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The King Family of Sawmillers

Yet another recent arrival on our bookshelf is *The King Family; William Parrott King and Hannah Barrett; 1814-2000*, comprising 320pgs of who begat whom compiled by **Cindy Lawson** and published 2001. While she traces the King/Barrett families of Little and Great Horwood, Buckinghamshire, back to the 1750s, we'll go with her priorities and start with **William** and **Hannah**, the first of her King families to venture to Australia. Cindy's story supplements the biographies of King, Garrard, Hollingworth and other interconnected families in **Neta Mackinnon's** *'What They Did; Families of the Brunswick 1880-1950*.

William Parrott King (1814 Little Horwood, Buckinghamshire, England –1883 Lismore) and **Hannah Barrett** (1809 Farthinghoe, Northamptonshire, England – 1889 Wardell) married 1833 Farthinghoe and begat:

1. **Ann King** (1834 Great Horwood – 1919 Dunoon) married at age 13 to (1) 'Ticket-of-Leave' convict **Thomas Nicholson Hollingworth** (1816 Norton by Malton, Yorkshire – 1872 South Lismore) 1847 Grafton, and at age 49 to (2) **Henry Dawe** (1837 Devonshire, England – 1938 Young) 1883 Lismore, and begat
 - A. **Diana (Dihanna) Hollingworth** (1849 Tucki Tucki – 1931 East Brisbane) married **Henry Alfred Garrard** (1839 West Maitland – 1915 South Brisbane) 1866 Lismore and begat 14 children, including
 - a. **James Alfred Garrard** (1869 'Rose Hill', Richmond River – 1941 Sydney) married **Margaret Annie Campbell** 1894 Ballina and begat 7 children, including **John Alfred Garrard** (1900 Alstonville – 1974 Mullumbimby) who married **Ialeen Matherson** 1923 (3 children) and **Mabel Pederson** 1935.
 - b. **Richard Milton Garrard** (1882 Rose Hill – 1969 Lismore) married **Grace Duncan** (1886-1963) 1906 Ballina and begat 13 children, including **Richard Cromwell Garrard** (1909 Alstonville – 2004 Mullumbimby) who married **Annie Louisa Tagget** (1912 Murwillumbah – 1995 Mullumbimby) 1934 Lismore.
 - B. **Mary Ann Hollingworth** (10Jan1851 Codrington – 1Jul1854 Coraki)
 - C. **Edward Barrett** (Richard) **Hollingworth** (1853 Coraki – 1943 Lismore) married **Barbara Cormie Elder** (1858 Kirk Caldry, Scotland – 1916 Lismore) 1879 Lismore and begat 9 children.
 - D. **Helen/Ellen Jane Hollingworth** (1855 Coraki – 1940 Redfern) married **James/Patrick McCaffrey** (1856 Sydney – 1921 Sydney) 1879 St Mary's Cathedral Sydney and begat 3 children, including Clara (1880 Sydney – 1905 Lismore).
 - E. **Elizabeth Hollingworth** (1857 Coraki – 1916 Byron Bay) married **George Taylor** (1861 – 1946) 1883 Lismore and begat 13 children, including **Lydia** (1895 Wardell – 1996 Brisbane) who married **George Wilson Law** (1892 Mullum - 1922 Mullum) 1913 Mullum, begetting 6 children and remarrying **George William Sterne** 1941 Brisbane.
 - F. **Clara Hollingworth** (1860 Coraki – 1942 Brisbane) married **Frederick Ridgway Furlonger** (1855 London – 1942 Brisbane) 1882 Lismore and begat 9 children, including **Charles Radcliffe Furlonger** (1889-1983), solicitor of Mullumbimby, who married **Alice Dyer**, Church of Christ Tabernacle, Lismore 1915.
 - G. **Harriett Hollingworth** (26Jan1862 Coraki – 16Feb1877 Lismore)
 - H. **Joseph Nicholson Hollingworth** (1864 Lismore – 1919 Glebe) married (1) **Annie McAndrew Ross** (1862 Cadboll, Ross Shire, Scotland – 1910 Mullumbimby) 1892 Lismore and (2) **Mary Jane King** (nee Kew) (1859 Warwick – 1936 Cooma) 1917 Mullumbimby, widow of **John Edmund King** (1855 Lismore – 1916 Mullumbimby) and begat 4 children;
 - a. **Margaret Ann Hollingworth** (1893 Lismore – 1957 Mullumbimby) married **Ernest Roy Maddy** (1893 Musswellbrook – 1966 Mullumbimby) 1913 Mullumbimby and begat 3 children.
 - b. **Isobel Mary Hollingworth** (1896 Lismore – 1985 Sydney) married **Norman Thomas John Craven** (1895 Balmain – 1984 Sydney) 1920 Mullumbimby and begat 2 children.
 - c. **Jessie Helen Hollingworth** (1899 Lismore – 1973 Lismore) married **Russell Mileham Wild** (1895 - 1956 Sydney) 1921 Mullumbimby and begat 2 children.
 - d. **David John Hollingworth** (1901 North Lismore – 1972 Brisbane) married **Linda Fanny Boxall** (1904 Cowra – 1989 Brisbane) 1923 Mullum and begat 5 children, including **Nicholson** (1924 Train St., Mullum – 2016 Pottsville) who wrote the story of *'The Mullumbimby Sawmill'* published by BVHS in 2013.
 - I. **Mary Bailie Hollingworth** (1867 Lismore – 1938 Nelson Building, Mullumbimby) married **Gerald McKillop**

- 1906 Sydney and begat **Daisie Mary McKillop** (1908 Bourke – 1989 Brisbane)
- J. **William Thomas Hollingworth** (1870 Lismore – 1960 Glebe) married **Mary Katherine Davis** (1875 Blakebrook, Lismore – 1935 Lismore) 1896 Lismore and begat 5 children.
2. **Edmund King** (1836 Great Horwood – 1895 Sydney, where he was verger at St Barnabas Anglican Church), married (1) **Hepzabah Crow** 1854 Clarence River and begat 8 children, (including above **John Edmund** (1855 – 1916) who married **Mary Jane Kew** 1886 Sydney and begat 3 sons, including **Hector John** who married **Lillian Olive Cassidy** 1915 Mullum). Married (2) **Emma Ann Bowers** 1872 Sydney and begat 4 children, including last child **Augustus Lismore King** 1880 Glebe.
 3. **David King** (1838 Great Horwood – 1899 Childers) married (1) **Sarah Jane Bradford** (1839 Antrim, Ireland – 1875 Gympie) 1864 Drayton, Toowoomba, and begat 5 children. Married (2) **Sophie Brewer**, nee **Cross**, (1845 Cambridge, England – 1931 Gympie) 1879 Gympie and begat 6 children.
 4. **Lydia King** (1840 Great Horwood – 1905 Wardell) married **John Stephen Lumley** (1834 Marylebone, London – 1918 Wardell) 1858 Casino and begat 12 children.
 5. **Thomas King** (1843 Great Horwood – 1909 Mullumbimby) married **Magdalen Ryder Yabsley** (1848 Ballina – 1905 Coraki) 10Jun1873 Coraki House and begat
 - A. **Mabel Ryder King** (1875 Coraki – 1929 Cooran, Qld) married **Harry Stephenson Risley** (1880 Picton – 1965 Pomona) 1907 Mullumbimby and begat 4 children.
 - B. **Charles Horwood King** (1877 Broadwater – 1963 Mullumbimby) married **Mary Isabel Risley** (1883 Bexhill – 1943 Myocum) 1906 Federal and begat 2 children.
 - C. **Thomas Henry King** (1879 Coraki – 1953 Newtown) married **Florence Pearl White** (1881 Lismore – 1965 Kogarah) 1900 Myocum and begat 9 children.
 - D. **Frederick Kneebone King** (1881 Broadwater – 1963 Jaffa/El Arish, Qld) married **Florence Richmond Risley** (1885 Lismore - 1955 Innisfail) 1920 Cooran, Qld and begat 4 children
 - E. **William Barrett King** (1883 Casino – 1963 Coffs Harbour) married **Lily Rose** (1888 Moryua – 1971 Coffs Harbour) 1912 Mullumbimby and begat 6 children.
 - F. **Raymond John King** (1886 Broadwater – 1961 Mullumbimby) married **Clarice Evelyn Hanigan** (1883 Shoalhaven – 1975 Mullum) 1908 Mullum and begat 6 children, including Phyllis Rosalyn (1914 Nambour – 1899 Blacktown) who married **Robert William Reddacliff** (1913 Mullum – 1985 Lidcombe) 1942 Mullumbimby.
 - G. **Leonard Yabsley King** (1889 Casino – 1945 North Sydney) married **Emma Lillian Row** (1887 Glebe – 1969 Tamworth) 1911 Mullumbimby and begat 3 children. (Emma remarried William Henry Madill 1946 Qld.)
 - H. **Violet Magdalen King** (1891 Woodburn – 1917 Nimbin) married **Owen Davis Searle** (1878 Concord – 1962 North Sydney) 1911 Mullumbimby and begat **Garth Searle** (1913-1995). (Owen remarried Christina Doris Alcorn 1919 Lismore.)
 6. **Betsy King** (1846 Back Creek, Kyogle – 1927 ‘Summer Hill’, Wardell) married **Edward Mallett** (1839 Sydney – 1919 Wardell) 1865 Casino and begat 10 children, including:
 - A. **William Mallett** (1868 Casino – 1959 Ballina) married (1) **Margery Gordon** (1885 – 1914 Roseberry, Kyogle) 1900 Ballina and begat 3 children. Married (2) **Alice Gowenlock Hopkinson** (1880 Clarendetown – 1933 Wardell) 1915 Casino and begat 4 children.
 - B. **Robert Raymond Mallett** (1872 Richmond River – 1924 Chatswood) and married (1) **Elizabeth Amy White** (1882 Balmain – 1915 ‘Rosebury’, Kyogle) 1907 Balmain and begat 4 children. Married (2) **Annie Mulrone** 1918 Chatswood and begat 1 daughter.
 - C. **Ada Bridget Mallett** (1874 Gundurimba – 1947 Mullumbimby) married **Charles Louis Armbruster** (1872 Morpeth – 1950 Wollongbar) 1899 Ballina and begat 4 children, including **Louis Victor Armbruster** (1902 Meerchaum Vale – 1984 Warwick) who started his international football career in Mullum.
 - D. **Marion Helen Mallett** (1882 Wardell – 1957 Lismore) married **Robert Charles Yabsley** (1881 Coraki – 1921 Coraki) 1907 Wardell and begat 5 children.
 7. **Benjamin King** (1848 Wyangarie – 1922 Dorrroughby) married (1) **Marion Martha Cook** (1849 - 1877 South Lismore) 1869 Lismore and begat 3 children. Married (2) **Elizabeth Cooke**, nee **Rose** (1857 – 1903 Lismore) 1878 Lismore and begat 10 children. [Son **Herbert William King** (1876 – 1954 Lismore) married **Agnes Spinks** 1899 Lismore and begat (1) **Colin Benjamin King** 1909 who married **Annabelle Garrard**, the granddaughter of **Henry Alfred Garrard** and **Diana Hollingworth**, and (2) **Heather Dawn King** 1914 who married **Keith Walter Reddacliff** (1920-1979) 1942 Murbah. And daughter **Alice Ivy Louisa King** (1887 Numulgi – 1967 Coraki), half-sister of Herbert, married **William George (Bullocky Bill) Arthur** (1880 Burrowa - 1965 Brunswick Heads) 1905 Dorrroughby in a dual ceremony with Bill’s sister **Hannah Arthur** to **Les Gaggin**. Many of Bill and Alice’s descendants became identities around the Brunswick, including builders **Arnold William (Doot) Arthur** (1918 Brunswick Heads – 1996 Mullumbimby) who married Dorothy **Una Irene Trent** (1919 Bangalow – 2000 Mullumbimby) 1940 Lismore, and **Loel Hunter Arthur** (1925 Lismore – 1972 Brunswick Heads) who married **Beryl Florence Parrish** (1926 Mullumbimby – 1996 Brunswick Heads) 1946 Lismore.]
 8. **Mathias King** (1850 Tucki Tucki – 1921 Gympie) married **Elizabeth Marion Arthur** (1853 Surry, England – 1917 Gympie) 1872 Gympie and begat 9 children.
 9. **Hester Harriet King** (1852 Tucki Tucki – 1921 Waverley) married **Hugh Quinn Duncan** (1848 Albertown, Adelaide – 1892 Wardell) 1872 Lismore and begat 7 children.

There’s a suspicion that **William King** may have been recruited in England by pastoralist **Ward Stephens** or his agents (or the agents of the NSW Government), as upon landing in Sydney on 31Jul1844 he and the family almost immediately

headed north to become shepherds at the 'Back Creek' outstation of Stephens' 128,000ac Runnymede Station, centred around Casino-Kyogle. It was taken up by Stephens in 1842 and was reputedly home to over 8000 sheep by the time the Kings arrived. William was afterwards employed at Wyangarie Station and was in charge of the station team of bullocks hauling supplies from Lawrence..., thence about 1852 the family moved to Coraki where he gained employment as a ship builder for **William Yabsley**. At some stage the Kings selected a block of 80 acres at South Lismore, which was subsequently sold to **John Lumley**, after which they worked around *Wardell, Tucki Tucki, Coraki, Woran, and finally retiring to Broadwater*. (The parish map for West Coraki shows **William King** taking up 6 selections totalling 570ac on Bungawalbin Creek over the period 1875-1878, while son Thomas acquired 2 selections totalling 100ac between 1879-1882, next to **Henry Lumley** with 213ac. By the time **Chris Hetherington** of Clunes acquired 'Horwood' in Sep1898 it consisted of 1900ac, suggesting all the 'King' selections had been consolidated into one holding, supplemented by more acquisitions along the way.)

Brunswick

The first of the offspring to put down roots in the Brunswick district appears to be **Thomas King** (1843-1909) who turned up at Myocum in late 1896 to acquire two properties after a stint as a sugar grower in partnership with **Alex Meston** at Woodburn. (Thomas may have gained familiarity with the district during an earlier interlude at Byron Bay when he was recruited by **Charlie Jarrett** to oversee the salvage and rebuild of the schooner *Brilliant* after it had been driven ashore at the Bay in mid1876.) He and the family immediately got involved in Brunswick affairs, particularly daughter **Mabel** (1875-1929), a stalwart of almost every district function as an organizer and musician until she married **Harry Risley** of Federal and became a farmer's wife at Cooran in Queensland. The guest list for her wedding at the Anglican Church and reception at the School of Arts reads like a 'Who's Who' of the district and further afield. Upon her death at Cooran the *Mullum Star* was moved to say she was beloved throughout the length and breadth of the Brunswick district in the early days of twenty years ago. Some slight indication of the love and esteem in which the kindly lady was held, may be gathered when it is mentioned that on the day of her marriage (Mullumbimby township was not so large then), all the business places of the town were closed to enable everyone to attend the ceremony....



The Thomas King family 1903

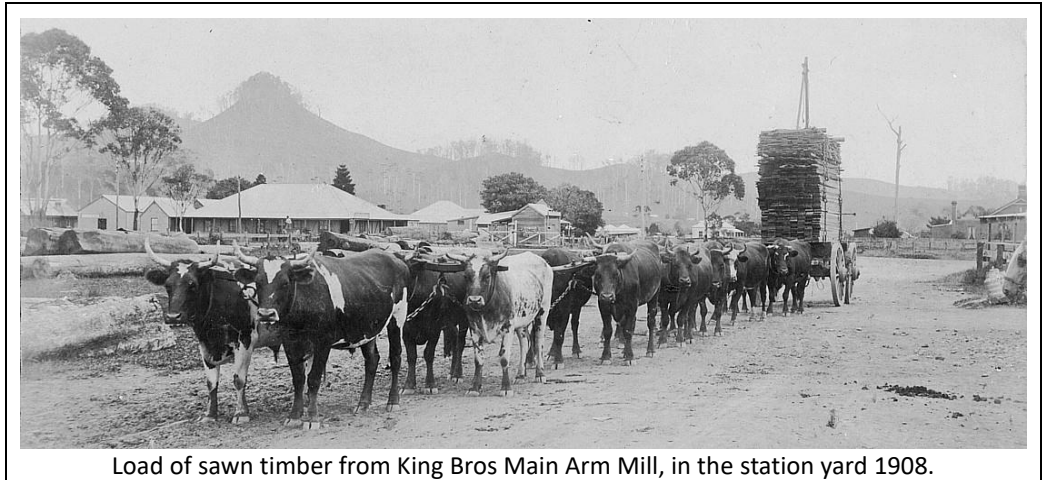
Rear L to R: Thomas Henry, Frederick Kneebone, William Barrett, Raymond John.
Seated: Charles Horwood, Mabel Ryder, Violet Magdalen, Leonard Yabsley.

[By-the bye, the **Risleys** were part of a group of fellow Federal adventurers who settled in and around Cooran, within the general area that became known as the 'Rural District of Federal', so named from the *Federal Group*, a group of selectors who arrived in the area in 1905-6 from Federal near Lismore in the Northern Rivers district of New South Wales... says website [Black Mountain, Federal, Pinbarren & Ridgewood \(noosa.qld.gov.au\)](http://blackmountain.federal.pinbarren.ridgewood.noosa.qld.gov.au), which also provides brief Risley family details along with the history of that district's 'Federal School and 'Federal Hall'.]

Thomas King's obituary notes that *He was a non-smoker and never tasted any alcoholic liquor.... Regret is deep and widespread in the Brunswick district that such a splendid specimen of a man in every respect should be cut off in the full vigour of his manhood....* The hearse was followed by a large number of the leading citizens of the town and by the employees of the Main Arm sawmills and Hollingworth and Mallett's sawmills.... (The *Richmond River Herald* at Coraki gave him 1½ columns). At this time son **Charles** was holding the fort at Myocum, while **Thomas, William** and **Leonard** were sawmilling at Main Arm, and **Fred** and **Ray** farming at Cooran with brother-in-law **Harry Risley**. **Violet** was also at Main Arm and still there in 1911 when she married **Owen Searle**, manager of the Bank of NSW at Nimbin and late of Mullum. Like **Mabel's** wedding, it was a grand affair with rellies from all over the region fed by a Lismore caterer at the School of Arts. Three months earlier Violet and Owen had been respective bridesmaid and groomsman at the marriage of

Leonard King to **Emma Row**, daughter of Mullum storekeeper **Reg Row**. And a few weeks after the Searle wedding Leonard bought his brothers out of the Main Arm sawmill, although giving milling away a couple of years later upon moving to Sydney. Thomas remained farming at Main Arm and subsequently got tied up in an administrative nightmare upon selling portion of his land to the Repatriation Department for Soldier Settlement Blocks (after making a run for the Byron Shire Council).

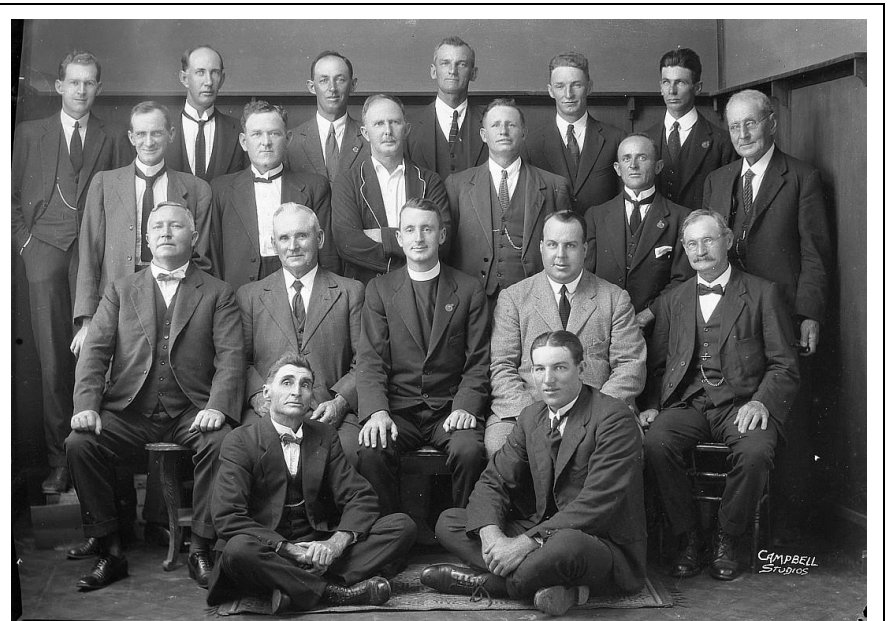
William, after a temporary sojourn in Sydney, returned to take on a heavier involvement with Church of England affairs, his major contribution being overseeing the erection of St Martin's Memorial Church. Mullum finally got its War Memorial on 25Mar1925, which marked an epoch in the history of Mullumbimby that for generations to come will be spoken of with pride.... There is no need to repeat here the



Load of sawn timber from King Bros Main Arm Mill, in the station yard 1908.

many attempts to raise a PUBLIC Memorial in Mullumbimby and the apathy shown by the vast majority to bring the matter to fruition.... In proposing the toast, the Rev Lilley of Brisbane had to include the name of one man, **Mr W.B. King**, who had faced and overcome insuperable difficulties. It was owing largely to his undaunted courage that the people of Mullumbimby had the Church just dedicated....(Bone up on the War Memorial saga at [127.-Newsletter-April-2023.pdf](#) (mullumbimbymuseum.org.au))

William's praises continued to be sung at his farewell in Apr1925 upon taking up the job of Anglican Diocesan Registrar at Grafton. **Rev Collins**, who nominated him for the position, said that *Mr King had had conferred on him the highest position a member of the laity could attain in the church.... St Martin's Memorial Church would ever stand as a monument to his work in Mullumbimby.... In every town there was one person, or family, who was looked on as the soul of the town. In Mullumbimby that person could truly be said to be **William Barrett King**. He had often heard it said about town of Mr King that any movement that "Bill" King was associated with, was clean and straight and right.... As well as the church, he also donated his time and labour to build the vicarage. He was the worthy son of a good father..., for the name of the late **Mr Tom King** was a name respected and revered by everyone....* He was also



Anglican Parochial Council 1921

Rear L to R: C. Lindsay, J.H. Cowen, L. Rose, W.B. King, G. Williams, S. Cornwell
Third Row: R. Dalrymple, C. Bryen, F.I. Ward, F. Piff, A.W. Rollo, E.J. Laman
Seated: G. Mallam, W. Graham, Rev A.G. Moore, Dr. Cockburn, H. Nelson.
Front: E. Barrett, E. James

President of the P&C and given a farewell from the rural school, and in responding said *He had been assured by those in a position to speak, that the High school course was proving a failure in country centres... and the five years spent by the other scholars, who did not intend following a profession, spoilt them, inasmuch as it made them disinclined to hard work, and AUSTRALIA WANTED MEN WHO WERE NOT AFRAID OF HARD WORK..., and every girl soundly instructed in the domestic arts....* (Refresh on Mullum school history at [128.-Newsletter-May-2023.pdf](#) (mullumbimbymuseum.org.au))

His enlightened first cousin, **John Edmund King** (1855-1916), was not afraid of hard work. He was educated at Fort Street Public School in Sydney and after a period as a teacher, accountant and some entrepreneurial activity with butcher shops, turned up in Mullum in 1909 to become bookkeeper, and allegedly shareholder, at the Hollingworth and Mallett sawmill. He was secretary of the School of Arts for a short period before taking on the long-term auditor's job. He was also acting

Town Clerk of the Municipality for a period and a cricket tragic, serving as secretary of the Brunswick Cricket Association for many years. His half Chinese wife, **Mary Jane** (Jeannie), nee **Kew**, was also active in the community, amongst other things serving as president and treasurer of the Mullum Branch of the *Citizens War Chest Committee*. Son **Hector** (1892 - 1962) married **Lillian Olive Cassidy** (1895–1981) 1915 Mullum with a scaled down reception for 40 guests squeezed into Feros Bros *Popular Café*, presided over by bestman **Ernest Roy Maddy** (1893-1966), another mill employee. Husband and father John died 28Nov1916 and a year later widow Mary Jane married widower **Joe Hollingworth**, the father-in-law of Ernie Maddy.

Joe Hollingworth's nephew, **James Alfred Garrard** (1869-1941), the grandson of **Henry Garrard** of Tunstall/Twickenham and Blakebrook/Boorie Stations, is also alleged to have been an early Brunswickian, moving to Tyagarah shortly after his marriage in Lismore in 1894 and 3yrs later becoming one of the first employees of the Mullum sawmill erected by **J.E. Glasgow**. (Glasgow is also credited with establishing Lismore's first sawmill in ~1874, but Henry Garrard had the '*Lismore Steam Sawmill*' operating on 10ac in South Lismore by at least the late 1850s.) Refresh on the Glasgow story at [89.-Newsletter-October-2019.pdf \(mullumbimbymuseum.org.au\)](#).



James Garrard 1920 Mullum

The coupling of **Alice (Ivy) King** (1887-1967) and **William (Bullocky Bill) Arthur** (1880-1965) was representative of the general trend of the district's early selector families to become interconnected through marriage. Their story is well-covered in the prodigious research effort of **Wesley Edward Arthur**, long-time resident of the historic '*Ivy Hill*' farm, who donated a copy of his book *The Arthurs; 150 Years in Australia 1838-1988* to BVHS back in 1989. Wes himself is the grandson of Huonbrook pioneer **Wesley Albert Arthur** (1879-1944), the first cousin of Bullocky Bill. All originated from the interconnected Arthurs and Dorroughs of the isolated Methodist community of Dorroughby, whose story will be reviewed at a later date.

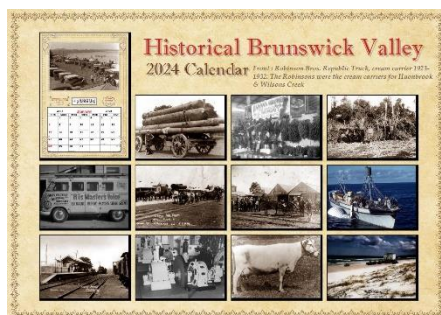
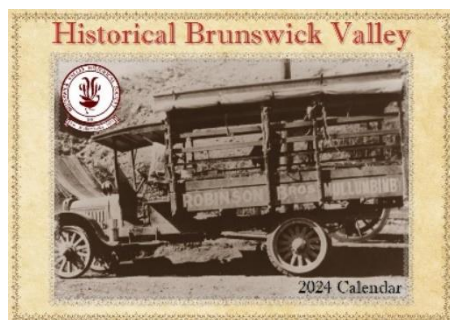
[On consanguineous interconnections, Wes notes the *concern of Robert Young Arthur* (1845-1922) and other senior members of the family to the increasing numbers of cousins marrying.... His sons **John** and **Henry**, who had predominately male children, were sent to Queensland... whereas **Sam** and **Will** with mainly girls remained in the Lismore area....]

And that's where we'll leave this brief King résumé. Next up is the view from the Hollingworth perch in the family tree (and the place of **Joe Hollingworth** in the Dorrough's *Pioneer Canadian Sawmill* in North Lismore). Stay tuned.

Walker family Update

	<p>In the story on <i>The Protestant Work Ethic of the Catholic Walkers</i> at 110.-Newsletter-September-2021.pdf (mullumbimbymuseum.org.au) we referenced A Little Bit of Irish - My Mother's People in Australia by William Skyvington - Issuu, which is now no longer available for download.</p> <p>But for those interested in pursuing this book, BVHS holds the DVD and a hardcopy of the version published in 2013.</p> <p>William Skyvington's great grandfather, Charles Walker (1851 Reidsdale – 1918 Grafton), was the brother of Patrick Walker (1845 Reidsdale – 1941 Mullumbimby, buried Maclean), the patriarch of the Mullum clan.</p> <p>By-the-bye, Mary Ann Walker (1841 Braidwood – 1932 Orange), the sister of Charles and Patrick, married the surveyor Isaiah Rowland (1826 Sydney – 1878 Auckland, NZ), who helped establish the NSW/Qld border and features in <i>The Bray Family Papers</i> at 118.-Newsletter-June-2022.pdf (mullumbimbymuseum.org.au).</p>
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NEW DISPLAY

BVHS was recently the recipient of a wonderful legacy from **Ilma Grace Woodward /Stokes**. (23/6/1919-14/8/2022)

Ilma's cap & gown are on display with her photo and bio.

... Forty years after Ilma retired from her role as the head of Chatswood High School, Mrs Woodward remains passionate about the importance of teaching.

'When people think about schools, they usually think about the students,' she says. 'But the teachers are very important too. I had a reputation for looking after the teachers and for supporting them to try new things in the classroom.'

While these days women principals are a common occurrence, back when Mrs Woodward was appointed to the job it was much less common.

...Mrs Woodward's success began much earlier when she was granted a scholarship to attend university. She studied hard and received the university medal. Soon after she got her first teaching job at Wentworth in the state's far southwest...She went on to teach in Yass, Nowra, Sutherland, Hornsby, and Maitland, before being promoted to principal of Picton High and eventually Chatswood High.

It was while Ilma was working at Sutherland High that she met Lionel Woodward, a lecturer in French at Sydney University. After Lionel died, some years later, Ilma married George Stokes, part of the well-known Stokes family of Mullumbimby.

The couple made numerous trips up to the Shire from their home in Sydney, and spent an extended period here in the 90s when George was suffering from poor health. When George died in 1997, Ilma moved back to Sydney for a while, but never felt at home there. She returned to Mullumbimby where she celebrated her 100th in 2019 and passed away in 2022 aged 103.

(Source: Paul Bilby, Byron Shire Echo)



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