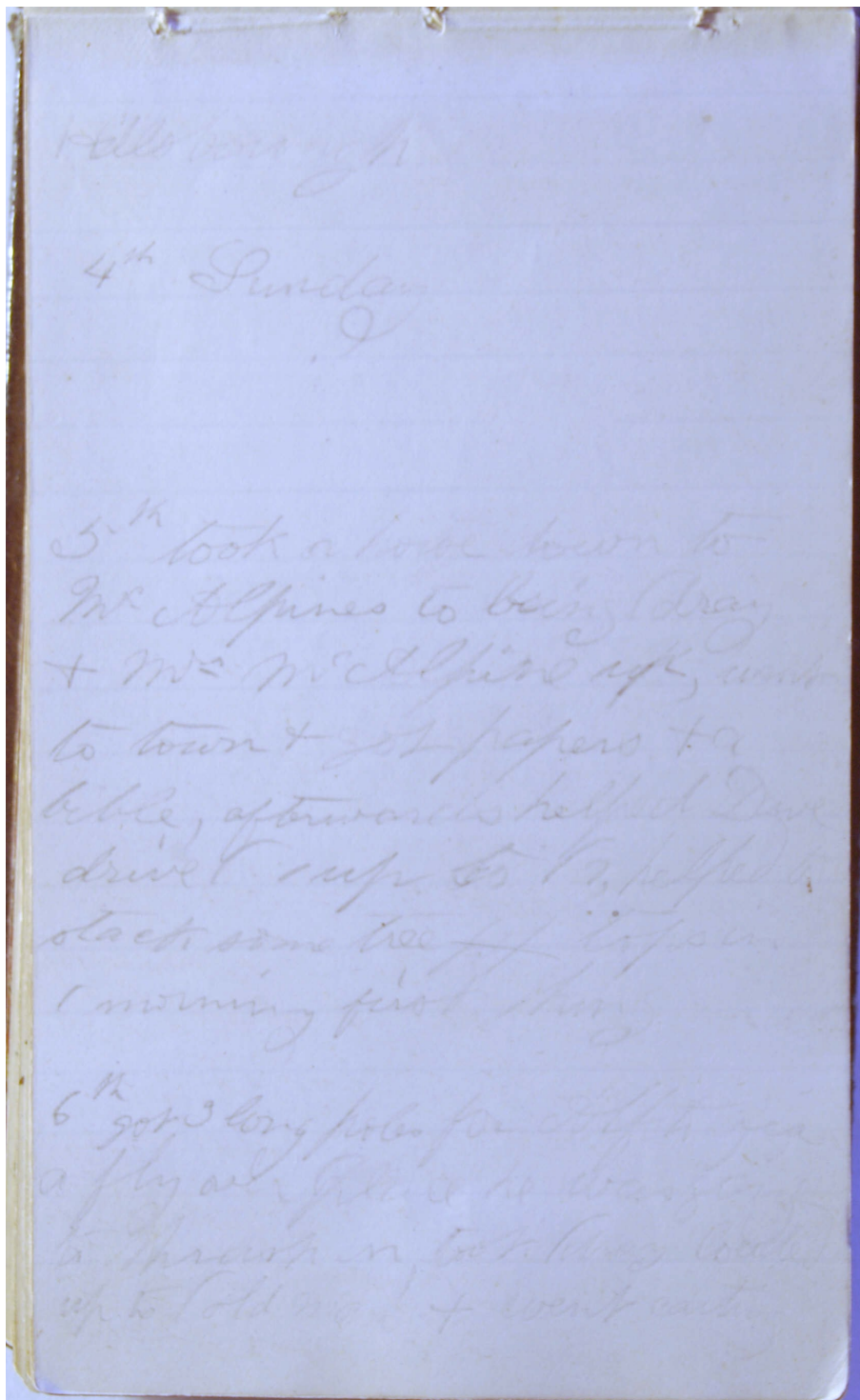
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shown, come up the road to Alfs against dark.

3rd we helped to fix the kitchen & make
pigsty. I took the dray up to
Alfs selection for some bark, had
snow on the way the breast of my
shirt had enough on it
to make a snowball. its
getting like old England.
the weather is cold, yesterday
we had frost, today
snow, but I don't feel
the cold as much as in

who overtook us just after we started
had dinner @ McAlpines, Old Hutcheson
& Christena drove up in a wagonette
he came in but she wouldnot hadnot
much of a look at her, she looked
old enough for 26 instead of 21 on her
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Hillsborough.

4th. Sunday.

5th took a horse down to McAlpines to bring the dray & Mrs McAlpine up, went to town & got papers & a Bible, afterwards helped Dave drive the cattle up to the selection, helped to stack some tree tops in the morning first thing.

6th got 3 long poles for Alf to fix a fly over place he was fixing to thrash on, took the dray loaded up to the old man's and went

carting in corn. husked some in the evening.

7th husking corn in the morning,
& pulling corn in the afternoon &
husked some to finish.

8th Too wet to bring in
corn started husking what
is in Alf went to town &
got back long after dark.
I lent him £25 to get a spring
cart from Sydney, we finished
all the maize.

9th Too wet to pull corn. I
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circingle hobbles etc, but there
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10th very little rain. we pulled
corn in the morning & a little after
dinner, & husking from then
till dark.

11 Sunday. Davie & Nelly came
up by dinner time, & her two
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& pulled the horse out, we had a very wet afternoon & they did not go home.

12 brought in some corn & husked it, it being damp. Brad & I pulled it & Alf carted it, husking after tea.

13 pulling corn till near 3 o'clock, I then went down to town, got no letters, posted one to William Gorrill that I wrote 2 or 3 days before got some physic for the youngster, flannel for Alf etc. & socks for self, come back to Davies couldnot get in, & come up to alfs' by 11.40.

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15 pulling & husking corn

16 doo

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to get to a hotter place on
account of being consumptive.

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church in time to hear sermon
Mr Innis minister preached.
I had dinner at Hodgkiss's Hotel.
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being drunk his word was
worth taking notice of, I
bought a long handled shovel
got horse @ Sylicks's & come
up to Alf's, got promissory note of him
^{commenced to read the Bible through}
Gen III

20th I washed my clothes
in morning, there was a strip
of leather missing, I cut
to make a circingle, I then
helped to top up brush
fence, after dinner I went
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the cattle were poorer than ought to be,
the grass looks sour & getting brown
the place looks worse a great
deal, after I came back
I made some hobbles &
back bands. Gen. VI.

21st we left Alfs the weather
cloudy & a little drisly rain
from Stonehenge to the man
river will do for sheep, & might
find good selection, we crossed the river
dry saw a lot of cattle that were in good
condition, good floor of grass
looking brown, the soil a good deal of
it sandy, called at Blair Hill
Station, saw a lot of cattle in the yard,
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22nd we had an early start,
come to a ^{a mile down} we passed on 17th April
just before we camped, got on &
went towards Yarow creek, we
went a mile on wrong - once &
came back again, & was only knee
deep but very cold, & not near as
much water as when we x it before,
we eat a bit of cake after crossing
& but did not unpack! O, we went
down & through a paddock &
come back again for fresh directions
it took us near an hour, we went down
again in paddock & went
through a fence & a mile up from
& got a - & went on about 2 mile

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went towards Yarow creek, we
went a mile on the wrong road once &
came back again, the creek was only knee
deep but very cold, & not near as
much water as when we crossed it before,
we eat a bit of cake after crossing
the creek but did not unpack the horse, we went
down the creek & through a paddock &
come back again for fresh directions
it took us near an hour, we went down
again in the paddock crossed the creek went
through a fence $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile up from the
creek got a road & went on about 2 mile

& camped, from the fence the country is rough or coarse, white & gritty or sandy, a lot of oak trees, some big mesmates & stringy bark, we saw a team of bullocks at the station some of them was fat enough for anything showing good flanks & cod, the grass on the sandy soil looks better than it is on the red & black land at Alfs, a lot of the grass we see to day is brown, a rum colour for wet weather, weather cloudy & little rain. Gen. X. travel 16 miles today. Amen!

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some one has been fossicking, then
went down over rocks & we come back
with another branch of it found
were someone has been working, we
got a little tin or something else
in 2 or 3 stones, one place it was
some fine & we put it in old
frying pan & brought it with
us & washed it, we brought
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24th Alf 25 years to day, we came down over the range to Kingsgate station, the country similar to the Victoria bush, grass green, apple trees the same sort as at home, we saw 2 men at the station, one gave us 8 or 9 lbs. beef. they told us were

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to find a reef, they said they did not know & Ronalds got his gold, they gave us a specimen of galena or tin we hardly know which to call it, we crossed (or below) station, went down 4 miles found reef, & camped, I see several rock wallabys on (way down) country rough but not sour its quite different from we started from this morning (or) has a lot of falls over rocks, we saw several surveyors marks, & pegs painted white as we went down (or) Gen XIX.

25th Sunday
there was a little rain during night, although its fine to day, had boiled beef & bread for dinner & remains of cake to finish off with, put rest of beef on to

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25th Sunday.

there was a little rain during the night although it is fine to day, had boiled beef & bread for dinner & the remains of the cake to finish off with, put the rest of the beef on to

boil & made a small damper
after dinner. Gen. XLV

26th Brad crushed a lot of stones
from the reef below the tent & got
no gold, the reef is 4 or 5 ft. thick, stands
up like a wall about 12 ft above
the surface, it is very granity, I
went after the horse & then we went
through the ranges prospecting,
we saw some oak trees with
long drooping twigs like
willows, some rock wallabys
& big rocks but no sign of
a reef some proper mesmate
trees etc. after dinner Brad
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pan I baked (first yesterday
that way & it keeps bottom
clean & answers well, I also mended
my pants, Exod II.

27th Brad crushed stones he got
yesterday & got no gold, I went
after. I & brought back some
quartz & crushed them & got
nothing, we had dinner & started,
we saw some quartz & Brad washed
a prospect & got nothing as we were
coming up, Brad rode across
or behind pack, I took off my
pants & it was very cold but not
as deep as last week, we saw
Larry cutting corn stalks it
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coming up the creek, Brad rode across
the creek behind the pack, I took off my
pants & crossed it was very cold but
not as deep as last week, we saw
Larry cutting corn stalks in the paddock
we went in & had a chat with
him, he says he dont know where
Ronalds got his gold, & if the stuff

he gave us is any good he will show us where the lode is. we followed the creek up (sheep-station creek) & got into a steep rocky scrubby sideling we came out of it & got the track to Glen Innes & came on till we crossed the creek, we met Jim Larkins there, we came up the side of the hill, went back again near the creek & camped. the land this side of Kingsgate is rough & gritty the grass mostly red or brown, we had a few drops of rain to damp the bushes just before camp time, Exod. III.

28th after breakfast we went down the creek the other side, the hills are very stoney etc, we saw some quartz on the way down, we crossed the creek went along the hill down in sight of the station, went around to the top of the range near the end of it, could see down

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higher up, brought 2 stones home
to crush, hill got into rocky precipices & a little scrubby, it got too
bad to travel & we x/r & up other
side, we saw a nice catarack in
a gulf fall about 40 ft deep
was 30 ft of a clear fall & high
precipices all round pool,
& farther up I got some stones x/r
& crushed them, was nothing
in them, got back about 3 o'clock
after dinner I put bushes around
tent Exod VIII 1/2

29th we went down to sunk an
hole on other side but did not
bottom it, we washed some very poor
prospects out of it, Brad then went
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a gulf the fall about 40 ft. deep.
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precipices all round the pool,
came farther up, I got some stones, crossed the
creek and crushed them, there was nothing
in them, got back about 3 o'clock.
after dinner I put bushes around
the tent. Exod. VIII 1/2

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hole on the other side but did not
bottom it, we washed some very poor
prospects out of it, Brad then went
to the creek to get some tin where we washed the

prospects on the 23rd inst, & I went along the range this side of the creek prospecting, Brad brought back some tin with him, I saw some hard quartz stones, we have not found a speck of gold yet, I made a damper in the afternoon, we had little sprinkles of rain while I was out prospecting, & a shower after I come back. Exod. XI.

30th drisly rain & cold wind all day, I started to go to the surveyors old camp prospecting but soon turned back, we were in the tent near all day, baked in the afternoon. Exod. XIV.

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which from number of houses I
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on way, we took pack of @ &
I rode him in river it being deep @
turned & out again, I took of my
watch & went in again, (water was
up to saddle flaps before I got
far in so I & out, ~~the~~ current
was strong & probably it was swim-
able so we decided to & up to Yarow
& - we told in morning it was 3
miles up, it took us 3 hours to & up
we had to follow a fence a long
way, probably it was a & grass
right fenced, I think it near 9
miles from one x place to other,
we & up & x (x below Blair Hill.
Brad rode first & sent @
back for swag & then for me

Henery River we passed some good land
which from the number of houses on it, I
think is selection, we passed a good lagoon
etc on the way, we took the pack of the horse &
I rode him in the river, it being deep the horse
turned & came out again, I took of my
watch and went in again, the water was
up to the saddle flaps before I got
far in, so I came out, the current
was strong & probably it was swim-
able so we decided to come up to the Yarow
Creek road we were told in the morning it was 3
miles up, it took us 3 hours to come up.
we had to follow a fence a long
way, probably it was a selection & grass
right fenced, I think it near 9
miles from one crossing place to the other,
we came up & crossed the creek below Blair Hill.
Brad rode across first & sent the horse
back for the swag & then for me.

the water was up to the saddle flaps & the poor old horse was shivering when I got across we come on the side of the hill & camped it was rather late camping. Brad went up to the station & had 10 or 12 lbs. of beef & a mugful of sugar given to him, I think the station people very hospitable, the weather cloudy & dry near all day the sun shone a little in the morning, my head feels a little wrong this afternoon as if I am booked for a bad cold, I saw a tree marked $\wedge/100$ & a surveyors trenches on the other side of the creek very good land in the direction of the trenches, saw some cattle good condition to day, only read part of a chapter.

1st June Sunday.
camped, weather fine.

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1st June. Sunday.
camped, weather fine, ~~fine~~

camped, werner gone, f

fried steak 3 times to day,
made jony cakes for breakfast,
after dinner made a damper
& burnt it a lot, comfortable
in bush, but would be happier
in house of God. Exod. XXIX

2nd fine weather but cloudy I & with
Brad & Stonehenge, I & to Glen
Innes & he went up to Alf's with
@, we saw some good condition
or was a good floor of grass on
sandy land about Blair Hill &
a bit this side, & some good
loamy land as we got near to
main road, no letters, I got an
old crucible at blacksmiths
& tried to melt the stuff we
got off Garry & got nothing
that I could see stayed at Dousts.

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& tried to melt the stuff we
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that I could see stayed at Dousts.

3rd after I done my shopping,
etc, posted a letter I partly
rote last night, to Father,
I come up to Alfs, I got
a shower at Sturgasses, had
fine weather the rest of the day, raining
in the evening, got one of Alf's photos.
got 2 letters from Lewis
that M^{rs}. McAlpine brought up to Alf's.
Exod. XXX

4th we packed the horse to
started for Armadale,
but it being a wet &
cold day, & Alf &
McAlpine speking high
of Queensland, & it being
only the same distance to the rail
way from Glen Innes etc we
unpacked the horse again & went
to work, Brad gathered

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of Queensland, & it being
only same distance to rail
way from Glen Innes etc we
unpacked C again & went
to work, Brad gathered
corn stalks in rows, & I

~~the~~ corn stalks in rows, & I
helped saw down some trees etc,
Alf wrote a letter Thos. White
at Gympie to find out where Mrs
Whiterbyrn is etc. & give it to
me to post.

5th we left Alf's at 8.45 for
Armadale, I would have went to Queensland
but Brad would not, Alf was much
affected @ us leaving & going home it
was like leaving home to him
evidently, we had fine wether to start
but got a little rain after we passed
Ben Loran Hotel, - was rather
muddy, we went 5 miles on & camped
where Davis had sheep, (night is fine,
moon rose just after sun went down,
there is 3 or 4 men camped close by us, one
looks intelligent & over to fire after

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that looks intelligent came over to the fire after

tea and talked like a fool, according to his account he has la-de-dahs his money & is near hard up, little rain in the night.
Exod. XXXI.

6th made an early start, the grass does not look as dry on Ben Loman as some other places the cattle looking fair, had dinner a mile before we came to Guyra. after we passed Guyra we passed some farms the road was very wet, & soft some places, it looks good soil but bare, forest land, there is several men working on the road making a new piece, we came down over a long hill that looked in some places much like the saw mill hill at Hillsboro. when we got to the bottom the country got

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half from bottom of hill, poor
grass from camp back a long way,
made a damper, & wrote a letter
to Lewis & 20 miles or near it.

4th Brad missed @ & had about
6 miles walk in morning, I heard
bell while lying down & got
@ against Brad got back, it
delayed us about 2 hours, started
at 10 o'clock, flat land similar appearance
to spring & Bethanga, light sandy
soil, it improved after we got a mile
or 2 on, was good maize on
black soil on flats, a lot of big
saplings on today's traveling of
gum, stringy bark etc, we saw some
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Bethie's paddock, camped about a mile &
half from the bottom of the hill, poor
grass from the camp back a long way,
made a damper & wrote a letter
to Lewis came 20 mls. or near it. Exod. XXXII.

7th Brad missed the horse & had about
5 miles walk in the morning, I heard
the bell while lying down & got
the horse against Brad got back, it
delayed us about 2 hours. started
at 10 o'clock, flat land similar appearance
to spring creek Bethanga, light sandy
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used as road metal, I brought a bit of it with me, dinner at a creek 4 or 5 mls. from Armadale I brought some stones from there, got red land toward town, camped before we come in town among the bushes, after pitching the tent I went to town for stores & posted Lewis's letter, after tea we both had a stroll through the town, there was a plenty of darkness to be seen, some good stores etc. frost last night, & very cold now.

8th Sunday.

At the Church of England in the morning. the sermon was about faith and the Athenition creed etc. hot salmon for dinner, stroll with Brad around town in the afternoon, @ the Wesleyan Church in the evening, the text let all the people say Amen, the Wesleyan Church is built of brick, plastered inside, wood ceiling

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lighted with 14 lamps & 2 candles,
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inside & out, has nothing odd in its
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3 rows of seats facing one way, & seats in (sides
in (x facing to other way, has pulpit one side
brass reading desk in middle, & desk to
say prayers etc on (other side, has an
arch about 40 ft from end ^{not} ~~regularly~~ used
in (service some when (minister walked
across for plates etc or a man went
over it with a pole & a cross on it, has
some stained faces on (windows, three
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say prayers etc on the other side, has an
arch about 40 ft. from the end not used
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over it with a pole & a cross on it, has
some stained faces on the windows, three
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a lot of fancy brickwork. at a distance looks right enough for a gail, near it looks rather gaudy. the dark walls inside I think has a dull effect in the day whatever it has in the night, I guess the Wesleyan church would cost near £1000 and the English £3,000. the Catholic Church was very large, has an ordinary appearance outside built of brick, & I think a great deal better shape than the English Church. Exod. XXXV.

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rather narrow, a cheaper place
than Glen Innes, where butter is
2/- per lb that is sold here at 1/3
per lb, went back to camp & we
started about 10 o'clock, & through
town it has far better buildings
than Inverell & is perhaps as large,
we had dinner about 5 miles
out (- by a c, we & along (- with a
man with 2 c I got bread at Uralla
it has a good street, & houses,
(land we passed was mostly
loamy, with stones, & nice ridges, saw
several farms etc, & 2 1/2 miles out
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10th 2 or 3 miles after we started we came to good land fenced both sides of the road & stocked with sheep & a few cattle. the soil looked loomey. were the trees were rung there was a good mat of grass rather yellow, we soon got into inferior land, with stringy bark timber, it is rather flat & little ridges, would carry sheep well but not many, had dinner where there was grass for the horses. there looked like some fair land at Carlyles' gully & a station up the creek a mile from the road, we came 6 or 7 miles past that & camped just pass an Hotel, after dark a chap come to the camp that left Armadale the same time we did he was hard up, like most are he

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next day, Exod xxxvi

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up one of his I had gone which
he soon got back (way, he was
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were up one of his horses had gone which
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camped near a mile ahead of us.
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and a pound of butter 2 ozs short

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1/9 there was an expensive bridge over
McDonalds River @ the town
with 3 arched sides 30 or 40 yds.
long from one peer to the other, made
of planks about 3 x 15 in. the arches
about 2 ft deep. came down over the
big & little Moonbi there is a lot
of road cutting on the ranges the road rather
muchy; the gradient even, passed
the Moonbi Township at the foot
of the hill, there was murder grass
there plentiful as soon as we passed
the town, but we soon got where it was
eaten down bare both sides of the road.
we went up the bush 1/2 a mile
& camped where there was plenty grass.
the man, James Murray over took us at Bendimore
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buildings, & good streets, built
on both sides of river,
railway station being built
on opposite side to original town.
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& also. we x river went down flat &
camped we put 2 tents on one string.
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there also. we crossed the river went down the flat &
camped we put 2 tents on one string.
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& telegraphed to Glen Innes there was
no letters there for me. we had a stroll
in the town again in the evening, before
we got to Tamworth we

saw men working on (railway
it takes a lot of time to turn &
tip them clumsy dobbins, @ being
so much shifting @ in front & behind

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(~~at~~ railway station before dinner
but did not get a buyer for
horse, after dinner Murray took
him over to (town to sell him
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buyer, I wrote a letter to
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15th I went to the Presbyterian church in the morning, it is a small brick church the walls are white inside but not plastered. there is several cracks in the wall, the congregation was very small, with evidently, some well formed heads, the text was I am not come to destroy the law & the prophets, but to fullfill. the preacher evidently well formed & ballanced temperaments, 55 years & gray.

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he read most of his sermon,
it seemed very dry & feelingless,
I stayed at tent rest of
day & evening, Exod XXXVII
I went to bed & Brad didn't
he intended to stay up till it
was time to get ready to start,
about 10 o'clock it was heavy
rain & wind, I was afraid it
would blow tent down tent
not being well put up, it
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clear and stary, wether very
cold, had a drink of tea
& rolled up & got to the station
3 minutes before the train started
the morning frosty, started 3.10 a.m
passed good land after day
light went through a long
tunnell bricked an oval
shape & come over some grand
looking land before we came to
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some good towns on way down
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sailors & of them black, we were
seven of us in one room which was
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today, we came 182 miles we stayed
at a darkeys that night which is
an accomodation house full of
sailors, $\frac{1}{2}$ of them black, we were
seven of us in one room, which was
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very sick; got told of another place where it is 6d. per meal, we went there for dinner I got pie unsalted there was one woman there & 2 or 3 dirty children got up from dinner hungry. we went up to the back of the town on the Reserve, had a look at the breaker. it was grand, the sea was calm but when the swell came near land it made a lot of foam & came in in long rows. we took the boat at 3 o'clock & came to Raimond Terrace up the river. we passed some plains on the sides but most of the land was scrubby & swampy from apperance, we had a (I suppose) Mifs Windyer who got out halfway & walked

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own estimation, she was a very
good form, rather good looking,
fine quality, looked like one
would dance & make a good
bar maid, & a good one to spoon
fellows but not first class,
double chined, secretiveness $5\frac{1}{2}$ full eye
& a good profile as far as can see
with hat on, & was a man with
one harm @ ~~wharf~~ where she got out,
we booked for Copeland as soon
as we got to Hotel, we stoped
(night) evidently it was a
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the side of the house so that it is like a private residence, we slept in the dining room Brad on sofa, & I on the table, I had a good bed, first class meals, & a place very homely to stay.

18th we started about 9 o'clock. the town is a good one for N S W rather scattered & flat but ridgy at the back. as soon as we left the country got rather thickly timbered well grassed with couch grass, the timber stringy bark, iron bark, spotted & other sorts of gum, mesmate, etc, oak etc, there was a lot of paper trees & all the trees

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miles, & a lot of rubbishy stuff
growing & very little grass,
& was earth etc. I saw 2 trees
in (corner of a c about 2 1/2 ft.
through with papery bark, &
was mahogany were we changed
at first time & I think it is
plentiful in big trees, (country
all day as far as could see
till dark grew a lot of
big poles of various sorts
some places it was cleared
& there was a lot of couch grass
& (grass is mostly one sort,
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about 10 o'clock p.m. had a little rain on the way, crossed a river or 2 and some creeks with Gippsland appearance both for water and scrub, had 6 sets of horses of 4 each on the road had good accommodation at the Hotel the coach stops at we had a big soft bed between us, we had good accommodation although I hear there is loose females there.

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Geo. Armstrong, we walked
last mile & swags brought
on in a spring cart & we
narrowly escaped having
to pay for their freight
or likely so, after dinner
we went up & had a look
at 10 head battery it is
evidently well put together
there is one plate & 2 sets of
blanket tables, stone
is all weighed ^{at} battery
(charge £1 per ton crushing)
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20th after breakfast I cut up a pig & then we went with George & another up the creek I went down the star of the south claim (No.1) the shaft is about 60 ft deep there is a reef a foot big & a foot high in one end, a little in the

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in about 40 ft. & is some reef
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places & is none, (country slate
rather stiff & sparey ground
to work or shoote in a small
drive like the men were working
in, we passed (prospecting claim
next I saw a big speck of gold
but did not go down & was
about 6 ton of stone up,
we then went up to the top
machine (Burleys.
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home, there was no letters for
me the telegram was there from
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part of a letter to Father
to day. George Anderson
has been drunk this last 2
nights & making a noise,
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the water over again, we went
to the old Rose & Thistle claim
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underlay & I think it very sandy
like. The rest when it gets a
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well fossicked, or is a tunnel
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& a shaft sunk from surface
to tunnel abt 40 ft deep all
for nothing, in search of a reef
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shaft to cut the lead, there was then several places between there & another place on the same line that have been worked. we then came to the Homewardbound (same line) there has been dirt crushed from there, yield about 1 oz. per ton, they were also sinking a downright shaft to cut the lead, & a very tight shaft it is, we then went to the Mechanics claim they were pulling water more than 120 ft with a windlass there has been a lot of work done there, Some of the quartz was in bags, the country is hard according to the mullock piles, I was not down any claim but was told abt the same tale all round abt the size of

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there we then came up the creek past where we
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the deepest place is probably only 20 ft. deep there is 8 or 10 ft. of quartz in all. we then came a bit farther & saw an old man fossicking on a bit of reef, & then came home.

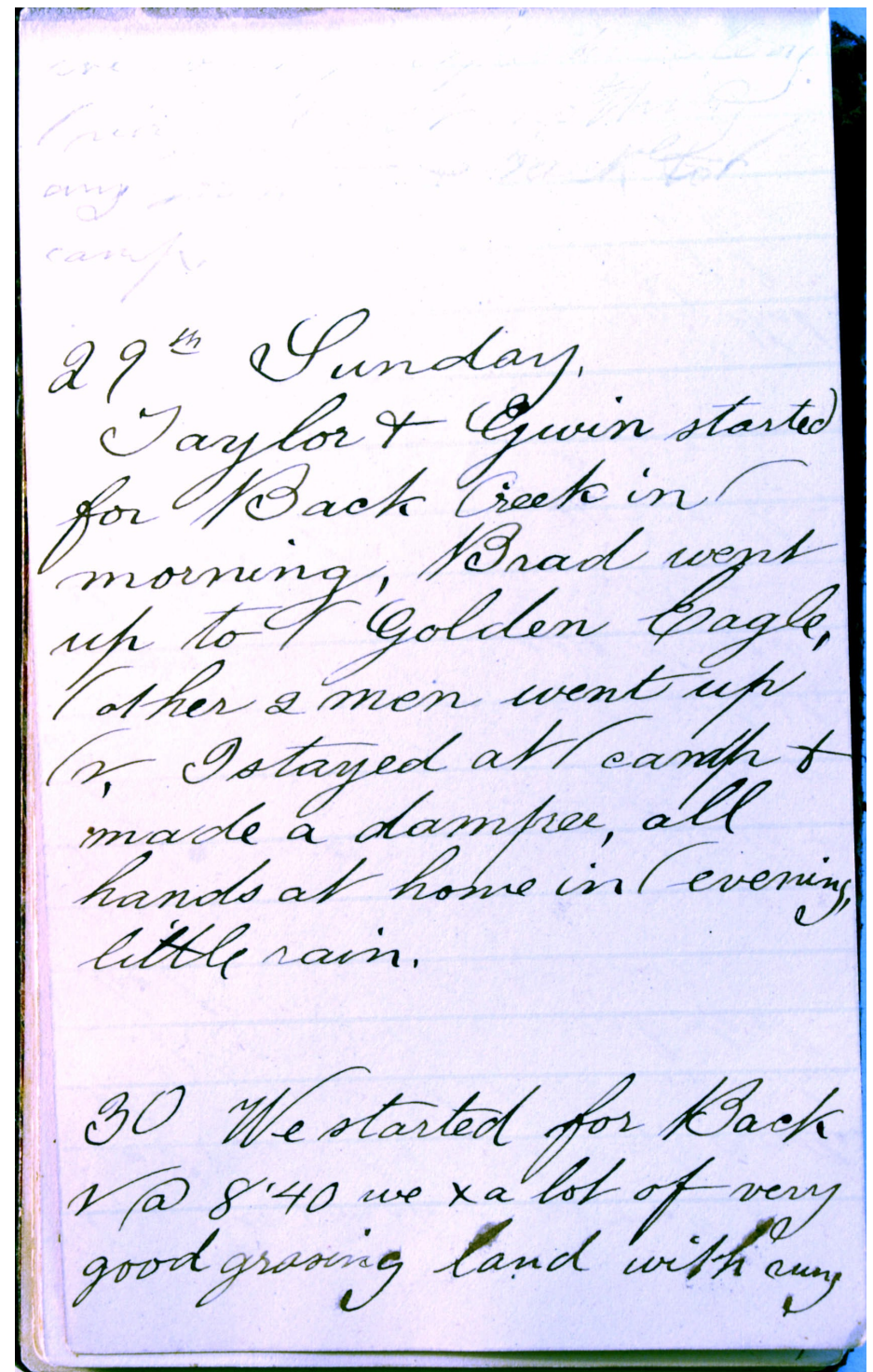
28 We went up to the Lord Loftis claim belonging to the chaps we are camped with. we went down a shaft abt 25 ft. the reef in the bottom is 18 in well defined between the walls but there was a lot of mullock in the reef there is severil places above & below that the reef is open Brad got a little 5 dwt. prospect from the heap & we took some stuff from the head of the claim & got nothing.

We went prospecting along the ridge & got nothing any good came back to the camp.

29th Sunday.

Taylor and Gwin started for Back Creek in the morning, Brad went up to the Golden Eagle, the other 2 men went up the creek. I stayed at the camp & made a damper. all hands at home in the evening. little rain.

30 We started for Back Creek at 8.40 a.m. we crossed a lot of very good grazing land with rung



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which proved a great deal
better, it took us 45
minutes to climb range.
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including stopages which
were very few, we stayed
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all through the tunnel except
just the mouth of it, I don't
remember seeing any there, there was
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which made a cup
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butter & came back after
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Devonshire, it as a good place
to stay & I was rather homley
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to sleep in that had 4 beds in it
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were shining there was dirt
between the prongs of the forks
the cook was a negro & the closet
was an exceedingly dirty
stinking hole, & there was not
a fire in the house that I see
for the two days I stayed there,
I met Lizzy in the evening She did not
intend to go to the Back creek again.
I met Roberts in the street
afterwards he said Mrs Kelly
had gone back in the morning.
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I was not very bad like another
poor chap that was there. there is
a big sandstone cleft at the
entrance of the Sydney heads
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market & I got 4 for a penny in
street, I eat one & threw 3 away I
think they had been soaked in water
by the inside of the skin. after tea we
went to Dicks he was out we met him
in street had a chat with him, Brad
went to Theatre & I had a stroll
through Market & bought a pineapple
it was soft ripe & very luscious

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Cathedral which is a grand building
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through the Market & bought a pineapple
it was soft ripe & very luscious.

13 I had a look round St Andrews
Cathedral which is a grand building
outside close to the town Hall I
went to York Street Wesleyan
church. Prayers were read similar

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P.S. This completes the diary dated 10th April, 1879
to 15th July 1879. Along with the attached record of
expenditure.

the Record of expenditure started from the other
end of the diary and finished at the bottom of this page
(it is upside down when looking at the text here).

the next page will start with this record from the other
end of the diary.

24 April 1879. Glen Innes
 total cost since I left home on the 13th January
 to present date £ s d
 24 April 30 " 0 " 11 1/2

25 beef 5 lbs 1 " 3
 26 beef 6^d whistle 6^d salmon 1/ 2 " 0
 stamps 1/ bread 1/8 butter 1/9 4 " 5
 27 c 2/ 2 " 0
 29 knife 1/6 butter 1/9 bread 1/- 5 " 0
 30 Post office order 1/ sugar 1/6 beef 1/ 13 " 6
 Show 1/ 1st May show 1/ 2 " 0
 5 May bill 1/6 papers 1/6 5 " 0
 13 papers 1/ stamps 6^d socks 1/6 3 " 0
 18 c 3/ dinner 1/6 4 " 6
 19 accommodation 4/ stamps 2/ 6 " 0
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30	Post Office Order 11/- sugar 1/6, beef 1/- Show 1/-, also 1 st May. Show 1/-		13 2	6 0
5 May	Bible 3/6, Papers 1/6		5	0
15 th	papers 1/ stamps 6 ^d socks 1/6		3	0
18	c 3/ dinner 1/6		4	6
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2 nd June	crucible 1/ papers 1/		2	0
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	Armadale			
7 th	candles 1/ salmon 1/		2	0
	butter 1/6 beef 1/6 oranges 1/		4	0
	bread 1/ treacle 1/3		2	3
8	^c 2/		2	0
9 th	bread 6 ^d butter 2/6 paper 6 ^d salt 2 ^d		3	8
	nuts 6 ^d lollies 2 ^d sugar 11 ^d beef 2/		3	7
	Uralla bread 6 ^d			6
		4	9	8
	Lefs	1	6	0
		3	3	8
		30	0	11½
		33	4	7½
24	April 18 Cash in hand	£7	19	3
3 rd	June cashed cheques	20	0	0
14 th	June sale of horse		10	0
15 th	July cashed cheques	12	0	0
	stamps sold			6
		40	9	9

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brought forward	33. 4. 9½
11 th June, Bendymore, bread ¼	1. 4
butter ⅑	1. 9
12 th Tamworth bread 7 ^d sardines ½	1. 9
pears ⅓ Ger sausage ⅓	2. 0
telegrams 2/1	2. 1
14 th bread ½, butter ⅒	3. 0
15 c	1. 0
16 train 28/	1. 8. 0
refreshments 9 ^d & 1/6	2. 3
17 accomodation 3/ oranges 6 ^d	3. 6
dinner 6 ^d steamer 1/6 shirts 8/6	10. 6
coach 35/	1. 15. 0
18 accomodation, 3/ tea 1/	5. 0
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20 telegram 1/	1. 0
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	bord	1	5	0
30	washing 1/		1	0
2 nd	July accomodation		7	0
		42	3	1½
3 rd	sending swag by road		10	0
	accomodation 3/ dinner 1/		4	0
	oranges 1/6		1	6
4	accomodation 3/ dinner 1/		4	0
		43	2	7½
	lefs		7	10
		42	14	9½
	paid Brad to square up		14	6
	& ten pounds was bor- rowed	10	0	0
		53	9	3½
	carried forward	43	9	3½

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[Wm. Mitchell was very interested in the science of Phrenology and his daughter Adelaide had his textbook. This is a very poorly preserved page of this diary which does not fit logically in this place but that is where it is.

the first 1/2 inch is completely unreadable]

Banaza Bananza

Man at the shaft Capitst

Big place ??? wall

man fossicking a perseverance

??? Ironbark, Thompson

stiff upper lip, mouth corners long
and down, full protruding jaw lip
with the vice expression prominent.
chin jaw bones low and heavy.

nose wing wide and a long wrinkle

???? the features prominent and
uneven, massive forehead

????????????????

Greg (Joseph) J Walmsley

City Arms

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5 th	July accomodation		3	0
	steamer 1/6 oranges 9 ^d		2	3
	buss 1/ do 9 ^d dinner 1/		2	9
	collars 9 ^d			9
6	^c subscription to sustenation		3	6
7	oranges 6 ^d barber 6 ^d		1	0
8	washing 1/ accomodation 12/		13	0
	train		1	0
9	oranges 6 ^d train 5 ^d			11
10	oranges 6 ^d accomodation 7/		7	6
	steamer 4/		4	0
11	coat 42/6 oranges 3 ^d blindman 1/ Pol-e-tec-nic 1/		44	9
12	oranges 1 ^d pineapple 1/ neck tie 1/		2	1
13	^c 3/		3	1
14	exchange on cheqe etc		2	0
	lent Brad		20	0
	repairing boots 3/6		3	6
	entertainment 1/6		1	6
15	map 5/ oranges 3 ^d ventilo- quism 1/		6	3
		6	2	10
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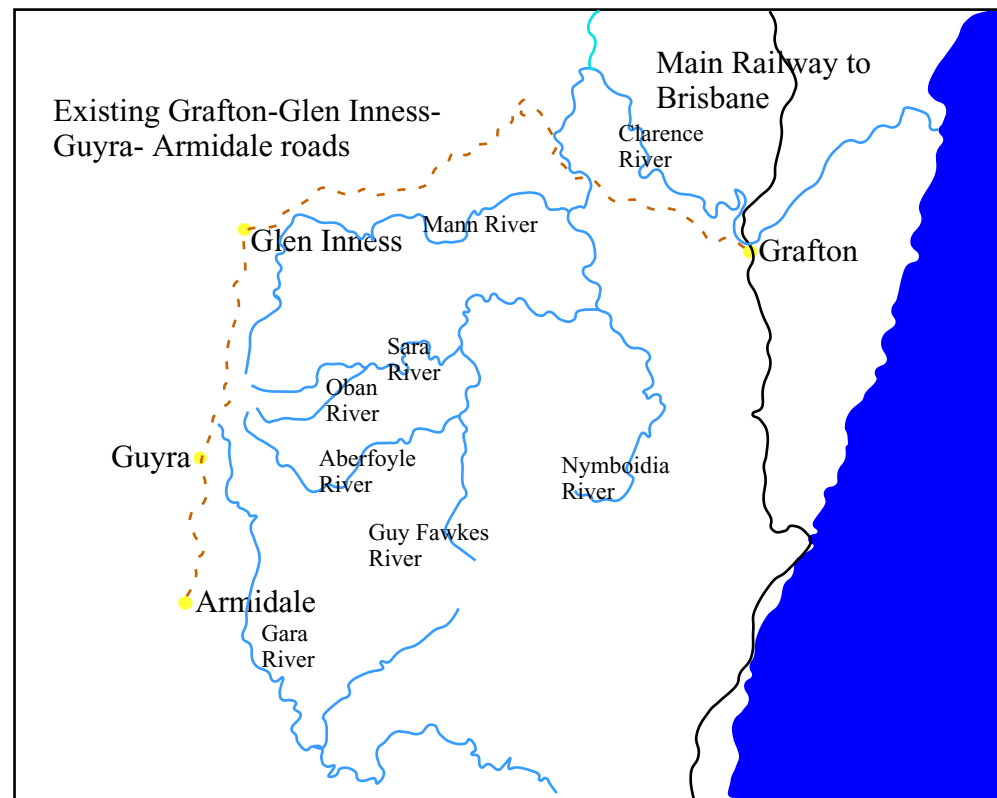
[You will see the total figure upside down on p145]

This is the first known diary of William Mitchell. All existing diaries were held by Norm Martin, one of William Mitchell's grandchildren. They are now in the possession of his son, Bob Martin of Bethanga. There is also a diary kept by Brad Mitchell from 7 Jan 1871 to 14 March 1907. This was held by his son Jim Mitchell until 1979 then by his daughter Muriel until 1994. It is now with her son Hawton Clarnette.

From memories held of years ago, Fred Mitchell believes there may have been at least one, and probably two other diaries. He has memories of reading of William and family moving to Bethanga to work on the mine and living in a shed. Margaret would come across from time to time to the shed and then return to Hillsborough. June Philipp in her study 'The Making of a Mining Community: Bethanga, Victoria 1875-1885' published in 1993 cites this same account from information from Jenny Mitchell, and the diaries 'held privately in Wodonga'.

In the present diary on page 147² William says he left Bethanga on 13th Jan and kept records of expenditure up to the start of this diary. The inference is that there may have been a diary covering this period of travel.

In the existing diaries there is a gap in the period from when William was starting to settle in to Bethanga, in 1880, to after his marriage to Ellen. The family has always thought that any diaries of this period were destroyed by Ellen.



Return to original diary position.

William Mitchell

In 1846 William Burton Mitchell (aged 22) married Margaret Hawton (aged 18) at Tregoric Cornwall. Their first child Jane was born in 1846 and William in 1850.

In early 1850 William Burton and his brother John sailed for Australia on the Samuel Boddington a ship of 669 ton, built in London, arriving 22nd April. On this voyage there was also W^m Deakin, father of Alfred Deakin, who kept a diary of the voyage. It is referred to as MS1540/19/357 in the Log of Logs. They found gold in Australia almost immediately, and returned to England. As Selina was born in 1852 this must have been either late 1851, or very early 1852, but to date I have not been able to find the shipping records of their return.

Further children were born (Braddon 1854, Margaret 1858), and then William Burton returned to Australia as a steerage passenger, arriving on the Morning Light sailing from Liverpool on 3 July for 140 days to Melbourne in September.

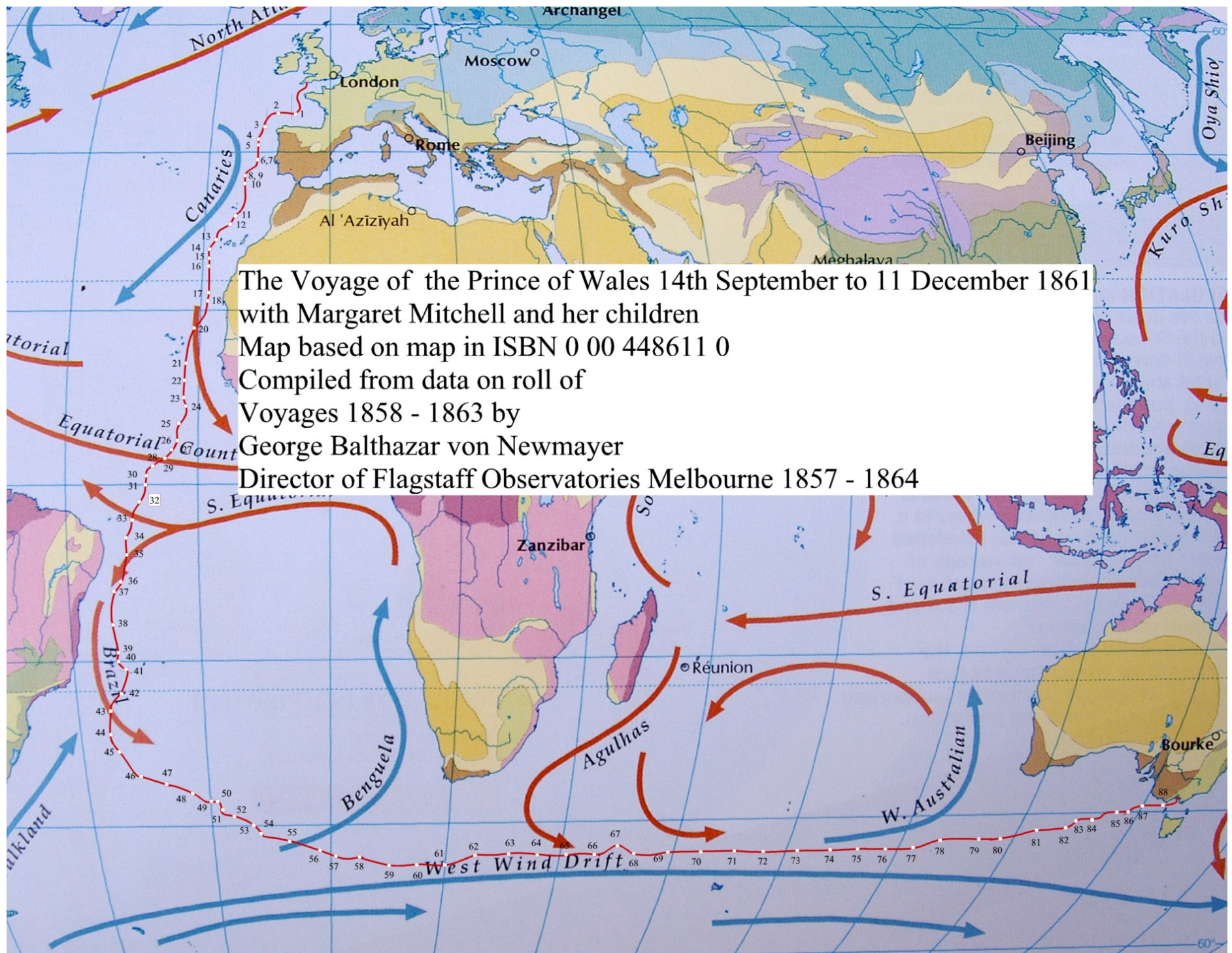
Names of Passengers.		Age of each Adult of 12 years and upwards.				Children between 1 and 12.		Infants.		Profession, Occupation, or Calling of Passengers.	English			Scotch		
		Married.		Single.							Adults	Children	Infants	Adults	Children	Infants
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.							
LIVERPOOL																
Brought Forward....																
2011	Finley M'Kay															
2012	Walter Portane															
2002	Michl Connolly															
2403	M ^r . Mitchell															
2404	M ^r . M ^r . M ^r .															
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	Carpenter															
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	Miner															
	Butcher															
	...															

William Burton Mitchell went to Osmonds Flat and set up a butchers shop (according to a record made by Jenny Mitchell from discussions with Alma Dillon a grand daughter of William Burton Mitchell). Searches of records at Yackandandah can find no trace of a place by name of ‘Osmonds Flat’, but there is ‘Osbornes Flat’ which was a gold mining area in the 1858 onwards time.

In 1861 Margaret and her children, Jane, William, Selina, Braddon and Margaret sailed to Australia on the Prince of Wales.

Family Name	First Name	Age	Month	Year	Ship	Port	Fiche	Page
MITCHELL	BRUDDEN	7	DEC	1861	PRINCE OF WALES	B	196	004
MITCHELL	JANE H	14						
MITCHELL	MARGT	32						
MITCHELL	MARGT A	3						
MITCHELL	SELINA	9						
MITCHELL	WM	11						

The ship is recorded as having made the voyage in 88 days, which is ten days more than the record held by the Marco Polo of 78 days. The captain of the Marco Polo was criticised by the Maritime Board of the day for endangering his passengers by using the ‘Roaring Forties’ to enable a quick passage. The route of the Prince of Wales is shown on the next page, and it certainly used the ‘Roaring Forties’, spending at least 20 days south of 44th parallel.



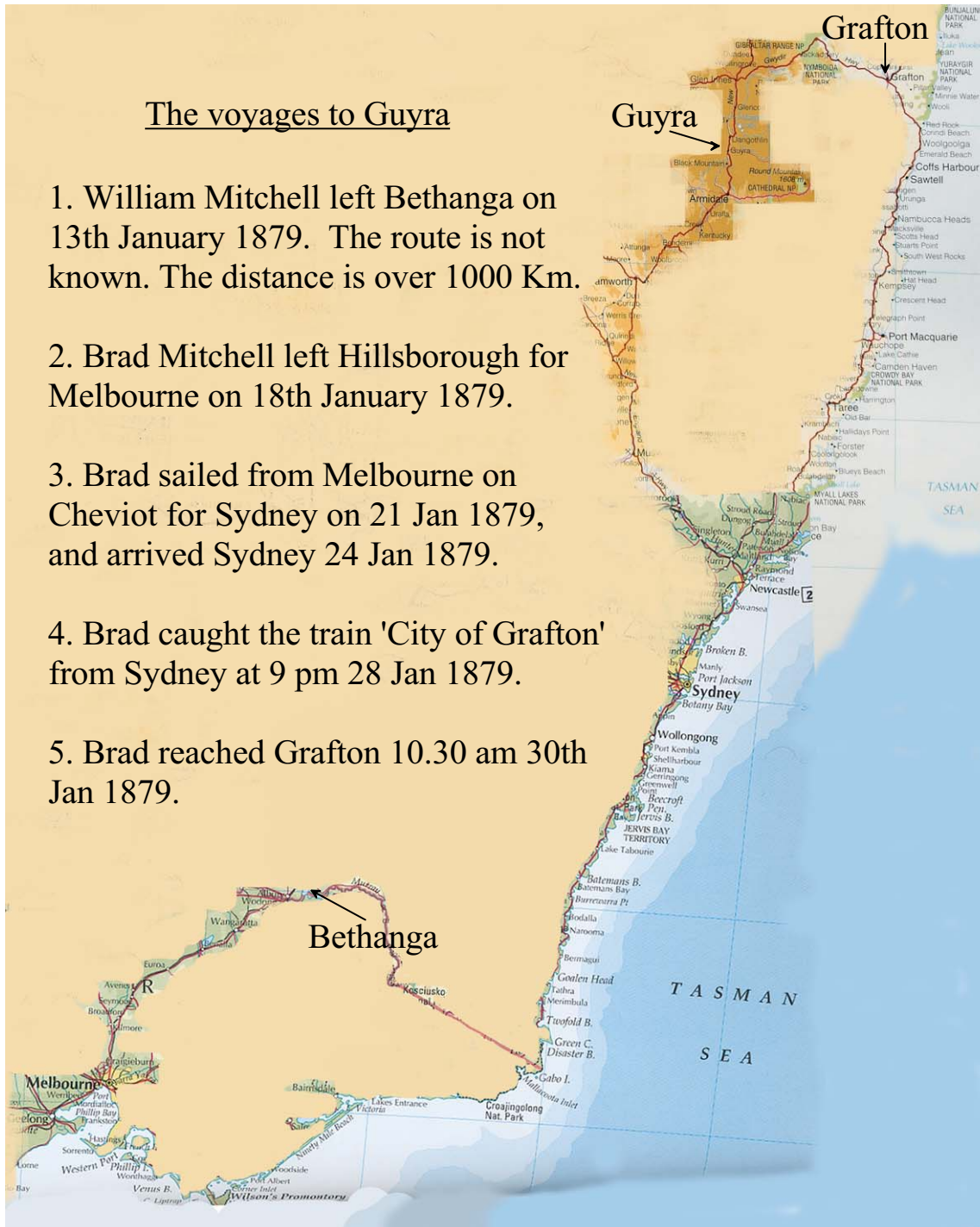
Both Alma Dillon and the diary of Brad Mitchell, say that with them came two of Margaret's brothers, Samuel aged 20 and Robert aged 26. There is a record of Samuel being on the same boat as Margaret and her family, but there is no record of Robert ever arriving as a passenger on any boat.

Jenny Mitchell's notes of discussion with Alma Dillon records that:
'William met them at Port Melbourne and with two drays they walked to Osmonds Flat. Selina's assessment was "Grandmother drove, i.e., we walked." (Grandmother was Margaret; Selina was talking to Alma, Margaret's grand-daughter). William and Margaret had two more children in Australia; Fred and Minnie. The house at Osmonds Flat had "a dirt floor with bags on it..." William had a butcher's shop for 8 or 9 years until the mines were no longer working at Osmonds Flat'

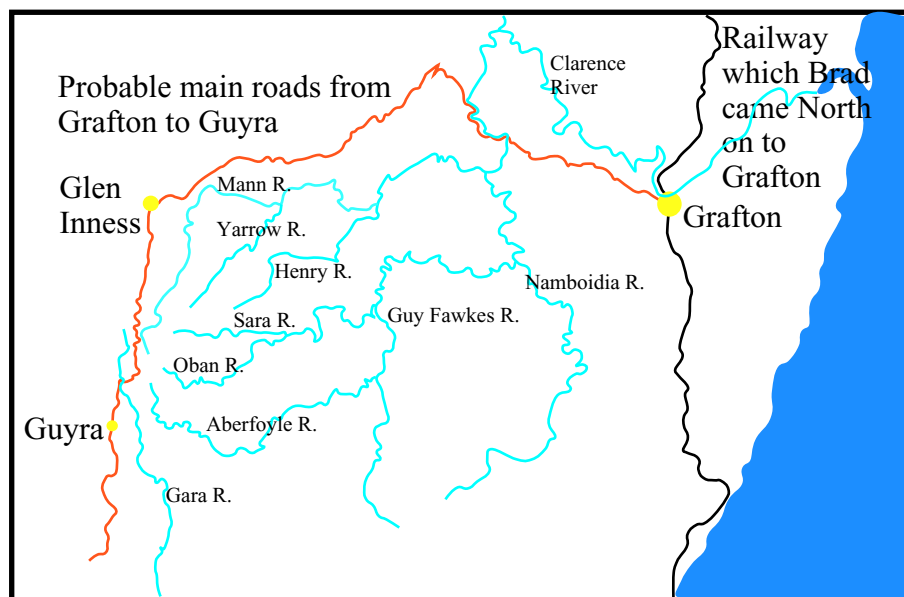
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The voyages to Guyra

1. William Mitchell left Bethanga on 13th January 1879. The route is not known. The distance is over 1000 Km.
2. Brad Mitchell left Hillsborough for Melbourne on 18th January 1879.
3. Brad sailed from Melbourne on Cheviot for Sydney on 21 Jan 1879, and arrived Sydney 24 Jan 1879.
4. Brad caught the train 'City of Grafton' from Sydney at 9 pm 28 Jan 1879.
5. Brad reached Grafton 10.30 am 30th Jan 1879.



The railway did not reach Guyra until some time in 1880, but had gone up the coast to Grafton. Between Brads arrival at Grafton and meeting Will at Guyra, he went to Glen Innes, and went to 'Alf's place' at Stonehenge. He seems to have made this a base for trips around the local countryside. Although neither explicitly state it, they were together at least on the 10th April 1879. There would appear to be a landholder by the name of Armstrong whose property they stayed on, at or near Guyra. Both writers mention him, and William declines to buy a horse from him. When and where William had met Brad before this cannot be determined from either of the writers diaries, but from page 12 of this printing it is clear that William had come to Guyra through Stonehenge, which is the way Brad approached Guyra.



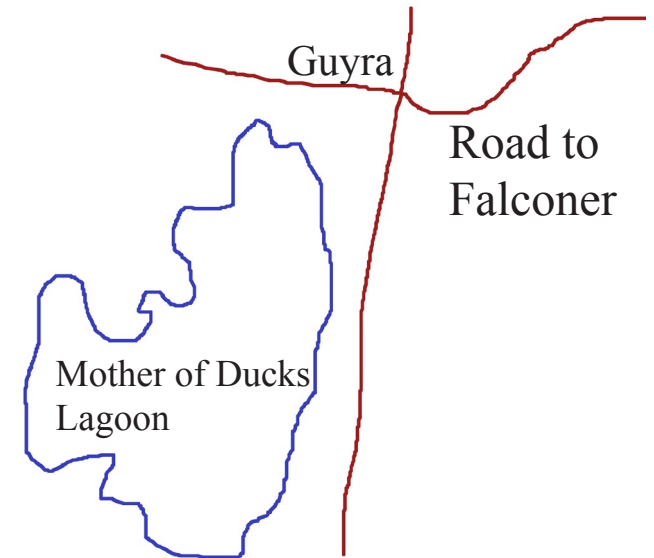
It is not easy to track their routes both before and after meeting, but this shows the general area in which they were mainly working between Glen Innes and Guyra. I have shown the present main road, but the roads may not have been on this alignment in their day as they talk of road surveyors and railway surveyors without specifying which. The Guyra - Glen Innes route that was chosen is the water shed between westward and east flowing rivers.

They mention other rivers (or creeks) by name than those shown on this sketch, but I have not managed to find them all on a large scale map.

They called the Oban River the Obern River, and the Sara River the Mitchell River

The area around where a lot of these rivers start has a Mt Mitchell, and presumably they thought one particular river from that mountain would have the same name.

Return to diary.



This is looking across ‘The Mother of Ducks’ lagoon to the NE to Guyra, and the lagoon appears pretty dry, not like it was when William was there. The 2006 Tourist guide says ‘Also nearby is Mother of Ducks, a water sanctuary close to [Guyra](#)’.

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The Tourist guide to NSW says in 2006

“Guyra is also known as ‘the top of the range’ situated at the divide of the Great Dividing Range at a height of 1320. It is interesting to note that rain falling east of the town railway line finds its way to the Pacific Ocean, and rain falling west of the railway line ends up in the Murray-Darling basin. Guyra was developed at part of the extension of the railway in 1880, although pastoralists had been in the area since 1830. ”

William and Brad mention seeing the surveying team for this work several times.

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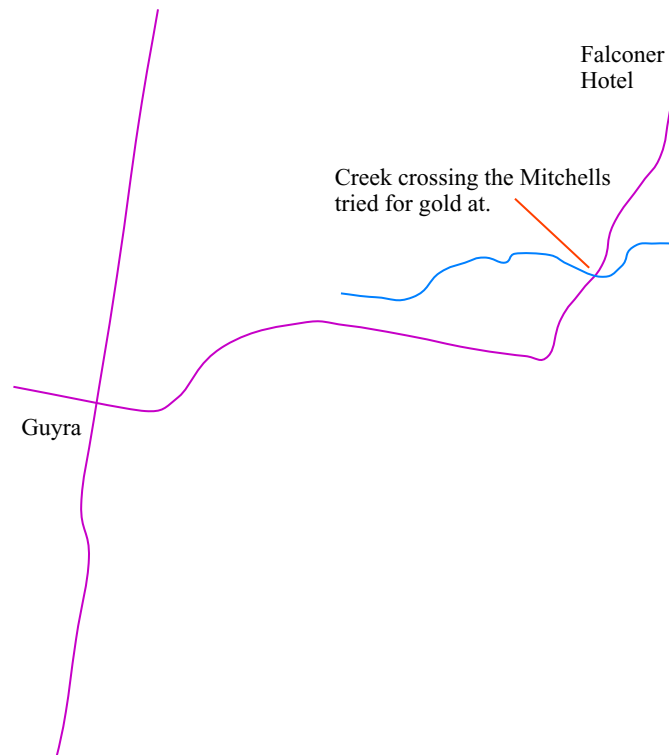
Although we have no earlier writings to describe the route that William had taken to get to Guyra, this reference to Stonehenge on Tuesday previous indicates that he at least had ridden down from Stonehenge a short distance to the north of Guyra.

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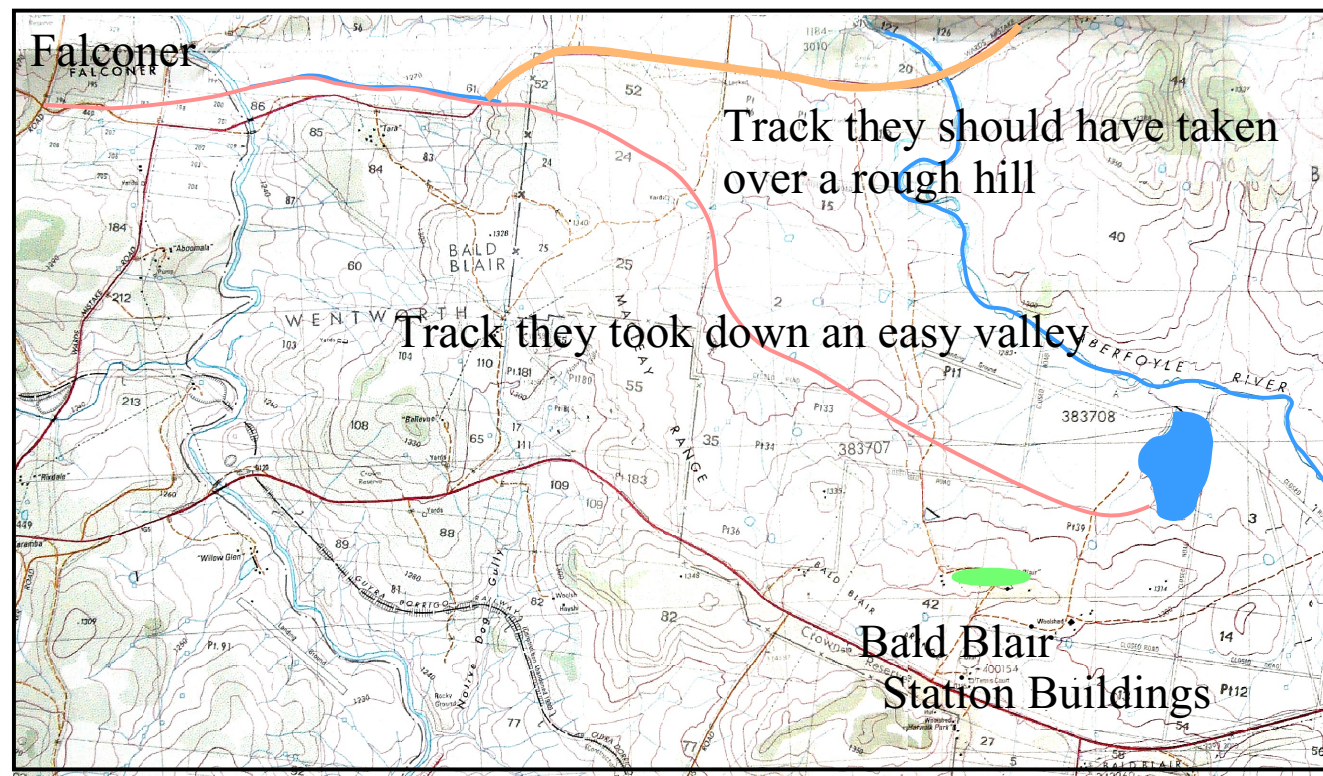
The town of Guyra was not much more than one house in William's day, and roads may not have followed the present route on which the detail is based. In William's day Falconer was almost as big as Guyra. The coming of the railway probably changed that.

The creek where they found the stones but no gold is only about a mile and half from where the Falconer Hotel probably was located. In the shot above this crossing is located just below and to the right of the square indicating centre point on 'Google Earth' original. The creek runs across from there to the right to join the Gara river seen just below the 'Falconer' title, and then above the title. (continue on next page)



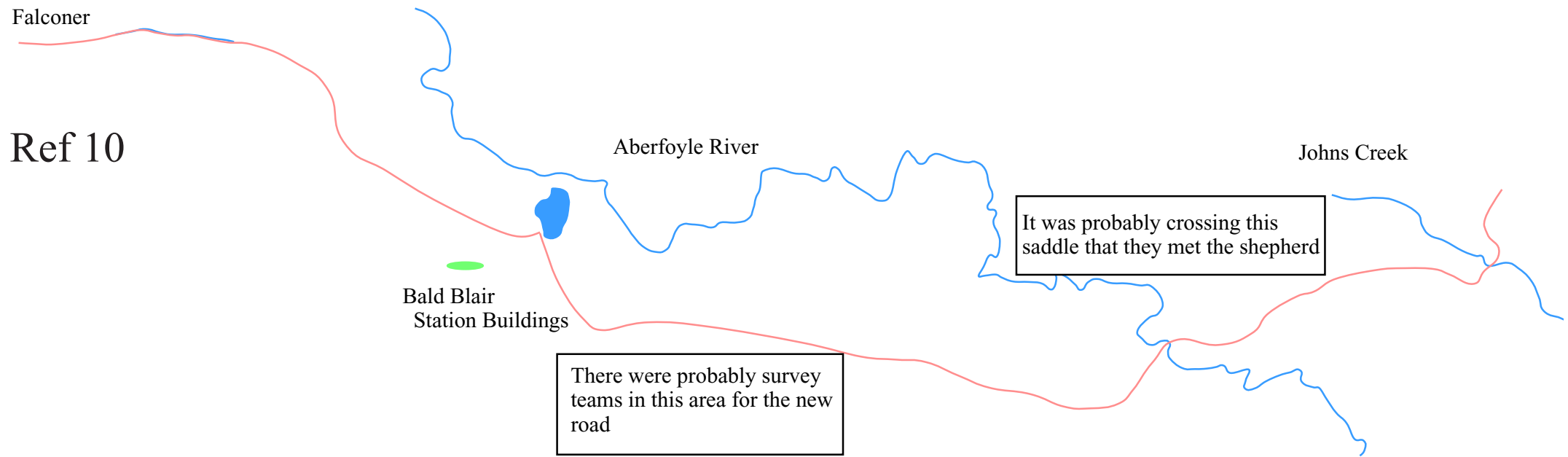
16 Km (according to Brad's diary) would not be a large days ride by today's standards, but prospecting along the way as William and Brad did, would certainly make the day go quickly. There is though a problem. Falconer is not 16 Km from Guyra. It is more of the order of seven. This means that 'Armstrong's' was probably to the south west of Guyra, as they came through Guyra, but I have not been able to locate anything suggestive of that. A possible route for the days ride after Guyra is shown above, and the distance from the creek crossing to the Falconer Hotel is about correct. Where they started from is not known.

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This is as far as I can judge the approximate route that the two boys took from Falconer along a creek then over a hill down onto a plain which is a river flat of the Aberfoyle River. The present day road to 'Oban' is a little south of this route till it reaches the top of the hill and comes onto the plateau. They said they were going ESE to 'Obern' diggings. The only diggings I can find is actually ENE from Falconer, and so it appears that when they came onto the plateau of the Aberfoyle river they took the easy way and rode down toward Bald Blair station rather than up into some pretty mountainous track to 'Obern'. The lagoon they visited is still marked on the map.

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The times that William and Brad were here was a time when both road surveying and railway surveying were being carried out. There were never railways in the area south of Bald Blair lagoon and so this must have been a road survey. The Aberfoyle River goes into a deep winding gorge about a mile from the lagoon, and as there is now a road from Bald Blair across to Johns Creek, I have assumed they joined and followed that route. Their description of the country is good. The shepherd was probably on the range between Aberfoyle river and Johns Creek. They do not give a name to the creek or the station which ran the sheep. There are still ruined yards at the point where I have stopped the track. They went to yards across Johns Creek, and then went back down to the creek for dinner. They thought they were on ‘Obern Creek’. It is miles to the north of here.

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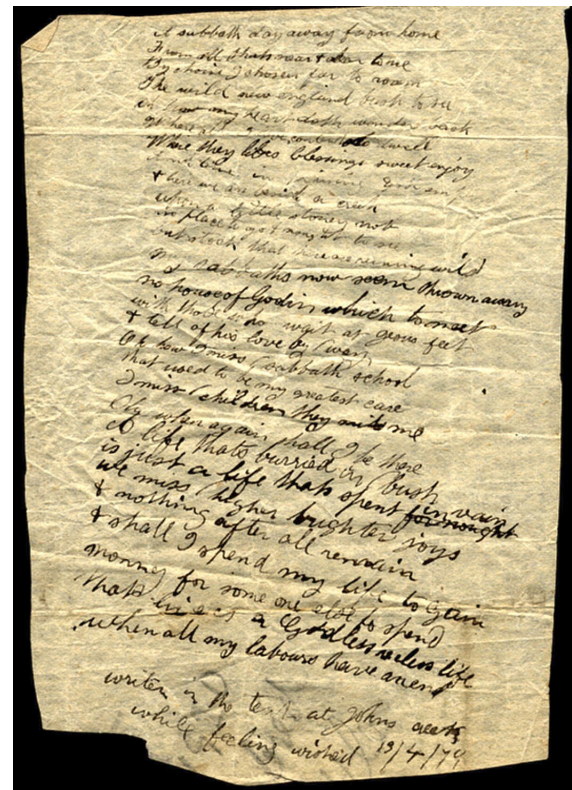
This is in the cover of another diary, and is inserted here to enable the feelings of the day to be better understood.

Ref 11

A sabbath day away from home
From all that's near & dear to me
By choice I chosen far to roam
The wild new england bush to see
Oh how my heart doth wander back
Where all I love content do dwell
Where they life's blessings sweet enjoy
And time in praising Gods son
& here we are beside a creek
where a little stoney nob
is place to go & nought to see
but stock that here are running wild
My sabbaths now seem thrown away
no house of God in which to meet
with those who wait at Jesus feet
& tell of his love by the way
Oh how I miss the sabbath school
that used to be my greatest care
I miss the children they miss me
Oh when again shall I be there
A life that's buried in the bush
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we miss the higher brighter joys
& nothing after all remain
& shall I spend my life to gain
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[In the front pocket]



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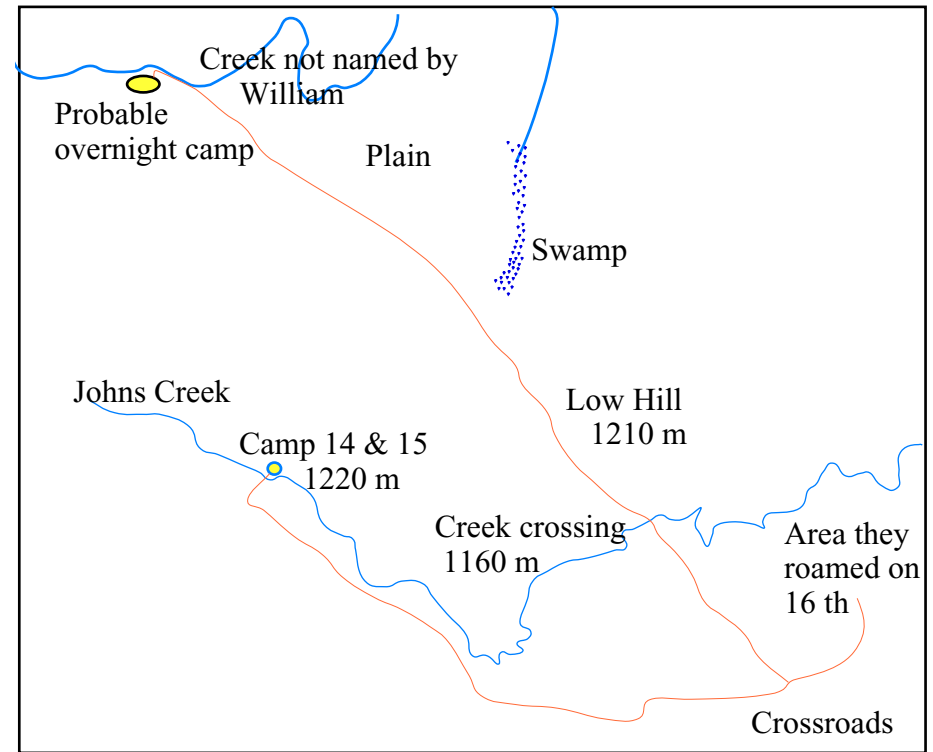
The problem with the next couple of days travel, is that today there are no roads which lead from Johns Creek to Oban. Although William refers to 'Obern' I can find no reference to any town or river of that name between Johns Creek and Mt Mitchell. There is a river and a cattle station marked on the maps as 'Oban'. The river has an area marked as 'abandoned mining area' and therefore I will assume that 'Oban' is the correct spelling, and they were trying to reach what is now 'abandoned mining area' and get a route based on that.

Although there are no roads along the possible route, there are marked Crown reserves, and all the marked roads on today's maps are in such reserves. I have therefore assumed that those reserves may have been in existence when William and Brad were there, and may have been marked (earlier reference to surveyors), and therefore able to be followed.

There is also the problem of distances. I am amazed that they speak with such assurance of the distances they travel on horseback. It is made more difficult by the fact that the terrain in this area is very hilly, and is still well covered with trees. Between trying to follow poorly marked (if at all) roads, and not being able to see long distances they did a good job.

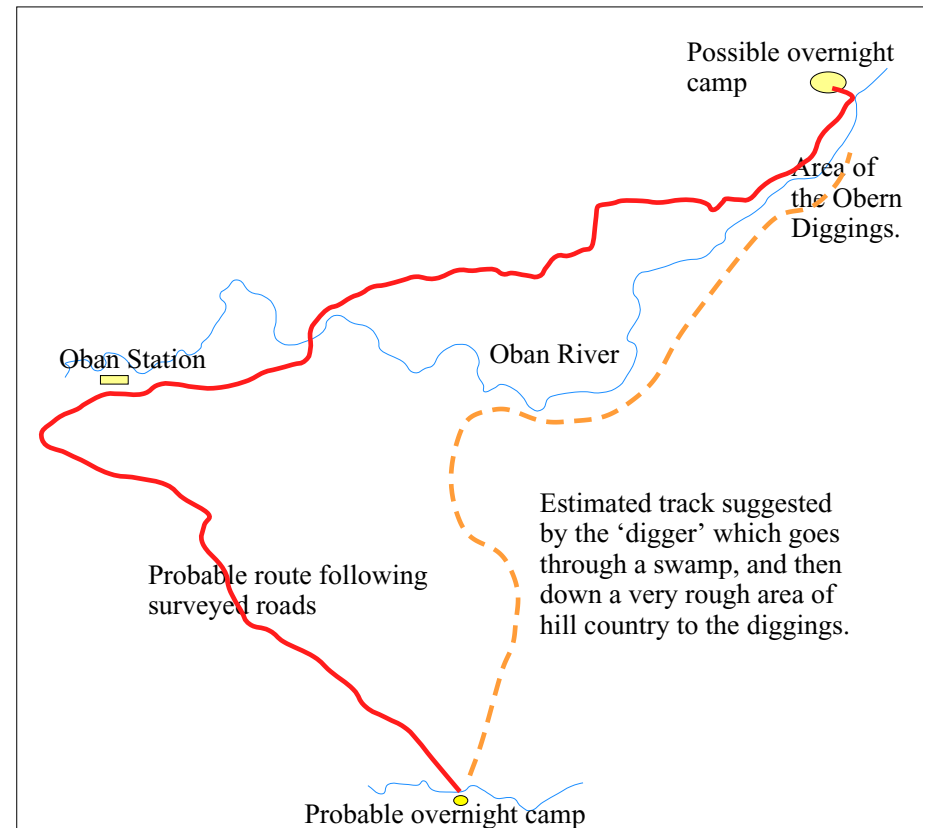
On the next page is my attempt to plot a route for them.

After they had been to the crossroads, they rped around to the east and got lost. It is very difficult to work out where they went. They then came back to the crossroads, and made a decision as to where to go next. Once they had chosen the road Brad preferred, then the dsecrptions they give fit the terrain very well, as they cross a low hill and then over past the swamp to an unnamed creek where they found gold seekers. Part of the reason I chose for the camp site is the distance quoted later for the Oban diggings. The distance they travelled for the day was stated to be 17 miles.



William did not seem quite certain that he had found the correct track from their camp. From the distances quoted, and his description of a swamp it should have been on an unmarked route almost due north over some very difficult terrain, rather than what was probably the surveyed unmade road leading to Oban station that they followed. The road they finally approached Oban station on was the one from Falconer they had started out to follow, but left to go down the river flat.

In all of their wanderings they refer to what are now known as 'rivers' as 'creeks'. They are all near their sources, and therefore probably very narrow and swift, and much smaller than the Murray and Mitta Mitta rivers around Bethanga. From Oban station to the Oban gold diggings is again about 5 miles over what is now a four wheel drive road over the hills. The Oban river (the brothers 'Obern creek') runs through an extremely narrow twisting valley from the Oban station which is on flat country, to the 'diggings'. If the river had been followed it would have been a lot more than the 5 miles quoted for their distance from the station to the diggings, and not very pleasant riding. The total ride for the day was stated by Brad to be 12 miles.

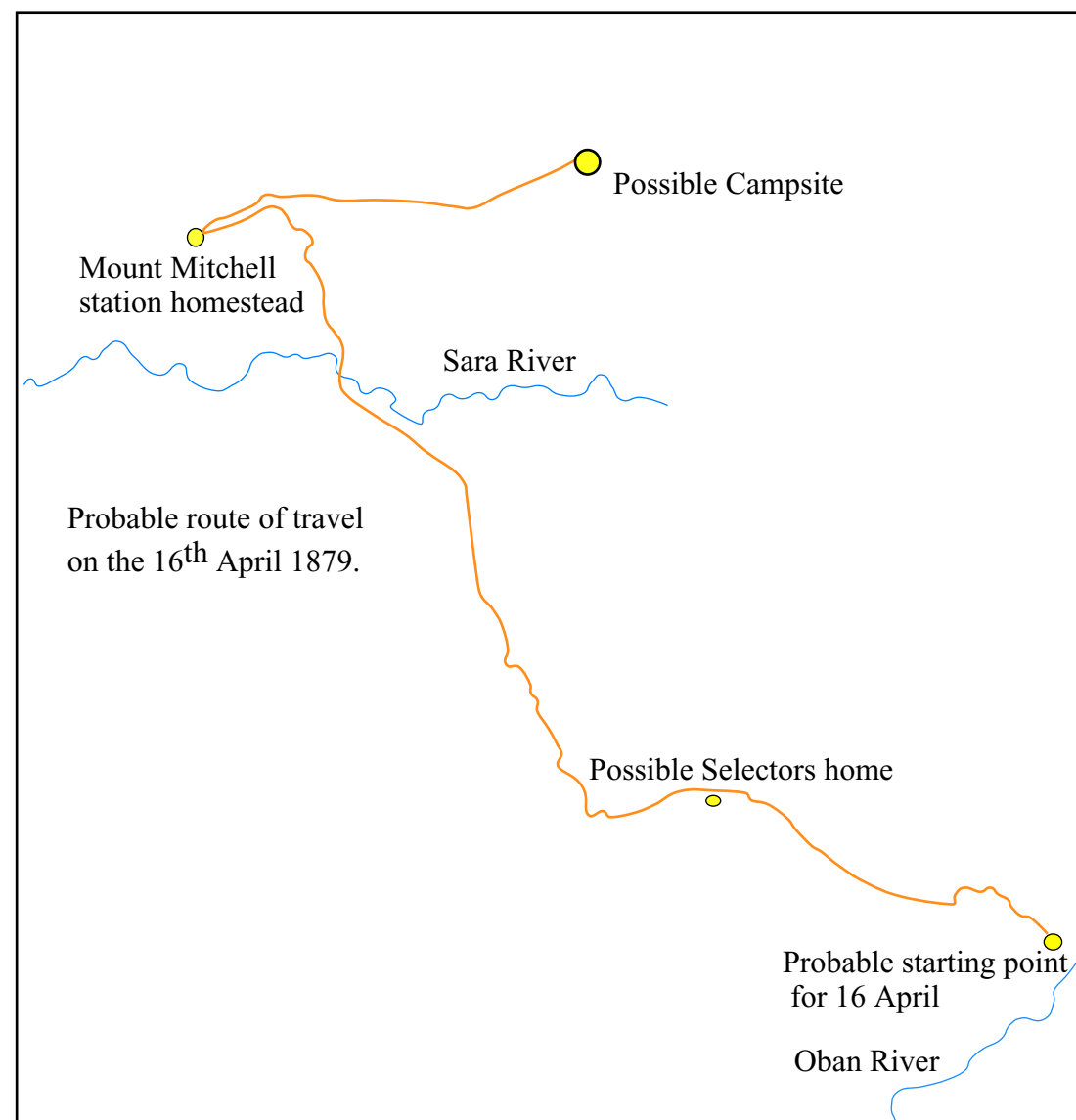


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Ref 014. The starting point for today's trek past Mount Mitchell station is not clear, but I assume just past the mining area. The first mention of a house and yard about three miles from the start fits with a small farm shown on present maps which I have indicated as a possible selectors home. The country is not good cattle country near here. The River described as 'Mitchell River' does not occur on any map of the area. There is a river running from Mount Mitchell across their path to Mount Mitchell station, but it is called 'Sara' River.

The route taken from the Mount Mitchell station homestead to possible campsite is the first departure from 'Crown reserves' which are now roads. It was chosen as it is the only way to get six miles from Mt Mitchell and be about 2 miles from the 'Henry' river, which takes up the next day's trip. Brad said they rode 16 miles for the day.

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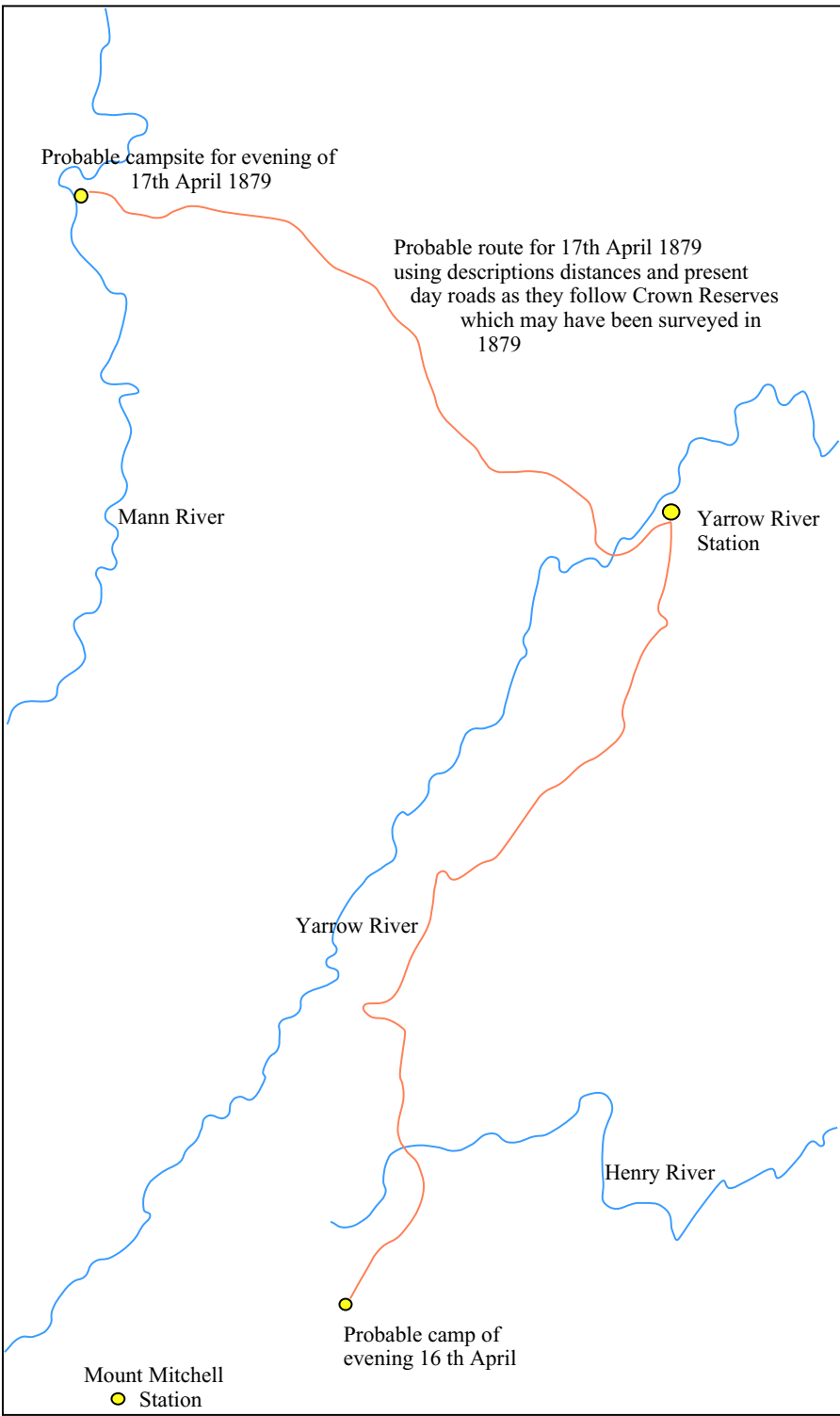
This was a long days ride. Description of the terrain for Henry river and crossing over to valley of Yarrow River is good. The route through to Yar-row Creek station did not follow all along the river bank as it has some very rough narrow stretches, and they went along a valley to the east of the river. This leads them down to the station.

From after the range separating Yarrow and Mann river valleys the terrain is very much flatter.

I can find no map reference to ‘the Gulf’ on any maps I have seen.

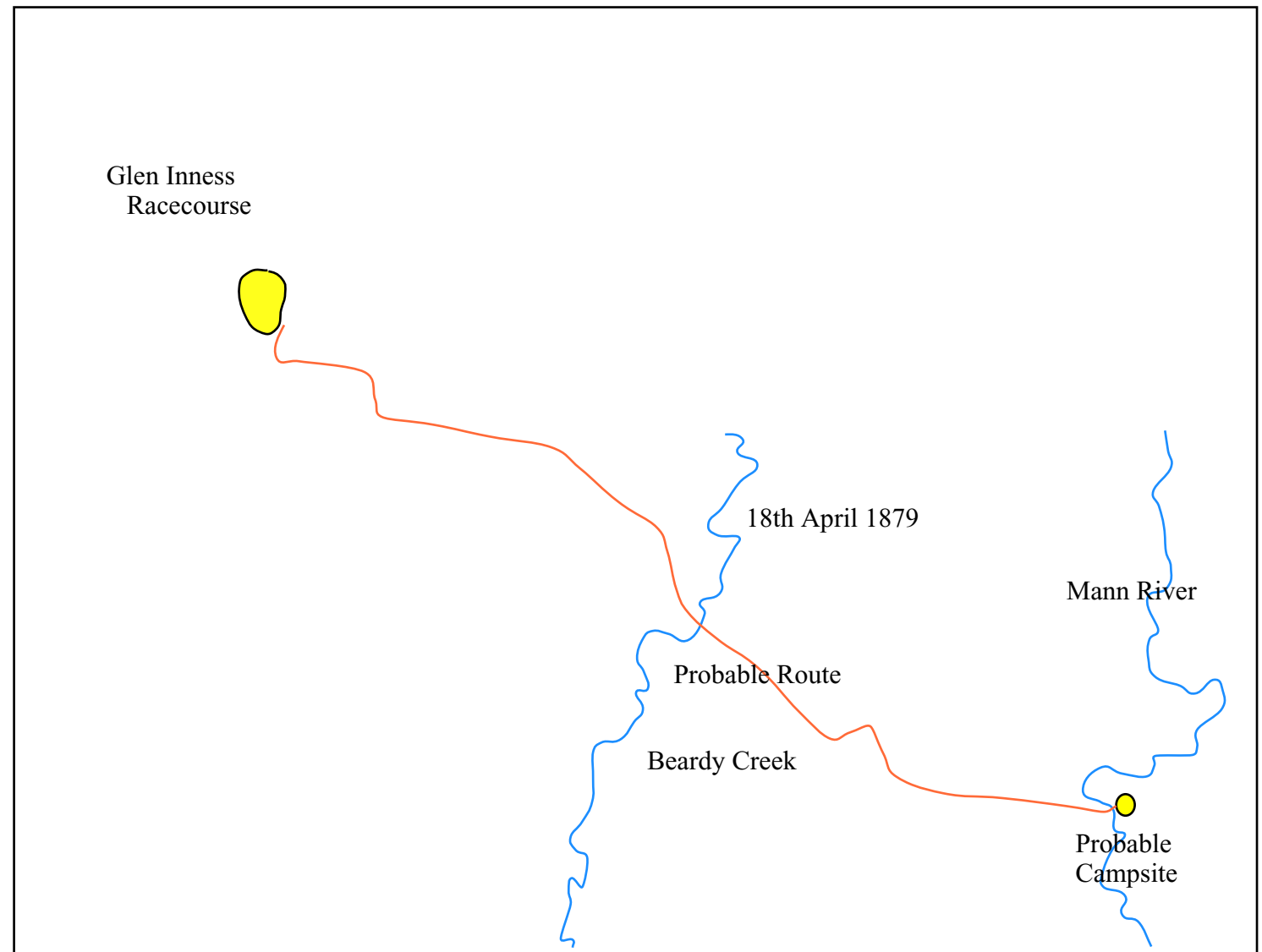


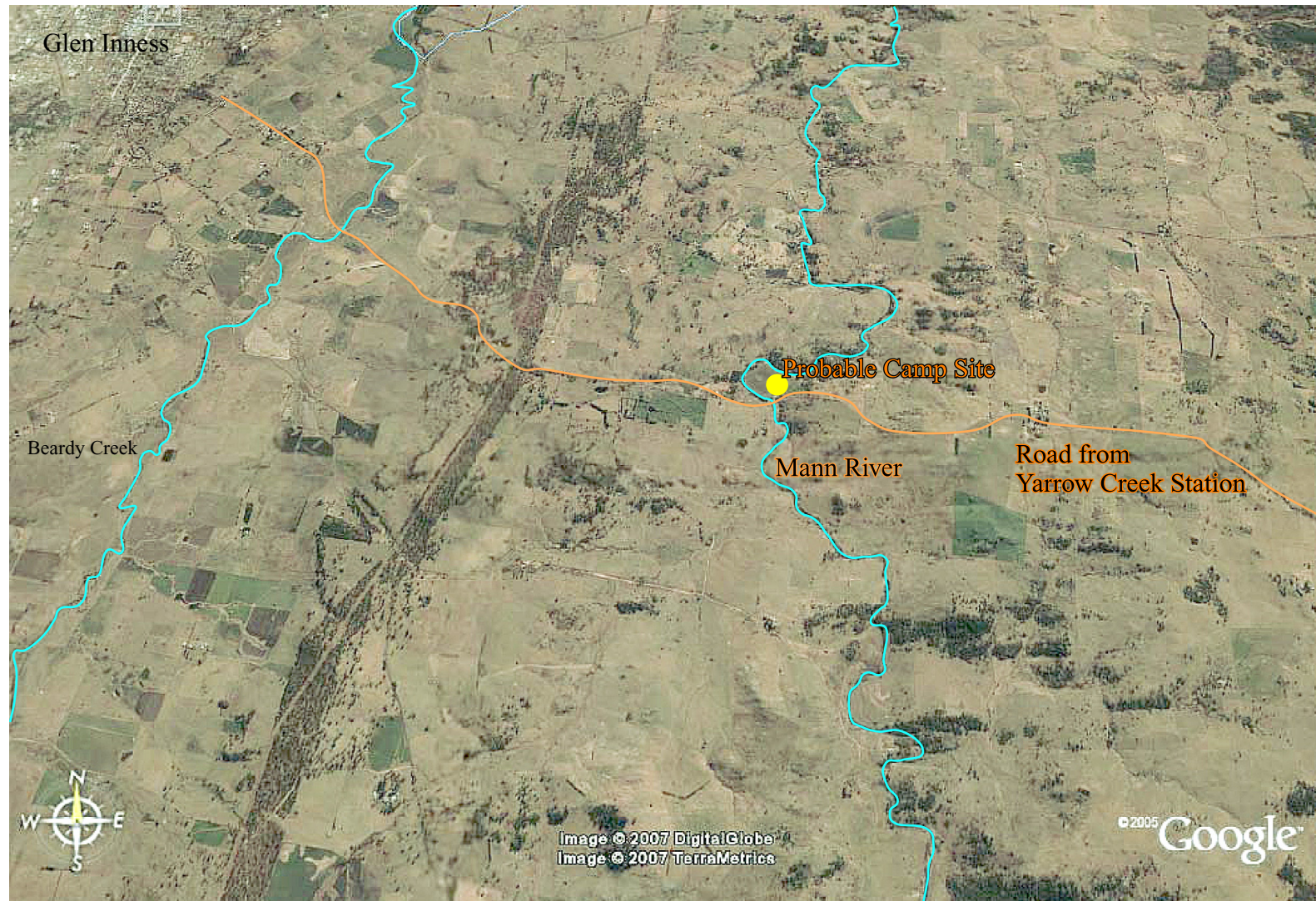
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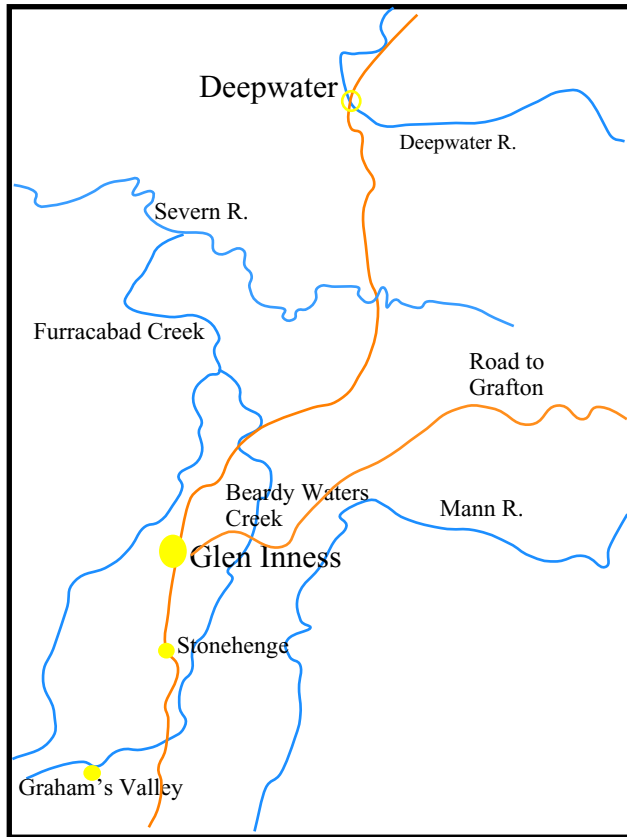
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The day was not so far, and much easier riding. They only covered 12 miles in the day. Except for a low ridge between the valleys of Mann river and Beardy Waters creek, it is pretty level going all the way to Glen Inness. (See a copy of Google on the next page). The racecourse today is on the far side of the town now, and this is site shown above. At present I have no knowledge of who M^cAlpines are or where they lived..



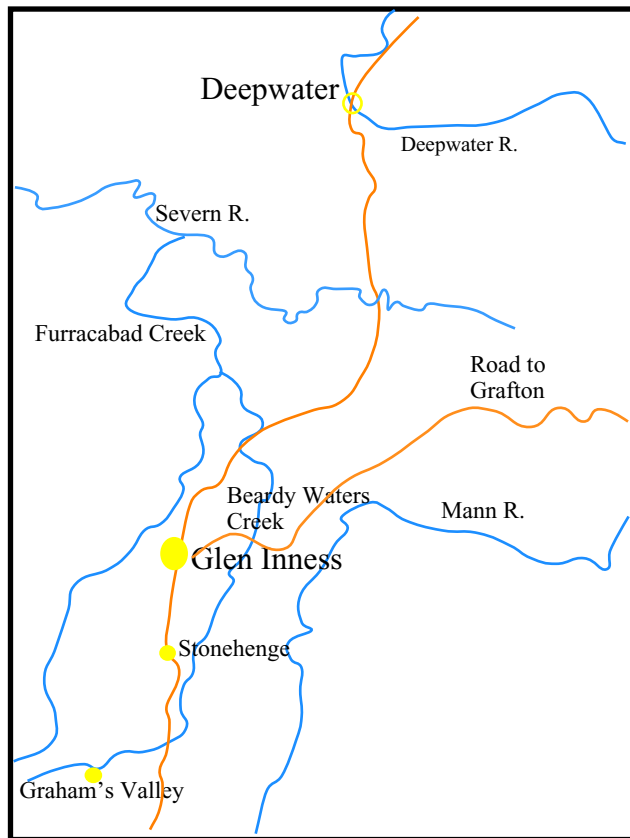


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The reference to Deepwater did not ring bells with any of the detailed maps I have which only went as far north as Glen Inness. I rang the Glen Inness tourist bureau and they explained that it was a small town about 39 Km north of Glen Inness on the Deepwater river. The paragraph talks of Deepwater and Furagobad in the same breath, and I looked for them in the same area. The Furracabad Creek runs north (on the left of the map) from south of Glen Inness to the Severn River to the north of Glen Inness. There is no area named Furagobad that I can find anywhere. Just south of Glen Inness is Stonehenge where both boys had been before reaching Guyra and this is on the ridge overlooking both the Furracabad creek and Beardy Waters Creek valleys which join just north of Glen Inness.

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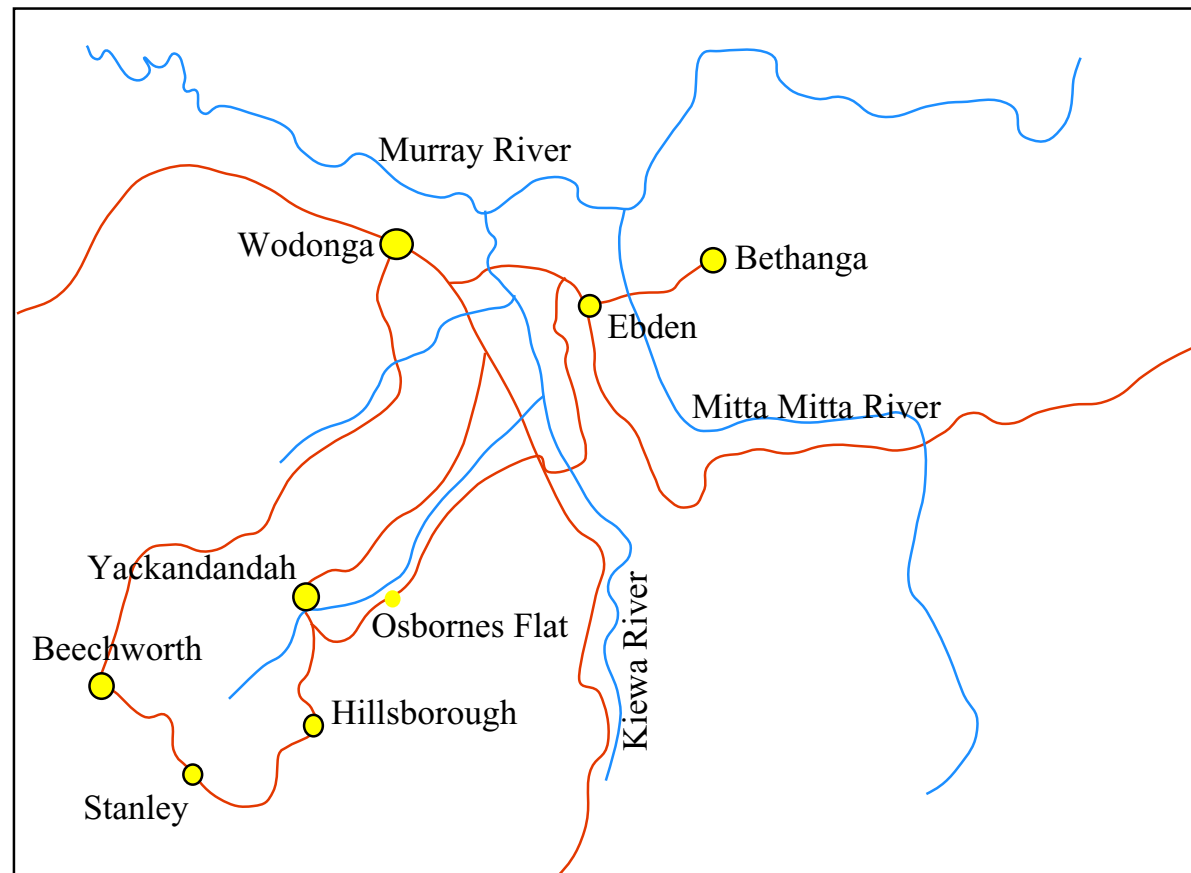


Grahams Valley is part of the Beardy Creek valley down the bottom left of the adjacent map, and above the title from Google in the picture. There is no town there or any significant buildings in 2007.



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William Mitchell was a member of a lodge in Stanley, the town a few miles from Hillsborough on the way to Beechworth on the uplands where Yack creek had its headwaters. Apparently he also spent quite an amount of time at Stanley church as well as the churches in Yackandandah down the hill from Hillsborough. See the reference on page 36.



G.F. Craig in his book 'Stanley, Hurdle Flat, Hillsborough' published in Stanley 1973 on p32 says:

'Stanley district residents formed several Friendly Societies, namely the Independent Order of Rechabites, the Ancient Order of Foresters and the Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows.

A branch of the Independent Order of Rechabites, known as the Hope of Stanley Tent No. 114, was established on 15th November, 1869.'

This was most likely the group to whom William was forwarding the cheque.

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In looking at detailed maps of the Glen Inness area I noticed that at the eastern end of town was an area marked 'Martin Lookout'.



I wondered whether this lookout had been named after the Martin that William was dealing with. I noticed in the shot above from Google that there are something standing upright in the area. In looking at the tourist information about Glen Inness. It was stated that there were standing stones in Martins Lookout. When I saw this picture I thought of Stonehenge in England and then realised that just south of Glen Inness was another town Stonehenge where the two Mitchell boys spent some time. I wondered whether these stones came from Stonehenge, but I found this information hard to get, but finally obtained it from the Glen Inness Tourist bureau over the net.

The area to which you may be referring is “Martins Lookout”, which is a hill on the eastern side of town, from where you have a view of the town and surrounds; or would have if much of the view was not now obstructed by trees.

On this reserve you will also find the Australian Standing Stones, a fairly recent memorial to the early Celtic settlers of Glen Innes and the New England District.

This landmark was named after one James MARTIN. He was born in Kent, England in 1831, and he purchased land in Glen Innes in 1857.

In 1854 he became the first postmaster in Glen Innes, in the newly erected post office. In 1863 he bought 14.000 acres, which he named Kent Park. Mr Martin was appointed a Justice of the Peace, and served on the bench in 1874. He also served on almost every board or committee in the town, until his death in 1899.

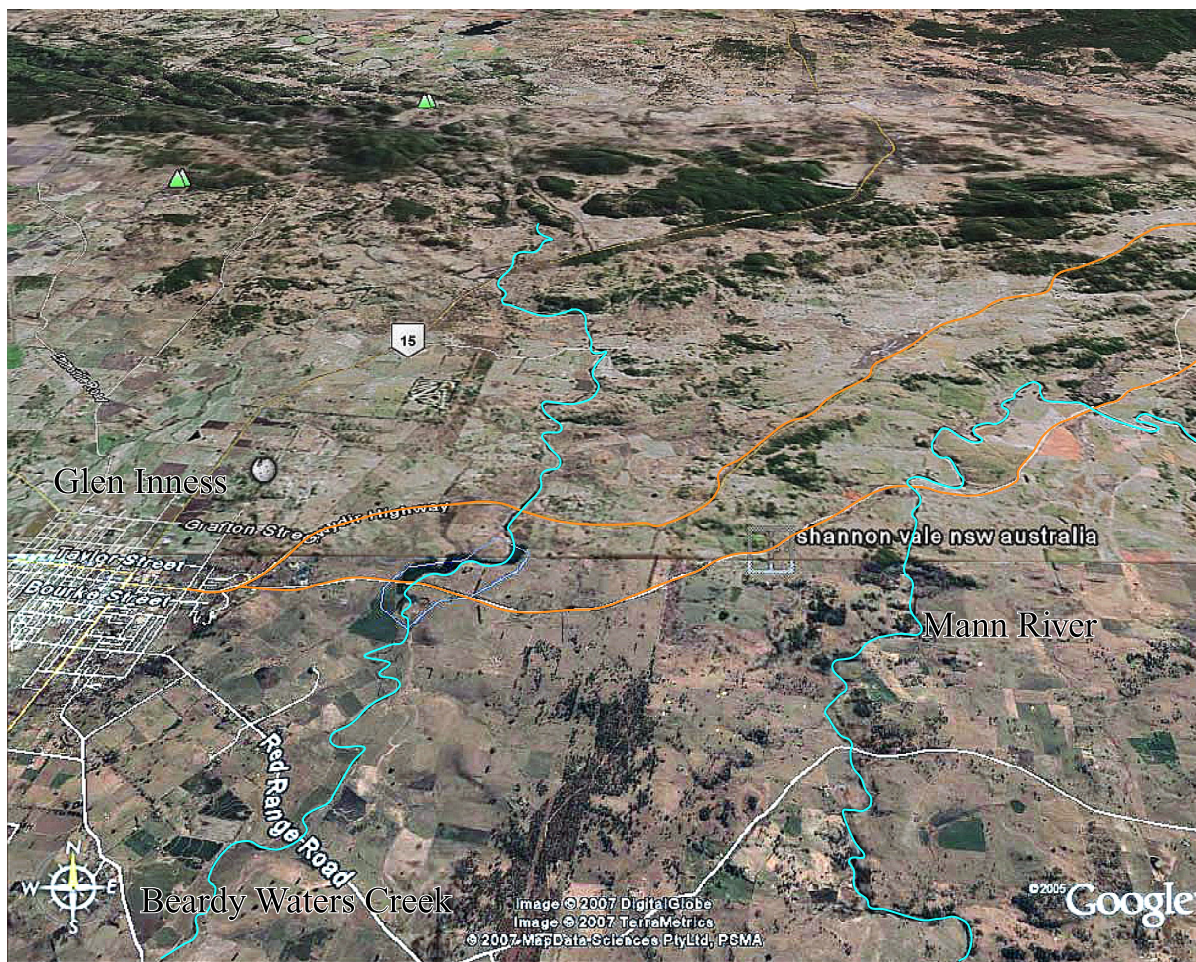
We have photographs of James and his wife Matilda nee Hetherington displayed in our portrait gallery in the museum.

I hope this meets your needs, if you have any further questions in this regard, please contact us directly.

Yours sincerely, Peter Lisberg, Land of the Beardies History House Museum & Research Centre, Glen Innes & District Historical Society Inc., P O Box 371, GLEN INNES 2370

By talking to these people on the phone I found the stones were cut locally in about 1990, and had nothing to do with Stonehenge.

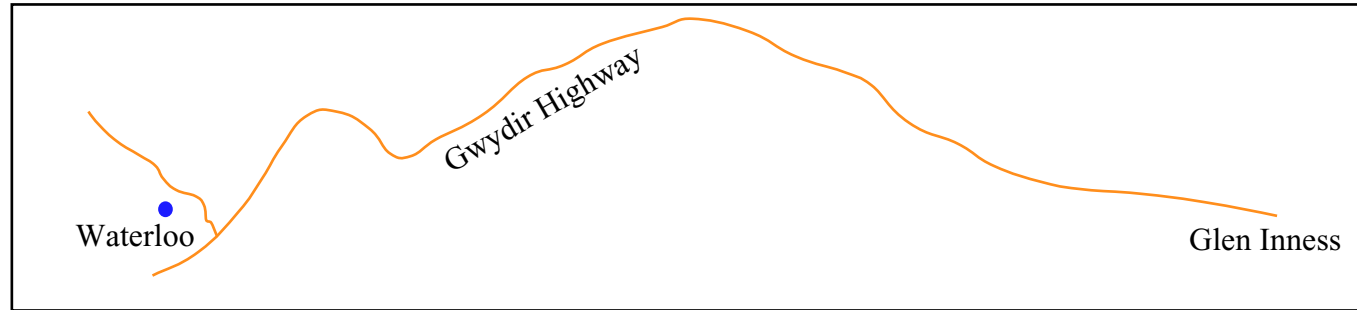
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Shannon Vale which William was asking about is to the east of Glen Inness in the Mann river valley at a point where it is quite flat. The area is noted for an agricultural research station, which for me infers that the land was not good enough for a private farmer to make a living on. If you look at Grahams Valley on an earlier page it still looks more promising for grazing cattle than does Shannon Vale. Grahams Valley is also further from Glen Inness, and the railway surveyors were moving in that area for the line from Guyra to Glen Inness, which was built a year after William

was there. This would probably enhance hopes for the future of the Graham Valley area.

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The Waterloo station is today about 16 Km due west of Glen Inness. It is not far from a junction on the Gwydir Highway which used to be known as “The Fossickers Way”.

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There is little likelihood that the location of the Glen Innes showgrounds would have changed since William's day. There may not have been as many houses around them, but the locality is unlikely to have changed. They look so like showgrounds at Albury and Wangaratta which I visited when I was young , or the showgrounds at Whittlesea the last thirty years.

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Mc Alpine occurs first on p29 of this compilation and then again now. It would seem that they lived either just south of or south east of Glen Inness from the reference on p 29 and the frequency with which William & Brad travelled to and from Glen Inness through or past their property. It is only later in the diary that we learn there was a Mc Alpine diggings in their thoughts, but no reference can be found on any map to this diggings on a creek. It is probably fair though to surmise that it was the source of the wealth from which they were able to buy a property so close to Glen Inness. From their wanderings later it would seem that William & Brad never knew the exact location of the find.

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