MAC BRIDGE HANDWRITTEN DOCUMENTS

1. The Gardner Family Rouchel. 22 pages. This appears not to be the complete original. In the current edition I used this and a typed version which contained many misinterpretations of Mac Bridge’s handwriting.

2. Notes added to the original story and submitted to the Scone Historical Society. Typed on page 36 of the current version.

3. Continuation of the Gardner story. This forms pages 37-38 of the current version. The original was in the possession of Evelyn Collison and photocopied from that by Heather Ashford.


6. “The following is taken from an extract from the Scone Advocate ...” Mac Bridge wrote this information for the Advocate and then hand copied the printed version. This forms pages 44-45 of the current document.
The son, William, came in one day and told his parents that he believed he had found the whereabouts of John Morrison. Several investigations were made and John Morrison was located working as an engineer for people by name Chinn who owned and were operating a tined factory in Mill Hillbrook. Located at the end of what is now Mill Street a branch off Sydney St.

The building now occupied by the commercial freezing company for the purpose of freezing rabbit. This building was opened as a tined factory about 1847. John is at least 116 years old and still pretty solid. Returning to the Gardner family, they were delivered the said letter and struck up a friendship with the recipients. Not later, I believe, about the year 1846. The said John Morrison, Eliza Gardner, became man and wife and resided in rooms that were attached to the factory. While at least one of their children were born there. Mary Ann, previously to her marriage, Eliza when only quite a girl was employed by the late Bodey Houliard, the great-grandfather of the present John Clifford Parkinson, head of the present firm of Edward Triggens, Parkinson & Bay Auctioneers in Parkinson Chambers in Bridge at Mill Hillbrook. The only three storyed building in the street.

The said Mary Ann Morrison was the first child baptised in what is now the 1853 Marriage Register.
The son William came in one day and told his parents that he believed he had found the whereabouts of John Morrison. So investigations were made and John Morrison was located working as an engineer for a man who owned a tannery factory in Mill Street. Located at the end of what is now Mill Street and a branch off Sydney. In the building now occupied by the commercial freezing company for the purpose of freezing products. This building was opened as a tannery factory about 1847. It therefore is at least 106 years old and still pretty solid. Returning to the Parkinson family, they made several visits and struck up a friendship with the recipients. And later I believe about the year 1845, the said John Morrison and Eliza Parkinson became man and wife and resided in rooms that were attached to the factory. While at least one of their children was born. Mary Ann, previously to her marriage Eliza when only quite a girl was employed by the late Booker Marwick, the great-grandfather of the present Clifford Parkinson. Head of the present firm of Clifford Parkinson & Co. Auctioneers in Parkinson Chambers in Bridge at Newcastle.

The only three-storied building in the Brook, the said Mary Ann Morrison was the first child baptised in what is now the old Wesley Church. Written by the late James Parkinson, former mayor. They left Ireland about the year 1826 when their eldest child Eliza was about 12 years old. The local priest name I don't know talked at Claneons. And before sailing from that port they came to the port and asked the head of the family to deliver a letter to his brother telling him he was about to see him as he had some time previously sailed to Australia. If correct at that time it appeared as though the people of the home country had thought Australia was some kind of yard. Of course the letter was addressed to John Morrison. But no locality was mentioned. When the family arrived and disembarked in Sydney and started to travel north, they learned to realize that Australia was a pretty extensive country. And the two they arrived at Newcastle Harbour practically given up hope of finding John Morrison. But after being in the Newcastle Harbour, some time finally arrived in Newcastle Harbour on the 10th of June, 1845.
The Gardners then I believe shifted to Aberdeen and later to Roselate. Whilst in Aberdeen William kept a store and also owned and kept the Argyle Hotel. William married Ellen Mitchell. Mary married John McMillan, and Ann became Mrs. Brown. The latter couple went into the North West to a place by name Brydon situated about 36 miles on the Narrabeen side of Walgett. Mr. Brown died whilst living at Brydon. The latter was at Brydon for the lamb shearing in 1907 and 1908. Brydon was at that time owned by J. K. and W. H. McKay. Whilst there and was one day searching for young Galahs I saw a lonely grave. It was about 1 mile west of Brydon homestead. I mentioned it when I returned to Newmillbrook and was then told that it was most likely the grave of Mrs. Brown. But at the time I was there I didn’t know that Mrs. Brown had some years before died and was buried at Brydon. So was unable to. I don’t know if it was his grave or not. The Boydons also shifted to Aberdeen where John Morrison acquired and conducted the flour mill at Aberdeen. The old mill building still stands. I believe with all the old machinery still in position. The grinding of wheat for flour at that time was done with stone rollers.

Situated in Hill St. Mrs. Newland at that time was keeping an hotel on the spot where the Commercial Banking House of Sydney now stands. At that time the Newland’s own was almost unknown ship of land from Bridge St. known as Newmillbrook to the Wybong creek a distance of about 16 miles with Convict fronting the river at Newmillbrook and ballast off at the Wybong end. Anyway one little story that Eliza used to tell about her duties at the hotel which one of them was to keep the proprietor informed as to the time of day. So pretty often during the day he would call Eliza “Please go and see what time it is.” This entailed a trot down the street to the post of a store kept by a man by name Stringhaed. Situated on the spot where Edward Street now stands. Fortunately the clock Stringhaed had a clock in a position where the time could be seen from the shop. So she would have a look and return and tell him the time. One day one of his customers could see what was going. So he said “Nowland why don’t you buy a clock and save all that trouble.” His reply was no I won’t have anything a sent the place that went broke so he didn’t buy a clock and the business still went on.
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Brooklyn. The home of the present George
McMullen. The old lady had a cottage on a
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always called it Oswald cottage. And I believe
she lived in later years near Batia and
still retains the name of Oswald cottage.

Eliza Gardner had three daughters of the first
marriage to John Morrison. Margaret-Thelma
Elizabeth. The Fred Adam, Hillburn, Roswell
and to her second husband Lyman Walker
two daughters Emma, Mary Justin Spencer
and Ellen Walker. Now all deceased.

Mary McMullen (nee Gardner) had a family of
two sons and two daughters. They were
John. McMullen of Bingley, Roughead
William McMullen of Bingley, Roughead
Eliza (Betty) McMullen of Bingley, Roughead
Mary, Ann, Mrs. Kennedy, Cameron, Roswell
Susan, Mrs. Thomas Eaton, Roswell
Bertie McMullen, Roswell
Emmy (Emmie) McMullen, Roswell, Mrs. Harry, Landy
Ellen (Ellie) McMullen, Roswell, Mrs. Henry, Landy.

The last named (Ellie) born in 1865. Born 1957,
was the rigge old age of 92 years. And lives in
honor with two of her daughters Mrs. Alyn Brooks
and Miss Edie Jones.

At the time the Morisons had three daughters.
Mary, Margaret & Elizabeth. When the children
were still small it was the duty for one of them
to feed the milk from the top floor with a
spoon. As a precaution that the child would not
fall in with the heat she was strapped to
the cot. One day returning from the
surrounding hills, whilst returning one day
with a load of wood he was sitting on
the shaft of the dray something happened
to the harness and the horse kicked and
lost one of his front two legs. At the time
the nearest hospital was in Bingley and
he was taken to Bingley and admitted
to hospital where he died from the effects
of broken leg and was buried in the
old Bingley Cemetery in 1863.

His grave can be seen a short distance
from the tomb of the Brownes of Bingley
Mary Gardner married John McMullen and
settled for some time at Roughead which
is situated on the Hunter river between
Quin & Lochinvar. And later settled on the
Roughead. I believe Bingley. And later
the old pass, which is situated about half
way on the road from East Warwick leading to Harford.
to Half Moon, which is now known as Brooklyn. The home of the present George McFadden. The old lady had a cottage on a hill near George McFadden's wood shed and always called it Oxwall cottage. And I believe that is, in this day and age, still retains the name of Oxwall cottage.

Eliza Gardner had three daughters of the first marriage to John Morrison: Margaret, Elizabeth and Anna. Anna married William Bridge, Bridge and Rouchel. Margaret was married to Fred Adam Willowburn, Marshall and to her second husband, by name Walker, two daughters, Emma and Ellen Walker. Both deceased.

Mary McFadden (née Gardner) had a family of nine sons and six daughters. They were: John, Mary McFadden, et al. of Ringebury, Rouchel, Bridge, Walker, Bridge, Walker, Bridge, Walker, Bridge.

Mary Ann, Mrs. Donald, Cameron, Walker, Sarah, Mrs. Thomas, Orton, Emma, and Billy. Walker was born and the last named (Willie) born 1811. McFadden was an old age of 92 years, and lived in Seattle with two of her daughters, Mr. Allen, Bridge, and Miss Ebbie Jones.

At the time the Morrison had three daughters, Mary, Margaret, & Elizabeth. When the children were still small it was the duty for one of them to feed the mill, from the top floor, with a scraper. As a precaution, the child would not fall in with the wheat. She was taught to the best extent. At the time the spinning of the loom at the mill was done with wood, which the miller had to cart by horse and drown from the surrounding hills. Whilst returning one day with a load of wood, he was sitting on the shaft of the dray. Something happened to the harness, and the horse kicked and broke one of the miller's legs. At the time the nearest hospital was at Haistand. As a stretcher was rigged in a spring car and he was taken to Haistand and admitted to hospital, where he died from the effects of a broken leg and was buried in the Old East Haistand Cemetery in 1853. His grave can be seen a short distance from the Tomb of the Brownes of local fame.

Mary Gardner married John McFadden, and settled for some time at Oxwall, which is situated on the Hunter River between Grata & Lochinvar. And later settled on the Rouchel Bridge, Ringebury, and later...
Anna Gardner. Mrs. Brown I have lost any particulars of her family. All I know of her was her death and was buried at Croydon. William, Irvine, Gardner, whose first wife was Ellen Mitchell. Raised a family of 2 sons and 2 daughters.

Andrew, George, Gardner.

William, Irvine. 2nd. Ellen, born at Stafford.


John, Janet, Pearson, 2nd.

After the death of Mrs. Ellen Gardner, William married Margaret Cameron, one of the children of the marriage between Sydney, Lime, Gardner, and Susannah, and settled at his father's home, Rose Vale, Rosette, 9 miles from Aberdeen. The original Gardner, who came with his wife and four children from Ireland about 1840, was married a second time and had three children of this marriage. That is, James, John, and a sister, Jane. First George Mitchell, John York, who was known as the ‘Hermit of Aberdeen’ had three in family, John, Alexander (1825), and William; James left three parts and settled in the Manilla district. As far as I know his branch - are still about Manilla and Cameland.

The two youngest of the Mitchell family still live in Croydon. The original Gardner whose Christian name is unknown to the writer, must have lived at least, or in Scorne, at the time of his death, which was buried in the St Luke's churchyard at the corner of Hill and Liverpool Place to Scone. Arrangements were made to erect a headstone, and the stone was made at Thornwald 12 miles west of Scone. And when being brought to Scone for erection, something happened crossing Middle Brook Creek, and the stone got broken. And then never was a stone erected. However, when St Luke's was to be rebuilt, some stone was used from the end of last century. The church was built over the grave. Unfortunately, there is no mark on the church to verify this, but I well remember in 1896 hearing the late Mr. Jenny McGeorge Mitchell looking at the church from Hill Street, near St Andrews, and telling of the happenings. And saying what a wonderful monument to his father, honours from head of the Gardner family. The generations of the Gardner took have at some time lived in Scone. The main is at the sixth generation. In the children.
Ann Gardner, Mrs. Brown, I have no particulars of his family. All I know as before I said the deed and was buried at Oregon Country. William, Irvin, Gardner, whose first wife was Ellen Mitchell. Raised a family of five sons and two daughters.

Andrew Geo. Gardner.

William Irvin. 2d. Ellen, his 3d wife Stafford.


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About the year 1903 (Donald Linn & Andrew Gunnison Bridge, Deedants on the Matrimonial side from Eliza Gardiner.) The brother had their business training under Alfred Stafford at Manilla where he was manager for R.B. McKenzie and later Albert Stafford of Narrabri (Merino.) However, the Bridge Brothers started a General Store in Camden. And were 6 founding members of the Northwestern Milling Company. But, that union apparently was too hard for the finances. So, what was then less apparently was some one else's gain. As the Milling Company still owns land on Young. Under the name of Thomas Millers. Where the original mill was opened about 1905. Andy Bridge was asked to change the name for the flour mill. And he being a believer in the saying or slogan that nothing succeeds like success chose the name which was registered and I occasionally see mill products with The Success Brand on them. Million Buddha after learning he was a descendant of Eliza Gardiner after marrying the Cook and the Motor Mechanics. At Campbell & George. In 1930, started a motor business at Dangog and later at Dubbo where he took his brother Keith in with him. They later formed a company of which Million Buddha is the Manager. Trading as Budden Brothers, Dubbo.
Below the year 1903 (Donald Smith & Andrew Bridge, Descendants on the maternal side from Edgar Gardner) the brothers had their business training under Alfred Stafford at Manilla where he was manager for H.C. McKenzie and later Albert Stafford of Narrabri (N.S.W.). However, the Bridge brothers started a General Store in Condobolin and were the foundation members of the Northwestern Milling Company. But that venture apparently was too hard for the finances. So, what was left was apparently some one else's gain as the Milling Company still carries on, I think under the name of Chace Mills, when the original Mill was opened about 1898. Andy Bridge was asked to choose a name for the flour, and he being a believer in the saying 'diligence', that something出色 like 'success' should come success for the name which was registered and eventually see mill products with the success brand on them.

Milton Budden after becoming a descendant of Edgar Gardner after leaving the farm, he worked at a foundry in Shepparton. He then started a Motor Business at Derong and later at Dubbo where he took his brother Keith in with him. They later formed a company of which Milton Budden is the Manager, trading as Budden Brothers, Dubbo.
Descendants in the same line are still carrying on at Stillenbock. Elowen brick on Roulch side and Victoria and their late fathers property. Both on Rayns Creek on the Evans brick side. Returning to the descendants of Eliza Gardner through her daughter Elizabeth Whose sons John, Robert, and Eunice Adams still carry on at the old home Willows. Upper Roulch and Back Creek.

One brother Arthur lives in the Liverpool District. Elsie Chalk granddaughter of Eliza resides in Sydney, the brother John Lambie met with a motor accident in Victoria, some ten or twelve years ago and died from the effects. The survivors are the members of the bridge family. Grandchildren of Eliza through her daughter Mary in Ellen and George Bevan Dallo.

McLennan Francis (423) Neill (Ernie Bevan) Sedgwick, Percy and Archie 1b Nancy at North Pond. That is five survivors of a family of twelve. The youngest Archie was thirty six years of age when the first brick in the family came by the death at Goodricke of William in 1931. The point in mentioning this so that the family of twelve never were together at any one time. That should be a record. Anyway among the descendants of the Gardner family Don Bridgier eldest son.

And from outward appearances the company which is run under the name of Bevan Brothers seems to be in a fair way. Tom Jones Grandson of Mary McNally (Eliza Gardner) is at present manager of the farm and Graziers Branch at Eulalia. Freeman below and the Grandson of the same Eliza Gardner. Now in the vicinity of the four score years mark. Still carries on grazing property at Paris brick and Red Bank. Acted as a Sick Judge at Agricultural Shows and Rodeos throughout the Greater part of the State. And think he holds the record of being a member of the Upper King pastoral & agricultural Society longer than any living person. Bye the way his brother Edgar now deceased was a retired Police Inspector of the present generations. McNallys are pretty successful Graziers at Roulch. Bennet man 69 Wylong & Conna Kolond mumroes family still carry on at the old home on the Roulch. Island brothers and Allan New home retired generallively.

I don't know the whereabouts of his brother. I think the youngest brother relocation is in New Guinea or some of the islands. The name of the late Maggie Ellis Cunming.

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Descendants in the same line are still living at Stillentool Creek, Lambbrick on Hoxdal Side, and Melandra and their late fathers property, both on Kains Creek on the Brice's Creek side. Returning to the descendants of Ellia Gardner, through her daughter Elizabeth whose sons, John, James, and Mark, Adams, still carry on at the old home Willowburn upper Rouschel and Back Creek.

The brother Arthur lives in the Liverpool District. Elsie Clark, granddaughter of Ellia, resides in Sydney, the brother John Lambart met with a motor accident in Trelawny some ten or twelve years ago and died from the effects.

The survivors of the members of the Bridge family are as follows: Margaret, Grandchildren of Ellia, through her daughter Mary who is the widow of George, Budden, Dubbo.

Melendez Jones, Ernie Budden, Shannanook, Percy, and Archie. He married at North Bondi.

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I believe of the Bridge family attended the Rouschel School.

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The Jones Grandson of Mary McMillin (Ellia Gardner), is at present manager of the farm at Graziers branch at Dubbo, Freeman Bolton, another grandson of the same Mary Gardner, now in the vicinity of the four score years mark. Still carries on grazing property at Davis, brick and Redbank, acted as a Stewards Judge at Agricultural Shows and Raced throughout the greater part of the State. And think he holds the record of being member of the Uppermill Pastoral & Agricultural Society longer than any living person. Bye the way, his brother Edgar, now deceased was a retired second of Police, the present members of McMillin. Are pretty successful graziers at Roushel. Edmund, Wally, and George, colonel and lammeroo family still carries on at the old home on the Roushel. I heard from broker Allan in New York, retired, 'generally' rich. I don't know the whereabouts of this brother.

Then, I think the youngest brother is now in New Guinea, or some of the islands. The name of the last thing, Allie Cunningham.
About The year 1893, an Arbor Day was held at the Nameless School, and as the second Arbor Day, Mr. G. M. Gardiner, had given the land on which the School was built, he was asked to plant the first tree. It was given to the donors, Syria, the old 1920 3rd Grade Class, and the Generals. The tree was a small plum tree. It has long since disappeared. Then the mothers of children who had not been attending the school followed in alphabetical order. Among the first was Mrs. Gardiner, then Samuel L..son of course. Then followed the Bridge, then Cameron, Sabin & Co. Of course, they were all from the area. The balance of the group included Miller's Cabbage, Kendal's, Kennedy's. Then there was a picture frame including a boy in the just prior to the planting ceremony. And some of the ladies were almost too young to even talk about it. Still some plants were brought out to play. Anyway, each tree was planted in the order of their arrival. It was a few words. I remember my father saying, if I don't plant one, my mother planted would make a good history. But he said, that it wouldn't become a nuisance the same. As Mr. Bridge promptly said, that being the lady who first introduced the quilt to the supper. And now after 64 years, it doesn't look as if it ever will. This particular tree is a pepper. Bears a plate setting on the table and by whom it was planted.

Regional carries on a large wholesale hardware business on Wharf, and four most of the state. The company under the name R. J. Bridge Proprietary Ltd. Andy Bridge, youngest son of Harry Bridge, for the past six years has been a traveling representative for the Olympic Rubber Company with a territory extending to Boggabri in north-west New South Wales and Wadestown in the North Territories in the west. Telegraph point on the North west.

Thailand and Borefield in the South. Roy McWhinney was for a time manager of the Locust Store for Mr. Cafferty Co. The firm was employed by the American Hemp Machine Co. as salesman and collector on four occasions between the years 1907-1918. And represented that company in the districts of Kurnell, Gippsland and Murrumbidgee. Aubrey Bridge had a store in Longreach about the year 1917. Eyre Gardner was a partner in an accountancy business in Kurnell under the name of Gardner & Kay. I have an idea he is interested in a business in the Sydney at the present time. Aubrey Spencer is interested in an estate agency also in Sydney. One of his sons was manager of broadcasting station, but Mr. Stephens, not sure if he is still there.
About the year 1893, an Arbor Day was held at the Imperial School and as the school had been built, the honor of planting the first tree was given to the donors. The late Mrs. J. Gardner and two of her children of Sydney, Gardner. The tree was a camphor laurel which I have lost since it disappeared. Then the mothers of children who had or were attending the school followed in alphabetical order beginning with the Adams and then followed the Bridge, the Cameron, the Salton and so on. Of course this was followed by the rest of the ladies and their children. There was a poster which included all the names of those who attended the planting ceremony and none of the ladies were absent. They all dug the holes and planted the trees. As each tree was planted, the husband and children would say a few words. Remember my father saying he hoped the tree they were planting would make good roadway. But he hoped it would not become a nuisance to the same. As the years passed quietly past, the lady who first introduced the tree died and the tree died. And now after 63 years it doesn't look as if it even with this particular tree a pepper tree a plate setting on the table and by whom it was planted.

Regional carries on a whole wholesale hardware business on Wollongong. And since most of the state he carries under the name R. J. Bridge Proprietary Ltd. Andy Bridge's youngest son, a manager of the company. In 1910, he was the first of a trainee representing the Olympic Silver Company with a territory extending to Yrak at the North coast and to Wollongong and Wollongong in the North. There are a telegraph point on the North coast to Tathra and Bondi. The town of the South. The Mullin was for a time Manager of the local store for Mr. Campbell. The Mullin was employed by the Singer sewing machine Co. at Wollongong and collector on four occasions between the years 1904 and 1918. And represented that company in the districts of Roseville, Gymea, and Mundford. Aubrey Bridge had a house in Roseville about the year 1901. Esd Gardner was a partner in an accountancy business in Kingsford under the name Gardner & Key. I have no idea he is interested in an estate agency since in Sydney at the present time. Aubrey Spencer is interested in an estate agency also in Sydney. One of his sons was manager of a broadcasting station but Mr. Darmore, not sure if he is still there.
As mentioned earlier, there were six generations of the descendants of the Gardner family who at some time or another lived in Iowa. Six generations also at some time lived in Muswellbrook. To the first generation in Muswellbrook are my 5 grandchildren, present living with their parents, Percy Bridge & his wife at 12&2 Barrett Street, Muswellbrook.

As far as I know including the original couple, there are seven generations. The seventh generation would be my brother, John's 3rd generation grandchildren living in the Liemon district. There may be others. They would be great, great, great, great, great, grandchildren. Of the original

These are two small rocks on one each side of the Muswellbrook road leading from Aberdeen near the 64 mile peg. When the Gardners saw them, they remarked that much of two hills they had known in Ireland that they named them after their Bessie Bell and Mary Gray. The hills in Ireland were the burial places of these two women, not known which is which.

As far as I can remember, the members of the Gardner family who planted the tree in the old Pioneer Cemetery Muswellbrook are Mr. Fred, Adam, William, William (Jelly), George and Thomas; also the former parents of Fred, Adam, William, William (Jelly), George and Thomas, Kavanagh, Kavanagh, Kavanagh, Kavanagh, Kavanagh, Kavanagh.

No one is sure if Mr. Andy Kavanagh went to Bingiey. This would be the east coast of at least four of the descendants. Mr. J. L. and W. G. McMillan, Kavanagh, referring to the arrival of the Gardner family in Muswellbrook, I don't know if it was June or July 1843. The only guide I have is that Eliza Gardner said that they came to Muswellbrook two days after the death of Lewis Warde, it is tombs, which is in the Catholic cemetery in Muswellbrook. It gives the date time of his death as July 1843.

The above account of the Gardner family and some of their descendants was written by Malcom Gray, Bridge Street, Muswellbrook, and what I have told by earlier descendants of the family who was born at what was then called Old Tison (now Brookfield), under George McMillan) on May 25th, 1883. Now in 1883, the main church school was opened although the year on the school board was 1882.
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On the end of the rope and all hands ran away up the hill. With the result that the weight of the rope pulled the one being rescued under the water till the edge was reached and landed him in a half drowned condition. However he recovered and lived to a good old age. On another occasion in a flood in the river two men by name Asser brother to the late N. T. Asser Stockman, same name. The other by name Livingstone attempted to cross the Hunter River on horseback in flood. They were both washed off the river bank. Jimmy Gardner, like the same horse went to his rescue. And came out with Livingstone clinging to his horse. It was his horse. That would be in the 1860s. Later James Gardner went north and settled in the Kelvin district. Some twenty or 30 miles from Manilla. Kelvin is situated on the Murrumbidgee River about midway between Manilla and Gilgandra, where he owned a sheep and wheat property. Also carried on by one of his sons. Other sons of the family also have properties in the Gilgandra and Manilla districts.

As mentioned in these writings Sydney J. Gardner was a Member of the Federal Parliament.

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The late Mr. R. McKeown, founder of the well-known firm of J. & R. McKeown & Sons Stockfeeders of Aberdeen, Manilla and Glen Innes, they still carry on at Glen Innes. Started business in a room at The Regent Hotel Aberdeen, leased from W. I. Gardner at 2/6 per week.

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Area 2 acres acquired July 1881.

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Amery Spencer mentioned earlier as being a partner in an estate agency in Sydney. The Adjutant of Eliza Gardner was in 1937 Adjutant to a rifle team that visited Sidney, England. And on the same tour was Commandant of the first Australian rifle team to visit Canada.

Referring to the first public school on Ruchelbrook. Situated on the main camp estate 15 miles from Aberdeen. The following information was gained from DPE of Education on February 3rd 1953. Original name of school Ruchelbrook. It involved part of W.J. Gardner's 646 acres known as 'Main Camp Estate' formerly owned by T.H. Hughes. Area 2 acres acquired July 8th 1881. On 31st October 1889. The name of School was changed to Ruchelbrook. It is well known that these two acres were a gift by W.J. Gardner to Dept of Education. The present plan shows that a small portion of the grant was taken off one corner and given over to Shire Council for road purposes.

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The following is taken from an extract from The Stone Advocate which appeared under the name dated September 25th 1964. Under a heading 'Early settlers of Rousehill recalled from information I received from Audrey Spencer, now residing at 21 Lorne St. Mosman who gained the information from the Register General's Office in Sydney, and is set out in the form of questions and answers,

"Who was the first European habitation erected in the Rousehill Valley?"

Answer: "Jingle Bell." (Written in a different hand)

"For what purpose was the habitation

Answer: 'Shepherd's quarters for the Ravensworth Company which had been granted a vast tract of grazing land extending from near Singleton to and including the Rousehill Valley.'"

"Who were the first occupants?"

Answer: Thomas Spencer and his wife, Mary, who came to Australia in 1840, under contract as Shepherd for the Ravensworth Company at a salary of £10 per annum and a portion and a half, Thomas Spencer..."
Hailed from Surrey, England, and his wife from the Vale of Avon, County Wexford, Ireland. Their first son, Thomas, was born at Bingleerville in 1841, followed by Matthew, 1843, John 1845, Absalom and twin Mary 1846. In all they reared a family of six sons and five daughters, with the exception of Edward. Their youngest son was born at Bingleerville. How in what year was the Roachel land made available for occupation? Answers, 1855. When 16 small holdings in the lower portion of the valley were made available as freehold grants.

Fine, to whom was the first of these holdings made available actually allotted?

Answer, Thomas Spencer, 152 acres.

Location: The present homestead stands on this area. It was originally called Roachel Vale, but during the Holmes occupation which took place about 1889, the word "Roachel" was deleted and became "The Vale."

Since how was the original Roachel Vale area increased?
Answer. In 1861 the John Robertson Land Act came into operation in N.S.W. and under its provision, other lands in the Rouchel Valley became available as conditional purchase areas. The first of these holdings were recorded to Thomas Spencer, senior, 160 acres, and 40 acres to Thomas Spencer junior, both in January 1862. Subsequently fourteen areas were allotted to Thomas, Matthew, John, and Absalom Spencer, of course the original Alexander Cameron and the original Donald Kennedy, whose wife was a sister of Alexander Cameron. Were among early settlers on Rouchel Alexander Cameron at Glen cafe and Donald Kennedy at Dalvey. These holdings probably embraced four of the 16 holdings mentioned earlier in 1861 William Gardner acquired Rose Vale. This must have to embrace portions also of the 16 holdings made available, as it was 1862 when the first land was available under the John Robertson act.

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27-6-1967
Continuation of Gardner Story.

Whilst writing & what came to mind regarding the Gardner family (1958) I had several unsuccessful attempts to get in touch with members of the descendants of the late James (Jimmie) Gardner, son of the original head of the Gardner family, natives of the County Fermanagh, Northern Ireland, who came to Australia in 1840. Then after a brief article dealing with the Gardner family, appeared in the South Australian in March 1964, under or over the heading "and through the courtesy of the Advocate I have been able to contact one who had asked the Advocate to supply her with several copies of the paper containing the article. She is Mrs H.A. Bowles (nee Izetta Gardner) who resides at 37 Rodney Street, Baroona. In a letter received from her dated 14th Oct, 1964, the following information was gained.

My grandfather James Gardner married Dora Dixon and raised a family of 9 sons and 5 daughters. Sons names, Bill, Tom, Jack, Jim, ABB, Bob, (who was thrown from a horse and killed aged 17 years) then followed Friend, Archie, and Walter (the last two being twins). Daughters names, Laura, Emma, Lily, Nell and Ethel, they being the laps and nieces and cousins of Izetta Bowles (nee Gardner) of Baroona. One only of the sons are still living, he is Archie, residing at Baroona aged 82 years, he married Daisy Thomas and has two married daughters, one in Farnworth one at Guildford.
The eldest son of James was William (Bell) who married Mary Costello and till his death owned a property 'Torradaulla' in the Manilla district.

2. Tom Gardner who was of Getta Brook, he married Sabina Fletcher in 1887, died Sept 1949 aged 85 years, had 10 in family (his wife died 1930 aged 59 years) had six daughters, one died in infancy, and three sons. Sylva one of two sets of twins, the twin of the eldest-Bell, died aged 6 months, the others are living in Sydney and Tullalong, two daughters died, one being a cripple from the age of 11 yrs with Rheumatoid Arthritis, but could paint beautifully, her pictures won prizes throughout the State, and she was well known for her paintings. Getta daughter of Tom Gardner, married Horace Brodbeck. Has two children (married) son Wesley is Civil defence controller at Banka where he resides. Daughter Elvina married Bob Allen, a school teacher, residing at Goosby. Jim Gardner Jun. married Lydia Boota of Manilla had a family of 7 sons and 2 daughters. And owned a property "Newby Park" Upper Manilla.

4. Abel Gardner married Annie Pollnery, had a property at Kelvin in the Gummedale district. His son Irwin is still on the property.

5. Jack Gardner, died many years ago

6. Bob Gardner thrown from a horse and killed aged 17 yrs

7. Frank Gardner married Kate Beynell, died 1926. 8 and 9 were twins Walter and Archie Gardner.

8. Walter Gardner a twin died when a young man.
Archie Gardner, a twin, mentioned earlier is the only surviving son of James Gardner senior and wife Ann Dixon. He resides in Barooga, following as the daughter of the late mentioned James and wife Dora Gardner.

Kenna Gardner married Jim MacBonnack, both have passed on, as have most of their family.

Emma Gardner married Bill Billings, had a son who lost his life in World War II.

Vill Gardner married Jack West of Tamworth.

Lily Gardner married his brother Bob West, and years later when a widow married John MacRitchie and died 19th March 1964 at her daughter's home in Mildura, aged 84 years.

Ethel Gardner, youngest daughter of James Gardner senior married Jack McLeod of Tamworth, and is now living with her daughter in Perth, only surviving daughter. As far as the writer is aware at present 1964, there are three.

There are three of the third generation of the Gardner family in Australia, who are still living. They are Sydney and Gardner of Rose Vale, Poonah, sons of the late William J Gardner senior, Archie Gardner of Barooga, and Ethel Madill and her Gardner of Perth. The latter two are son and daughter respectively of James Gardner senior and wife Ann Dixon.

If there were more of that generation, they would be descendants of Ann Brown see Gardner who died at Corowa station between Wee Waa and Walgett. Whilst doing the Writings re the Gardner family in 1958, I failed to get tidings of Ann Brown's family but live in hopes. (End of text)
In your letter you expressed the hope that I would not find your questions in any way boring. Certainly they are not boring. And I am always pleased to answer any question, providing I can do so to give a satisfactory answer. You may.

Eliza was the head of the Gardner family. She arrived in Australia in 1840 with four children of his first marriage. Along with his second wife, and one son born to that marriage. Two more children were born after their arrival. The four of first family born in Ireland were, Mary, Ann, Eliza, Ann, and William. Of the second family, James arrived as a baby, then John and Jane were born later.

Mary married John McDonald. To them 6 daughters and two sons were born. They were William, Francis, Kitty, John, Mary, and Bella Jones. Betty, Mary, Donald Cameron, Mary, Jean, Kenneth Cameron, Sarah, and John. The first husband died in infancy.

Elizabeth married William Walker. Two daughters were born to this second union. Emma and Mat Spencer.
Ellen remained single.

Ann married man Brown, died at Byron in the North West. No particulars of family — William. Ellen Mitchell, then family was Andrew, Ellen Cameron, William & Kate Bell. George & Jane, live near Ball, had children. Sarah Carter, John & Min Holmes, Ellen & Al Stafford. Elizabeth & James Smith.

William son after the death of his wife Ellen, married Margaret Cameron. One son born to them known in Sydney, who lives at the old home Rose, wife name unknown to self. She was born in England.

Their great-grandfather Gardner's second family was James, born about 1840. In the 1880s James went to Mandura District and remained there till his death about 1937 at the age of 97 years.

I do not know his wife's maiden name, all I know there are a family mostly sons, the only names I know are William and Albert,

Then John married a widow Ann, son Teddy, three children were born to them, one believes his name Walter, 0, Herbert, John, went to town was never returned, and Winifred who remained single. And Jane, who married George Mitchell. You would know more of the latter than I do,

After the death of great-grandfather Gardner, his widow married a man by name Arnold, and was called by the families Finney Arnold. She was buried at Fremantle Cemetery.
buried in the main church cemetery at Upper Rouchel. A headstone marks the spot.

Then you ask of me about Granny Mitchell. I know very little about the old lady. Believe her maiden name was Lane, not sure. I never saw her. I remember hearing a lot about her funeral. A message was sent to your grandfather after her death at Rose Vale. He set off with buggy and pair, not knowing the time of burial. He expected to cross the burn at the broad crossing 5 miles from Aberdeen on Rouchel Road. On arrival, the water was too deep to cross so had to go to Aberdeen to cross and turn about a mile from Rose Vale Road. The funeral, leaving about a.m., it turned out that a couple of busy bodies had taken the arrangements out of the hands of the Gardener. Jack Gardner did not attend the funeral. I think asked why his reply was, there are no roads here on Rose Vale. So it appeared that the barn was pretty fast.

Bundles had to be left and held by the Rev. Woman could not or not the service. Of course, that is now in the dun and distant past. I know it greatly upset your grandfather. You said in letter your mother was upset by all. I think this could be said of the whole Mitchell family. And for your father wasn't he a grand man? I well remember your family shifting to Arndarroch, I used the boy at Mr. Lord's of Myles Valley at the time, and it was her buggy and
Par of horses your father borrowed to shift the family. I also had a letter from Ernie Bone of Middlebrook. He wanted to know something of the Bone family so I wrote and told him what I knew of them. If you care to let
leave with you what I had written of the
Gardner family I expected to have a typed
written copy to lend you but it is out on loan.

But there is very little difference, in the typed
and hand written copies, I had 4 copies
typed, one is in the hands of Syd Gardner one
Arthur Spencer has it in Sydney one in the
Frome and Upper Hunter Historical Society and
the other is on loan locally to one who is going
to try and straighten it up a bit. The writings
are almost all out of my head and perhaps
could do with some straightening out. But
to anyone like yourself who knows the family
if it is readable, each one of the families
who have read it say it is a good effort.

Mar., Bridge 29/8/1962

If Elmo Bone went to World War I as did
Ernie his name should be added to the
Service List.
Obituary. The Late Mrs F. Adam.
The late Mrs Adam, wife of Mr Frederick Adam of Willowburn, Upper Roughed, who passed on in the Scott Memorial Hospital (Stone) on Thursday last in her 90th year, will be missed, yet affectionately remembered by not a few friends and acquaintances, as well as those who comprise the family circle.

Deeply felt and informed her reminiscences of the early days in the district were invariably interesting, and as they were related with a relish and colour that made them all the more fascinating, each mile stone of her long and useful life, had associated with it kindly thoughts for others.

Born at the old and historic farm house at Aberdeen on April 4th 1851, her father who was an engineer, and a native of Glasgow, Scotland, came to Australia over 100 years ago, and for some years on his own behalf conducted "The Hill," the historic land work and building still standing on the outskirts of Aberdeen, and still in a remarkable state of preservation, for some 55 years the late Mrs Adam resided on the Roughed, and where the old home was the centre of hospitality, and where a fervent welcome was always to be had, her husband too in the octogenarian stage of life, and himself a worthy...
member of the community survives, as also do three sons and one daughter, namely, Gethin, Arthur (Fairfield) Gordon, David, and Miss Margaret, an. Ad of Upper Rouchel, the son (Gordon) from service on the Western Front in the 1914-18 Great War. The old lady was almost 90 years old. To add, the last of her generation, was a sister of the late Mrs. William Bridge of Somme, whose husband was some years since a prodigious contributor to "The Advocate" of East Fife. Happenings hereabout, when the Upper Hunter was a waddling colt as it were, the funeral took place on Friday morning and was largely attended. Rev. D. Hamilton (Aberdeen) took the service in the Rouchel Presbyterian church, as he also did in the main Camp Cemetery (Upper Rouchel) a little later. (End of article)

The following, did not appear in "The Advocate" but written by the editor. The late Mrs. Frederic Adam (Aunt Peggy) and Elizabeth Morrison, was born at the old farm house at Aberdeen on 4th April 1851, and often said that the year of her birth should be easy to remember, as that was the year in which Harper first found payable gold in N.W. On her maternal side the late Elizabeth Adam Morrison was a descendant of the original Gardner family, who were born at Inniskillen, in the county Fermanagh, northern Ireland, and came to Australia in 1860. Elizabeth was the third daughter of John Morrison and his wife Mary Garner, the late John Morrison of a number of years before going to Aberdeen was engineer at the Lincluden Tweed Factory of the Tweedsmuir which opened in 1841. (Original date 28/11/1971)

The Scots Advocate January 1971, written by Mr. Rankin

Personal, last and lives at Bridge, former of Tweedsmuir.
Please attach to writings re Gardner family.

These writings, concerning the Gardner family and descendants, are not meant to be history of family, but with exception of a few details supplied by Sydney Gardner, of Rose Vale, Pouchel, and Aubrey Spencer, of Mossman. The whole account written is from memory. If more or less details are written of some of the descendants than others, it has only been through lack of knowledge of some of the families. What gave the writer the idea of writing came from the Scone and Upper Hunter Historical Society. Then Secretary Welfred Green asked me to pick one at least one family among the early settlers of the Upper Hunter. And write all I could about them. My reply was if I pick a family I may find that I know more.
details of some branches than others. His reply was, Write the facts as you know them. What we would like is truth, as far as you can write it which I have endeavored to do.

It will be noticed that two branches of the family received very little mention. They are. Ann Brown, nee Gardner, who died at Byron in the North West.

No details of her family.

And James Gardner, who went to the Manilla district in the 1880's, Endeavour was made to contact members of his family without result. What little I know of the latter two families is included in the writings.

So knowing more about the Gardner family of whom the writer is a descendant, than any others of among the early settlers decided on that family. They having been settlers for 118 years, 1840 to 1958.