



WHITFIELD, William Joseph John (1836-1925), wheelwright and sawmill, of Picton NSW; *b* 14 Aug 1836 Sydney NSW; *bp* 18 Sep 1836 St James' CE, Sydney NSW; *s* of William Whitfield, carpenter, of Elizabeth Street Sydney NSW and Caroline Philadelphia (West); *ed* *r/w*; *spse* (1) Elizabeth Ratcliffe (1838-1919) *d* of Joseph Ratcliffe of Picton NSW and Sarah (Leonard); *m* 30 Jly 1861 St Mark's CE, Picton NSW; *iss* *by* (1) Joseph Ratcliffe (1860-), Susan Caroline (1862-1954) (*m* McInnes), John (1864-1956), Thomas Daniel Sweeney (1866-1948), William Josiah Bent (1868-1957), James Albert (1870-1958), Sarah Brittain (1872-1967) (*m* Wilson), George Richard (1874-1953), Ann Elizabeth (1875-1978) (*m* Vacchini, McKechnie), Eliza Mary (1878-1930) (*m* West), Jane Amy Eliza Bent (1880-1962) (*m* West), Jessie Winifred Ethel (1882-1912) (*m* Gorrick).

The eldest son of William and Caroline Whitfield, William junior, after arriving in the Picton district of NSW during the 1850s, took up the trade of wheelwright and opened a blacksmith shop at Myrtle Creek NSW. He also worked for the famous Cobb & Co. stagecoach line. He was responsible for the ironwork on the new St Mark's Church, Picton. William also worked a pit-saw at Myrtle Creek.

The first bridge over Stonequarry Creek, Picton, built 1827, was swept away in the great flood of 1860. The timber for the second bridge was pit-sawn at Myrtle Creek by William Whitfield. This was said to be the last pit-sawn timber in the district and apparently the money received for the sale of the timber was sufficient to buy a circular saw and mill. The second bridge lasted until 1899 when it was demolished to make way for the present bridge. The old timbers were sold by auction and were said to be "as good as new".

William built his new "Blue Gum" sawmill at the junction of Bluegum Creek and Sassafras Gully, west of the Thirlmere Lakes, where he employed 34 men. He supplied sawn timber for a number of houses in the district, some of which are still standing today. He also freighted timber to Sydney. In 1888, as a member of Thirlmere Progress Committee, he was one of a deputation to meet the Minister for Works concerning a reduction in freight on wood sent to Sydney. During the Great Depression of 1893 the mill supplied

timber for the building of Catholic Schools and piles for the construction of Sydney wharves.

William also invented a machine for grinding his arrowroot and experimented in making flour from potatoes. He died on 27 Jun 1925 and was buried in Upper Picton NSW. [2583/024]

WHITTLE, Elizabeth (1827-1909), *see* HUNT.

WHITTLE, William (c1810-1874), carpenter, farmer and ferry owner, of Wellington NSW; *b* c1810 DOR ENG; *bp* 31 Dec 1810 Langton Herring DOR ENG; *s* of William Whittle, smuggler and ship owner, of DOR ENG and Sarah (Rose); *ed* *r/w*; *arr* 11 Dec 1835 Sydney NSW per *Royal Sovereign* as convict; *tri* Dorset DOR ENG 12 Mar 1835 *sen* 10 years *ap* 14 Jun 1845; *spse* (1) Elizabeth Hunt (1827-1909) *d* of Samuel Hunt and Elizabeth (Saville); *m* 05 Mar 1845 CE, Montifiores NSW; *iss* *by* (1) Emma Jane (1846-) (*m* Holmes), Edith (1848-1891), Sarah Rose (1850-) (*m* Bracken), Isabella (1854-1896) (*m* Parson), William James Hutton (1856-), Elizabeth Ann (1858-1888) (*m* Murphy), Mary Ann (1861-) (*m* Poole), Eliza Gertrude Matilda (1864-) (*m* Murphy), Henry Albert (1866-), Grace Lillian (1873-1876).

William was convicted of smuggling at the Dorset Assizes and transported for ten years. It is not known how he was assigned when he arrived in Sydney. In 1841 he received a Ticket of Leave for Parramatta NSW which noted him as a "seaman". It was changed for Wellington NSW in 1843. While in Wellington he met Elizabeth Hunt and received permission to marry, they were eventually married in 1845 after William received his Certificate of Freedom.

William bought some land in Wellington and they settled there. He worked as a carpenter for some years. Later he became a farmer then in 1865 a "Lessee of the ferry" which connected Wellington and Montifiores on the Macquarie River NSW. The occupation shown on his death certificate was "seaman" while his father's was listed as "shipowner".

William died on 04 Sep 1874 and was buried in Wellington NSW. [2462/012]

WHITTON, Mary Ann (c1796-1855), *b* c1796 Mulgrave Place NSW; *d* of Edward Whitton, convict farmer, of Mulgrave Place NSW and Anne (Slater), convict & farmer; *ed* female orphanage; *ld* inherited 15 acres c1806 Mulgrave Place NSW; *spse* (1) Richard Barnes (c1783-1826) of ENG, *m* 19 Aug 1811 St Matthew's CE, Windsor NSW; *spse* (2) John Eccleston (1793-1868) of LAN ENG, *m* 05 Mar 1827 St Peter's CE, Campbelltown NSW; *iss* *by* (1) Sarah (1812-1813), Elizabeth (1814-1885) (*m* Millar), Edward (1816-1880), Jane (1819-), Isabella (1821-1911) (*m* Dawson), Amelia (1823-1888) (*m* Bolger), Richard (1825-1912), *iss* *by* (2) Henry John (c1827-1864), Ann Mary (1829-1859) (*m* Wright), John Henry (c1830-1858), William (1832-1911), Mary (1836-1837), Mary Winifred (1838-1925) (*m* Maguire, McCormack), Johanna Elizabeth (1841-1931) (*m* Meredith); *d* 02 Nov 1855 Campbelltown NSW; *bur* Campbelltown (RC) NSW. [2861/003]

WICKHAM, Francis John (c1831-1892), accountant, of Parramatta NSW; *b* c1831 London ENG; *bp* 01 Feb 1832 Old Church, St Pancras CE, London ENG; *s* of George Wickham, of London ENG