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Presidents Report:

Hello to everyone - hope you are all coping with this different world, it has certainly changed how our organisation does business!

Thank you to the outgoing executive and our many hard working members who managed the museum

complex so well in the past few years. It was looking very good under your care.

We did have a working bee in March, and a Dairy display at the Show, but then everything stopped.

We will resume our program as things become safer in the coming months, or however long it takes.

Thank you to Judith Matthews who still has to pay the accounts and do the accounting and to Graham Lambert who is applying for Grants and seeking out new ones, Mat Chalker who has been keeping the complex grounds in order, we really appreciate all your hard work.

Even though Museums, Libraries etc are open, our museum does not have enough room for 'social distancing, plus paperwork is supposed to be put 'in isolation' for a period of time after handling. Most of our rostered members are of a vulnerable age and must be protected.

I have spoken to many members, and the general consensus seems to be - look towards a September timeline. Perhaps we will have a meeting and a working bee before that time.

We will rethink our plans as things change and adjust time lines.

No Museum roster will be provided for the moment.

We do have a bike club booked in for morning tea 31st October and a museum tour, so hopefully that can happen.

Wishing all our members a safe and healthy winter!

Maureen Long

TARALGA SHOW



Part of Historical Society display
many thanks to Bob Blay



Vegetable display in Pavilion

Vale



Judith Symonds

21.3.2020 aged 86 years

Wife of Max (Postmaster)



Greg Stephenson

9.4.2020 aged 55 years

Husband, Father & Grandfather

Mother of

Vicki, Gary, Paul, Peter

Son of Robert & Beverly

Nephew of Ernie

George Webb

13.4.2020 aged 61 years

Son of Peter and Myrna

Brother of Thea, Robbie, Ken

Len Johns

10.4.2020 aged 83 years

Husband of Pat (dec)

Father of

Wayne, Graham and Susan

THS Member

STONEQUARRY 355 COMMITTEE

We are thrilled to announce that all plaques for previously unmarked graves have now been placed at Stonequarry Cemetery. We finished 19th May just beating the cold weather.

Of course there are graves that are not marked - but we cannot prove where they are. We will in the future erect a board with the names of the deceased unmarked that we know of.

This has been five years work: We have cleaned, repaired and redone the lettering on existing headstones, and placed pebble stones in the beds where necessary. Laurie made 380 cement headstones that were placed mainly for new plaques. Gravel has been added around the graves to save damage from mowing.

During this time Veolia gave a Grant for new toilets that were installed. The Upper Lachlan Shire Council are progressively erecting a **Columbarium** for Ashes.

The ULSC have been so very helpful throughout the works - we thank them.

We want to thank Pacific Hydro and Veolia Mulwaree for their Grants which enabled us to have the plaques manufactured. Without their help this would not have happened.



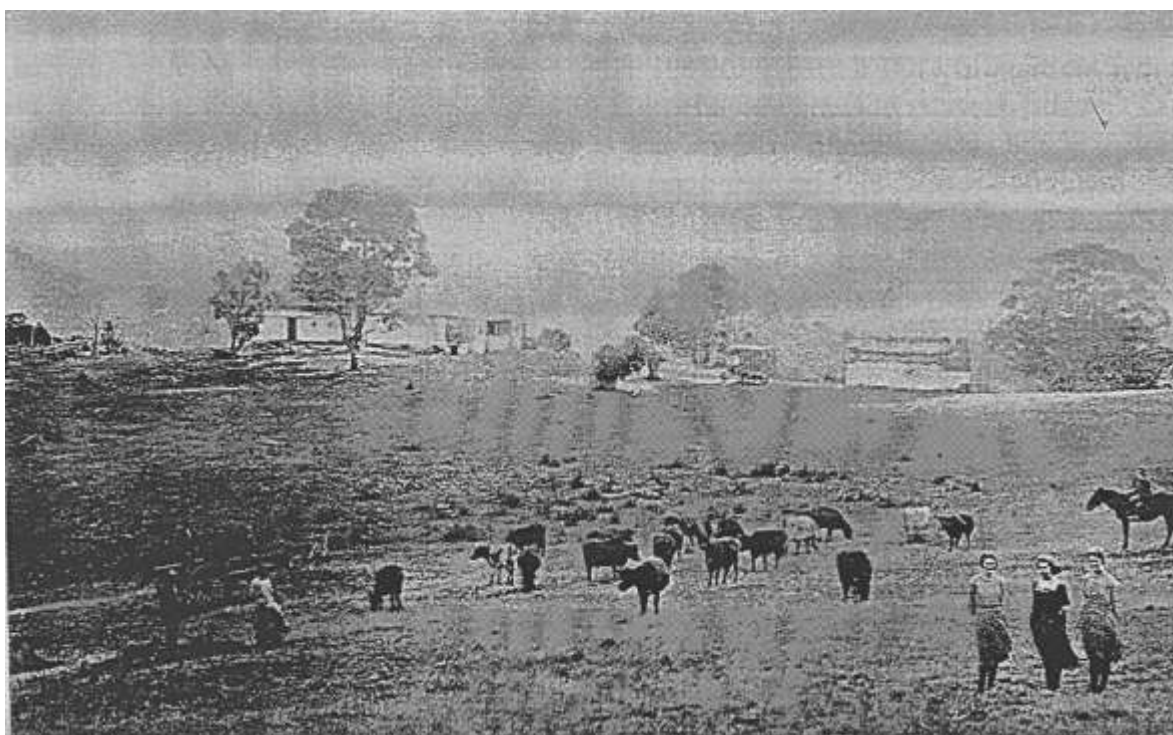
Renovated headstones and some new plaques laid.



A row of plaques

FUTTAJUNG - INDIAN HAWKER

Charlie FUTTAJUNG or Fuddy Jung was a familiar figure on the roads around Bannaby in the 1920's. He was an Indian Hawker who drove a covered wagon loaded with all sorts of things for sale to the settlers who lived in the country. He had drapery, haberdashery and kitchen wares as well as a few novelties for the children. Everyone looked forward to his visits and he was well thought of because of the way he cared for his two horses. When camped at Hillasmount he was allowed to run his horses in the best paddocks.



In the centre background of the photo to the right of the middle clump of trees is Fuddyjung's van at 'Maryvale' Bannaby with the Alders family in the foreground - Charlie in the cart, Wallace, Annie, Edna, Rita, Olive, Norman on the horse.

There were other hawkers but Fuddy Jung seems to be the one remembered by most people. It was said that one of the other hawkers died at his camp by the road near the top of the Red Hill, and he is buried at that place.

A Patchwork of Bannaby by Pat Williamson



Close up of wagon



CHARLIE FUTTA JUNG AND HIS WAGON

Goulburn Evening Post Monday 7 October 1940

Hawker injured

When he slipped and fell heavily against a tree stump at Greenwich Park at the week end Sutta Jung (Futta Jung) 68, an Indian hawker severely bruised his ribs. He was brought to Goulburn by Ambulance and subsequently received medical treatment.

This would put him born circa 1872.

Charlie's Hawker Wagon was housed in a shed at "Ada Vale" Bannaby for many many years.

It went when one of the more recent sellers of the property took it with them



Hawkers License 1899

**Ernie Stephenson has memories
of Futta Jung in late 1930's and early 40's.**

He came through 'Swallow Tail' from Big Hill. Sometimes he camped on Oscar Feld's property at Big Hill or on the Reserve.

At Bannaby he often camped on George Connor's 'Pine Villa' property across the creek.

His last call at Bannaby on his way back through to Big Hill was the O'Connor Bros at 'Summer Hill' where he camped.

Ernie doesn't remember him being around after the War.

He remembers a tall Indian Hawker camping in Wayo Street Goulburn (near where he lived) in about 1943.

Russell Chalker's memories

I remember the Hawkers coming to "Greenwood" Wombeyan I was about 4 years old (1939-1940).

The wagon was drawn by two horses, coming down the road to the house sounding like bells ringing as the horses jogged along. The wagon would stop at the house and the hawker jump off, and Mum and what family would be there would come out. The hawker opened the doors and drawers on the wagon, and the people would choose what they wanted. Because I was so young I would be given lollies. Mum would purchase clothes and material, especially flannel to make Dad's flannel shirts.

Mary remembers Russell's mother telling her she would purchase spices and herbs for her cooking and to make pickles and relish.

The bells Russell thought he could hear were the pots and pans the hawkers carried on their wagon. They were hanging from the shelves and rattling as the horses and wagon moved.

Mary Robertson memories

Mary remembers the hawkers coming to their home at Myrtleville, and to her grandparents Whipp's home at Bannaby. She also remembers a 'beautiful" dress she bought from them.

There were Hawkens in the area as early as 1890 -

Goulburn Evening Penny Post 19 February 1891

TARALGA - POLICE COURT

A Hawkens license was applied for at the police court this evening. I presume it will be granted. Hawkens and Indian, Assyrian and Mongolian pedlars are evidently in request in this district if the number who run these shows is any index to the business they do.

Goulburn Herald 30 June 1897

GOLSPIE - DEATH

On Sunday at 4am the only son of Mr and Mrs John Horne of Fassifern, Golspie, passed away. He was confined to his bed for about three weeks suffering from a disease technically termed hemi-plegia. He was attended by an Indian herbalist. Death was wholly unexpected, and the parents are naturally very much distressed. The little fellow was not very strong but bright and active and a special favourite with all. He was nearly six years of age.

(A great number of hawkens are finding their way to Golspie, and it is simply astonishing how so many can earn a livelihood.)

Goulburn Herald 10 March 1899

TARALGA - POLICE COURT

At the police court, before Messrs W.H.Whiting and J.J. Lynch J.P., the following cases were disposed of:-

(Case 1)

Three Indians, named respectively Guer Ditta, Shiman, and Tamoir Singh, were charged with hawking without having the words licensed Hawker legibly written on their vans. The defendants pleaded guilty, and after hearing the evidence of Senior Constable Goodhew, who prosecuted, a fine of 2/6 each with 4/10 costs was inflicted. The fines were paid.

Goulburn Herald 15 February 1901

TARALGA - POLICE COURT

The granting of the following hawker's licenses - George McDonald; sureties, Messrs J. Mooney and H. Sullivan; Abe (Indian) and Ameer Khan (Indian); sureties, Messrs T. Mooney and J. Lillas.

BOGADUCK - HANWORTH POST OFFICE

Bogaduck Receiving Office N.S.W.

by Tony Curtis 2020



The faded blue ink manuscript cancellation, *Bogaduck 24 April 1914*, on red Kangaroo, is the only postal marking recorded by Hopson & Tobin from this small receiving office in the Southern Tablelands region of N.S.W. Originally named ***Bogaduck*** and subsequently changed to ***Hanworth*** in March 1926, the largely rural settlement, marked on the following map was located approximately 19 miles North East of Taralga and 7 miles from Bannaby in the Parish of Bourke, County Argyle.



Origin of name Bogaduck

Whilst not recorded in the *Historical List of Place names N.S.W.*, local folklore has it that the name *Bogaduck* was derived from the weather related analogy, “so wet that it would bog a duck”, used to describe the then state of the dirt track which led to the rural settlement, following rain. The change in name to *Hanworth*, followed a decision in 1926, to rename the post office to something more appropriate and fitting. *Hanworth* station owned by Philip and Letitia Handley, and from where Letitia Handley operated the Bogaduck Receiving Office, was selected and duly applied.



Photograph of Hanworth circa 1950



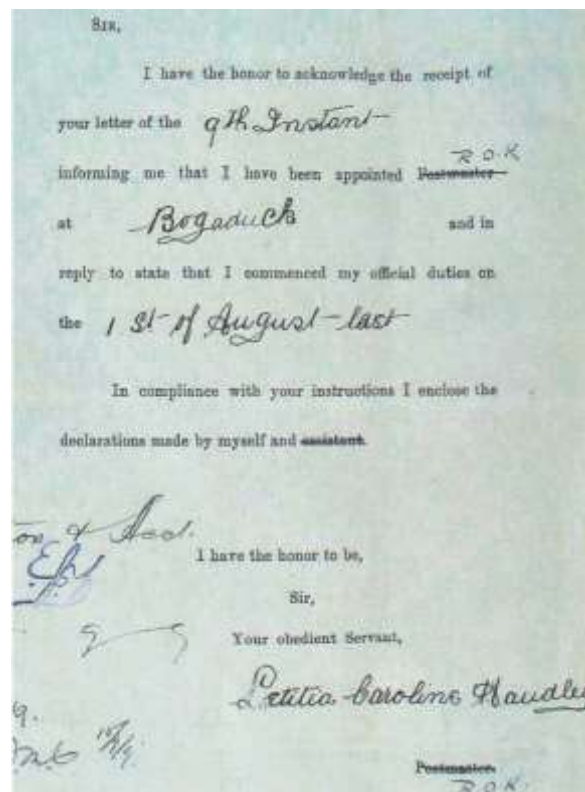
Letitia (nee Elliott) and Philip Handley

Establishment of a Receiving Office

Not unusually, the official post office file for Bogaduck is devoid of information leading up to the decision to establish a receiving office at Bogaduck, including the reasons for establishment.

However, Bogaduck Receiving Office opened on 1 May 1907, with the appointment of F D Tickner as Receiving Office Keeper. Following Tickner's resignation, G A Watson was appointed Receiving Office Keeper, a position he held until 1 August 1909, before leaving the District and relocating to Trickett.

Prior to departing Bogaduck, Watson handed over the Office to Mrs Letitia Handley, recommending her appointment to the position as his replacement. Letitia Caroline Handley was subsequently appointed Receiving Office Keeper, effective 1 August 1909. The Office was operated from Hanworth Station which was approximately ¼ mile closer to Bannaby than had been the original location of the Office.



Acknowledgement of Appointment document 1909

Change of name to Hanworth

During the third quarter of 1925, the Office was authorised to sell postal notes and on 17 March 1926, the Office name was changed from Bogaduck to Hanworth.

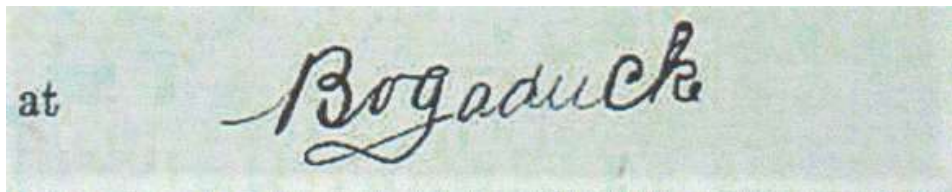
In 1927, the Office was designated a Post Office and Letitia Handley was appointed Postmistress. Following Letitia's death on 16 June 1930, Nellie Handley, Letitia's daughter in law, who was married to youngest son, Albert Ernest Handley, was appointed to replace her.

On 14 April 1931, the Post Office closed, and the Office was designated a Telephone Office, operated by Nellie Handley. The Office eventually closed on 30 June 1969.

Bogaduck manuscript cancellation

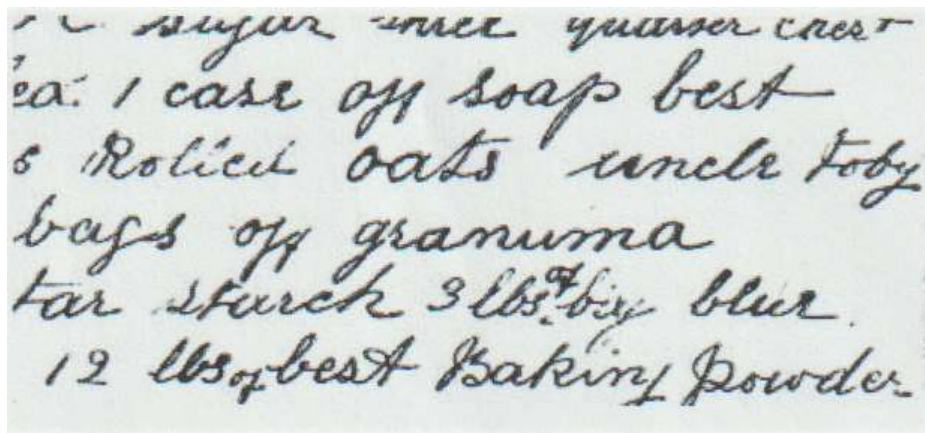
Unfortunately, the only example of Letitia Handley's handwriting to be found on the official post office file, is limited to the 1909, *Acknowledgement of Appointment* document, an extract of which is depicted following. Whilst there are certain aspects of the script common to both handwriting specimens, they are not in my view, enough upon which to conclusively determine that they were completed by the same hand.

As I have expressed previously in relation to other manuscript cancellations, it was not unusual for the handwriting of individuals to vary considerably from their usual handwriting, when applying the manuscript to the stamp, obviously attempting to confine the script entirely to the stamp and ensure that the office name of origin was both clear and legible. This occasionally resulted in significant distortions, as did the mixing of printing and running writing.



Handwriting comparisons

Additionally, the possibility of another family member being responsible for the manuscript, cannot be discounted. For example, the extracts of handwriting taken from a letter written by Letitia's husband, Philip Handley, in December 1905, also display characteristics common to the handwriting contained in the manuscript. The letter was found by a builder undertaking a home renovation in the District and handed to the Taralga Museum for preservation.



1/2 sugar - nice yellow case
ea. 1 case of soap best
6 Rolich oats uncle Toby
bags of granoma
tar starch 3 lbs. by blue.
12 lbs. of best Baking powder.

Writing of Philip Handley

The writing which comprises the manuscript has been impacted by water, probably at the time of the stamp having been soaked to remove it from the paper to which it was affixed. However, that said, the manuscript is none the less, still in pretty good shape and is not one that I have seen another example of. With an established provenance dating back approximately 70 years, I have no reason to doubt its authenticity.

Acknowledgement

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Tony Curtis 2020

TARALGA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS LATE 70'S EARLY 80S



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Hilary & Mary Connor, Amy Hannaford, Robyn Chalker, Bonnie Chalker, Mary Robertson, Mary Chalker

Front

Jim Marmont, Leslie Croker, Josie Marmont, Ferguine Croker (the 3 Cameron sisters descendents of the Durack family)

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