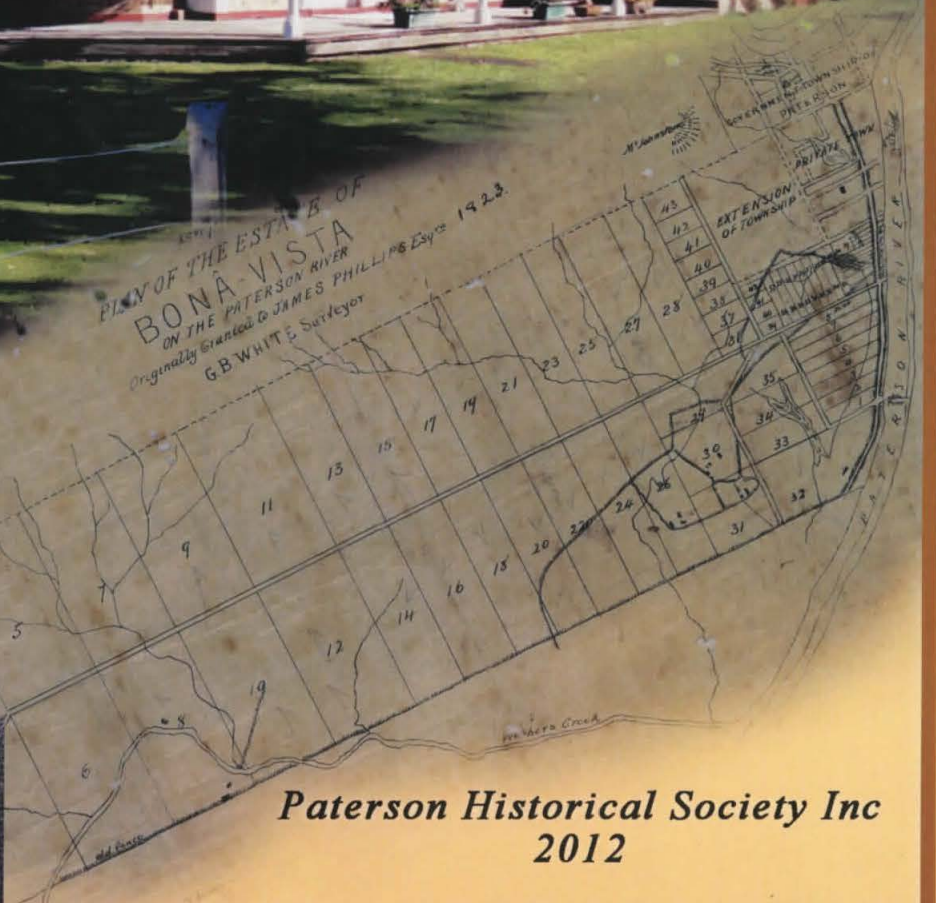
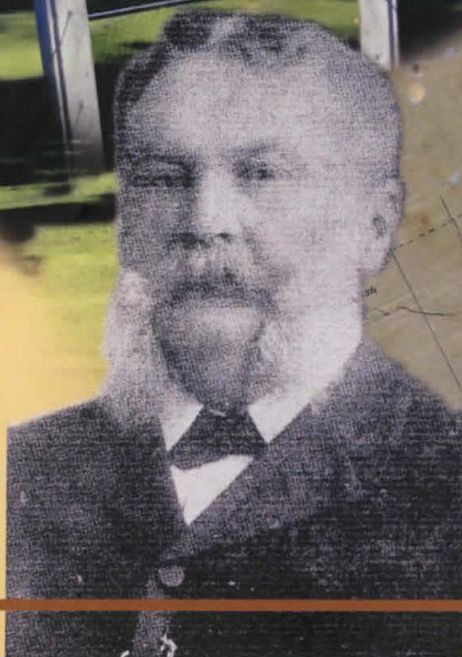


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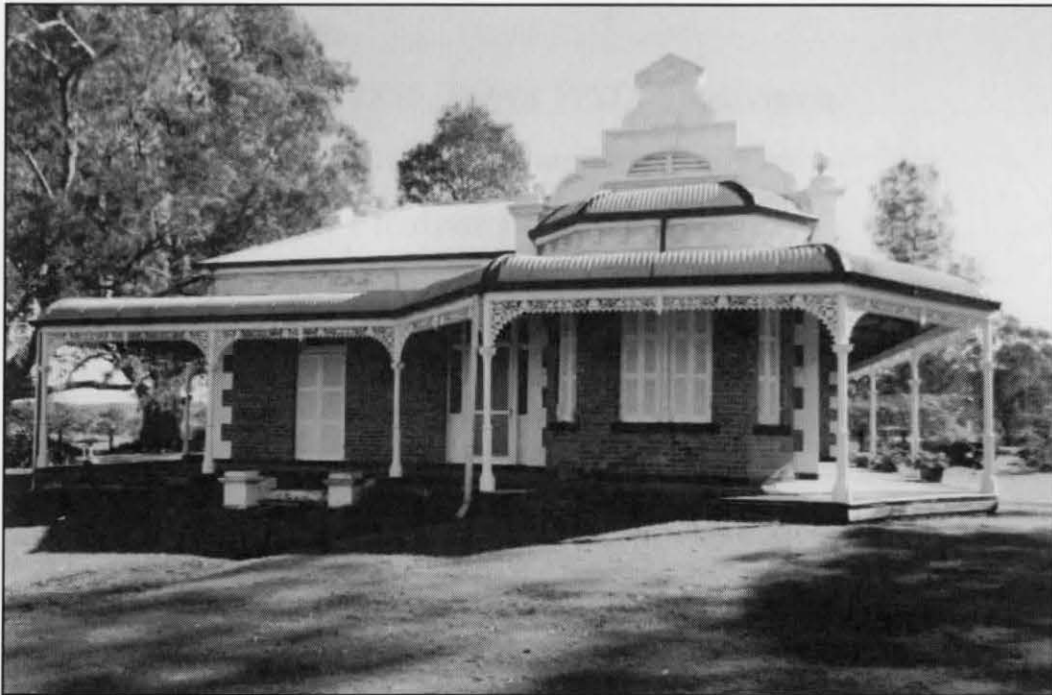


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## PREFACE

## INTRODUCTION

The 1855 subdivision of the *Bona Vista* Estate has been the focus of my research in the history of Paterson. Kalimna land is part of this subdivision and has an interesting history involving some of the early settlers of Paterson. Family names of early landholders such as Keppie, Stanbridge and particularly the Browns, descendants of Herbert Harrington Brown of *Colstoun*, Gresford, were all owners of all or parts of this land.

The deeds to *Kalimna* enabled me to start my research and were made available to me by Terry and Margaret Hallinan the current owners and I thank them for their kindness in allowing me to bring my typewriter to their home to copy the information from these documents.

I would like to thank Val Anderon for the artwork and photographs as well as the assistance in the preparation of this book for printing. I also thank Jack Sullivan for newspaper cuttings and information about the Brown family and the members of the Paterson Historical Society for their interest and encouragement.

Shirley Threlfo  
July 2012

## PREFACE

I am very pleased to prepare a preface to this book on *Kalimna* Paterson written by Shirley Threlfo. Shirley is well qualified to write on this subject, given her long association with the district, its families and the land as well as her interest and knowledge of land titles and the legalities of wills.

*Kalimna* has stood as a sentinel at the entry to the Paterson Village for over 100 years. Its attractive design and location makes it a striking element of the landscape as one enters Paterson by road. For many reasons its history has been overlooked in the past by those studying, researching and writing about the history of Paterson. This book is, therefore, long overdue.

The European land use which has occurred on *Kalimna* since settlement in the 1820s very much reflects the land use changes which have occurred across the district for the past 200 years. The subdivision of Bona Vista in 1855 into a number of different blocks means that *Kalimna's* land ownership history is complex. Fortunately, Shirley has been able to unravel this into a coherent narrative.

The association of *Kalimna* with the long term and high profile member for Paterson, Herbert Harrington Brown is of particular interest. Shirley has been able to record details about Brown which haven't been effectively recorded elsewhere. Brown was the first of a number of long serving and highly regarded state politicians who have served the Paterson district. Unfortunately, Brown's financial circumstances caused him to fall on hard times late in his career.

*Kalimna* has been owned and associated with many long-time Paterson families, including the Brown family, but prior to that the Reynold's family of *Tocal*, and more recently Terry and Margaret Hallinan. The other association of *Kalimna* with long-time Hunter Valley identities was its design by Maitland architect Warren Scobie and its construction by the then well-known Maitland builders Pilgrim Bros.

When we read the history of *Kalimna* we are reading not only an interesting story about a property seen by everyone as they drive into Paterson; it is also a window into the lives of a number of families who have made their mark in the district.

I commend Shirley on her thorough research and her continued significant contribution to the history of Paterson.

Dr AC Archer  
President  
Paterson Historical Society  
June 2012

# KALIMNA

The property known as *Kalmina*, Maitland Road, Paterson consists of several allotments of land all of which were part of the 1855 subdivision of the *Bona Vista Estate*. This land had been owned by many different people before coming into the hands of Ronald George Harrington Brown. It was acquired by him in two separate parcels at different times from two branches of the Brown family both descended from Herbert Harrington Brown of Colstoun, Gresford. Ronald Brown was a grandson of Herbert Harrington Brown.

Herbert Harrington Brown was born in Parramatta, the tenth child of John and Charlotte Brown. Family records show John Brown was a descendant of Scottish loyalist Lord William Broun. After the battle of Culloden when Lord William was killed, his three sons fled Scotland and the eldest son, John, settled in Denmark. His grandson, also called John, inherited the family property in Denmark and married Charlotte Dowling the daughter of the Chief Justice of India. They had nine children when they decided to immigrate to New South Wales and arrived on the ship *Marquis of Hastings* in 1838. Herbert was born the following year.

John purchased land on the Upper Paterson River from George Townsend and called this property *Colstoun* after the ancestral lands in Scotland. John died in 1866 aged 73 years and is buried in St John's Cemetery, Parramatta. Following his death Charlotte returned to England and lived with a married daughter Louisa Witty until her death.

At the age of 20, Herbert Harrington Brown was married to Harriett Jane Lindeman the daughter of Dr Henry Lindeman of *Cawarra*, Gresford. Dr Lindeman was well known in the colony for his vineyard and wine making. Following the marriage, Herbert managed a sheep property in outback New South Wales, but returned to Gresford when he inherited the *Colstoun* property in 1867.

Herbert acquired more property in the Gresford area and was a leading citizen and landholder. He bred Jersey cows and had a herd of this breed on his Gresford properties. It is claimed through his breeding the dairy herds of the district were improved<sup>1</sup>

In 1877 he entered politics and was the local member in the State Parliament for twenty-three years until defeated by Mr W Bennett in 1898. He was apparently a conscientious member and assisted his constituents as much as possible. He is credited with having new roads and bridges built, enabling more of the country to be opened up. Mrs H H Brown opened the Gostwyck Bridge on the 31 July 1878 and the Paterson Bridge on the 24 February 1888. Herbert Brown was also a member of the District Council.

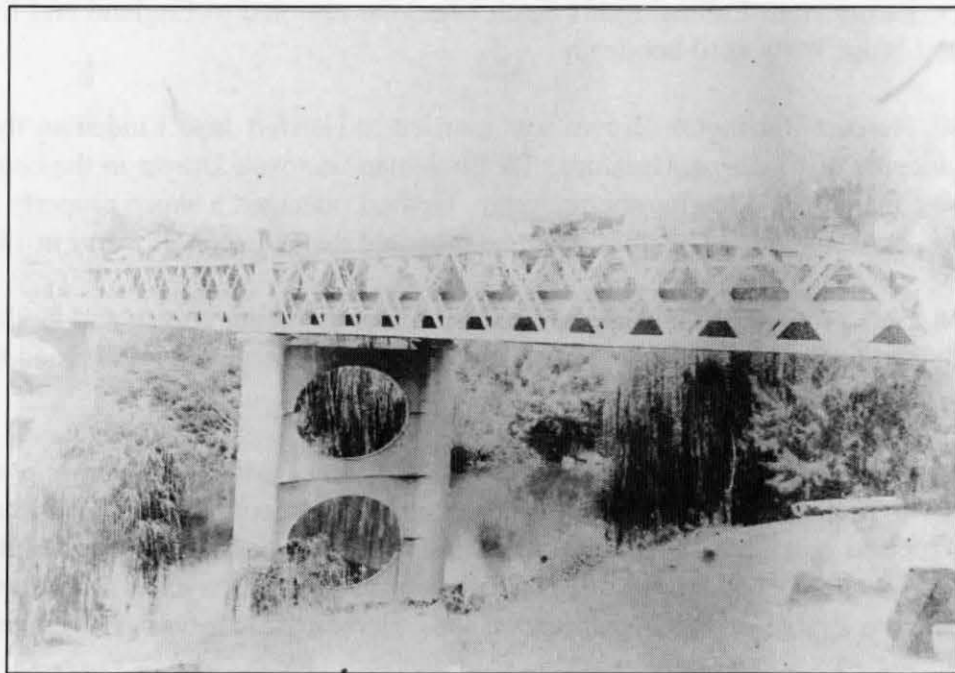
The opening ceremony of the Paterson Bridge was recorded in the *Maitland Mercury* of the 27 February 1888. It was probably through the efforts of Mr Brown that these bridges were built.

*Maitland Mercury 27 February, 1888. (courtesy Jack Sullivan)*

## **OPENING OF THE PATERSON BRIDGE**

**WEST MAITLAND, Saturday.**

*The ceremony of opening the Paterson Bridge was performed on Friday by Mrs. H. H. Brown, who named the new structure in the time-honoured fashion by breaking a bottle of champagne on the centre span. The Hon. W. Clarke, Minister of Justice, the Hon. C. J. Roberts, Postmaster-General, and Mr. H. H. Brown, member for Durham, were present, besides a large gathering of local residents and visitors. The Ministers, on their arrival at West Maitland in the morning, were entertained at breakfast at Main's Hotel by the Mayor, Mr. John Gillies, and were afterwards driven in a drag to the Paterson where they received an address of welcome, and after the ceremony were entertained at luncheon, under the presidency of Mr. Theophilus Cooper, J.P. The usual toasts were duly honoured. In returning home in the evening the Ministerial party were caught in a very heavy thunderstorm which fell about 7 o'clock, and they received a thorough drenching.*



*Paterson Bridge- PHS Collection*

The following extracts have been taken from the Dungog Chronicle publication of 1988 *A Centenary of Memories*. The *Dungog Chronicle 1888-1988* and *The Maitland Mercury*. The newspaper cuttings give some indication of the influence of Herbert Harrington Brown.

## PATERSON RECREATION GROUND AND GENERAL CEMETERY FOR PATERSON.

*We learn from official sources, that our indefatigable representative in the Legislative Assembly, Mr. H. H. Brown, has succeeded in getting placed upon the Supplementary Estimates a sum of £500 for the purchase of a recreation ground for Paterson and also a sum of £200 for the purchase of land for a general cemetery, and we further learn that both sums have now been voted by Parliament, and consequently after the passing of the Appropriation Act in a few days, these sums will be available for purchasing necessary sites for the purpose. The people of Paterson may congratulate themselves upon having such an indefatigable representative, who leaves no stone unturned to secure for his electorate every advantage which it is in his power to secure for them, whilst by his influence he is able to accomplish whatever he considers his electorate is justly entitled to.*



*H H Brown - A Centenary of Memories. The Dungog Chronicle 1888-1988*

*Dungog Chronicle 25 August 1896*

*Mr. H.H. Brown intends starting a cheese factory at Lostock.*

*Maitland Mercury 18 January 1898 (courtesy Jack Sullivan)*

*We have been testing the product of the Coulston cheese factory and consider the cheese very fine, resembling in flavour the celebrated Bodalla cheese. We trust the Coulston cheeses will come into very extensive use, and this enterprise of our good member, Mr. H.H. Brown, achieve the success it undoubtedly deserves to.*

*Dungog Chronicle 15 October 1897.*

*Lostock is the centre of a pastoral and agricultural settlement. The land belongs chiefly to Mr. H.H. Brown, M.P. and is divided into farm blocks, which are all let to tenant farmers. The country is very hilly, and though beautiful as regards appearance, is only fit for cultivation along the banks of the river. Tobacco was grown to a considerable extent in former years but the Excise Duty has totally destroyed that industry here. Corn, pumpkins and butter have more recently formed the staple products of this locality, but last year Mr. H.H. Brown erected a cheese factory and farmers are now giving more attention to milk and bacon.*

*Dungog Chronicle 31 July 1900. Jimmy Governor.*

*This issue reported that Joe and Jimmy Governor, the Breealong murderers, were formerly residents of the Gresford district and were in the employ of Mr. H.H. Brown of Coulston. It is feared that if they can escape the cordon of police surrounding them near Merriwa, they would work their way across to the head of the Williams River to Gloucester and then to the coast. The murderers are the sons of a blackfellow named Tom Governor, and their mother was a half cast. It is 14 years since they were in the district.*

*Maitland Mercury 18 July, 1896 (courtesy Jack Sullivan)*

### **PATERSON**

*In accordance with a circular received from Mr. Kevin, Inspector of Schools for Dungog district, the teacher of the local public school has succeeded in establishing a school library. This has been managed by voluntary subscriptions from the parents and generous assistance from Mr. H.H. Brown, M.P., Messrs. Theo. Cooper, S. Reynolds, G.J. Frankland, W.S. Bradford, Mrs. Swan of Lemon Grove, and Mr. W.J. Wilson, owner of Tocal. The library consists of 105 volumes of various authors, viz., Jules Verne, Cassells, Ballantyne, Marryatt, Scott, Arthur Ferris, and others. A very nice book case has been provided for the library. "Paterson Public School Library," in gold letters at once informs visitors of the nature of this most attractive article of furniture. The library is under the direct control of the teacher, who appoints from time to time a librarian from the pupils. Miss Laurel Keppie at present is the librarian. These books are to be distributed on Friday afternoons once a fortnight. We trust that this venture will encourage the pupils to become readers – to take a more active interest in their school duties, the originator of these school libraries, and the generous donors of the necessary funds.*

H H Brown and his wife had six children although other babies were born but did not survive long.<sup>2</sup> It is two of these six children, John Sidney Brown born 1871 and Charlotte Dowling Colstoun Brown b. 1877 that concern the *Kalimna* land, although it is John Brown's wife Elsie Muriel who became the owner of one portion of the land, not John himself.

Another son Herbert Lindeman Brown was a resident at *Lee Holme*, Woodville in 1904 prior to that magnificent home being pulled down in 1919.<sup>3</sup>



Grave of Harriett Jane Brown. St Paul's Cemetery, Paterson.  
Photo - Shirley Threlfo

## BONA VISTA

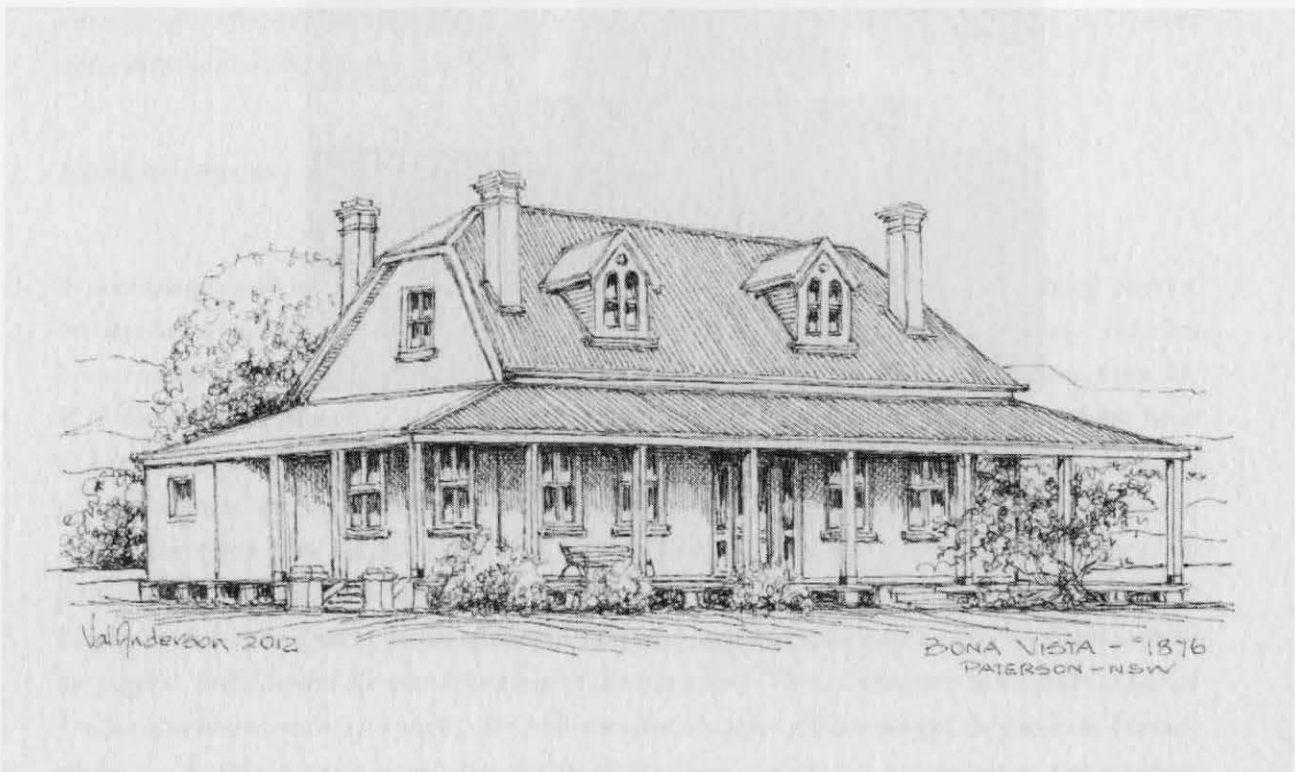
*Bona Vista* was a land grant in 1824 of 2090 acres to Captain James Phillips who lived on the land until his death in 1853. In 1840 he subdivided approximately 100 acres of his land into town lots establishing the private town of Paterson. Phillips, however did not prosper and when he died his land was heavily mortgaged to the British Colonial Bank and Loan Company and this Company foreclosed and took possession of the remaining almost 2000 acres.

In 1855 the Loan Company chose not to sell the property in one block but decided to subdivide the land into various size allotments and these were sold at different times over the next few years. (See Plan of subdivision following marked Plan No 1)

The lots, (with the exception of three small allotments on the corner of William Street and Maitland Road) which are now part of *Kalimna* are shown on plans on the following pages. In every case the purchasers acquired several allotments to have a reasonable size piece of land.

Plan No 2 shows the extent of the *Kalimna* land prior to 1910 when the building of the north coast railway cut through the rear portion. The land is divided into two parcels by an Occupation Road and the larger Lots 1 to 8 were, in time acquired by Elsie Muriel Brown the wife of John Sidney Brown and the other land of many smaller lots was acquired by John's sister Charlotte Brown. Over a period of time both these sections of land making up the total area of *Kalimna* came into the possession of J S Brown's son Ronald George Harrington Brown.

It is possible, through the title deeds, now held by Terry and Margaret Hallinan to trace the owners of the land from the original grantee James Phillips to the present owners. This is a most interesting exercise as it gives an insight into some members of the Brown family and also information on some other well known early Paterson settlers.





# Plan No. 2

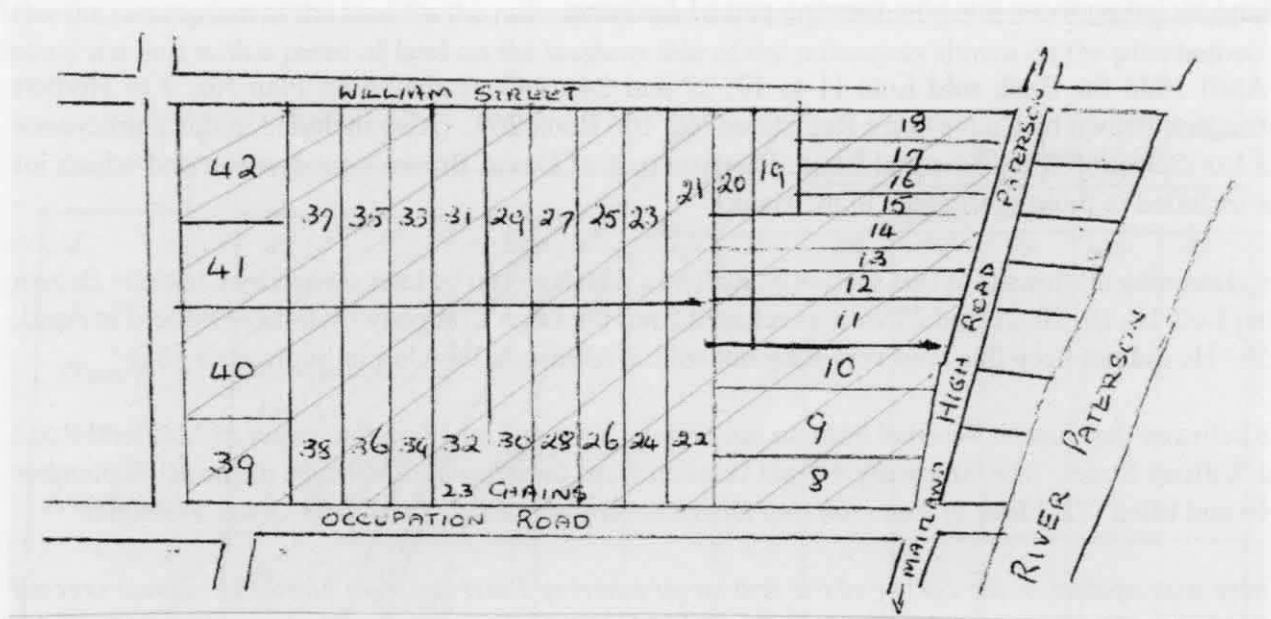
Kalimna land prior to resumption for railway



The portion of the *Kalimna* land (the small allotments numbered 8 to 42) shown on the plan between the Occupation Road and William Street with a frontage to Maitland Road was, with the exception of one small parcel, acquired by Ronald George Harrington Brown from Charlotte Brown daughter of H H Brown.

# Plan No. 3

Charlotte Brown's Land



Lots 8 to 42

It can be seen from the above plan that this land is made up of over 40 allotments of various sizes. The Loan Company, the mortgagees of the *Bona Vista Estate* sold all this land. James Keppie originally purchased Lots 8, 9 and 10. He had also purchased part of the land south of the Occupation Road and now part of *Kalimna* as will be seen in later pages. Before the land was conveyed to him James Keppie arranged with Stephen Stanbridge to purchase these lots and in 1859 the Loan Company conveyed the land to Stephen Stanbridge Senr.<sup>4</sup>

Prior to this in February 1859 Stephen Stanbridge Snr purchased Lots 11 to 17, 22 and 24 to 42 from the Loan Company.<sup>5</sup>

Stephen Stanbridge was one of the early settlers in Paterson. He and his wife Harriet (Penfold) and three children came to the colony on the *Berkshire* arriving in Sydney on the 13 March 1841. They settled in Paterson where another two children were born. The eldest child and only son, also called Stephen, was eight years old when they arrived. Also travelling with Stephen and Harriet was Richard Fry the son of Harriet's sister Mary Fry. Richard also came to Paterson and was the first of the well known Fry family to come to the Paterson and Maitland area.<sup>6</sup>

Stephen Snr was a carpenter and built many of the local buildings including the Paterson Courthouse now the Paterson Historical Society's Museum. (This building was later altered). He also built the Paterson Oddfellow's Hall now a private residence in Church Street. He was a well respected resident and a foundation member of the Manchester Unity Oddfellows Lodge in Paterson in 1847 and he and his son Stephen Jnr. were members of the School of Arts when it was established in 1863. Stephen Jnr. was one of the first office bearers. Stephen Stanbridge Senr. died on the 27 October 1872 when he was thrown from a horse outside his son's home in Paterson.<sup>7</sup>

Following the death of Stephen Stanbridge the land above, as well as other land in Paterson came into the possession of his son. In 1880 Stephen Jnr. mortgaged the land to the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Limited (Mortgage Registered No. 506 Book 215). Within a short time Stephen Jnr. was in financial difficulties and the Bank foreclosed and subsequently sold several of his parcels of land including those lots now forming part of *Kalimna*.

In April 1883 the Bank sold Lots 11 to 17, 22 and 24 to 42 as shown on Plan No. 3 to Herbert Harrington Brown by Conveyance Registered No. 106 Book 269. (Also included in this conveyance was Lot 5 Section 3 Commercial Road, Paterson part of David Brown's subdivision and which lot was included in those mortgaged to the Bank)

The remaining allotments in that section of *Kalimna* which would be later owned by Charlotte Brown being Lots 18, 19, 20, 21 and 23 were purchased from the Loan Company by James Oldfield in April, 1856. He did not keep this land very long but sold it to Joseph Woodall in September 1856<sup>8</sup>

It is believed that Joseph Woodall built an inn or wine shop on Lot 18 on the corner of Maitland Road and William Street. The following extract is taken from the *Maitland Mercury* of the 10 September 1949 and titled "*Old Inns of Paterson and District. Stopping Place for Teams*" by G J Geggie.

*"There was another at the corner of the first street entering Paterson from Maitland. It was erected in the fifties after this part of Bona Vista was sold. Later, in the seventies it was used as a store by a Mr. Mitchell."*

Prior to moving to Tamworth, Woodall sold the land to George Mitchell who had a store until 1884 when he sold all his land to Herbert Harrington Brown. With this purchase H H Brown owned all the land north of the Occupation Road forming that part of *Kalimna*.<sup>9</sup>

Family history records that H H Brown owned considerable property in the Gresford area but got into financial difficulties when he was a Member of Parliament at the turn of the century. In those days such men did not receive payment for their duties but relied on private income to support themselves and their families. The need to spend considerable time in Sydney caused a drain on his finances and coupled with extravagant entertainment at *Colstoun* led to the financial ruin of Herbert Harrington Brown. All his Gresford holdings were sold to pay his debts leaving enough to provide an income for his wife and two unmarried daughters who came to live at Paterson.

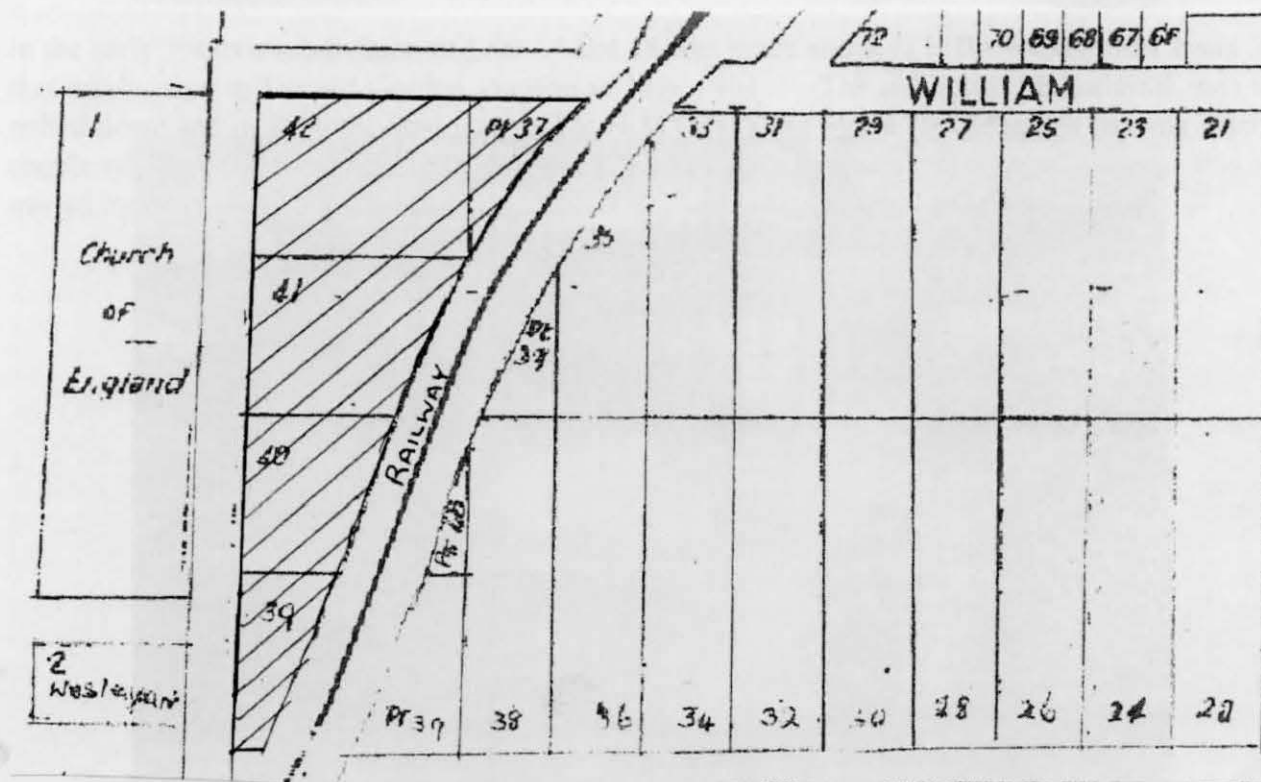
They lived in a cottage on the land H H Brown had bought from the Commercial Bank. Apparently when he bought the land there was a cottage on it which they called "*The Cottage*". This building is no longer there.

The title deeds show H H Brown, after several mortgages to various Banks on 1 May 1905 conveyed the land bounded by the Occupation Road, William Street and Maitland Road (as well as the allotment on Commercial Road purchased from the Commercial Bank) to Charles Frederick Lindeman described as a Winegrower of Strathfield. (Conveyance Registered No 185 Book 781) Charles Lindeman was the brother of Harriett Jane Brown. In payment for this land Lindeman was to pay insurance premiums on a life policy of HH Brown for the next nine years.

During the ownership of Charles Frederick Lindeman, part of the land containing approximately 3 acres was resumed for the North Coast railway line.

In May 1911 Charles Frederick Lindeman gave the land conveyed to him by H H Brown to his sister Harriett Jane Brown, excluding the land resumed for the railway line. (Conveyance Registered Number 807 Book 938.)

After the resumption of the land for the railway line and the completion of the line to Dungog, Harriett Brown was left with a piece of land on the western side of the railway as shown on the plan below.



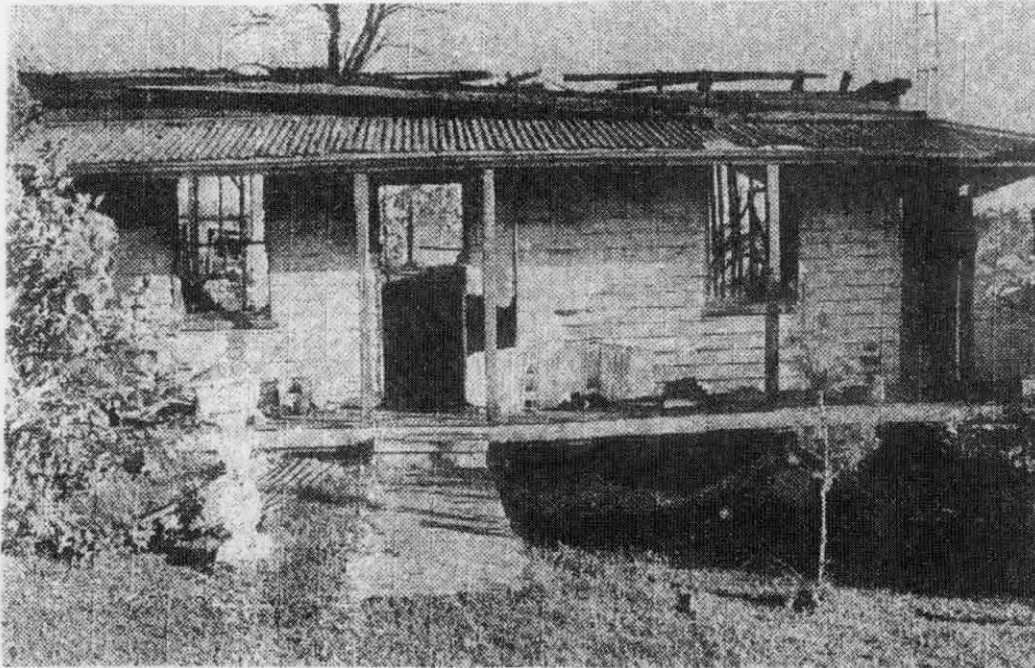
On the 16 July 1913 by Conveyance registered No 107 Book 1006 she sold that portion of her land to Peters American Delicacy Company Limited for £300. Later there was a milk-receiving depot erected there for the Hunter Valley Co-operative Dairy Company Limited until the late 1970s when the depot closed. Power Serve, a local private company, occupied the land but there is no business there now.

On the 25 September 1913 Harriett Brown died. On the 6 June 1904 she had made her Will followed by a Codicil on the 19 May 1913. (See Appendix)

In her Will Harriett had made provision for her two unmarried daughters Charlotte and Louisa until their marriage or death when her estate was to be divided between all her married daughters, or if deceased, their children. It seems that the cottage referred to as "The Cottage" in the family records was actually called "Colstoun Cottage." There were also two other cottages on the land, one referred to as Clark's cottage believed to front William Street and adjoining the inn and the store on the corner.

Charlotte and Louisa continued to reside there, presumably able to live on the rents received from the other two cottages and a house in Sloan Street. By the Codicil to her mother's Will, the house known as Clark's Cottage was left outright to Charlotte.

In 1950 Charlotte Brown, then residing at Mosman, sold Clark's cottage to George Stanley Duggan of Broadmeadow. The Duggan family were well known in Paterson. In 1900 a George Duggan had a mail run by coach from Paterson to the Gresford District and he also ran a coach from Paterson to West Maitland until about 1925.<sup>10</sup> It is presumed that people named Clarke occupied the cottage at the time the Browns lived in William Street. A cottage on this land was destroyed by fire on the 31st May, 1990.



■ All that remains of a house destroyed by fire in William Street, Paterson.

A PATERSON family is today counting its blessings as well as its losses after its three-bedroom weatherboard and fibro cottage in William Street was gutted by fire.

Andrew Pyke, his wife Anna and three children Trent, two, Samantha, four, and Amanda, five, escaped the blaze unharmed, but the family's pet dog was not so lucky.

One unit from Morpeth Fire Brigade and two units from Paterson Bushfire Brigades Fire Brigade attended the fire at 10.56 am yesterday.

A fire brigade spokesman said the home was well alight when the units arrived.

'At first there were two children unaccounted for so we implemented a search and rescue procedure,' he said.

It was later discovered the children were staying at their grandmother's house and that the home was unattended at the time of the fire.

The family's pet dog perished in the fire which was brought under control by about 12.30 pm.

The site will be examined by members of the Physical evidence section of Newcastle Police in search of a cause.

Police said the fire originated in the rear kitchen area in the vicinity of the fridge and stove. It's believed the cause may be due to an electrical fault.

The family are currently staying with friends in Maitland.

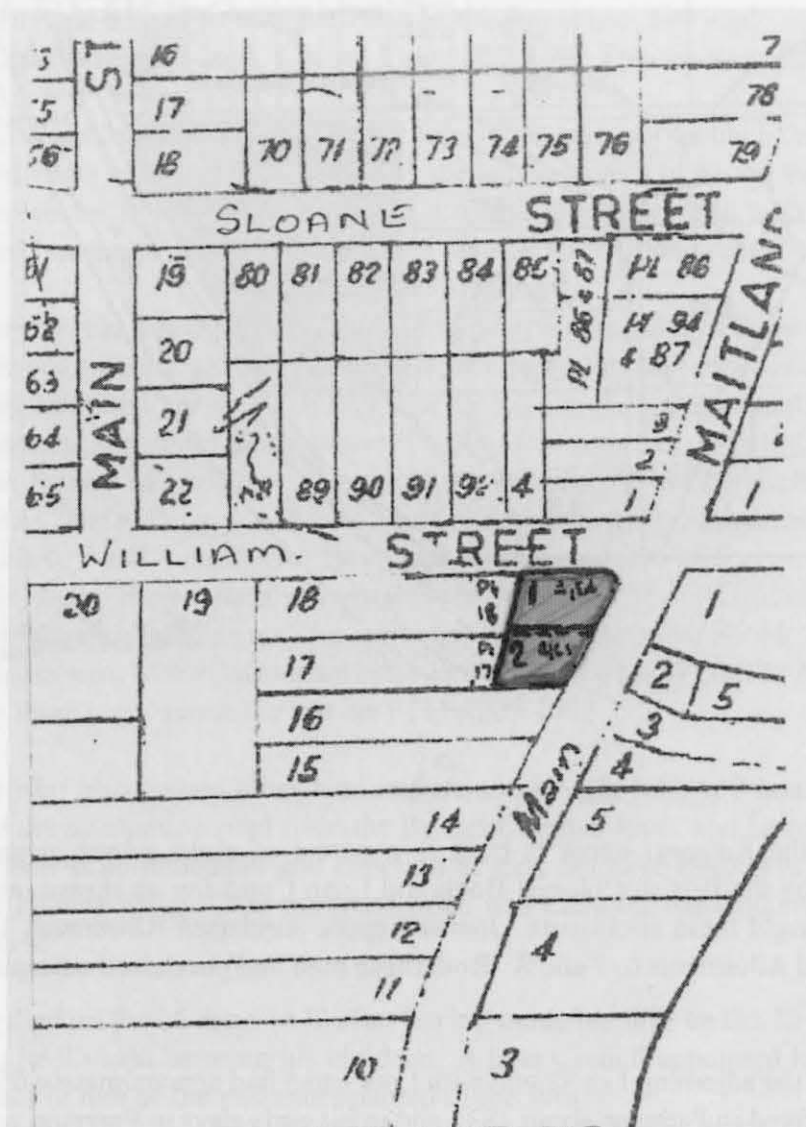
The Department of Family and Community services and the Department of Housing will assist the family with clothing and housing.

*Maitland Mercury*

As to the remainder of the land, it was held by the trustees of the estate of Harriett Jane Brown in accordance with her Will, until the death of Charlotte Brown on the 5 March 1957. She was aged 79 years and died at Lauriston Private Hospital Mosman, of breast cancer.

On the 17 July 1958 the Executors of the estate conveyed the land (except Clarke's cottage) to Ronald George Harrington Brown.<sup>11</sup> At one time people named Geary occupied the house which had been the old inn and later a store on the corner of William Street and Maitland Road.

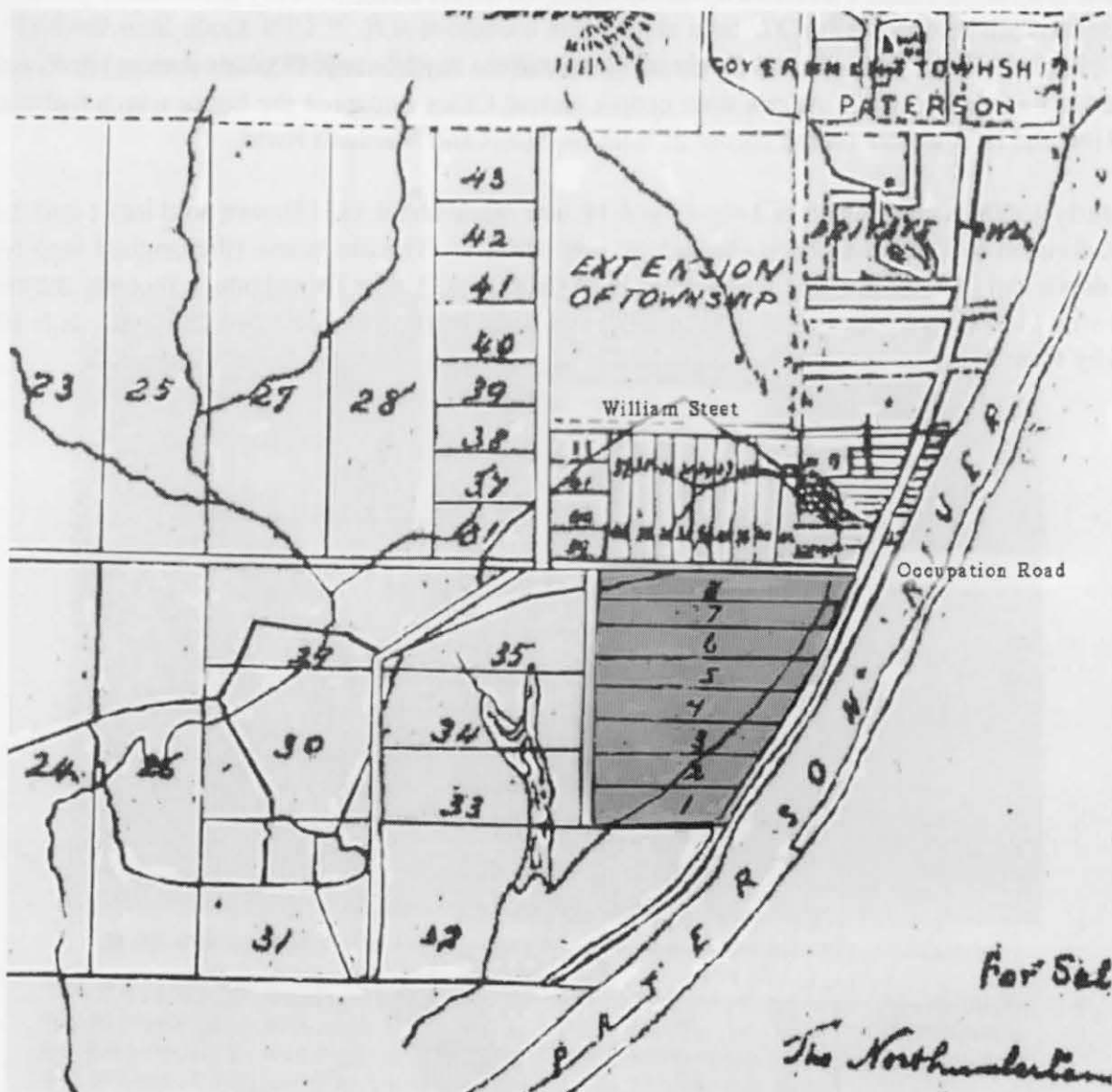
In the early 1960s a subdivision of Lots 17 and 18 was made and R G H Brown sold lots 1 and 2 of that subdivision to Donald Gordon Duggan in May 1964.<sup>12</sup> The old house (the original inn) was pulled down and in 1969 the land was sold to H M (Max) and Marie Threadgate, a recently married couple who built their home on the land in 1970 and lived there with their two children. It is still owned by them at the present time.



Plan of that section of land showing the two allotments.

# Plan No. 4

Elsie Murial Brown's Land



The land on which the *Kalimna* home is built is a parcel of eight suburban garden allotments subdivided and sold by the British Colonial Bank and Loan Company as shown on the above plan. Two early settlers bought these allotments. James Keppie purchased Allotments 1 to 5 and James Brackenreg purchased Allotments 6, 7 and 8. Both these men had purchased adjoining land from the Loan Company.<sup>13</sup>

James Keppie owned the adjoining Lot 32 and with Lots 1 to 5 had approximately 65 acres that made up a farm. He had arrived in Paterson about 1831 and in his early days in Paterson was the proprietor of the *Bush Inn* which David Brown had built on his land adjoining the government town of Paterson. James Keppie also built a flourmill on land he purchased from David Brown. His parents and two brothers later joined him and descendants of these Keppies still live in the Paterson area.

James Keppie moved to the goldfields at Meroo near Mudgee in the 1850s and left his brother Peter in charge of his Mill and farming land at Paterson. During this time Peter Keppie lived on the farming land, most likely on the adjoining Lot 32. Following the death of William Keppie the father of Peter and James, it is thought their mother Mary Keppie lived in a house on Lots 1 to 5.

Unfortunately in 1864 James Keppie, like many others, became insolvent and the Bank of New South Wales who held a mortgage of Lots 1 to 5 foreclosed and he lost this land. He had previously sold all his other land holdings in Paterson preferring to remain in the Windeyer District.<sup>14</sup>

It was not until 1874 that the Bank of New South Wales sold the land (Lots 1 to 5) and the purchaser was Mrs Frances Seaton Reynolds. Mrs Reynolds was the widow of Charles Reynolds and lived at *Tocal* which was leased from the estate of Felix Wilson. It is not known what Mrs Reynolds did with the land as it did not join the *Tocal* property.<sup>15</sup>

In 1880 Mrs Reynolds made her last Will and Testament whereby she directed her Trustees to set a fair price on this land and offer it to her eldest son Frank Reynolds. She made several codicils to her Will, none of which affected this land. On the 13 October 1900 Frances Reynolds died.<sup>16</sup>

Frank Reynolds accepted the offer to purchase the land at the price set by the Executors. He held this land for another ten years and on the 24 June 1911 the land was sold to Elsie Muriel Brown the wife of John Sidney Brown for £1200.<sup>17</sup> At this price it would seem likely the land had been improved with cultivation and buildings. Perhaps there was a cottage and the land rented out as a farm.

Elsie Muriel Brown was the daughter of George Clift and granddaughter of Samuel Clift of Maitland. The Clift family owned considerable property in the Hunter Valley and other places. Samuel Clift's three homes in East Maitland are still standing near Wallis Creek, the first small cottage covered in vines, *Bridge House* and the larger *Walli House*.<sup>18</sup> Elsie Clift married John Sidney Brown a son of Herbert Harrington Brown of *Colstoun*, Gresford. At the time of her purchase her husband John Sidney Brown was a Clerk of Petty Sessions residing in Paterson. At this time, she was also the owner of the adjoining Lots 6, 7 and 8 purchased from the Logan Estate (see under) on which was built the home in which they lived. Brown family researchers believe Elsie Muriel Brown was given *Kalimna* by her father as a wedding gift. This may be correct as the records of Mr Scobie the Architect, in the possession of a descendent, Mrs J Stevenson refer to a residence for G Clift at Paterson at a cost of £1420.0.0, paid by three instalments the last on 1 February 1902.

James Brackenreg who also owned other land in Paterson bought Lots 6, 7 and 8 the land between the above land and the occupation road from the British Colonial Bank and Loan Company in 1856. He has been described as an innkeeper and although he may not have resided in Paterson he was an early settler of the Hunter Valley. The purchase price was £226 for the land containing 20 acres 2 roods and 15 perches.<sup>19</sup>

James Brackenreg died on the 25 June 1878 after having made his Will on the 25 June 1862 whereby he left his estate to be divided between his children. A later Codicil appointed his son Charles John Brackenreg Executor in lieu of the executors named in the Will.

Following the death of James Brackenreg the land was auctioned and sold to John Brooker for £566.6.0.<sup>20</sup> In 1888 John Brooker mortgaged the land to Robert Logan of *Torryburn*, Trevallyn. In 1893 the property was advertised for sale in the Maitland Mercury of the 15th April.

## **FREEHOLD PROPERTIES**

### **PATERSON**

#### **A GOOD INVESTMENT**

*BRUNKER & WOLFE have received instructions from Mr. John Brooker, to sell by auction at their Rooms, High-street, West Maitland, on SATURDAY the 6th May, 1893, at Two o'clock,*

*A COMPACT FARM*

*CONTAINING*

*21 ACRES OF GOOD GRAZING AND RICH CULTIVATION LAND, adjoining "Bona Vista," the property of Dr. Bowker, subdivided in three Paddocks, and partly cropped with Lucerne, Barley, and Maize. A Slaughter House and Stock Yard in good order are erected on the Property. The Land is all alluvial, and fronts the Paterson River. Apart from its agricultural capacities, the site is admirably adapted for a country home. (courtesy Jack Sullivan)*

It would seem that the property was not sold. In 1896 Robert Logan died and as John Brooker had defaulted on repayment of his loan the Executors agreed to sell the land to Elsie Muriel Brown. (Conveyance 25 September 1900 Registered No 762 Book 673.

In 1902 a new home for the Browns was built on the Land (Lots 6, 7 and 8) and a very good description of this lovely home is reported in the *Maitland Mercury* on the 5th February, 1902.

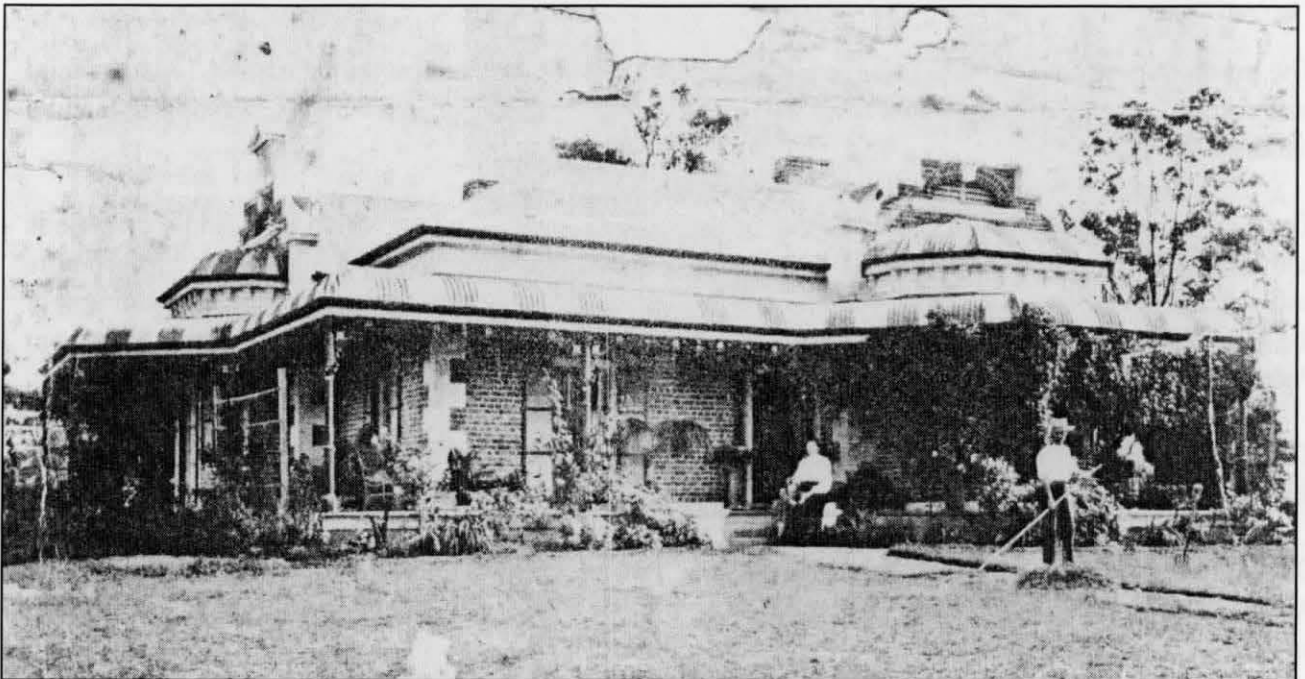
## **DISTRICT NEWS**

### **PATERSON**

*Following is the description of a building erected at Paterson for Mr. Sid Brown :—*

*The residence is a large, imposing one-storied cottage built of brick, on cement concrete foundations, which rest upon the solid natural rock, and is roofed in with corrugated galvanised iron. It stands upon a slight eminence some distance from the main road between the Paterson Bridge and the village; and commands an extensive view of the neighbourhood. The style of architecture throughout is a free treatment of Italian. The elevations show two decorated gables finished with cemented cornices, pediments, string courses and elliptical ventilated windows rising above the roofs of the wide verandahs which extend almost entirely round the house. In front of each gable projects an ornamental and commodious bay window having curved and projecting roof, with cement cantilevers and panels underneath the eaves. The house comprises five fine, large, lofty rooms in the front portion as well as office, bath-room, pantry, servants' room, kitchen, laundry etc. The ceilings throughout are of pressed mild steel painted in colours, those of the main building and halls being very fine, having extra finished cornices. The entrance hall is wide, finished at the end with archway and hangings, which open into the back hall, which again has a lobby sub-divided off the end, and filled up with linen presses and cloak-rack at either side. The dining-room and drawing room open off to the left of the halls, and are connected by a large archway nearly the whole width of the drawing room, and finished in white plaster, with imposts and archivolt. The drawing room and dining room present together a most pleasing combination, the latter room having another archway to the bay window similarly finished to that connecting the rooms. The kitchen wing is conveniently reached from the dining-room through*

*the pantry, which is fitted up with convenient sliding glass fronts to shelves and cupboards at the same time being separated from it by a 5 feet ventilated lobby. Attention has been given by the architect not only to the strength and appearance of the erection, but also to those items which so much enhances a house from a housekeeper's point of view namely, the kitchen and laundry conveniences. These appear complete as there are sinks of enamelware, stove, copper, tubs with water laid on and drawn off from each. The bath-room is also complete, having enamel bath, copper shower, earthenware wash-stand, etc. Water being a great consideration, Mr. Brown has a large brick and cement underground tank, with force pump to elevated tanks, holding altogether nearly 15,000 gallons of water when full. The stable accommodation is away to the rear, and is built of sawn ironbark, and contains men's room, buggy sheds, three stall stable, fodder room, and milking shed, while an overhanging verandah is provided for harnessing up under in wet or hot weather. Altogether the place is one of the neatest and most conveniently designed that we know of in the district. In connection with the main house we might add that pains have been taken to keep the temperature even by both roof and ceiling felting and roof ventilation. All the joinery is of cedar, varnished in natural colours, fanlights to all openings and venetian shutters to outside windows and doors. Messrs. Pilgrim Bros of West Maitland were the builders and Mr. Warren Scobie, the architect.*



*Kalimna, Paterson. PHS Collection*

*Inscription on back: Mr & Mrs JS Brown and Audrey (Mrs Alf Harle)*

John Sidney and Elsie Muriel Brown had three children, Sidney Vivien Brown born 1892, Ronald George Harrington Brown born 1894 and Audrey Muriel Brown born 1902. Ronald Brown had married Jeannette Gould and they had three sons. In 1940 Ron worked for the Reynolds family at "Glendarra" where he started a dairy. They lived in the workman's cottage on the property. He left there about 1944.<sup>21</sup>

In 1949 Ronald Brown leased the land from his mother for five years with an option to purchase at any time during the lease. On the 17 February 1951, however Elsie Brown died. Ronald Brown exercised his option to purchase the property under the terms of the lease at an agreed price of £4,000.<sup>22</sup> At this time the property was run as a dairy farm.

From 1958 Ronald Brown owned both parcels of land comprising the *Kalimna* property. He acquired one section on the north side of the occupation road from the estate of Charlotte Brown and the other on the south side of the occupation road from the estate of his mother, although he had occupied this portion since 1949 when he leased it from his mother.

Ron and Jenny Brown and their family lived at *Kalimna* in the house built by his parents. This property adjoins what remains of the *Bona Vista* land on which Dr. Bowker had built a fine home in 1868.

Ronald and Jeannette Brown continued to live at *Kalimna* until 1970 when Ron was 76 years old and they decided to sell the property and move to Bolwarra. It was still operating as a dairy with Bill Harris as the sharefarmer. Ron Brown died on 10 September 1971 and his wife lived until September 2001. Her funeral took place at St Paul's Church Paterson on the 18 September 2001.

The purchasers of the property were Terry and Margaret Hallinan and on the 2 October 1970 the land was conveyed to them<sup>23</sup> and they too made *Kalimna* the family home for themselves and their two children.

Terry and Margaret had been milk vendors but were looking for land on which to build broiler sheds and *Kalimna* suited their needs. Terry had spent his early life at Paterson with his parents and brothers and sister. His mother, Edith Hallinan, was a well known and loved resident of Paterson and taught the piano to many of the young people of the area. Margaret had come from Seaham not far from Paterson.

The dairy was closed and the Hallinans commenced their broiler growing industry supplying birds to the Steggle's processing plant at Beresfield until they retired.

During their occupation of *Kalimna* they have made some practical alterations to the rear of the home. A family room has been added enclosing an open verandah from which the laundry and kitchen opened. They also built an enclosed outdoor living area.

In this room is the well referred to in the *Maitland Mercury* report of 1902. When they first occupied the house the well had been filled in and was not in use but Terry and Margaret felt it would be best to put it to its original use. After many hours of hard work they eventually cleared the well of all rubbish, had it relined, reconnected the downpipes and to this day it is their source of good cool water for the house. It is also a feature of their outdoor living area.

The following article appeared in the *Newcastle Morning Herald* on the 19 October 2001 following the death of Jeannette Brown widow of Ronald Brown. Sidney Brown was the youngest son of the Browns and spent his early years at *Kalimna*.

# Sid's sale of a family century

MAITLAND auctioneer **Sid Brown** is one of the doyens of the Australian antique trade.

In his own words, he has sold the contents of countless households in his time, but a sale scheduled for Sunday has started butterflies in his stomach.

Much of the furniture that will be offered at the CB Alexander Agricultural College at Tocal comes from his mother, the late Mrs **Jeannette Brown**, who was well-known throughout the Coalfields community.

Sid said that his family had been in the Maitland region for more than a century.

'Mum left myself and my two brothers one piece of furniture each,' Sid said.

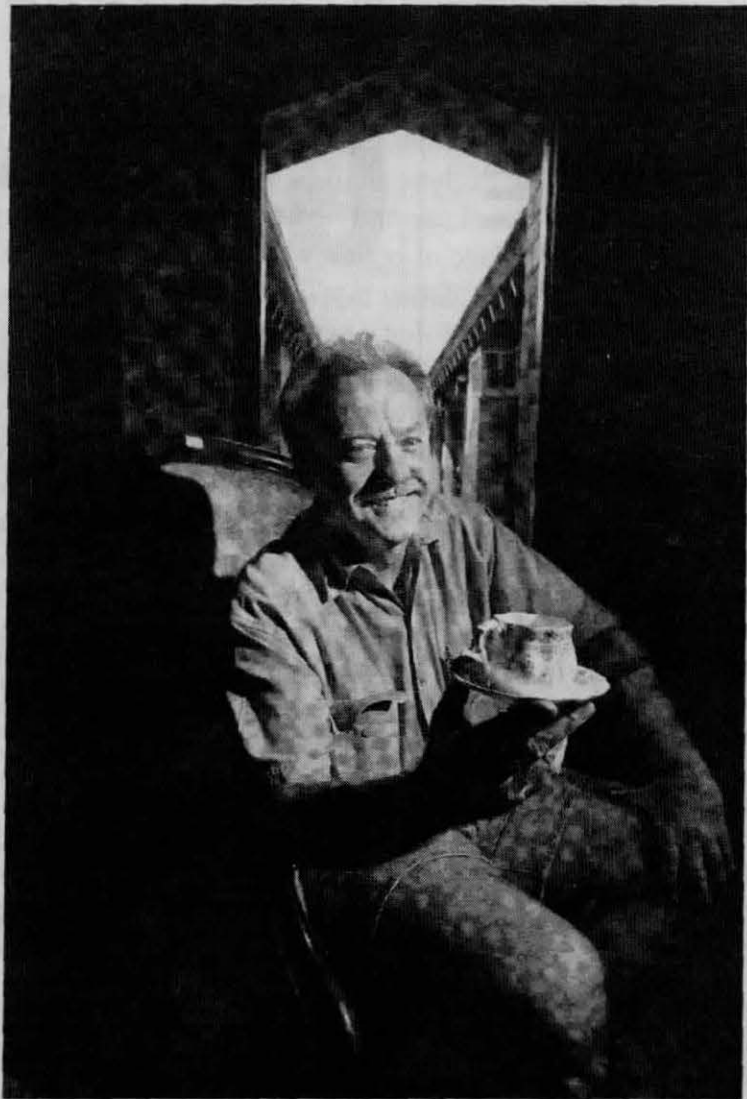
'The three of us are all well established, and we decided the best thing to do was to sell the estate.'

Space might be a problem, also, for Sid and his wife **Mandy**, who have moved from a big old two-storey Georgian house at East Maitland to a more modest cottage in Newcastle East.

'We're at the beach and loving it,' Sid explained.

A glance through the impressive catalogue for Sunday's sale reveals some important lots, including a cedar and ebony card table attributed to colonial cabinetmaker **T Shaughnessy**, dating from about 1815.

There are also 250 lots of 'smalls' and some 50 bottles of wine, including a bottle of 1979 Grange. The sale will run from 9.30am, with the furniture starting at about 1.30pm.



CLOSE TO HOME: This Sunday's sale has special significance for auctioneer Sid Brown.  
— Picture by Peter Stoop

## APPENDIX - 1

**THIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT** of me **HARRIETT JANE BROWN** the wife of Herbert Harrington Brown of Paterson in the State of New South Wales Land Agent **I APPOINT** Walter Leigh of Hunters Hill near Sydney in the said state and my son John Sidney Brown Executors and Trustees of this my Will **AND I DECLARE** that the words "My Trustees" whenever herein used shall mean and include the trustees hereby appointed and also their successors in the office and the survivor of such successors their and his heirs executors administrators and assigns **I DEVISE AND BEQUEATH** all property of every kind to which I may be entitled or of which I may be possessed at the time of my decease unto my Trustees **UPON TRUST** to call in or sell and convert my estate into money or to allow the same to remain unconverted as at the time of my decease at the absolute discretion of my Trustees and out of the moneys to arise from any such sale or conversion or any other moneys which may be available for the purpose to pay my debts funeral and testamentary expenses and **UPON TRUST** to apply the income of my residuary estate to and for the personal use and benefit of my daughters Charlotte Dowling Coulston Brown and Louisa Lillian Brown until marriage and when and as soon as either of them shall be married then **I DIRECT** that the said income shall be applied to and for the personal use and benefit of the other of my said daughters until her marriage and from and after the marriage of both my said daughters or their respective deaths without having been married **THEN I DIRECT** that my Trustees shall hold as well the income as the capital of my residuary estate **UPON TRUST** for equal division unto and between all my married daughters as tenants in common but **I DIRECT** that the issue of my daughter who may have predeceased me shall take equally amongst them the share which their parent would have taken if she had survived me **I DECLARE** that every receipt which shall be given by my Trustees for any sum or sums of money payable to them by virtue of this my will shall effectually discharge the person or persons paying the same from all responsibility as to the application thereof **AND I DECLARE** that in any appointment of a new Trustee of this my will any Trustee Company duly incorporated in and carrying on business in the said state of New South Wales may be appointed to act either as sole Trustee or jointly with any other Trustee or Trustees under this my Will **IN WITNESS** whereof I have to this my Will contained on this and the preceding page of paper set my hand this sixth day of June One thousand nine hundred and four.

H. J. Brown

**SIGNED** by the said Testatrix **HARRIETT JANE BROWN** as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us both present at the same time who at her request in her sight and presence and in the sight and presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as attesting witnesses

E.M. Brown  
Paterson  
Wife of J.S. Brown.

Stephen Taylor  
The Rectory Paterson  
Clerk in Holy Orders

## APPENDIX - 2

**CODICIL** to the **LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT** of **HARRIETT JANE BROWN** dated this 19th day of May 1913

**I, HARRIET JANE BROWN** wife of **HERBERT HARRINGTON BROWN** of Paterson Land Agent in consideration of the care and attention bestowed upon me in my declining years by my daughter Charlotte Dowling Colstoun Brown, do, in addition to her share of any other property of which I may be possessed at the time of my death, bequeath to the said Charlotte Dowling Colstoun Brown, all that piece of land and buildings thereon, being portion number 80, situate in Sloan street, Paterson, also all that piece of land and buildings thereon known as **CLARKES COTTAGE**, situate in Webbers Creek Road, Paterson.

**AND** I also direct that the cottage known as **COLSTOUN COTTAGE**, together with furniture and outbuildings thereon, situate on Webbers Creek Road, Paterson, be not sold during the lifetime of my husband **HERBERT HARRINGTON BROWN**, and that he may use the said cottage as a home at any time he may require it. **AND** I appoint the Executors of my Will to be executors of this codicil.

**SIGNED** by the said **HARRIET JANE BROWN** as                    )  
and for the Codicil to her last Will and Testament        )  
in the presence of us both present at the same time        )       H.J. Brown  
who at her request in her sight and presence and in        )  
the sight and presence of each other have hereunto        )  
subscribed our names as witnesses                                )

A.C. Hirst  
Clergyman of the Church of England

Elsie Muriel Brown



**The *Kalimna* land is shown in this early aerial photograph of the *Bona Vista* portion of Paterson.**

William Street is shown as the last street in the middle of the photograph running from left to right. Maitland Road (High Road) to Maitland is on the left of the photograph and on the corner of William Street and Maitland Road is the Inn/Shop with *Clark's Cottage* next to it in William Street. Further down at the extreme right of the picture and fronting the South side of William Street is *Colstoun Cottage* where Mrs Brown and her daughters resided. *Kalimna* homestead is just visible in the trees over from the cottage towards the top of the photograph.

Photo: PHS Collection

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