

A Whitten History



Edward



Ann



Joseph



Anthony



Henry

(and a few Masons)

By Russ Bell
2nd Edition 1988
(Revised 2008)

INTRODUCTION

I first met some Whittens when, as a young teacher in Quirindi, I met the family of Doris Whitten, whom I was to marry; but I did not take any great interest in all the Whittens as a family until fifty years later. After my retirement from teaching, I began to hear the interesting background of various other Whittens, and how their story went back to Ireland, and even farther back in history.

A family member gave me the duplicated data about some Whittens assembled by Gladys Whitten; and it was apparent that one might undertake a complete revision of this material with the help of descendants scattered all over N.S.W. We gained support from those interested relatives, whose addresses and genealogy are given within.

My story of the Whitten families is given sincerely, without prejudice, and simply as factual material gathered; from many helpful people. In these times, we are quite ready to accept children before marriage, children without any marriage, and who shall cast the first stone? Not me! If there are some of these in Whitten history, it only makes them more appealingly human.

It is asked that any of you sighting errors, or knowing of additions will let me know. To illustrate errors and discrepancies, one has only to look at the death certificates of the four Whitten brothers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Yrs in Colony</u>	<u>~ Arrival Date</u>
Edward	1893	58	28	1865
Joseph	1895	55	35	1860
Anthony	1914	73	51	1863
Henry	1921	78	63	1858

There is only one of the brothers whose arrival is exactly known, and fully documented. This is Joseph, who did not arrive in 1860; who was not 55 at his death; and who had not been in the colony for 35 years. Except for his year of death, everything on this certificate is wrong! So how much can we rely on other certificates, such as baptism, birth, or marriage? In my experience, one must be very, very wary.

My own grandfather gave his age at marriage as 25; he was 30! My great-grandfather stated he was 38 years old on the birth of a child; five years later, his age was given as 48! Such errors make research extremely difficult. Rechecking, and cross-checking, are absolutely essential. Rumours are valueless without undeniable proof.

Let us hope that you find our History interesting, as well as truthful.

Russ Bell

Randwick, 1984

Introduction to 2nd Edition

The foregoing introduction was placed at the beginning of the first edition of our Whitten History, which was produced after two years of research. It was written out in my longhand, simply because no typewriter was available; and printed on the photocopier at the local council library. Then the large size A3 copies were painstakingly cut in half by scissors, and assembled on my lounge room floor, to be made up into a size A4 book. The pages, and the hand-made covers, were then held together with strong, plastic spines.

All of our Whitten relatives received the book enthusiastically; and some of them soon responded to my appeal for further information, and sent me additional data regarding their families. I duplicated this material off, and for a couple of extra dollars, everyone received this added information, to file away with their histories.

Now that I possess a typewriter, and have many bits end pieces of loose Whitten material, I thought it appropriate to assemble a second edition of the history in an improved format. The data really deserves proper publication by a commercial printer, complete with many more family photographs to brighten up the pedigrees. However, that is an expensive proposition these days -- its financing, in conjunction with a Whitten reunion, is a possibility that someone may consider viable.



Kindest regards to all Whitten descendants

Russ Bell

Randwick, 1988

Further Updating of Russ Bell's 2nd Edition

Alan Alderton, Lexie Prince and I have been confirming Russ Bell's data whilst digitizing the document for easier dissemination.

Errors found have been fixed in the process and other information requiring amendment has been dealt with. We are still looking for photos and anecdotes so they can be added to an upgrade of this book and also to a web site. I can be contacted at Tim@Hobson.net.au or you can get to the website at www.hobson.net.au where you will find information on the larger spread of the family. To get access to all information you will need to email me so I provide the access password to you.

Tim Hobson (Canberra, 2008)

INTERESTED DESCENDANTS

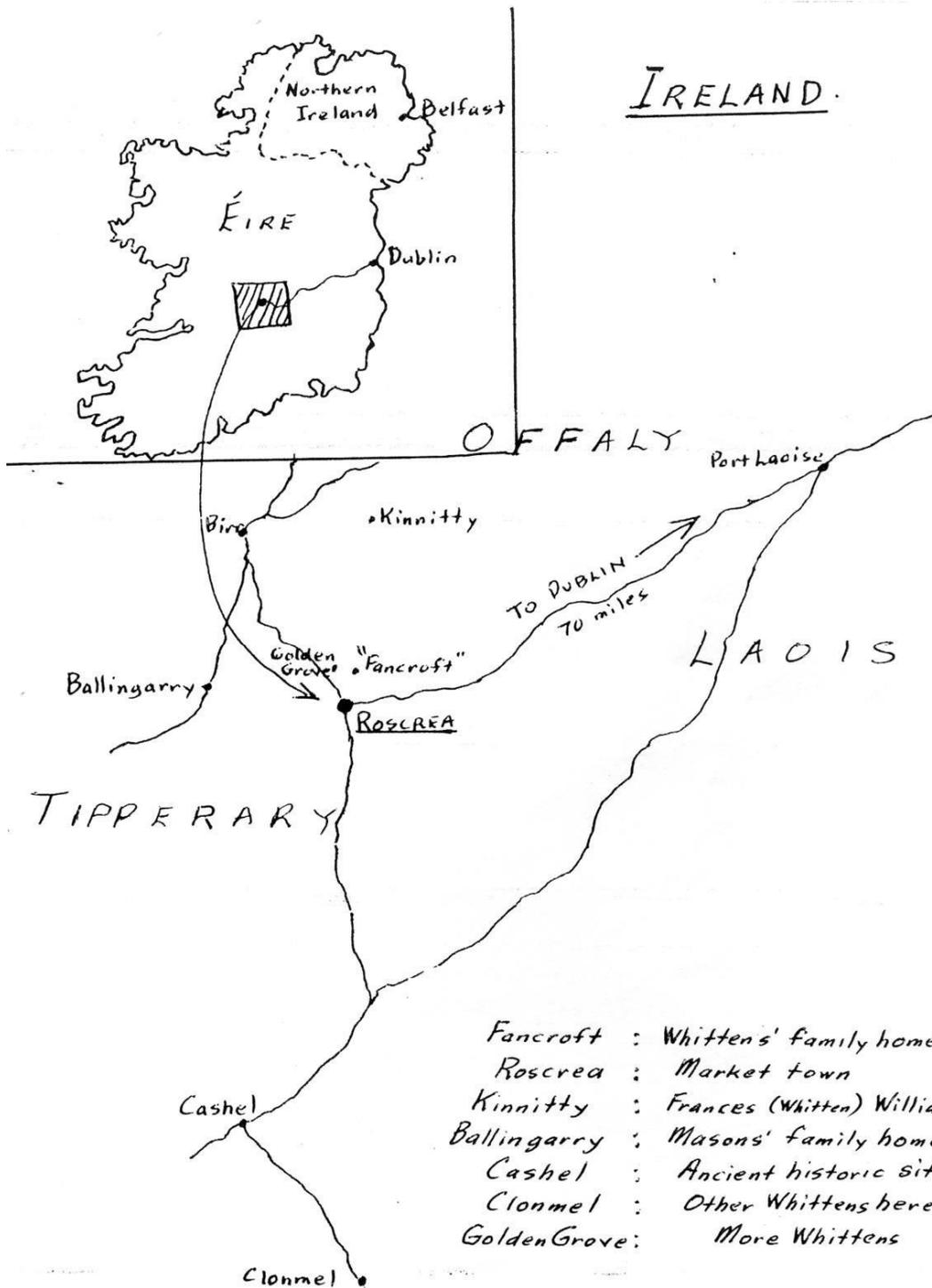
Mrs Joyce Whitten "Wonga Lea" DURI 2344 (Widow of Adrian Whitten, son of Thomas, son of EDWARD)	Mrs Edna Welfield 4 Bruce St TAMWORTH 2340 (Daughter of Eveline (Whitten) Barnett, daughter of EDWARD)
Mrs Betty Aberdeen Park St NEW BRIGHTON 2483 (Daughter of Lucas Whitten, son of EDWARD)	Mrs Marie Wallace Farm 6, Widgee, via GRIFFITH 2680 (Daughter, of Kathleen (Whitten) Bielefeld, daughter of Roland Richard, son of HENRY)
Mrs Hilda Whitten 10/6 Bent St TAMWORTH 2340 (Wife of Gordon Whitten, son Roland Richard, son of HENRY)	Mrs Helen Fraser 10 Caley Crescent Narrabundah ACT 2604 (Daughter of Alfred Rowland, son of ANN (Whitten) ROWLAND)
Mrs Gwynne Gleeson 126 Bultje St DUBBO 2830 (Daughter of Frederick Whitten, son of ANTHONY)	Mr Frank Whitten "Glenara" Bureen via DENMAN 2328 (Son of Halwyn Richard, son of William, son of JOSEPH)
Mr Mervyn Whitten Hollylea Rd LEUMEAH 2560 (Son of Lucas Whitten, son of EDWARD)	Mrs "Connie" Smith 2 Weonga Place [Deceased 1991] SAN REMO 2262 (Daughter of Frederick, son of ANTHONY)
Mrs Phyllis Hohnen 71 Empire Circuit FORREST ACT 2603 (Daughter of Alfred Whitten, son of ANTHONY)	Mr & Mrs Terry Smith 178 Oxley Highway PORT MACQUARIE 2444 (Terry is the son of "Connie" Smith above)
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Mrs Bernice Reading "Killarney", RMB GOWRIE 2340 (Daughter-in-law of Alice (Whitten) Reading, Daughter of Roland Richard, son of HENRY)	Mr Reginald ("Rex") Whitten 34 Nile St [Deceased 1999] MAYFIELD 2304 (Son of Gladys Whitten, daughter of Frederick, son of ANTHONY)

Mrs Audrey Hausfeld 71 George St GUNNEDAH 2380 (Daughter of Henry Jr, son of HENRY)	Mrs Beth Hobson 21 Cheddar St, BLAKEHURST 2221 (Daughter of Alfred Giles, son of ANTHONY)
Mrs Verlie Fowler 37 Macleay St BRADBURY 2560 (Daughter of Mervyn, son of Lucas, son of EDWARD)	Mrs Sue Janes P.O. Box 485 NARRABRI 2390 (Daughter of Keith, son of Frederick, son of ANTHONY)
Mrs Madge Herden 109 Harriet St WARATAH 2298 (Daughter of Percy Havelock, son of HENRY)	Mr Kevin Whitten 39 Hall St TAMWORTH 2340 (Son of Percy Havelock, son of HENRY)
Mrs Doris Bell 2/9 Kara St RANDWICK 2031 (Daughter of Anthony Jr ("Tony"), son of ANTHONY)	Mrs Cherie Bass 11 Ilma Crescent SYLVANIA 2224 (Daughter of Doris Bell above)
Mrs Joan Davidson 15 Alban St TAREE 2430 (Daughter of Frederick, son of ANTHONY)	

The above people contributed funds to cover the costs of producing the first edition of the Whitten History. Some of them were also very helpful in supplying, or indicating a source of supply for, the photographs of the pioneer Whittens, which we included in the story.

If we call these Irish pioneers the first generation of Whittens in Australia, then what we now need are photographs, and illustrations, to show the people, the homes, and the events connected with the second generation (the sons and daughters of the pioneers). Anecdotes and stories passed down about these people would also be most interesting. Should anyone have anything from which I could make copies, I would be glad to produce some additional pages of such material.

Two people not known about earlier (descendants of Joseph Whitten) who have produced their own family's story are Don Whitten and Joan Blaxell. They kindly sent me a copy of their booklet; and I have included details (in an abbreviated form) in the section on JOSEPH.



THE IRISH WHITTENS

The saga of many Whitten families in Australia begins with four sons of an Irish family in the early 1800s. Just one special word about their origins. There is a rumour (and a rumour is only a rumour, until it can be absolutely proved as fact) that an early family of Whittens came across to Ireland from England in the wake of Oliver Cromwell.

This would be 200 years before, in the 1650s; and we know that when Cromwell crushed the Irish resistance, and slaughtered all the men women and children in Drogheda and Wexford because they would not submit, he had a simple solution to the Irish problem: "Go to Hell, or go to Connaught!" The Irish were dispossessed of their properties, which were handed to Cromwell's English supporters; and 3,000 of them settled down on 11,000,000 acres of Irish soil, to eventually become thoroughgoing Irishmen themselves.

Whatever the truth of the rumour, our reliable and authenticated beginnings for our Whittens is at the end of the 18th Century, with the earliest forebears known, and these are:

William Whitten and Prudence Clery

A professional Irish researcher, employed by Frances Williams (who you will soon meet) found in the Marriage Licence Bonds for the Parish of Seirkieran, Diocese of Killable, Barony of Ballybritt, in King's County, a bond for these two people in 1790. Also recorded there is a later marriage bond (in 1821.) for William's son, Edward Whitten and Martha Lucas.

There were no Whittens at the family home of "Fancroft" (a town land near Roscrea, Tipperary) in 1821; but in the Tithe Applotments of 1833 the landlord was a man named Francis Jackson, and the occupier was William Whitten. He held 26 acres of land, and paid a tithe of £1.12.6. Edward inherited the farm, and died there in 1850.

In the Griffith Valuations of 1854, the immediate lessors of "Fancroft" were James Graves and Geo. Jackson (maybe the son of the earlier Francis Jackson?); and the occupier was Robert Whitten (eldest son of Edward). He now held 80 acres, valued at £60.

The birthplace of many early Whittens is stated as Roscrea, which is not strictly correct. Roscrea, in County Tipperary, is very close to the boundary with King's County (now called Offaly); and all our Whittens were born 2½ miles north of Roscrea, at the family home of "Fancroft" in Offaly. Since Roscrea would be their nearest town for goods and mail, it would be natural for them to give it as their birth place. (see map next page)



County OFFALY
(formerly King's County)

We think that William Whitten was the father of Edward Whitten, who married Martha Lucas about 1820 or '21. Edward inherited the farm at Fancroft. We know that he had a brother Robert living in the same area near Roscrea, and also another one named Anthony living at Clonmel.

Notice particularly, those three names - Edward, Robert and Anthony. They were very popular in the Whitten family; and reappear again and again through the generations.



Edward built up the farm at Fancroft, until his sad and unusual death in 1850, when he would have been about 54 or 55.

Outside the huge kitchen was a grindstone, used for sharpening many farmyard tools. On the particular day, Edward had been outside sharpening an axe before breakfast, came into the kitchen, and then collapsed onto the cups on the table (presumably of a heart attack).

His eldest son Robert, who would have been 28 years old at the time, then assumed control of the farm. The later "Australian" Whittens would have ranged from "Ned" (15) to Henry (8)

(There were other families of Whittens, sometimes spelt Whitton, only a few miles away, at a place called Golden Grove. One of these Whitton groups was definitely armigerous, as a coat of arms was registered for them, and filed in Ulster.)

The progress of Whittons in Ireland seems to have been a transfer to the southern counties from northern Ulster; and the earliest Whittons in Ireland appear to have originated in the middle counties of England, such as Hampshire and Lincolnshire, before emigration.

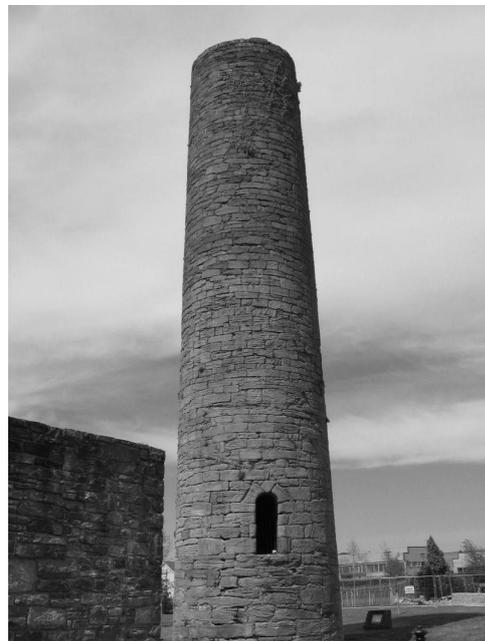
After these notes we included a) an extract from the 1871 Census in Ireland, showing the "townland" of Fancroft and its particulars; b) part of the Ordinance Survey of King's County, showing the position of Fancroft.

The town of Roscrea, which would have played a most important part in the life of the Whittens, is 40 miles from Dublin, on the road to (and 35 miles from) Limerick.

The name means "a marshy place" and there was in ancient times a monastery on the nearby promontory called Ros Cré. St Cronan built a second monastery nearer the town site, and there still exist a few remains, particularly a Round Tower, a High Cross, and the west gable of a Romanesque abbey.



Old West Gable



Round Tower - Roscrea

In another part of the town are the remains of a strong castle built by order of King John in the 1200s.

Roscrea was once a busy market town with 32 hotels, and streets full of cattle and sheep, not to mention sturdy ponies in their groups, for sale. From several surrounding hills there are still to be enjoyed the vista of interesting sights, and the lush-green Irish countryside.

The original parish comprised 10,719 acres, as apportioned under the tithe act; and the adjacent land is extremely fertile. There is a chalybeate spring at Corville, near the town.

No. of Sheet of the Ordnance Survey Maps.	Names of Townlands and Towns.	Area in Statute Acres.	County.	Barony.	Parish.	Poor Law Unions.		Census of 1871 Part I.	
						Poor Law Unions.	Poor Law Electoral Divisions.		
		A. R. P.						Val.	Pop.
8	Fanevelly	215 2 15	Donegal	Kilnacroman	Clondavodlog	Millford	Faan North	111	342
28	Fanebog	24 2 1	King's	Coolestown	Clonast	Edenderry	Bracknagh	111	446
42	Faneboff	490 1 1	King's	Ballybritt	Selkirkan	Roscrea	Aghannon	111	412
11, 47	Faneck	88 2 3	Cork, E. R.	Ballymore	Templeobla	Cork	Queensdown	111	74
37, 38	Faneil	214 0 21	Tipperary, N. R.	Owey and Arra	Kilvillane	Neagh	Newport	111	74
48	Faneingobog	112 1 27	Tipperary, N. R.	Silverdagh	Lismalin	Callan	Modeshill	111	547
22, 23	Faneingstown	421 2 19	Kilkenny	Iverk	Owring	Carrik-on-Sair	Pilltown	111	311
24	Faneingtown	404 2 28	Limerick	Coohles	Partides	Croos	Partides	111	472
31	Faneingtown	444 0 24	Limerick	Coohles	Adare	Croos	Ussanora	111	472
12, 22	Faneingtown	1,040 0 22	Limerick	Smallcounty	Fedamore	Croos	Fedamore	111	412
46	Faneystown	122 2 22	Wexford	Bary	Danacornick	Wexford	Danacornick	111	214
1, 4	Faneys Bog	49 1 7	Clare	Burra	Killeshane	Ballyraghan	Derreen	111	21
1, 4	Faneys More	1,172 2 18	Clare	Burra	Killeshane	Ballyraghan	Girrahugh	111	21
2, 9	Faneys Glebe	272 2 24	Clare	Coronaroo	Killeshane	Killeshane	Killeshane	111	21
22, 24	Faneys North	164 1 4	Tipperary, N. R.	Killeshane Upper	Glenkeen	Thurles	Glenkeen	111	212
24	Faneys South	181 2 4	Limerick	Coohles	Kilbreehy Major	Kilmallock	Balgaden	111	212
48	Faneys	222 2 22	Clare	Burra	Carra	Ballyraghan	Castletown	111	212
2, 10	Faneys	342 2 24	Clare	Burra	Carra	Ballyraghan	Castletown	111	212
37	Faneys	122 1 24	Monaghan	Farney	Magheron	Carrikmacross	Killeshane	111	212
10	Faneys	1,127 1 27	Cork, E. R.	Farney	Farney	Mitchelstown	Farney	111	212
38	Faneys	441 2 12	Wicklow	Ballsacor South	Moysa	Shilleagh	Coolballintertart	111	112
41, 42	Faneys	222 2 2	Howth	Athlone	Killeshane	Roscommon	Athlone East	111	412
44	Faneys	174 1 17	Tyrone	Clogher	Clogher	Clogher	Rallagh	111	412
44, 48	Faneys	222 2 22	Tyrone	Clogher	Clogher	Clogher	Rallagh	111	412
12	Faneys	222 2 22	Fermanagh	Magheraboy	Magheraboy	Kesh	Ely	111	412
29, 32	Faneys	172 1 22	Westmeath	Clonsilla	Killeshane	Athlone	Tabbet	111	412
2, 4	Faneys	422 0 17	Longford	Longford	Killeshane	Longford	Ballinacree West	111	412
42, 47	Faneys	222 2 22	Wexford	Forth	Killeshane	Wexford	Rathgort	111	412
40	Faneys	22 1 2	Fermanagh	Clarlilly	Gallon	Cloos	Mullyagowan	111	412
8	Faneys	72 1 1	Fermanagh	Lurg	Magheraculoney	Irvinestown	Kesh	111	412
21, 22	Faneys	122 1 22	Leitrim	Leitrim	Annaduff	Car-on-Shannon	Annaduff	111	412
22, 24	Faneys	412 0 21	Londonerry	Kesh	New-T-Linavady	Drum	Drum	111	412
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17, 14	Faneys	222 2 22	Armagh	Armagh	Lisnabill	Armagh	Ballymore	111	212
24	Faneys	122 2 22	Dublin	Newcastle	Chancery	Criff-ridge	Bathmore	111	212
24	Faneys	122 2 22	Galway	Trillick	Abbeyknockmoy	Yeem	Abbey East	111	212
10, 11	Faneys	222 2 22	Mayo	Clonsilla	Cromboys	Clonsilla	Garrymore	111	212
14, 11	Faneys	122 0 22	Mayo	Trillick	Rathree	Killeshane	Killeshane	111	212
71	Faneys	122 0 22	Wexford	Shelburne East	Armagh	Wexford	Armagh	111	212
71	Faneys	222 2 22	Kilkenny	Shillogher	Burkebarry	Callan	Burkebarry	111	212
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(a) This townland forms portion of Great Island.

(b) Included in Neagh township.

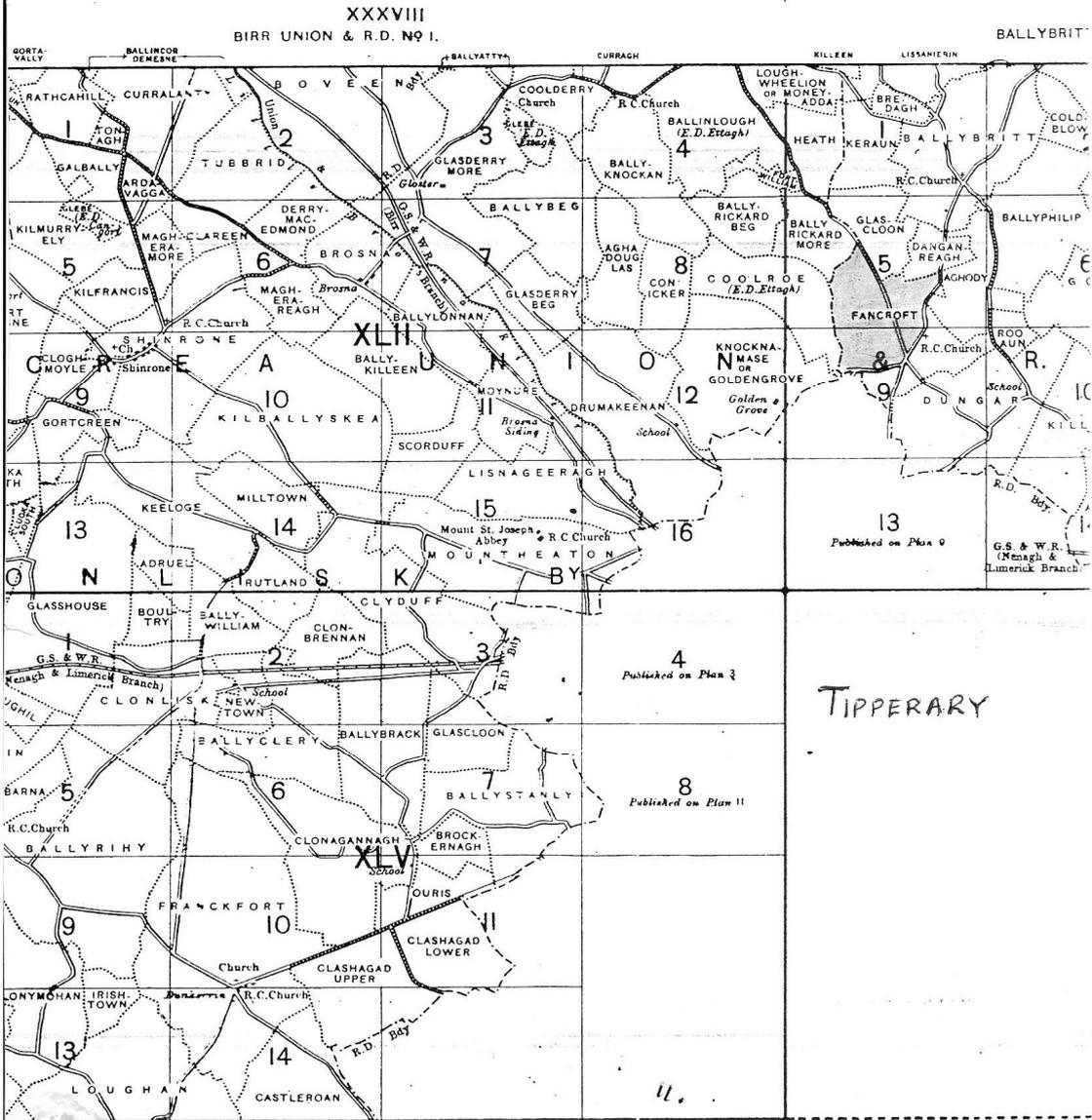
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TOWNLAND INDEX.

TO THE PLANS ON THE SCALE OF 25-344 INCHES TO 1 MILE (2500)



Edward and Martha WHITTEN

Now, looking at the family of Edward Whitten, we will list them as very conveniently given in an old "John Brown" bible (a common, and generally fairly accurate, method of recording family dates and events.)

This is a very important list, & we shall refer to it hereafter as the Original Family:

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|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| 1. Robert Whitten | b. 1/11/1822 | | |
| 2. William Whitten | b. 27/10/1823 | | |
| 3. Matilda Whitten | b. 6/4/1826 | | |
| 4. Eliza Whitten | b. 30/1/1827 | (died young) | |
| 5. Mary Whitten | b. 29/9/1828 | d. 14/2/1907 | |
| 6. Edward Whitten | b. 22/5/1830 | d. 15/4/1834 | |
| 7. John Whitten | b. 2/4/1833 | d. 21/7/1879 | |
| ----- | | | |
| 8. Edward ('Ned') Whitten | b. 21/3/1835 | d. 28/2/1893} | Went |
| 9. Ann Whitten | b. 13/11/1836 | d. 9/2/1879} | |
| 10. Joseph Whitten | b. 26/8/1838 | d. 9/6/1895} | to |
| 11. Anthony Whitten | b. 1/9/1840 | d. 22/2/1914} | |
| 12. Henry Whitten | b. 23/8/1842 | d. 6/3/1921} | Australia |

What is one to think of this good woman, Martha Whitten, who, in a period of 20 years, bore 12 children, two of them just nine months apart!

Notice the three popular names in the list; and also another tradition in naming offspring. When young Edward, not quite four years old, died his name was perpetuated the next year on the birth of another boy, who was given the same name, but called thereafter "Ned".

Look at the Original Family again, and in particular No. 7, John Whitten, who married Margaret Lucas on 14/12/1857, and carried on our Whittens another generation. Their family was:

1. Anne 1858-1877
2. Elizabeth 1860-1863
3. Edward 1863-1930
4. Robert 1865-1914
5. Martha 1867-1928
6. Joseph 1869-1918
7. Margaret 1872-1896
8. Frances 1876- ?

Robert and Joseph married two widows, named Drout, and they all lived together in one house.

Edward, of this family, wed Charlotte ("Nellie") Wallace, and inherited "Fancroft".

Their family was:

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|----|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. | Mary ("Molly") | b. 22/10/1893 |
| 2. | John | b. 16/2/1895 |
| 3. | George Washington | b. 18/8/1896 |
| 4. | Robert | b. 23/8/1897 (lives in Canada) |
| 5. | Edward Jr. | b. 8/2/1899 d. 1943 |
| 6. | Marjorie | b. 21/2/1901 d. 1977 |
| 7. | Frances | b. 17/6/1907 (lives at Kinnitty) |

It is the last two dear ladies that we know about, as both were seen and visited at Fancroft by several Whitten descendants. Edward Jr. and Marjorie managed the property (with outside helpers) until Edward's death, Marjorie then carried on, until she died in 1977.



Frances Williams
(Whitten) Williams
1976

Marjorie Whitten

Gwynne Gleeson



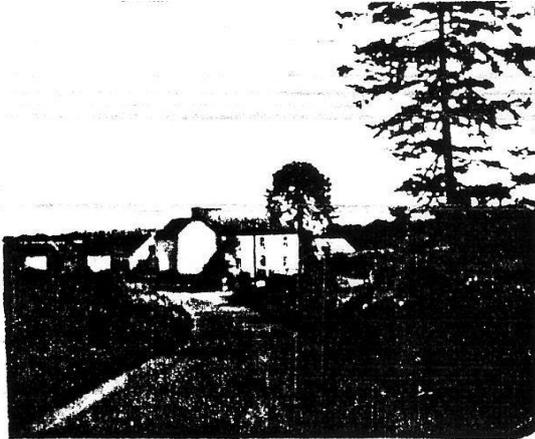
Bill Williams at Fancroft
about 1966.

Frances (Mrs Williams) has a son Bill, a bachelor, who helped his Aunt Marjorie run Fancroft for 17 years, and inherited the farm on her death. Frances lives on another farm called "Willfield", north of Fancroft, near Birr.

Among descendants who have enjoyed a visit to the old family home are: Mavis Betts (twice), Phyllis (Whitten) Hohnen, Gwynne (Whitten) Gleeson and husband Bill, Joan (Whitten) Davidson and husband Bill, Ann Ingram, Michael, Libby and Jill Gleeson, Paul MacCann, Betty Aberdeen and Patricia McGaffin (Mrs Bastedo). Patricia (who is a great-granddaughter of Henry Whitten) sent home a vivid description in

1966: "The original part of "Fancroft" was built 300 years ago. It has thick, stone walls and a slate roof. A "newer" section, added about 150 years ago, (this was when the first Whittens were there) has the same type of walls and roof. There are two floors: living rooms below and bedrooms above. One of the five original bedrooms has been converted into a bathroom. The large kitchen is in the oldest section, with a worn stone floor and a thick wooden door, with heavy lift-up latch.

A beautiful view is seen from the upper windows -- lovely, green fields sprinkled with daisies and red poppies; huge, old birch trees with moss-covered branches. There are a number of barns, all with their stone walls and slate roofs."



Approach to "Fancroft"



"Fancroft" in the 1950s.

Mavis Betts had a report after her second visit (1967): "To visit one's great-grandfather's home is to feel the bond of the 'good earth'. To know that strong, practical hands built the stone walls so solid and straight; the row of barns and fowl houses are also of stone. The barley fields, ripening for harvest in some hundred acres, could be a corner of "Lowestoft" (northern NSW), except the surrounding hills are lower, and the grass greener.

I was glad to get some coloured snaps, especially of the kitchen wall where the metal meat covers and brass pieces hang. They had been given a special polish in honour of my visit." (There is a report that one of the Whittens was a coppersmith, but which one is not known. Joyce Whitten, of Duri, sent me a nice photograph which her brother-in-law had of a lovely copper plaque...R.B.)" Marjorie has resisted suggestions

of modernising her kitchen. It certainly is picturesque, especially when butter-making is in progress, with the barrel churn in the middle of the room, and an elderly man lifting the crock of rich cream from the floor.

The heart of the home is Marjorie herself. Fourteen years before this trip (i.e. on Mavis' s first visit...R. B.) a caller would wonder how much longer she would be able to manage the farm, where there had once been her father, mother, a brother and sister, and a man to run the outside farm. It is only those who visit her can know her gentleness, as well as endurance in the marathon task, when farm labour has become more and more difficult.

Frances, Marjorie's sister, was away, but on the Sunday her husband took us on a 90-mile trip. I chose to visit Tara, the ancient site of the old Irish kings (north-west of Dublin...R.B.). I saw complexions in John Whitten's home that my mother Jane had been told about -- milk-white and rose-pink. Mary, or "Molly", had her home in Belfast. I wrote to her, and she whipped across to Edinburgh in Scotland, and enjoyed some of the Festival with me.

Marjorie's neighbour thinks a lot of her, and the two young daughters love to drop in, and give a helping hand. I wonder with something of a pang how Marjorie will find it possible at last to relinquish the helm, and the welcome that says: 'Of course you are welcome to come to your own family home!' "

(Our blessings on both Marjorie and Mavis Betts.)

Having brought history up to the present at "Fancroft" let us return to the Original Family. The four youngest sons were: Edward ("Ned"), Joseph, Anthony and Henry; and at the time of a tuberculosis scare, the decision was made that they would leave Ireland, to try their fortunes in Australia. We suspect that Joseph was a TB "carrier", as several of his children later died in their youth of the disease, and he himself succumbed through this weakness, as well as a heart attack.

One report has the four brothers coming to Australia together. This is incorrect; and their death certificates, though confusing, confirm this. Archives show that Joseph arrived on the ship "Sir John Moore" from Plymouth, on 22/3/1863. He was a single man, aged 24, from Roscry (sic), County Tipperary; his parents were both dead, he was C. of E., could read and write, and had a relative in the colony, Henry. He was assisted as an immigrant with £5! We thus note from the above data that Henry was here before 1863.



"Old Market Day in Roscrea"



Bill Williams, the present owner of "Fancroft" is holding the old family bible mentioned in our story. With him on a visit is Joan (Whitten) Davidson, grand-daughter of Anthony Whitten, of the original Irish family.

Rumour hath it that one (or more) of the boys came to Australia via America. There is a vital entry in the diary of Phyllis Hohnen's father, Rev. Alfred Whitten, which bears on this point. He was there in 1912, and says: "We visited a John McBride, who went to America with Father (Anthony Whitten) about the years '50 or '60." (in 1850, Anthony was only 10 years old; in 1860, 20 years old, so the latter year is obviously more correct....R.B) "Father worked in St Charles, a town on the Missouri, in the U.S.A. for William McBride for two years." So this establishes Anthony in the United States; but re-search has failed to find his arrival in N.S.W. Unfortunately, records of many ship arrivals in a few years about the possible time, are all missing.

My surmise on arrivals is: Henry and Anthony (who were close friends) came first (c. 1861-2) Joseph arrived in 1863
Edward arrived later (c. 1865-70).

Henry and Anthony got to know the sisters Charlotte and Eliza Mason in the Singleton area (Falbrook). Joseph settled four miles away, at Chain of Ponds, Liddell. Where Edward was for 10 or 15 years is a mystery, but he eventually settled near his brothers, north of Wallabadah, in an area called Sugarloaf.

Joseph Whitten's "Chain of Ponds" was actually the name of a local creek (see map), with little branches running through Joseph's property across the old Northern Road, and eventually joining a bigger creek, called Saltwater or Bayswater. This later joined the Hunter River. In the early years, Joseph held quite a large amount of land here -- over 2,400 acres. A little further south was Emu Creek, once called Fall Brook (which became Falbrook), where Richard Mason's family lived.

We have found a reference to "Ned" Whitten in 1875 at Blackville, where he was part-owner of a store. My guess at his earlier doings is as follows (and I would love someone to correct me): When he arrived in N.S.W. (and we don't know the exact year) his family were scattered

Joseph was married, living at Liddell
Anthony was married, living at Lowestoft
Henry was married, living at Lowestoft
Ann was married, living at Murrurundi.

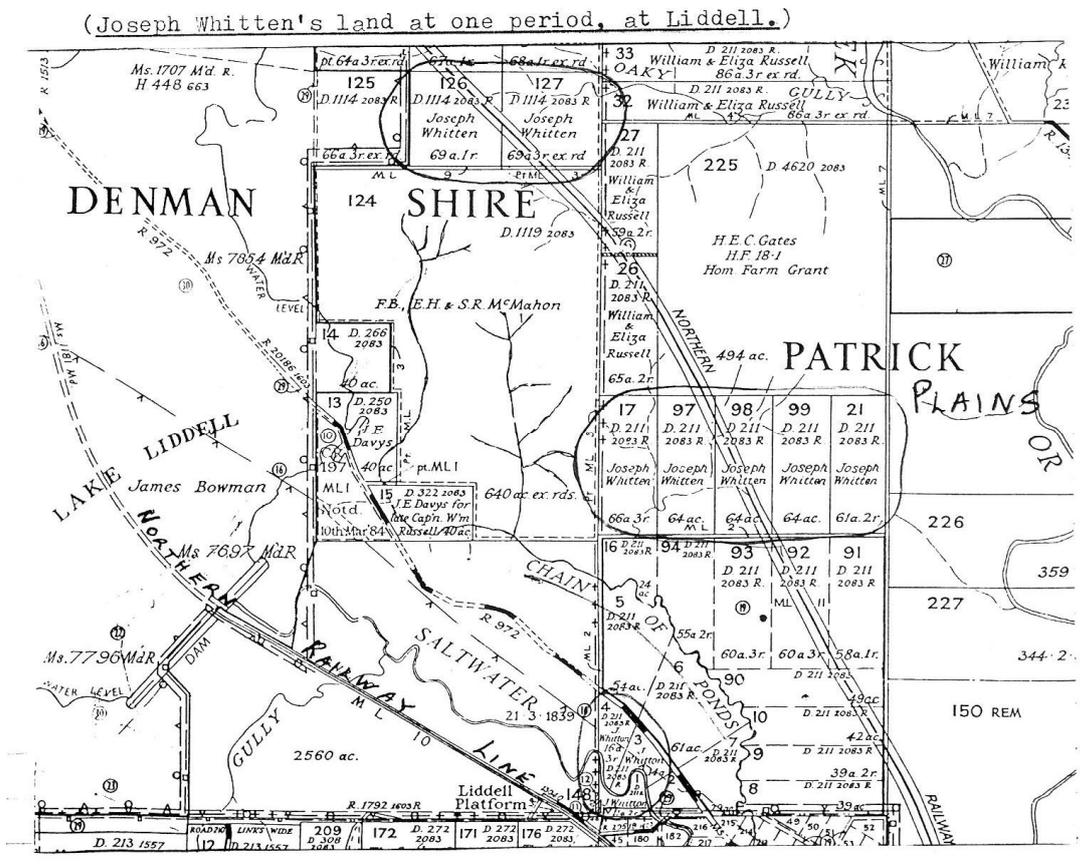
What more natural than for him to go from Sydney by train to visit his nearest brother, namely Joseph? Next may have been a visit to Ann at Murrurundi; thence it was just 35 miles to "Lowestoft" and his younger brothers. There he may have lived and helped for a while, and

perhaps looked around for a suitable selection for himself later. When Ann and her husband, Edward Rowland (as well as Edward's brother, James and his wife Jane) selected land at Black Creek (later Blackville), "Ned" may have decided to join them for a while.

He ran a store with a man named Doherty. After selling the store, he either helped the Rowlands, or returned to 'Lowestoft'. From around Gowrie came his eventual wife, Elizabeth Freestone, so that may be a clue as to where he was before his marriage. (Henry was then also living at Gowrie). "Ned" married in 1881, and settled at Sugarloaf. His wife Elizabeth was a big, strong woman, and when Edward was later crippled with polio, she did most of the heavy work, including felling trees!

In 1907, fourteen years after "Ned's" death, she married a teamster named Joseph Lockhart, who sadly lived only five more years, before dying of cancer in 1912. Elizabeth incredibly lived on for another 31 years, until her death in Quirindi at 85 years of age (in 1943), when she was living with her married daughter, Eveline Barnett.

(Joseph Whitten's land at one period, at Liddell.)



THE MASONS

Before following the 4 WHITTEN brothers & their peregrinations, let us look at another Irish family, who were to be linked in many ways with the Whittens. This was the Mason family, from Ballingarry, County Tipperary. RICHARD MASON, born 1810, was the son of Peter Mason & Grace Powell ("agricultural labourers"). He had married Jane Armitage (who was sweet 16), & in Ireland they had 4 children.

They came to Australia on the "Woodbridge", from Cork, arriving on 10/3/1842; and in the passenger lists are clearly shown with the surname

Mason. This was because, on the individual medical pages, their name is written Mason; and the person transcribing details to the passenger lists looked at that name, and after saying to himself, "What on earth is that?" wrote Mann.

They were "bounty" immigrants (government-subsidised), £19 being provided for each adult £10 each for the two eldest children, and £5 each for the youngest two. (Eliza was to die soon after arrival). The family was::

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|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Phoebe | b. 15/3/1834 in Ireland |
| 2. Grace | b. 20/10/1835 in Ireland |
| 3. Giles | b. 12/10/1837 in Ireland |
| 4. Eliza | b 1839 in Ireland |
| 5. Charlotte | b. 17/7/1842 in Australia |
| 6. Eliza II | b. 6/10/1845 in Australia |
| 7. Jane | b. 27/2/1848 in Australia |
| 8. Richard | b.} |
| 9. Anne | b.} 17/7/1851 in Australia |
| 10. Fanny | b. 17/12/1852 in Australia |

The family went to Bathurst, where Richard Mason was to work for his contractors; & it was there that young Eliza died, & Charlotte was born. They later moved to Emu Creek in the Hunter Valley. Father Richard was killed as a result of a fall from his horse, and was buried near the church at Falbrook (see map) in 1863, aged 54 years. His wife Jane died in 1877 at "Lowestoft" aged about 62.

Two daughters of the Mason family hold great interest for the Whittens, as Charlotte was to marry Anthony of that ilk, and Eliza was to wed Henry. Other Masons were also to cross the Whitten's paths.

1. PHOEBE married Stevenson Moore in 1854, & they had twelve children: Samuel, William, Jane, Giles, Abraham, Grace, Thomas, John, David, (Unnamed), Eliza and Robert.

The story is reported of Eliza that she and a girl friend answered a "View to Matrimony" advertisement. For a joke, they swapped their gentlemen friends.

Eliza got married, and had several children, before discovering that her marriage was bigamous! (She definitely married Thomas Willen in 1894, and their first two children were Lindsay and Phoebe. There were possibly four other daughters.)

2. GRACE married Alexander Bathgate in 1857. A firm named J.L. Tebbutt and Co., who had stores at Quirindi, Murrurundi and Tamworth, opened a slab and shingle building in Wallabadah in 1878, and Alec Bathgate was the first manager. They later moved to Quirindi. Alec's eldest child, Phoebe, later became the first pupil-teacher, assisting the headmaster at the Wallabadah School. Phoebe never married.

The seven children in the family were:

Phoebe (a spinster);

David (m. Nance Matheson, children Adrian and Earl);

Jane (m. George Trevallion, four children:

1. George (m. Lily? children Alexander, Edna and John);

2. Harold; 3. Wilfred; 4. Eric;

Kate (Mrs Marchant; children Grace and Muriel);

Alexander (died about 1908); John; and Archibald (b.1876).

3. GILES married Mary Ann Sisley, and later lived in Moruya.

Their children were: Elizabeth ("Bessie") and Anne, both spinsters.

4. ELIZA died as a child of 3, in 1842.

5. CHARLOTTE married Anthony Whitten (q.v. P. 31)

6. ELIZA II married Henry Whitten (q.v. P. 38)

7. JANE married a Mr Moss of Singleton. Their children were:

John, Giles, Phoebe (Mrs Bull), Emily (Mrs Bartrop), Caroline (Mrs Cann), twins Mary (Mrs O'Brien) and Alice (Mrs Andrews), Mabel (Mrs Weal), and Florence (Mrs Adams).

8. RICHARD Jr. married Mary Ann Heath, and died of typhoid fever in 1875, before the birth of his daughter Annie Flora, who later married Roland Richard Whitten (q.v. P39). Richard's widow Mary Ann married James Frizzell, with five children: Ida May (Mrs W. Ponto); Mary Ellen ("Ellie") (Mrs T. Meadows); Ethel Maud (Mrs Henry Whitten, q.v. P40); Allan (died at 5 years of age) and Florence Mildred (Mrs W. Ausling).

9. ANNE, the other twin, married William Moore, who was much older than her. They lived at Gowrie, and he drove the mail from Goonoo Goonoo. A dray went over his leg, and instead of amputation (which may have saved him), poor attention eventually caused his death. Their six children were:

Mary Jane ("Dolly"), married Thomas Whitten, q.v. P.22;

May, a spinster;

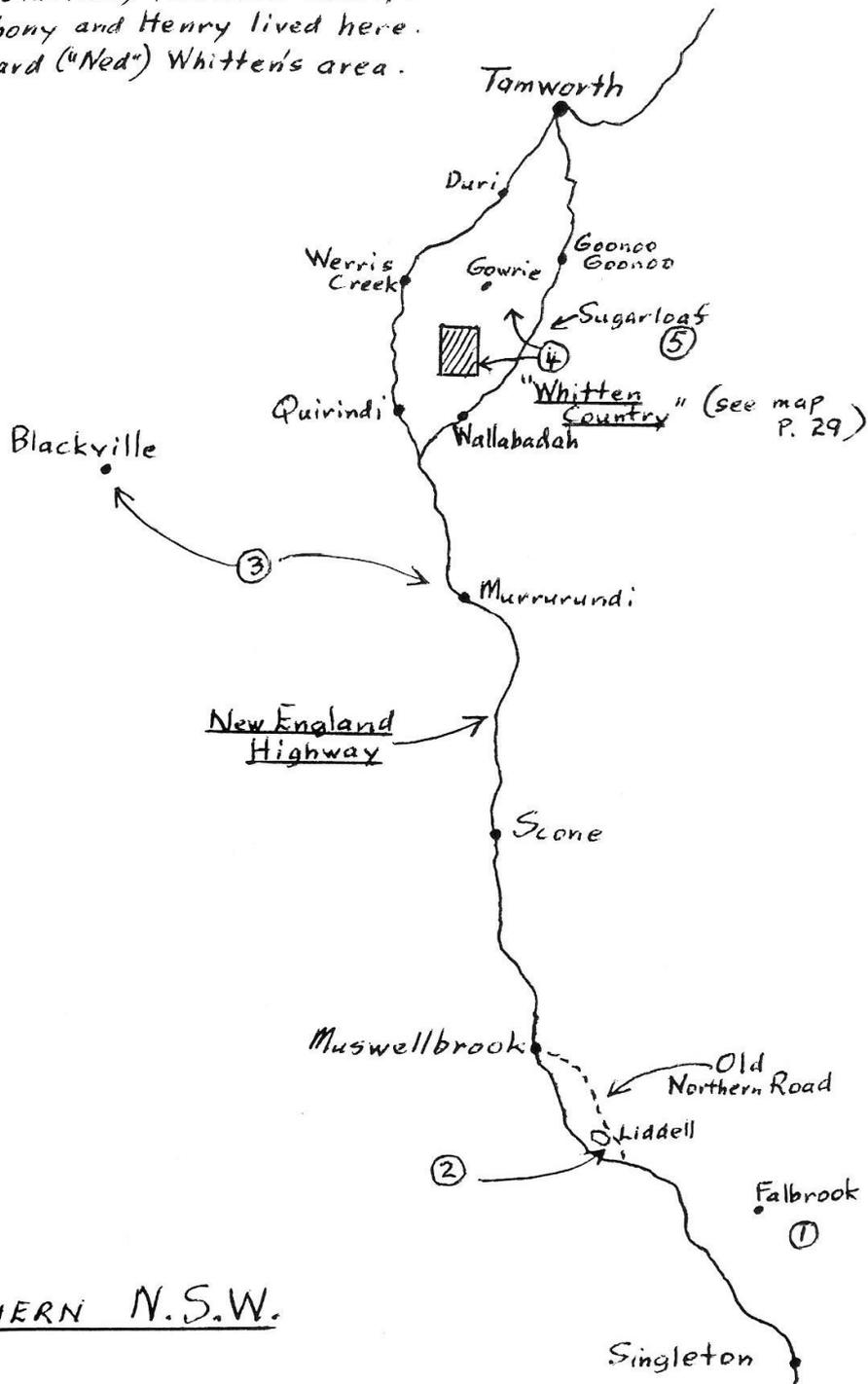
Frances, married Arthur Kirk, adopted a girl Rita;

Giles Talbot, married Christina Pollack;

Myrtle (Mrs Johnson, daughter Winsome); and Albert (a bachelor).

10. FANNY married Roy Stretton, lived at Newtown, and died on 10/2/1936, aged 84. Children: Roy, Ivy. Cecil. Clarrie & Edward.

- ① Richard Mason lived here.
- ② Chain of Ponds, where Joseph lived.
- ③ Ann (Whitten) Rowland's family.
- ④ Anthony and Henry lived here.
- ⑤ Edward ("Ned") Whitten's area.



NORTHERN N.S.W.

EDWARD ("Ned") WHITTEN



Edward married late in life; and we have explained earlier about his possible wanderings before marriage, His bride was Elizabeth Freestone, daughter of James Freestone and Ann Halloran. They were wed on 8/8/1881 (please note, but do not tell anyone that this was after the births of their first two children!). He was 46 years old, and she was 24.

Their family was;

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|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Thomas | b. 24/12/1878 | d. 7/7/1951 |
| 2. Mary Jane | b. 14/12/1879 | d. 16/6/1925 |
| 3. William Henry | b. 15/ 2/1883 | d. 13/2/1951 |
| 4. Eveline | b. 6/12/1885 | d. 16/3/1961 |
| 5. Lucas Talbot | b. 12/ 3/1887 | d. 18/7/1974 |
| 6. Cameron | b. 5/12/1892 | d. 10/6/1974 |
| 7. Edward ('Teddy') | b. 23/10/1893 | d. 5/ 1/1970 |
1. THOMAS m. Mary Jane ('Dolly') Moore 12/10/1899 & the 5 children were:
1. Hilda, a spinster, b. 1900 d. 1970
 2. Rhoda, b. 1902, married Reg Knight, two children:
Margaret Joy and Alice Mary (who were both schoolteachers).
Alice m. John Slater, 3 children David John, Paul, and Ruth Alison
 3. Stanley, b. 1905 d. 1984, m. Rosetta Mary ('Mollie') Morrison,
3 children, Valma (m. Anthony Barry, later divorced, children:-
Michael, Simon, Kirsten and Andrew) ;
Kenneth (m. and divorced Janice Rees), children, Mark and Veronica
Kenneth then m. Robyn Cooper, with a daughter Nina, and
Roseanne (m. Robert Jones, children Grant, Tanya & Brett)

4. Lindsay, married Ivy Douglas, two children:
 Maxwell (m. Shirley Pryor, children
 Stuart, Scott, Phillip Gavin & Carolyn, Dianna Margaret & Luke Ian);
 and Janice (m. Robert Edison, children Karen, Andrew and Lee)
5. Adrian, b. 1912 d. 1983, married Joyce Cook on 13/7/1946, 3 adopted
 children; Garri Helen (m. Anthony Smith),
 Graeme Trevor m. Lyndall Whitten, daughter
 Jaye Deanne and Kerri Jean (m. Lesley Llewellyn, children
 Todd Aaron & Kristy Lauren).
2. MARY JANE b. married "Jack" Bourne, who died young; no issue.
3. WILLIAM HENRY ("Bill"), born at Sugarloaf 15/2/1883, married Elsie
 Barnett,
 sister of Alf. They were divorced, with no children.
 Bill then married Olive Isabelle ("Belle") Chambers, in 1925. They also
 were divorced, with no children. While waiting for the divorce to go
 through Bill was stricken with a massive stroke.
4. EVELINE married Alfred Thomas Barnett, and their five children were:
 Vera, b. 24/1/1906 had a daughter Valerie, & she died 26/12/1931
 Alfred, b. 25/8/1908, m. Nona O'Hara, four children:
 Barry (m. Yvonne Goodworth, children Katrina, Kellie, Bradley &
 Tammie);
 Twins - Patricia (m. Robert Menchin, no issue) and
 Linda (married & divorced William Cutmore, children Jamie, Teresa &
 Troy),
 Allan b. 24/9/1910 d. 27/5/1965, bachelor;
 Edna married John Welfield, children
 John (m. Carolyn Smith children Lara and Alexander);
 Wendy (dec); & Judith (dec) & Jennifer (m. Charles Troup) &
 Neta b. 19/6/1914 d. 30/9/1926 at the age of 12.
 Gordon m. Marian Southwell, children Russell, Terry, & Trudi (adopted).
5. LUCAS TALBOT m. Verlie McLean from Wallabadah in 1913, & had two
 children:
 Mervyn Allen (m. Kathleen Robinson in 1941, children
 Robert (m. Janelle Briggs, daughter Alicia) and
 Verlie (m. Rodney Fowler, children Wendy and Joy); and
 Betty, married Raymond Thomas 1941 (later divorced), children
 Raymond John (m. Rhonda Connelly, children Craig & Glenn), &
 Sandra Gaye (m. first Mervyn Eagen, son Mark;
 then m. Allan Thorburn, son Daniel).
 Betty was remarried in 1955 to William Aberdeen.

Betty has told me her father Lucas remembered having to help with the
 family chores when Edward ("Ned") died. Asked for a reason for his absence
 from school, young Luke's reply was "Please miss, I had to stay home to pick
 the peas!" Sergeant Lucas Whitten served 35 years in the police force, and
 after retirement lived on to a venerable 87.

6. CAMERON married Ruby Thompson, with four children:
 - Colin, m. Olive Spencer, children Allan and Janelle;
 - Heather, m. and divorced Douglas Iverson;
 - Kevin, a bachelor; and
 - Raymond, m. Margaret Mantle, children Eric, John, Glen, Ann & Maree.
7. EDWARD GEORGE ('Teddy'), born at Sugarloaf in 1893, married Gladys May Barnett, who died on 20/3/1930 in a coma, brought on from picking a pimple on her nose with a pin! (My wife Doris told me that her mother used to warn the children about picking pimples with pins, because of what happened to Gladys Whitten... R.B.)

Teddy then married his first girl friend, who was his brother Bill's divorced wife, "Belle" Chambers. They were married on 16/10/1944, and had no children. It is said that Teddy and "Belle" cared for Bill when he had his stroke. Bill eventually died in 1951, aged about 68, and is buried somewhere at Wallabadah. Teddy died in 1970, aged 77 Years.

The pioneer father, Edward ("Ned") Whitten died at Goonoo Goonoo on 28/2/1893, aged about 58; so sadly, he did not see his youngest child, Edward Jr., who was born later that year. When "Ned" was very ill towards the end, brother Anthony rode to Quirindi over the mountains for medicine, but the bottle was broken on the way back. Anthony was terribly upset, as Ned died soon after.

We have outlined earlier, some later events in the life of his widow, Elizabeth, who outlived Ned by an amazing 50 years.

(Reliable information regarding Edward's arrival in Australia would be very welcome. Also any corrections or additions to the data given will be gratefully received.)

JOSEPH WHITTEN



We pass on now to the next youngest of the four boys. Joseph's offspring have been difficult to research for the following reasons: many of his family died young, and there are not available many of his descendants; also his three other brothers were teetotalers, and Joseph and his family were shunned when he established himself in a halfway house for coaches, inn and wine saloon on property he owned at Chain of Ponds. This is in the Singleton area (see map), and at that time was on the main northern road, but no longer is, owing to new highways built at Liddell.

His old place is still there, with its original well in the now-cemented backyard. The ground rooms were huge, with big open fireplaces but the upper rooms deteriorated, and were vandalised. The local council was considering the place as an historic site. The Electricity Commission has placed a protective fence, with locked gate around the area.

Joseph arrived in Australia in 1863 (see P. 15); and two years later, at Falbrook, on 3/7/1865, he married Johanna Mary Devitt. On some certificates she is called Johanna, on others Mary, so she may have been known by both names. She was from Ireland, 18 years of age; while Joseph was 26.

There is some sadness in reviewing Joseph's family, not just because he was ostracised for being an innkeeper; but mainly because his offspring suffered so grievously from the ravages of tuberculosis.

Mary Devitt arrived on the "Sirocca" from Plymouth on the 3rd October 1864. She was 18, a farm servant, from Magh, County Clare, parents John and Mary, R.C., could read and had a brother John, In Sydney. (there are several 'townlands' in Co. Clare called Meagher, so one of them was probably Mary's home).

At least five of the family died in their youth, and Joseph must assuredly and tragically been a "carrier". Unlike the other brothers, few of Joseph's children lived to an old age.

Joseph himself died on 9/6/1895, aged 56; Johanna Mary was alive in 1900 (when she would have been 53), and word is that she actually died on 6/6/1906, but under another name. This indicates a re-marriage; and if we can track this down, it will be included elsewhere in the History.

Joseph's family was:

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|-------------------|---------|
| 1. William | b. 1866 |
| 2. Mary | b. 1868 |
| 3. John | b. 1869 |
| 4. Annie | b. 1871 |
| 5. Edward | b. 1873 |
| 6. Robert | b. 1875 |
| 7. Henry | b. 1878 |
| 8. Matilda | b. 1879 |
| 9. Alfred Anthony | b. 1881 |
| 10. Ernest | b. 1883 |
| 11. Minnie | b. 1886 |



Joseph & Johanna Whitten

1. WILLIAM as the eldest son, undoubtedly helped his father for a time, as he appears on the rolls as a storekeeper at Chain of Ponds. He also held a 40-acre land lot near the township of Liddell. He later worked on the railways, at Lithgow and Bathurst, marrying Annie Shade in 1892. He was a Stationmaster when he died of double pneumonia at Singleton at the age of only 30. They had three children:

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|--------------------|---------|---------|
| a). Percy William | b. 1892 | d. 1894 |
| b). Halwyn Richard | b. 1894 | d. 1956 |
| c). Liddell Joseph | b. 1895 | d. 1946 |

Halwyn Richard married Kathleen Myhill, with three children:

1. Frank (m. Thelma King, children William Bruce, m. Dianne Bohun, children Andrew & Nicole "Nikki"; Allan Richard, m. Roslyn Cashen, children Angela & Matthew; and Anne Maria, m. Stuart Heathwood, children Michael and Daniel)
2. Kathleen (Mrs Newton, children Julie, Noni (dec) and Dana), and
3. Barbara (Mrs Simpson, children Sue, Timothy and Ross.

Liddell ("Dell") married Vera Doohan, with two girls:

1. Elizabeth (m. Cecil Dews, daughter Melissa); and
2. Margaret (dec) (m. Norman Stanford, daughter Megan).

2. MARY (nickname "Polly") married James Dines in 1890, & had at least two children: Keith (dec.) and Edward.
3. JOHN T. (Cannot trace any marriage, children or death of this son; and it is presumed that he died young.)
4. ANNIE (nickname "Nance") married Michael Doohan in 1893, and we know of two children:
Robert H. ("Bertie"), who was killed in World War 1 at 20 years of age; and Leslie.
5. JOSEPH EDWARD is reported as dying young with tuberculosis.
6. ROBERT (Nothing at all known of this son --- presumably another early tubercular death.
7. HENRY STUART. It is thanks to the interest and research of a descendant of Henry, viz. Donald Stanley, or "Don" Whitten, that I can now include much more of this lineage. Don and his sister Jocelyn actually published their family's descent, making it an addendum to the first edition of our "WHITTEN HISTORY". What I include herewith is a concise summary of Henry's descendants.

Henry married Margaret Honor COOK at Tamworth on 4/8/1903.

He was a butcher by trade, and their family was:

1. Stanley (nickname "Kes"), said to be the first-born; and died at 4½ years. Born 1904.
2. Henry Oswald ("Parky") 1905, married Vera Williams, son Colin, who m. Daphne Broderick
3. Frederick, b. 1907, married Lil Frazier, daughter. Margaret, m ?
4. Mervyn, b. 1909, married Madge Kennedy, with six children:
 - (i) Patricia, b. 1929, married & divorced Kenneth Rayner, with 4 children: Terrence; Jennifer; Cheryl; and Christine.
 - (ii) Betty, b. 1931, m. Edward Campbell, 3 children: Garry; Wendy; and Jill.
 - (iii) Robert, b. 1933, m. Elaine Taylor, 7 children: Dianne; Lynette; Robyn; Peter; Shirley; Colleen; and Donna.
 - (iv) Marie, b. 1935, m Samuel Taylor (div), daughters Judith and Simone.
Marie remarried Edward Taylor (div), 3 children Leonie; Ian; & Trevor.
Marie remarried Raymond Ward, no issue.
 - (v) Fay, b. 1936, m. Eric Donnelly, adopted Janelle.
 - (vi) Donald, b. 1938, m. & div. Gloria Warby, no issue.
5. Desmond, died at birth 1911.
6. Lancelot ("Lance") b. 1915, married Dolly Walsh, son Maurice married & divorced Jean Bowden, then Remarried Carolyn Whitten (daughter of Ronald)
7. Ronald, 1916, married ? and had 2 daughters, one being Carolyn and another being Julie Lavinia who has 3 children.

8. Selby George, 1918, married Doreen Houghton (div), 7 children:
- (i) Donald m. Heather Stewart (div) daughters, Carolyn & Debra
Donald remarried Marilyn Picker daughters, Melissa & Melanie.
 - (ii) Jocelyn, m. Jon Blaxell, 2 children: Vicki & Rodney
 - (iii) Judith, m. Cliff Norton, 4 children:
Christine; Marcia; Clifford (died at 2½ months); and Cara.
 - (iv) Lynette, m. Toby Reid, children Sharon & Jason.
 - (v) William Hobbs (name change by dead poll) m. Linda Clarke,
4 children: Sylvia (Clarke);
Jedda(Hobbs), Hurrania (Hobbs); and Nike (Hobbs)
 - (vi) Colleen, m. Graham Gill daughter, Helen.
 - (vii) George, m, Josephine Erich (div.), children Selby & Alana.

Selby Whitten remarried Connie Donnelly. (Selby lives in Newcastle)
Doreen remarried John Hobbs. (She died in 1972, aged 54)

8. MATILDA (nickname "Barnie") lived to just 17.

9. ALFRED is reported as dying young.

10. PERCIVAL ERNEST died at 6 years of age

11. MINNIE, the youngest, was just 14 at the turn of the century, so we cannot research any later marriage, or family, for her. (She is possibly the girl nicknamed "Pops", who married someone, named de Freitas and is reported as living in Sydney. This is unconfirmed)

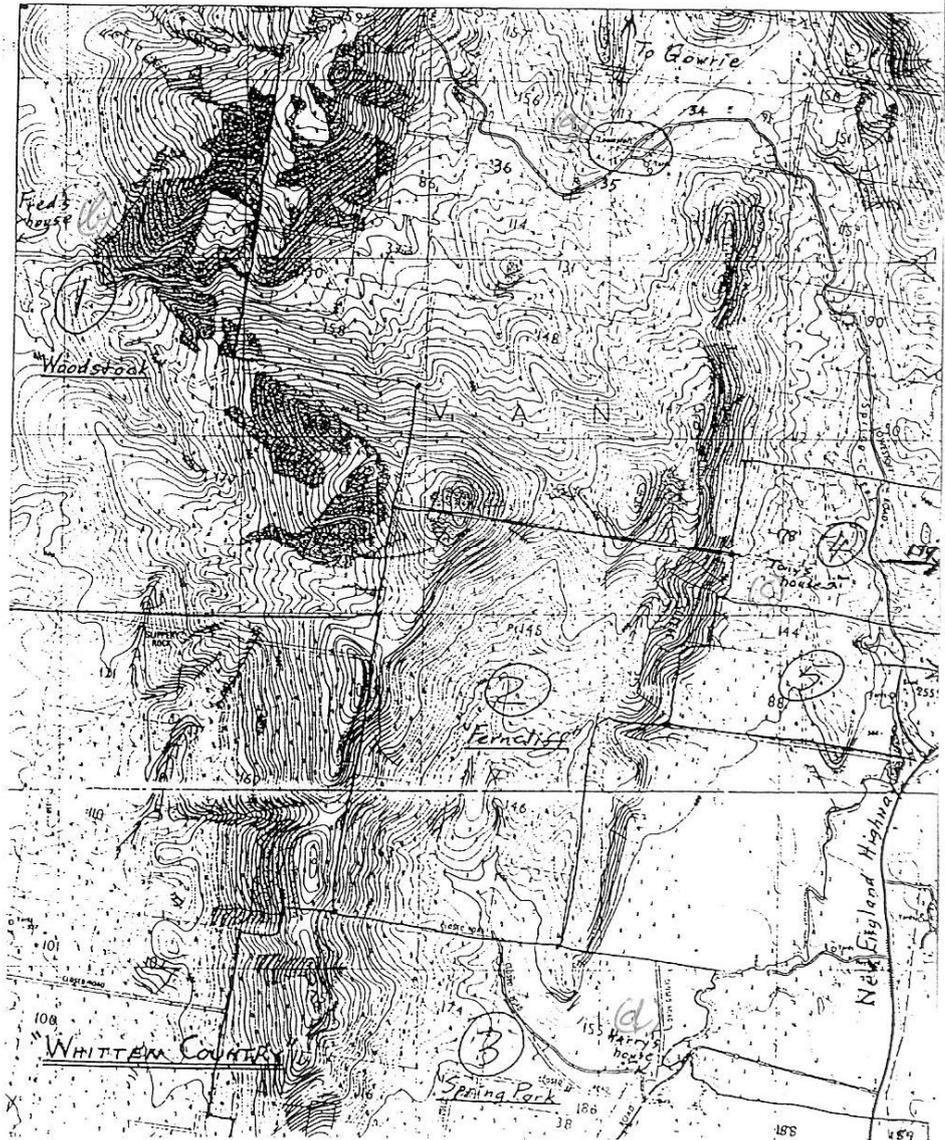
From best reports, the only children of Joseph to live to middle age were Annie and Henry.

This ends our information on Joseph's offspring. Unfortunately there are few living descendants known, who could fill in some of the gaps.

Whitten Country

On this Map :

- (a) "Lowestoft".
- (b) Fred's house.
- (c) Tony's " " .
- (d) Harry's " " .



Map of 'WHITTEN COUNTRY'

Go off the New England Highway on Lowestoft Road, and follow it till a big bend brings you to "Lowestoft". This is where the brothers Anthony and Henry began their careers as graziers. The small square blocks on this map are 40 acres in area. Block No. 34 was Anthony's original holding; when his bride Charlotte arrived, she acquired block 35.

Henry married in 1867, and came here to block 36 soon afterwards. The two brothers built up their holdings until they owned almost half the land shown on this map (over 2,500 acres).

Henry later moved to Gowrie, which is about 4 miles north, on the upper reaches of Spring Creek. Edward ("Ned") Whitten lived on the other side of the highway in an area called "Sugarloaf".

Anthony's sons later held some of this land as their own property, as shown on the map:

- (1) Frederick owned "Woodstock".
- (2) Bob was on "Ferncliff" (hence his nickname "Ferny")
- (3) Harry's property "Spring Park" had narrow blocks 188 and 189 crossing the highway. On block 189 he had a barn, where he kept an old bullock dray. Passers-by stole all the dray's timbers for firewood. Harry used to keep in a bark hut a supply of wood & a tank of water for any tramps who called in.



- (4) "Tony's" property on Blocks 178 and 179 ran to New England Highway
(5) Ted's land also abutted the highway, and he had a little area called "Peachtree Flat". Ted was a bachelor, and owned a good telescope; it is said that from the hill up behind "Lowestoft" he could read the time on the town clock in Tamworth! (I queried this as just a tale, but my wife Doris assures me that she has seen it herself....R.B.)

ANTHONY WHITTEN

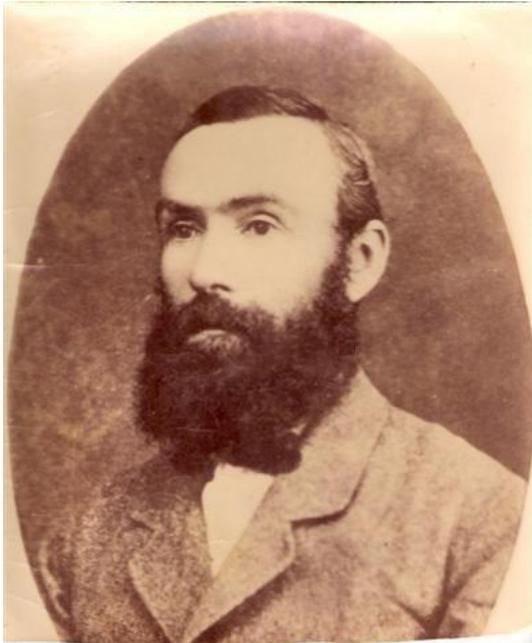
Anthony, the second youngest son, headed northwards and settled near Wallabadah on 40 acres of land near Lowe's Creek (hence the name "Lowestoft"). He built a slab hut, returned to the Hunter Valley, and at the age of 24 married Charlotte Mason at a place called Currindina on 30th March, 1865.

Charlotte had been born, at Bathurst on 17/7/1842, the year their family arrived in Australia. When she was a young girl, they moved to Emu Creek in the Singleton area.

After their marriage, the young couple set off, with Charlotte on horseback, arriving at Lowe's Creek on 21st April with 17 head of cattle, a bullock dray, two horses and a dog. Talk about honeymoon trips! The distance would be close to 100 miles, and over a mountain range, so the young bride (she was 23) was broken in very early to the life of being an Australian farmer's wife. How one longs for a photograph.

Phyllis Hohnen's father, Alfred Whitten, knew how hard Anthony had worked as a young man. He slaved on the building of the Great Northern Road to Tamworth, breaking many a ton (one cubic yard) of metal, for 2\/- a ton. One of the contractors cleared out one night with all the wages. All he left behind was a 2" auger; so Anthony souvenired it, and said later that it was the only thing he ever stole in his life. It used to be sharpened with a file; and was sold in the 30's with the rest of the property.

Anthony's wife, Charlotte, was a wonderful horsewoman. Indeed, she could turn her hand to any task about the farm. Once, when Anthony was otherwise engaged, she saddled a bullock team, and drove them with a load of wool for sale, to Maitland! When Harry was a baby, it looked as though he was tongue-tied, so Charlotte got on a horse with him, and rode to the nearest doctor at Murrurundi. It is stated that, when nearly 80, she still rode side saddle over the range to church, and the only time she was late was when her horse's saddle girth broke.



Anthony Whitten



Charlotte Mason as
young bride-to-be



"Grandma" Charlotte Whitten
With daughter Jane
And two grand-daughters



(Age about 75 years)

Anthony died at "Lowestoft" on 22/2/1914, aged 73 years; while Charlotte died on 8/10/1927, aged 85. Charlotte's mother, Jane Mason, lived with them at "Lowestoft" for a few years, dying there in 1877 at the age of 62.

Anthony's family was:

		<u>Age</u>
1. Robert	b. 1866, d. 1951	85
2. Jane ("Jenny")	b. 1868, d. 1962	94
3. Edward ("Ted")	b. 1869, d. 1938	69
4. Frederick	b. 1871, d. 1943	72
5. Henry ("Harry")	b. 1872, d. 1943	70
6. Anthony ("Tony")	b. 1874, d. 1953	79
7. Eliza ("Lucy")	b. 1876, d. 1938	62
Twins 8. { Richard	b. 1878, died as babies.	
9. { Joseph		
10. Charlotte ("Lottie")	b. 1879, d. 1906	27
11. Albert Ernest	b. 1881, d. 1949	68
12. Alfred Giles	b. 1883, d. 1958	75
13. Beatrice .Alice	b. 1885, d. 1964	79

Note here again the large family; the three popular male names; and the longevity of almost all the family.

1. Robert ("Ferry") married Marion ("Minnie") McGregor of New Zealand, and their two children were:

- (i) Iris, m. Phil Anderson, no children, but brought up Jessamine.
- (ii) Eileen, m. Ken Weber, three children:
 - (a) Jessamine, a spinster
 - (b) Aroha (m. Mervyn Green, children Janice, Valerie, Murray & Diane (twins), Fiona, Karen. Lyndsie, and Stephanie); and
 - (c) Linden (m. Paula ?, children Helen, Stephen, David, Mark, and Bronwyn.)

(As a widower in his old age, Robert returned to live in Quirindi, where his nickname was "Nuts and Bolts"!)

2. Jane married Samuel John Cleal BETTS, with two children:

- (a) Muriel Irene Winice (m Dr Charles Gledhill, no issue);
- (b) Mavis Dorothea, a spinster. (Mavis died of cancer 17/9/1984)

Jenny (Whitten) Betts proved to be the oldest Survivor of the Whittens, living on to be 94 years of age. She is here in her north side Sydney home, aged about 90.



3. Edward. ("Ted") remained a bachelor.
4. Frederick, married twice, first Annie Florence Newcombe, with one child, Gladys Annie (b. 1903), whose son Reginald Frank, or "Rex", also married twice. First, Marcia Judge, 5 children
 - (i) David Rex (adopted), m. Holly Hennessy, with son Benjamin David
 - (ii) Gregory Bruce (dec.)
 - (iii) Richard Anthony, m. Laura Norvell, son Jamie;
 - (iv) Rebecca; (v) Kathleen.
 After his divorce, "Rex" married Christine Madgett, no issue. Frederick Whitten then married Josephine MORGAN, with 7 children
 - (i) Keith Wesley, m. Veronica ("Kitty") Hall (dec.). one girl. Suellyn (m.. Barry Janes, children Deborah (Mrs Marcus Lang); and Kellie (Mrs Mark Johnson). (Keith died in July, 1984.)
 - (ii) Frederick John ("Jackie"), died young.
 - (iii) Ruth Beatrice (dec.) m. Gordon Picketing, daughter Jan, m. Robert Lacey, then later m. Richard Coffey, children Rowina Ruth, Meaghan Louise, and Debra Ann.
 - (iv) Constance ("Connie") Muriel, m. James Smith, son Terence James, (m. Annette Smith, children Tiffany and Tabatha.)
 - (v) Royston Russell. ("Roy") m. Jean Lackey, two children Lynde-Lou (m. Malcolm Schubert, children Daniel James, Andrew, Hayley, Ann & Olivia Jane); & Frances Maree, single.
 - (vi) Gwynneth Joyce ("Gwen"), m. Norman ("Bill") Gleeson, six children
 - a) Jennifer, daughter Lucinda;
 - b) Jill, m. and div. Terrence Hogan, then m. John Paul McCann ;
 - c) Elizabeth ("Libby"), m. Evan Tovey, dau Amelia and 2 more
 - d) John, m. and div. Dr Jane Marstrand;
 - e) Margaret, single; and f) Michael, single.
 - (vii) Joan Millicent, m. William Davidson, children Peter, Leigh & Ross (twins).
5. Henry, ("Harry") remained a bachelor.
6. Anthony Jr ("Tony") married Hilda Dora Dawson in Tamworth on 16/7/1913. Hilda had been born in Invercargill, N.Z, but her forebears were Tasmanian. They lived at Gaspard for some years, then moved to a town house in Quirindi. There were 3 children
 - (i) Harold Victor Dawson (b.15/5/1914) m. first Enid Mason then Joyce Furey no issue;
 - (ii) Doris Edeline (b.10/6/1916), m. Russell Bell, a schoolteacher in Quirindi, with 2 children Dennis, (m. Sue Reid, children Anthony, Gregory and Virginia); & Cherie (m. Robert Bass, children Tyron, Adam and Cherie).
 (Doris lives in Randwick, Sydney, & her husband Russ Bell has organised all the Whitten history and may be contacted 2/9 Kara St, Randwick, 2031 --- telephone (02) 399-9160);

- (iii) Beryl Grace, m. Fred Jones, two children
 Malcolm (m. Julie Barwick, children Davinia and Tristan), and
 Cecille (has a son Toby).
 Hilda Whitten died 5/8/1949, aged 71,
 Tony Whitten died 30/11/1953, aged 79,
7. Eliza, a spinster, died in her old age.
8. & 9, The twins were Richard, who died soon after birth, and
Joseph, who died two years later.
10. Charlotte, a spinster, committed suicide.
11. Albert Ernest, who became a minister, married Caroline Steer in the
 U.S.A., and had a son Maurice, who became Professor of Chemistry at Maine
 State University, (After retirement, Maurice m. Doris Mann).
12. Alfred Giles (also a minister) married Ethel Cock in 1914, and had five
 children
 (i) Phyllis, m. Ross Hohnen, 4 children
 Michael Edward, (m.. Janet Young, children Lucy and Alys);
 Stuart Alexander, (m. Dr Paige Porter, daughter Isabel.
 Stuart: was div, then m. Jacoba Snell, dau Meiska Phyllis);
 Murray Andrew, (m. Caroline Brown, children Fergus, Gillian and
 Stuart); and
 Alys, (m. Don Fraser).

Phyllis (Whitten) Hohnen
 and her father,
 Alfred Whitten



(Phyllis Hohnen reports a good story of her father's education with his siblings, in a little, bush schoolhouse at "Lowestoft". Here the pupils were liable to be thrashed by "Jackpot" Ward, the untrained travelling teacher, who was an Irish tosspot, prone to vent his spleen on the young Whittens. Older brother "Harry" on one occasion intervened on Albert's behalf, and when a poetry exercise was demanded for homework, they brought along an extract from the Temperance Reader. The schoolmaster showed he was not without some humour, his response being "A stands for Anthony, silent and grim, Come all ye who drink, and listen to him!")

- (ii) Lloyd Keverne, m. Sue Michael of N.Z. (dec.), children
Mary (m. Warren Grant, children Matthew and Robyn); and
Nicholas, single.
- (iii) Wesley Kingston, m. Beth Meredith
(called "Merry" as Wes has a sister Beth), with 4 children
Gregory Richard m. & div. Adrienne ?, children Dawn & Forrest;
Mark Giles m. Joanna Sassoon.
Jane Meredith, (m. & div. David Corbett); then m. Michael Henry,
2 children, Margaret "Maggie" and Brendan
Penelope, single.
(Wes Whitten BVSc, D.Sc. F.A.A. has gained much distinction in his
field of science (embryology), and is a senior scientist in Tasmania.)
- (iv) Beth Myfanwy, m. Allan Hobson, 4 children
Timothy James (m. Jennifer Hudson, three children
Jeffrey, Andrew, and Sally)
Martin Charles (m. Karen McPherson, 2 sons, Daniel and Nicholas);
Simon Jeremy (m. and div. Kathryn Baranyk,
remarried Maria Jenkins, 2 children, Emily & Michael), and
Roderick Allan, married Catherine Margaret Salvair.
- (v) Olwen, m. and div. Dr F. Wishaw, two children,
Ann (m. and div. Andrew Bruce, remarried James Wyatt), and
Kenneth (m. Amanda Handley, 3 children,
Benjamin, Daniel & Emma)

13. Beatrice, Alice, married Henry ("Bill") Betts, with two children
Daphne Millicent, spinster (dec.); and
Laurence Lionel (dec.) (m. Roma Sarina, children
Pamela Faye (m. Bruce Patterson, son Darren, daughter Katrina);&
John Charles (m. Nell Bartlett, daughters Sarah and Emma).

("We would appreciate reliable information on Anthony Whitten's arrival from Ireland, or elsewhere. Shipping data for the possible years concerned -- 1861-2 -- are missing from the Archives files. Any additions or corrections of the above data would also be welcome.)

Anthony, Henry and Ned Whitten first lived in slab huts like this.



*Anthony, Henry and Ned Whitten
first lived in slab huts like this.*

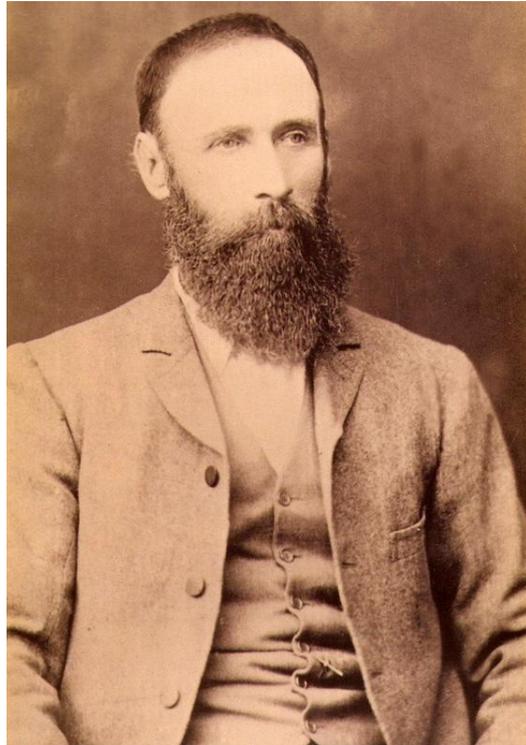


"Jackie" Whitten
(Youngest son of
Frederick & Josephine)

Anthony Whitten Sr.
and wife Charlotte

Wallabadah Cemetery

HENRY WHITTEN



Henry Whitten

The youngest brother, Henry, in 1867 married Eliza Mason (sister to Charlotte) at Singleton, when he was 24,, and she 22. They joined Anthony and Charlotte at "Lowestoft", where Henry began with the usual 40-acre block. In 1870, he went north over the range, and bought 100 acres near where the Gowrie School later appeared. His land holdings in the area later totalled nearly 2,000 acres.

Their family was:

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| 1. Mary Jane | b. 1868 |
| 2. John | b. 1870 |
| 3. Richard Rowland | b. 1872 (registered as Roland Richard) |
| 4. Annie | b. 1874 |
| 5. Frances ("Fanny") | b. 1876 |
| 6. Henry Edward | b. 1878 |
| 7. Martha | b. 1880 |
| 8. Eliza Jane | b. 1883 |
| 9. Percy Havelock | b. 1884 |

1. Mary Jane, married Donald McLeod, and had a daughter Jessie, who remained a spinster.

2. John (or "Long John") married Emily Henry, with 10 children:
- (i) John Henry ("Jack") m. Ettie Grills, children
Clare and Maureen (twins), Paula, Patricia, and Raymond.
 - (ii) Oswald Joseph m. Irene Henry, children
Ronald, Doreen. Marie, John, Maurice, and Aileen,
 - (iii) Marguerita Mary m. George McKinnon, children
Nola, Moya, and Ian.
 - (iv) Victor Norman m. Margaret Fanker, four children
 - a) Noreen m. Peter Hall, children Dennis, Kerrie, Philip and Fiona;
 - b) Theodore m. Carmel Lane, children Peter. Andrew, Michael & Felicity);
 - c) Mary m. Rex Roser, children Paul, Anna and Catherine;
 - d) Norma m. Vincent Steer, children Rebecca. Anthony, David & Jayne,
 - (v) Wilfred Stanley m. Agnes King, children
Yvonne, Patricia, Max (became a CSIRO entomologist),
Kevin, Douglas, Janice and Denyse.
 - (vi) Una Mary m. Les Cook, children John, Colin and Maxwell,
 - (vii) Harold James m. Joan Nicholls, children Kenneth, Clive, Adrian & Robin.
 - (viii) Donald Vincent m. Margaret Anderson, children Warren and Wayne,
 - (ix) Charles Ray m. & div. Eleanor Glynn; then m. Betty Westwood,
Children, Eleanor and Rosalie (twins), Patricia and Bettina,
 - (x) Jean Imelda m. Paul. Diserens, children Peter, John and Timothy.
3. Roland Richard married Annie Flora Mason (who was the daughter of Richard Mason Jr, son of the original Richard Mason (see P 19) She was born in 1876, and died in 1914 aged 38). They had 7 children:
- (i) Martha Kathleen ("Kit"), m. Albert Bielefeld, four children
 - a) Mervin m. Elinor "Nell" Garland, children Kristine, Kerrie & Cathy;
 - b) Norman m. Aileen Chaffey, children Shirley, John and Glenice;
 - c) Ivan, (m. Ingrid Helweg, children Albert, Frederick and Nita); and
 - d) Marie (m. George Wallace, daughter Maree Patricia).
 - (ii) Alice Elma, m. Richard Thomas Reading, two children
Richard Gordon m. Bernice "Bonnie" Brockhurst, children
Trevor, Darryl, Wayne and Jeanine; and
Edward Keith (m. Colleen Boys -- Colleen is now Mrs David Wootten,
children Graham Rodney and Jeffrey
 - (iii) Gordon Richard Athol, m. Hilda Bielefeld, four children:
 - a) Noel Gordon m. Nola Weik, children
Phillip and
Lorraine who m. Ken Towle , daughter Kylie;
 - b) Raymond William m. Glenda Wicks, two children
Ivan, m. Sharon Lowe daughter Kirstie; and
Athol.

- c) Mavis Annie, m, Harold Crowell children Sherryl m.
William (Bill) Banner, children
Karen, Cody and Tanya;
Kerrie m. Phillip Russell, daughter Lauren;
Brenda;
Erryn; and
David;
- d) Beryl Joan m. James Kitto, children Alison, Darren and Julie.
- (iv) Henry Allan, m. Alice Brockhurst, three children
Mollie m. Noel Walters, son Clive - m. Janice ?, & daughter Jodie;
Ronald m. Yvonne Carr, children Garry, Lionel, Darryl & Nigel); and
Barry m. Robyn Kelso, children Warren - m. 1983 – and Cheree.
- (v) Eileen m. Ted Alderton, children Alan, Aubrey and Margaret.
- (vi) Richard Elvin "Gunny", m. Lorna Soper, four children:
 - a) Gloria m. Ian Urquhart, daughter Melanie;
 - b) Eileen m. Bruce Wells, children Susan and Robyn;
 - c) Zeta Fay m. Erin Alexander, children Darren and Michelle; and
 - d) Royden m. Denise Harbrow, children Tyron, Dean, Clayton and Laurinda.
- (vii) Lorna, m. Arthur Pollock, daughter Noreen m. Ken Burnie.
- 4. Annie married William Chalmers, no issue.
- 5. Frances remained a spinster.
- 6. Henry Jr. married Ethel Maud Frizell in 1908, five children
 - (i) Audrey, m. George Hausfeld, three children
 - a) Henry m. Roma Barton, children
Guy who m. Alayna Lee, children Shannon and Jennifer,
Phillip and
Mark.
 - b) Noel m. Beryl Harford, children Garry, Allan, Ian & Katherine; and
 - c) Maxwell m. Roslyn Collins, children John, Steven and Nicole.
 - (ii) Edna m. Eric McGaffin, children Patricia (Mrs Bastedo, Canada) and
Pamela m. Ian Parsons, children Kathie, Julie and Graham).
 - (iii) Mervyn m. Esma Brett, children
Ian m. Barbara Jones, children Michelle, Andrew, and Mark; and
Janelle m. Jeffrey Freak. children Ben and John).
 - (iv) Stella, m. Keith Newell, children
Trevor m. Patricia Carter, children Peter and Jodie; and
Roger m. Marilyn Lonsdale, children Trudie and Matthew.
 - (v) Alexa Maud, m. Eric Prince, children
Lesley m. Peter McKean, children Amanda and Nathan;
Glenys m. Christopher Hayes, Melissa, Aimee and Selina); and
Anita Maree.
- 7. Martha "Mattie" remained a spinster.
- 8. Eliza Jane remained a spinster.



A lovely family group of Henry Whitten: Jr. & wife Maud, with their 5 children Edna (McGaffin), Mervyn, Stella (Newell) Alexa (Prince) & Audrey (Hausfeld)

9. Percy Havelock married Beatrice Walters, and had 8 children

(i) Marjorie ("Madge"), m. Oscar Herden, three children;

a) Margaret m. John Geddes, children

Richard, m. Sandra Farley, son Samuel John; John & Tracey Ann;

b) Jan m. Michael Barrett, children Brendan, Kirsty and Andrew; and

c) Bernadine "Berry", now Mrs Cuthbertson, m. John Blackett, children Michael and Ryan).

(ii) Olive, m. Stanley Leard, children

Joy (Mrs Hancock),

Trevor m. Susan Buxton,

Daryel m. Margaret Perfrement and Shirley.

(iii) Joyce, m. Cyril Andren, with six children

a) Bill m. Mary Herden;

b) Terence m. Margaret McIntosh, children

Deborah, Michael, Susan, Jan and David;

c) Elaine m, Noel Kennedy, children

Anthony, Anne, Peter, Timothy, Nicholas and Dennis;

d) Robert m. Deirdre Tetley, children Simon and Sharon;

e) John, single; and

f) Judith m. Peter Koch, children Jason, Melissa and Benjamin.

(iv) Leonard, m. Doreen Proudfoot, three children:

a) Rex (m. Aileen Reading, children

Neville, m. Toni Roberts.

Lyndall, m. Graeme Whitten; and

- Leanne, m. Graham Sutton. (Lyndall and Leanne are twins)
- b) Barry (m. Janet Humphries, children Gavin, Mark, who died in 1968, Sally-Anne and Cassandra, who died 1977);
- c) Desmond (m. Denise Allwell, son Timothy).
- (v) Douglas m. Grace Williams, two children
 - a) John (m. Rosalie Farthing, children Stephen, Grant, Ian and David);
 - b) Glenda (m. and div. Brian Edmonds, children Vicky, Tina & Gregory then m. Cliff Rose, dau Lisa & twins in 1988
- (vi) Esma m. Joe Johnston, children Anthony, Stephen, and Ann.
- (vii) Kevin m. Valda Skewes, children Marjorie, Geoffrey, Neil and Robyn.
- (viii) Brian m. Carmen Brockhurst, children Wendy (m, and div. Gary Devlin, 2 children, Nathan and Adam); Belinda and Dean.

Henry Whitten Sr. died 6/3/1921, aged 78.

Eliza Whitten died 13/2/1926, aged 79.

(That concludes our knowledge of Henry's descendants.

Any corrections or additions to the above would be welcomed.)

ANN WHITTEN

Go back to the Original Family again, and note that in amongst the four brothers we have researched there is a sister named Ann, born 13/11/1836. We will now follow Ann's interesting; story.

In Ireland she married a man named Elliott who died over there.. They had a son Robert and a daughter Matilda. Ann decided to come to Australia to help one of her brothers (probably Joseph). Matilda (or "Tilly") came out alone from Plymouth, when just six years old,, on the "St Kilda", arriving on the 31st January, 1865. She was listed under "children of Residents in the Colony", and her mother Ann was stated as being at Singleton. This was where Joseph lived; and we presume that Robert was with her. But fancy a little six-year old girl coming out from England alone!

"Tilly" was later more or less adopted by the Whittens at "Lowestoft", and helped on the property. She was very fond of Alfred when he was a boy, and taught him his prayers. Tilly never married, and died in 1899 aged about 40.



Ann Whitten (Elliott) married Edward ROWLAND at Singleton the 4th March, 1867. Edward had been born in London in 1842, but came to Australia with his widowed mother, his brother James, and two sisters. They were living in the Muswellbrook area, and when the railway to Murrurundi was opened, the brothers decided to select land on the Liverpool plains.

Ann had a second name, Edith, but her family nickname was "Nannie". Jane "Jenny" Betts often spoke of "Auntie Annie" as the sister that, her father (Anthony Sr) loved the best.

Later on, they lived on a property called "Haydonton", near Murrurundi; and later still some of the family in a house in Glen Innes, named after the old Irish home,., but spelt incorrectly "Fancraft",

Helen (Rowland) Fraser's cousin Jean has some letters written to Ann by her sister Mary, who must have been heartbroken when Ann went to Australia: "How much I miss you, dear Nannie". In another letter she mentions "passing your little cottage, dear Nannie, and I was overcome". There must have been deep affection between these two; and from, all reports Ann (Whitten) (Elliott) Rowland was a lovely person.

She died in childbirth in 1879 at Blackville aged 42. By the time the news reached "Lowestoft" and "Gowrie", her brother Henry wondered if it was worthwhile making the trip., but Anthony said, "I'd give a thousand pounds to see her little finger", so off they went!

Little Mary Rowland had died as a baby, but there were five children left. ranging from 10 years down to: 2 years. Father Edward vowed he could not live without Ann,, and took off, to settle as a pioneer on Bowen Downs, and never returned till his old age. The children were cared for by Uncle James, and his wife Jane Rowland. The family was

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|--------------------|----------|----------|
| 1. Mary Esther | b. and | d. 1868 |
| 2. Minnie | b. 1869 | d. 1936 |
| 3. Jane | b. 1871 | d. 1955. |
| 4. Whitten Edward | b. 1872 | d. 1940 |
| **5. Alfred Edward | b. 1874 | d. 1956 |
| 6. Edith Mary | b. 1876. | d. 1900 |

** There is a classic example here of incorrect data given on a certificate. We have Alfred's birth certificate (This was Helen Fraser's father). His mother is given as: Naomi Whittle, age 36, from Roscoe. There you have exactly four errors in one sentence! As we have said, Ann's nickname was Nannie, so I guess that has become Naomi. She was, of course, a Whitten, aged 37, and came from. Roscrea. One wonders whether it was the informant or the registrar who was a little deaf, or a little tipsy. (P.S. The informant was Ann's husband, Edward!)

1. Mary died as a baby.
2. Minnie married George Hodges, with five daughters
Mollie (Mrs Robert Drew)
Jennie (Mrs Smith)
Gladys (Mrs Reynolds)
Nellie (Mrs Andrew Purvis);- and
Nancy (Mrs Les Purvis).

Andrew and Les Purvis were brothers.

3. Jane married George Sevil, with five children
 - (i) Lionel, m. Alma Hamilton, daughters
Bonnie (m. Peter Gorham, 3 children) and
Leila (m. Robert Irvine in Ireland, two daughters Muriel and Caroline).
 - (ii) Ronald, m. Clare Radford, 6 children
 - a) Rowland m. Betty Taggart , with 5 children:
Stephen, Leslie, Margaret, Catherine and Bernard
 - b) Naomi m. Paul McMahon, seven children:
Ronald, Michael., Clark, Deborah,, Irene,. Matthew and Mary ;
 - c) Georgina, m.,. Patrick Heffernan, four children :
Alice, Richard, Moira and David (adopted)
 - d) Frank, m. Kay Squires, seven children:
Ronald, Thomas, Frahame, Karen, Jocelyn, Jennifer and Andrew
 - e) George, m. Clare Ryan, four children :
Philip, Robert, Monica and Joseph;
 - f) Helen, m. Lindsay Martyn, five children:
Trevor: Maggie, Neil, Ruth and Bryce (the first four adopted).
 - (iii-) Edward, single.
 - (iv) Mona Anne ("Girlie"), m. Wroughton Codrington, four children
 - a) Geoffrey m. Elaine Anderson., four children :
Mark Richard, Christopher and Victoria;
 - b) Brenda m. George Witts, 3 children, Robert, Suzanne & Edwina;
 - c) Margery, m. Donald Clift, three children: Philip, Benjamin and Gina
 - d) Audrey, m, Bruce Witts, 3 children : Leslie, Felicity and William.
 - (v) Thomas, m. Suzette Adams. four children:
 - a) Anthony, m. Christine Mason, sons Thomas and Edward;
 - b) Elizabeth, m. Ross Gowing, children Preston and Emilie:
 - c) Adam, m. Edette Park in Dec. 1983
 - d) Diana, m, David Duddy, children Henry and Georgina.
4. Whitten Edward married Sarah Biddle, with six children
 - (i) Henry, m, Dulcie Skinner, one son, one dau.
 - (ii) Dorothy, m. Roy Ryan, one son, 2 daughters
 - (iii) Jean, single; (iv) Joan, single; (v) Robert. single ; and
 - (vi) Enid m. Ernest Haydock, daughter Sue (m. John Dumbrell, 1 son, 1 daughter),
5. Alfred Edward married Sarah's sister, Mary Jane Biddle, in Glen Innes
on 13/9/1905. Their four children were:
 - (i) Gwen, m. Clarence Torrens, no issue.
 - (ii) Geoffrey m. Hope Johnson, 4 sons John, Donald, Stephen &
Robert;
 - (iii) Mary, m. John Bower, children Anne (Mrs Ingram) and Michael;
 - (iv) Helen, m. James Fraser, son Andrew.
6. Edith Mary: a spinster, died in Glen Innes, aged 24.

Edward ROWLAND eventually returned to some of his family in Glen Innes,
and died there on 14/8/1919, aged 77.

(We would appreciate any corrections or additions to this data)

WHITTEN MISCELLANY.

1. The Pioneer WHITTENS all had large families, most of whom lived to an old age: Anthony had 13 children; Joseph 11; Henry 9; and Edward's would have no doubt been larger, but he died before seeing his 7th, and last, child.

2. Of the WHITTENS who lived to a good, old age, the oldest were

(a) Anthony's daughter Jane ("Jenny"), 94.

(b) Henry's son Henry Jr. 93.

A well-known modern descendant was Gladys Whitten, who first assembled some of the WHITTEN ancestry, and lived to be 84.

3. One interesting case of a WHITTEN marrying a WHITTEN occurred when Graeme (from Adrian, from Thomas., from Edward) married Lyndall (from Rex, from Leonard, from Percy, from Henry)

4. The latest count of WHITTEN descendants comprised

The four brothers' families	40
Descendants of these families	209
Masons and Rowlands	45
Descendants of female WHITTENS	<u>182</u>
	476



Whitten

WHITTEN or WHITTON

*The arms are those of WHITTEN
of Golden Grove, Ireland.*

(registered by ULSTER)...

This English surname is on record in Dublin from 1577 and was later established in Armagh where it is now numerous in Ulster.

The name appears in the 'Inrollments of the Decree of Innocents (Cromwell) 1649 as; WILLIAM WHITTIN. There were 8 entries in the Birth registrations for 1890 showing 4 in Dublin & 3 in Ulster.