

Grace Scott

Mount Macquarie.

Our Mount Macquarie correspondent under date 25<sup>th</sup> May, narrated circumstances which are peculiar and distressing in their bearing upon one of the chief families in the locality of Mount Macquarie. Our correspondent says - On Saturday morning 22<sup>nd</sup> inst Mr Robert Lock, formerly of Bathurst and father of Mr Lock of this place, breathed his last after ailing for some time. The deceased gentleman had just entered his eighty fifth year, and his declining health led his relatives to think that his end was near, and they were consequently somewhat prepared. Not so however, in the case of another member of the family. Mr Wm. Starr of Budal, father of Mrs Lock. This gentleman had left Budal some 20 miles from Orange in perfect health, just previously to visit his daughter at Mount Macquarie. After a few days he became suddenly ill. Every attention that fond and loving hearts was rendered but without avail. Dr. Smith of Barcoo pronounced the case almost hopeless from the first, and Mr Starr breathed his last at half past two on Sunday afternoon



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just as the funeral of the older relative was taking place. While Mr Lock was following his fathers remains to the grave, his wife was witnessing the last faint breathing of her father. Both losing their fathers in two days. Mr Starr's body was conveyed to Blayney, thence by train to Orange. Mr R Lock Senr. leaves behind him 8 children, 11 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.  
Bathurst Free Press.

We came across this article among my parents belongings. Robert Lock was your grandfather Edwin's father also my grandfather Robert Peters father & Muriel Brown's grandmother Harriets father. and Wm Starr was my grandmother Sophies father. I do not know where G. Grandfather <sup>Cock</sup> was buried, but when they first came to Neville they lived on the Lachlan Rd about 1 mile out of Neville, where there are still a few old plum trees, and then my father told me they lived in a small place south of Neville behind the cemetery & all that's left there now are a few quince trees. I have an old iron bedstead handed down to me by Ethel Gates, my husbands sister, and she said it had



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been given to her mother by Aunt Harriet. It is one with the battens that button on the frame and is stored in the loft in my car shed. I spent five weeks in Canberra with my daughter and one afternoon we drove to Forrest just to see where you lived.

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Dear Phillis, Grace Scott is here today & wrote you a letter with about all she knows of the old Robert Cook, Kiville has not had a cemetery earlier than the present one, they were buried in the church yards before that & earlier than that they were buried ~~at~~ the Home or under an ornamental tree, but cant find anything of where the old folk were buried, the church of England was built in 1875 so they would not have been buried there so they could have been buried at the house under a tree however we would like you to come & see for yourself you would <sup>be</sup> quite welcome if I am able, I have been ill since last the end of April but am feeling much better, I have <sup>heard</sup> of the book (the letters of John Maxwell). Grace has sent you three photos. Thank you for your very nice letter & discription of your place. I hope our letter arrives properly.

yours sincerely Muriel Brown

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This was also pasted on the same folder.

M<sup>rs</sup> Sophia Lock.

The death occurred on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July of M<sup>rs</sup> Sophia Lock, relict of the late Robert Peter Lock of Neville who died the very same day twelve months ago. M<sup>rs</sup> Lock went to Sydney with the intention of spending the winter with her only daughter M<sup>rs</sup> Cutting of Newtown, but contracted pneumonia and passed away very quickly. The body was brought to Blayney and thence to Neville for interment where a large number of friends met to pay their last respects to an old resident. Rev. Kay Mason read the funeral service and arrangements were carried out by Messrs Bam and John Reed. The late M<sup>rs</sup> Lock was 73 years of age and had lived many years in the Neville district. In addition to her daughter she leaves two sons Bert and Alfred both of Neville.