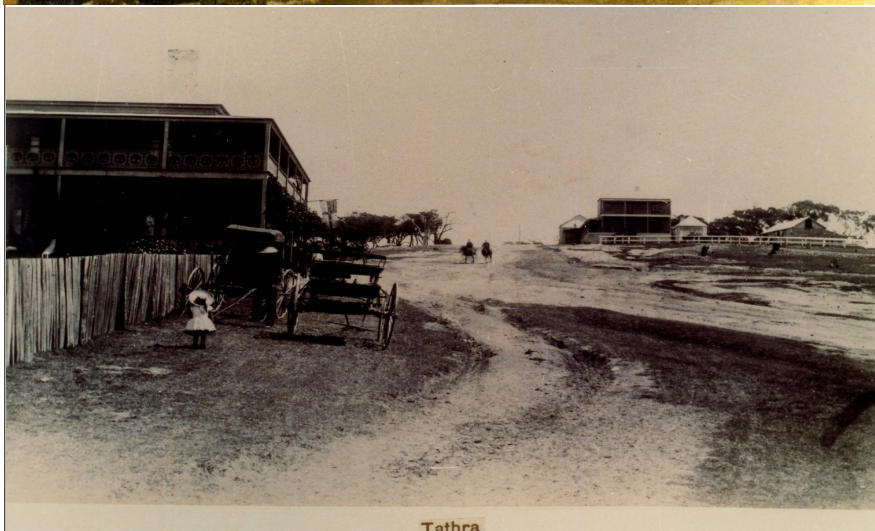


# The Bega Pioneer

*Voice of the Bega Valley Historical Society Inc.*

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Tathra

# Bega Valley Historical Society Inc.

*Incorporating*

## Bega Pioneers' Museum

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### MUSEUM OPENING HOURS:

*Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am to 2pm  
 Saturday 10am to 2pm*

*Museum Entrance Fees:  
 Adults \$10, Seniors and Pensioners \$5, Children \$3  
 Annual Membership Fee: Ask at desk*

The Society's Newsletter is published quarterly and is free to all members and to kindred societies.

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**Front Page: Tathra Wharf and Tathra c1900**



# Museum News

## NEW MEMBERS

Tony Jefferies  
Tony and Sue Hergenhan  
Jim Phillips

## RESEARCH QUERIES.

### ACQUISITIONS

Bodycote archive  
Collection of obituary photographs and funeral records  
Original hotel bar bell from Bob Rixon.  
John Robert Rixon's cane which was also a horse measuring device.

## MUSEUM HAPPENINGS.

The old machinery club have inspected all the machines and given us as much background as possible and a valuation.

The ceiling in the short corridor has been replaced.

A new museum flag has been made by Sue Hergenhan - pictured with Ben Bowyer. Thank you Sue for your work.

Roof leak defect inspection has been carried out.



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

**SATURDAY JULY 20th 2024  
10AM AT THE BEGA PIONEERS' MUSEUM**

### **Help Save the Museum!**

In earlier discussions and upon receipt of the Museum Advisor's Recommendation to the Arts and Culture Plan Working Group at the BVSC dated 18 April 2023 called: Sustaining Museums of the Bega Valley, it has become clear that the Society cannot continue as it is. The Committee had already recognised this i.e. the need for resources: people, skills & \$'s. The Advisor identified areas go to the age and condition of the building, the make-up of the Committee and the maintenance of the collection both archival and equipment.

This is a chance for you as members to have a rewarding role in the Museum, bring your skills and participate in future directions and change. 2024/2025 is shaping up to be a defining year with the potential for significant changes and/or possible closure of the Museum. The Historical Society/ Museum committee needs active participants if it intends to achieve a sustainable heritage resource for the region's community.

Some of the identified areas that the historical society needs to actively engage in are school liaison, lecture and discussion program, exhibition program, conservation and storage management, training & skills development and maintenance plan to name a few. We need to think about which of these roles we are prepared to pick up as the role of each committee member is necessarily different to the volunteer aspects of the Museum. However if you have the skills to support any of these areas and do not wish to serve on committee, please contact us.

In line with the Museum Advisors review the following needs to be considered:

#### **Pros:**

- Digitisation of significant objects using the eHive program – work in progress.
- Virtual museum project – work in progress.
- Electronic documentation ongoing and good.

#### **Cons:**

- Repair and maintenance costs are excessive.
- Income is not meeting basic expenditure.
- Lack of volunteers.

#### **Suggestions:**

- Sell the building and use the money to purchase storage space for the collection. For this to work the collection would have to be culled severely in line with the collection policy. Liaise with other facilities/ museums to host displays in their spaces.
- Close the building as a museum – this does not solve the ongoing issue of maintenance.

The Bega Pioneers' Museum is an institution occupying a heritage building – a repository of knowledge - objects big and small and family papers and photos given by pioneers of the Valley. Let us avoid the need to separate building from collection.

### **PRESIDENT RETIRES.**

Our president, Helen Jauncey, has announced she will not be standing for the position next year. She has filled the role for four years and we express our gratitude for her work and dedication.

## WOMEN OF BEGA.

### Mrs. Emily Cochrane nee Flower.

Emily Redman Gregg Flower was born at Fairy Meadow near Kiama on July 17th 1849.

Her mother Annie was a niece of the Earl of Clarendon and her father Edward William Gregg was a solicitor. Annie wanted for nothing as the family was well off and she was educated by a series of tutors. When she was fifteen her tutor was Frederic Flower, ten years older than her. They married on July 31st 1848 when she was sixteen. After their marriage it was suggested they move to The Colony and they arrived in Sydney on the "St. George" in 1849.

Frederic got a job as a teacher in the Illawarra area where Emily and her three surviving brothers were born. The family were living at Morpeth when Frederic died of pneumonia in 1858 as did their youngest son James. Annie returned to the Wollongong area where she eked a living making cabbage tree hats.

Annie met and married in July 1859 a dour farmer from Northern Ireland named William Cochrane. They had seven children. Emily met and married her stepfather's younger brother James, a handsome six foot tall redhead. They married when she was 21.

James Cochrane was a master butcher at the time of their marriage on 27th September 1871. They moved to the South Coast after the birth of their first child Annie. James bought land and a butchers shop in William Street Candelo where Mary, William, Lily and Fred were born. He sold the business in 1882 and was proprietor of the Royal Hotel at Candelo when Florence was born in 1884.

In November 1885 they moved to South Wolumla after James bought the 'Middle Park' property from his brother in law James Osborne. Their son James Flower Cochrane was born there as well as Charles, Arthur and Edward Gregg.

Of their children Charles Royden died in 1900 aged three after a shooting accident, William Henry drowned at Morpeth aged 28 and the youngest Edward Gregg paid the supreme sacrifice aged 21 years in 1917 during WW1. Emily was one of the many mourning mothers who took part in the opening of the Bega Soldiers memorial in May 1924.

Emily passed away on April 28th 1927 aged 76 years.



## EXTRACT FROM KEVIN TETLEY'S NOTEBOOKS.

As part of the Kevin Tetley bequest we have his notebooks. This is a sample of the work

BDN 21 June 1937

'We have it and we have it not'

Although Bega Sewerage has been officially opened it is not yet functioning and Council is in the position of the man "who dunno where we are."

BDN 21 June 1937

"The Coronation Film will be presented to the district patrons of Downey's Talkie this week. This special Air Mail? Views of the coronation are well worth seeing. Later on a similar film will be shown in natural colour."

BDN 21 June 1937

Death of Joseph Schuback 88 at Candelo - one of the 1st white children born here.

"BITUMEN FOR TARRAGANDA LANE"

In Bega Council the works committee recommended putting down bitumen on Tarraganda Lane, and also acquiring a small portion of land at the turn from East Street, to improve the corner. The cost of this work would be £175, of which the Main Roads Board would pay two thirds and the Council one third."

MONDAY 22 MAY 1933

"Death of James Maples, Tanja aged 86 - born 24/12/1847 born Double Creek

## BEGA BUSINESSES

"Pioneering Days in Bega" Sister B. Smith BVHS - Mar 1975

Henry Brown - came from America He made ploughs, coulter and dray parts - bucket handles & digging implements, sharpened picks etc during 1860 Gold Rush. Cattle Brands He had 4 forges working at full pressure.

His son Fred Brown - d July 1974 aged 100 made gates for churches, public buildings, private homes and the 'lovely iron railing around the Boer War Memorial in Bega Park'.

MICHAEL GILDEA - Had a 'smithy' on fire station site. He made iron trolleys for carting milk to feed pigs - eg at the Bega Settlement. The milk drum swung to avoid spilling on steep hillsides.

SCANES - BILL & HARRY Built Buggies & trotting gigs. Bill Scanes was a Master Blacksmith.

MAGNER, Thomas - Smithy on the corner of Carp & Parker Street. Always had horses tied up waiting to be shod.

BILL JOHNSON He came much later. Repaired wheels and farm machinery & shod horses - show ponies buggies & sulkies.

JACK BARBER Ditto with B. Johnson



Brown Brothers  
Blacksmiths.

## BEGA CHRONICLE NOTES - July 1868 to December 1868

Project commenced by Ruth Gowing - her notes recently electronically transcribed.

**1874**

### **January**

John Jagers was a collector in Gipps Street.

No issue of the Gazette on 12/1/1872.

W Thompson in Carp Street was the agent for the Sydney Insurance Co.

W G Hearne was a chemist in Gipps Stret.

Mrs. Sparkes needlework business opened in either Mr. Sturah's saddlery or Mr. Lenehan's saddlery.

William C Coulter of Bombala married Anne Jessie Baddeley of Pambula 10/1/1872.

W H Braine was an auctioneer, commission agent and land agent.

Gold was discovered at Towamba.

Public meeting held to discuss land bill.

### **February**

Bega's First Annual Show held 15/2/1872.

Mr. T Kelly was appointed agent for the Gazette at Cobargo.

Mr. I M Rosenthal, royal oculist optician and aurist, visits Bega for 8 days.

Mr. Joseph Twyford of Pambula is killed by a falling tree 9/2/1972.

The Rev. Thom of Pambula was leaving the district and had an auction of his residence.

Forty acres at Montagu were leased to Maurice Laycock and Isabella Barclay for a whaling station.

Mr. W Clements of Moruya visits Bega – standing against Mr. Clarke.

John D'Arcy offers to be a candidate for the Electorate of Eden.

John Ward was carrying dairy produce to the Sandy Creek and Tantawangalo Dairy Station.

Richard Bligh was paying cash for horse hair and hides.

### **March**

The opening service of the Wesleyan Church at Tantawangalo was held with a meeting afterwards – 5/3/1872.



**Bega Showground**

## July

Constable McCarthy leaves Bega for Moruya.

Cobargo Union Church opened.

Pambula Courthouse – Schafer v Walsh.

Nelson Prospecting Co. held a shareholder meeting at the Bega School of Arts.

Improvements to the Wesleyan Church at Tantawangalo were to start.

W Neilley was an accountant and arbitrator in Bega.

Mr. Fred Hand had portion of his left foot amputated.

Constable Goff was transferred to the Monaro. He was replaced by Constable Preston of Adaminaby.

Mr. Thomas Mooney left the Royal Hotel.

James Ewan was a candidate for the office of director of the Australian Steam Navigation Co.

Mrs. Clarke of Gipps Street was advertising board and residence.

Messrs. L and I Rixon purchased Mrs. Malcolm's dressmaking business in Gipps Street.

C Jagers was charged with stealing cattle.

Bega residents began raising money to acquire a bandmaster for the Bega Band.

John van Hemert was granted an auctioneer's licence at Eden.

## August

Bega Police Court – Henry Green v Frank Bird, W D Tarlinton v Charles Jagers.

Mary Ann Momsen of Wolumla died aged 2 years and 6 months.

Mr. Neilley and Mr. L S O'Toole purchased The Southern Standard newspaper.

Mrs. Braine had a daughter.

Tarraganda residents were discussing a new bridge.

Charles Burdett charged with administering a noxious drug to Phoebe Hanks.

Mr. W Allan of Warraguburra crushed his finger in the new mowing machine.





# THE 'CAESAR' FAMILIES IN OUR COLLECTION

## ARNOLD FAMILY

JOHANN JOSEF ARNOLD AND HIS WIFE, EVA SUSANNAH (SCHUPPEL), TRAVELLED TO AUSTRALIA ON THE "CAESAR" AND DISEMBARKED AT SYDNEY UNABLE TO FIND WORK IN SYDNEY. THEY TRAVELLED BY COASTAL STEAMER BACK DOWN THE COAST TO EDEN ON TWOFOLD BAY. THEY THEN PROCEEDED OVER THE MOUNTAIN BY BULLOCK WAGON TAKING THIRTEEN DAYS TO DO SO.

JOHANN'S FIRST JOB IN AUSTRALIA WAS AS A LABOURER ON A SHEEP STATION, WAMBROOK, NEAR COOMA.

DURING THEIR LIFETIME, THEY HAD NINE CHILDREN BORN IN AUSTRALIA, MOSTLY AROUND THE MONARO AND BOMBALA REGIONS. THEY WERE:

SELENA - BORN AT WAMBROOK STATION  
 MARY - BORN AT WOOLWAY STATION, COOMA  
 HENRY - BORN AT BURRNA STATION, BOMBALA  
 JOHN ARNOLD - BORN IN BOMBALA  
 WILLIAM - BORN AT CAMBALONG STATION, BOMBALA  
 GEORGE - BORN AT BACK CREEK, BOMBALA  
 MARTIN - BORN IN BOMBALA  
 JOSEPH - BORN AT GUNNING GRACH, BOMBALA

GEORGE ARNOLD WAS A PASTRY COOK, LEARNING HIS SKILLS UNDER HIS MOTHER'S TUITION, AT BOMBALA. HE MARRIED SARAH ATKINS AND HAD TWELVE CHILDREN BRINGING THE FAMILY UP AT PERICOE AND TOWAMBA. HE WORKED IN A HOTEL AT TOWAMBA UNTIL IT BURNT DOWN AND THEN WORKED IN THE DAIRY AT PERICOE STATION

## BILDSTEIN FAMILY

JOHANN FREDERICK BILDSTEIN DISEMBARKED AT SYDNEY AND THEN WENT TO BIBBENLUKE NEAR BOMBALA WHERE HE WORKED AS A SHEEP WASHER.

HE CAME TO BEGA CIRCA 1860 WHERE HE LIVED IN NORTH BEGA, APPROXIMATELY WHERE CARPET CHOICE NOW IS. HE MOVED FROM THERE TO A PROPERTY AT DOUBLE CREEK, BROGO, WHERE HE HAD PURCHASED 422 ACRES.

HE MARRIED MARY GOODWIN FROM DERRY, IRELAND, AND THEY RAISED 4 CHILDREN;

MARY ANNA MARRIED JOHN CLEARY.

JOHN JNR NEVER MARRIED.

JAMES NEVER MARRIED.

CATHERINE (KATIE) NEVER MARRIED.

## BOLLER FAMILY

George Casper Boller, known as Casper, sailed with his wife Helene and children Franz Simon, Maria and Emma. Helene and Maria were victims of the cholera epidemic. He disembarked with Franz and Emma at Twofold Bay and went to work at Kameruka. After working his term he bought a property at Bimbaya. The farm remained in the Boller family until 1970.

Casper died at Tantawangalo in 1878 aged seventy six years.

Emma married John Schick in 1862 and had seven children.

Franz (Frank) married Hanna Connor in 1870 and had eight children.



George Casper BOLLER

## DISTER FAMILY

JOHANN PETER DISTER AND HIS SECOND WIFE , EVA KERN, SAILED ABOARD THE "CAESAR" WITH HIS FIVE CHILDREN FROM HIS FIRST MARRIAGE.

ONE CHILD HAD DIED IN GERMANY. PETER, EVA AND ONE CHILD, PETER JNR, DIED AT SEA FROM CHOLERA.

JAMES MANNING DENIED ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SURVIVING CHILDREN STATING THAT HIS CONTRACT HAD BEEN ONLY WITH THEIR FATHER, PETER.

IT IS THOUGHT THE CHILDREN WENT ON TO SYDNEY TO AN ORPHANAGE BUT MAGISTRATE GEORGE HEBDEN INTERVENED AND ARRANGED FOR THE CHILDREN TO LIVE AT BOMBALA WITH OTHER "CAESAR" PASSENGERS.

ANNA ALOYSIA MARRIED FRANCIS JESSE AT BOMBALA AND HAD NINE CHILDREN.

FRANZISKA MARRIED JOHN DAVEY, HAD THREE CHILDREN, AND DIED AT BOMBALA AGED THIRTY.

JOHANNES MARRIED MARY BEATTIE.

SUSANNA MARRIED WILLIAM EDWARD ROBERTS AT CRAIGIE, HAD NINE CHILDREN, AND DIED IN CHILDBIRTH IN 1885 AGED THIRTY FOUR YEARS.

## GOETZ FAMILY

SIMON GOETZ (GOTZ) AND HIS WIFE, DOROTHEA, TRAVELLED OUT WITH THEIR SON WILLIAM (12) AND THEIR DAUGHTER, HENRIETTA.

SIMON MAINTAINED THAT THERE WERE TOO MANY PEOPLE ON BOARD FOR THE SIZE OF THE SHIP AND BELIEVED THE OVERCROWDING MADE THE CHOLERA OUTBREAK SO DEVASTATING. THEIR FAMILY WAS NOT AFFECTED BY THE OUTBREAK. MRS GOETZ WAS ADAMANT THAT THE CAPTAIN'S FAILURE TO CALL IN FOR FRESH WATER (DUE TO BAD STORMS), CREATED THE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE CHOLERA OUTBREAK. SHE CLAIMED THAT THE CAPTAIN WAS DERELICT IN HIS DUTY TO PROVIDE CLEAN WATER AND SO HIS NEGLIGENCE CAUSED THE CHOLERA OUTBREAK.

THE FAMILY WERE ASSIGNED TO WORK FOR CLARK IVING ON RICHMOND RIVER BUT THE FAMILY DISEMBARKED IN EDEN AND HEADED FOR BOMBALA.

NEITHER SIMON OR HIS SON, WILLIAM WERE FARMERS BUT THEY WORKED AS SHEPHERDS FOR THE FIRST TWO YEARS ON THE TABLELANDS. THEY FOUND THE WORK TEDIOUS AND LONELY. SIMON BEING A STONEMASON, BY TRADE MOVED INTO BOMBALA AND SET UP HIS OWN STONEMASON BUSINESS.

IN LATER YEARS, WILLIAM, NOW A YOUNG MAN, WAS LOOKING FOR A WIFE. HE MARRIED HIS CHILDHOOD FRIEND FROM THE TRIP ON THE "CAESAR", MARY SPINDLER. SHE TRAVELLED TO BOMBALA FOR THE WEDDING.

IN 1871 THE COMPLETE GOETZ FAMILY, FATHER, MOTHER, DAUGHTER, SON AND NEW WIFE, EXCHANGED THE BLEAK TABLELANDS WEATHER FOR THE PLEASANT PASTURES OF BEGA. THEY BOUGHT A SMALL FARM ON THE FLOOD FLATS OF THE BEGA RIVER AND CALLED THEIR FARM "ROSE GLEN"

## HOLZHAUSER FAMILY

LEONARD HOLZHAUSER, HIS WIFE ANNA EVA FLAGLER, AND SIX CHILDREN SAILED ON THE "CAESAR". THREE OF THE CHILDREN DIED (POSSIBLY A FOURTH WHILE IN QUARANTINE) - GEORGE MICHAEL AND GUSTAVUS RUDOLPH SURVIVED.

LEONARD WAS A VINEDRESSER AND HE WORKED AT KAMERUKA FOR JAMES MANNING AFTER ARRIVING IN TWOFOLD BAY.

THEY HAD FIVE MORE CHILDREN BORN IN AUSTRALIA - WILLIAM THEODORE, LEONARD, MARIJA EMMA, ODELIA, AND JOHN ANTHONY.

LEONARD AND ANNA'S CHILDREN MARRIED INTO THE PLATTS, WENT, WHITBY, BOWER AND HAMMOND FAMILIES (TO NAME A FEW).

LEONARD AND ANNA ARE BURIED IN THE KAMERUKA ESTATE CEMETERY.

## KOELLNER FAMILY

THIS FAMILY CAME AS "NOMINATED FREE IMMIGRANTS" AND WERE ENGAGED TO WORK ON THE "KAMERUKA ESTATE" BY THE MANAGER, JAMES MANNING.

GEORGE'S OCCUPATION IN GERMANY HAD BEEN A VINEDRESSER BUT HE WORKED AS A SHEPHERD FOR MR MANNING. AFTER WORKING OFF HIS PASSAGE GEORGE MOVED TO TARRAGANDA, JUST OUTSIDE BEGA. IN ORDER TO TAKE UP LAND, A MIGRANT HAD TO BE NATURALISED. ON THE 13TH AUGUST, 1885, GEORGE NICHOLAS KOELLNER TOOK THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO QUEEN VICTORIA. HIS SONS, ANDREW, PETER AND KILIAN, WHO HAD SURVIVED THE HORRORS OF THE VOYAGE OUT ON THE "CAESAR", INHERITED A PORTION EACH OF THIS PROPERTY WHEN GEORGE DIED.

ANDREW SOLD HIS PORTION TO KILIAN IN ORDER TO BUY INTO ANOTHER PROPERTY, "ELMGROVE ESTATE". DURING HIS LIFETIME, ANDREW HAD THREE WIVES AND THIRTEEN CHILDREN. HIS FIRST WIFE WAS MARIA GOETZ, HIS SECOND DOROTHEA WOISIN AND THIRD, MERCY "MATER" TATTERSALL. WITH MERCY, HE LIVED AT "EDGE DALE" IN THE FOOTHILLS OF DR GEORGE MOUNTAIN, TARRAGANDA. PETER OR AS SOMETIMES CALLED, JOHN, MARRIED TWICE AND HAD FIVE CHILDREN. KILIAN, HAD SIX CHILDREN. HIS WIFE BEING HIS CHILDHOOD FRIEND, ANNA SPINDLER WHO HAD ALSO SURVIVED THE FATED VOYAGE ON THE "CAESAR".

THE KOELLNER MEN ARE BURIED IN THE BEGA CEMETERY AND THE KOELLNER NAME IS STILL PREVALENT IN THE DISTRICT.

## Monck Family

JOHANN AND BARBARA (HAMMER) MONCK, EMIGRATED FROM THEIR HOME TOWN OF ERBACH IN THE GRAND DUCHY OF NASSAU, GERMANY. THEY TRAVELLED ON THE ILLFATED SHIP "CAESAR" WITH THEIR TWO YEAR OLD DAUGHTER, ELIZABETH, WHO SADLY DIED AS A RESULT OF THE CHOLERA OUTBREAK.

THEY DID NOT DIS-EMBARK AT TWOFOLD BAY BUT TRAVELLED ON TO SYDNEY TO WORK IN THE EMPLOY OF THEIR SPONSOR, THOMAS WALKER, FOR WHOM THEY WORKED THEIR ALLOTTED TIME. IN 1857, THEY TRAVELLED BY STEAMER TO MERIMBULA TO NEW EMPLOYMENT AT THE KAMERUKA ESTATE. FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS JOHANN WORKED FOR JAMES MANNING. THE FAMILY THEN MOVED TO MILLINGANDI TO WORK AT A MERCANTILE STORE, OWNED BY ADAM PAGE. AT SOMETIME, PROBABLY, BEFORE 1867, JOHANN LEASED FARM LAND AT FROGS HOLLOW AND BY 1878, IT WAS HELD FREEHOLD.

FROM THE FARM THE COUPLE AND THEIR FIVE CHILDREN, MOVED TO BEGA AND LIVED IN A SHOP WITH RESIDENCE, IN PEDEN STREET. JOHANN REVERTED TO HIS OLD TRADE AS A BOOTMAKER AND LIVED IN THESE PREMISES FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE.



## SPINDLER

JOHAN SPINDLER AND WIFE, HENRIETTA, SAILED FROM GERMANY WITH SIX OF THEIR CHILDREN.

JOHAN PHILLIP AGE 12YRS  
MARIA AGE 9YRS  
JOHAN AGE 6YRS  
FREDERICK AGE 5YRS  
ANNE AGE 2YRS  
CATHERINA AGE 1 YR

THEY LANDED AT TWOFOLD BAY WITHOUT LOSS OF ANY FAMILY MEMBERS. THREE MORE CHILDREN WERE BORN AT KAMERUKA. LATER THE SPINDLERS ANGLISED THEIR NAMES AND BECAME JOHN AND LOUISA. PHILLIP MARRIED A SCOTTISH GIRL NAMED MARY REID.

THEY LIVED IN THE WOLUMLA AREA AND RAISED 17 CHILDREN. MARY (MARIA) MARRIED WILLIAM GOETZ (GATES) WHO HAD TRAVELLED OUT ON THE SAME SHIP, THE 'CAESAR'. THEY MARRIED IN BOMBALA AND MOVED TO BEGA AFTER MARY SUFFERED WITH A SEVERE CHEST CONDITION IN THE COLDER CLIMATE OF THE TABLELANDS. THEY BOUGHT LAND ON THE FLOOD FLATS OF THE BEGA RIVER AND CALLED THEIR PROPERTY 'ROSE GLEN'. JOHAN (JOHN) MARRIED EMILY CURTIS AND THEY LIVED IN BEGA WITH THEIR TWELVE CHILDREN.

AS ONE CAN SEE, THE SPINDLERS ALL CAME FROM LARGE FAMILIES AND MANY NAMES IN THE BEGA DISTRICT HAVE A CONNECTION BACK TO JOHAN AND LOUISA. JUST TO NAME A FEW: WHITE, REEVES, STAFFORD, CLEARY, WAKELING, HAYES, KOELLNER, MONK, WHYMAN, KEMP, MACDONALD AND WOOSEEN.

THE FIRST WOODEN CONSTRUCTED CATHOLIC CHURCH WAS BUILT BY JOHN AND HIS SON, PHILLIP, IN 1865. THE STONE CHURCH WAS BUILT LATER IN 1881.

## ROESSLER.

Peter (Theodore) Roessler and his wife and children were from Lorch in Germany. His wife died on the voyage. He married Maria Perabo, whose husband and two sons had died, on arrival at Twofold Bay. He disembarked at Twofold Bay and Maria went on to Sydney ???

## RHEINBERGER

TWO FAMILIES OF RHEINBERGERS TRAVELLED OUT ON THE 'CAESAR'. VALENTINE AND CATHERINE HAD FIVE CHILDREN, SURVIVED THE CHOLERA OUTBREAK, AND DISEMBARKED AT PORT JACKSON. THEY SETTLED AROUND THE MUDGEE AREA OF NSW.

THE OTHER FAMILY OF RHEINBERGERS, JOHN AND WIFE ELIZABETH (SCHNEIDER), HAD SEVEN CHILDREN. FIVE OF THE CHILDREN SURVIVED THE CHOLERA, JOHN, PETER, JOSEPH PHILLIP AND VALENTINE, BUT THEY LOST THEIR MOTHER. ELIZABETH, SISTER CATHERINE AND YOUNGER BROTHER CHARLES AUGUST.

LIKE THE OTHER FAMILIES THEY HAD BEEN RECRUITED BY JAMES MANNING AND WALKED THE DISTANCE OF 35 MILES FROM THE COAST TO KAMERUKA ESTATE AND WORKED THEIR INDENTURED TIME OF TWO YEARS BEFORE THEY WERE ABLE TO PURCHASE THEIR OWN LAND.

THE CHILDREN MARRIED INTO THE ENGELMANN, BICKELMEYER, AND WALSH FAMILIES IN THE FIRST GENERATION.

AS THE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY GREW UP THEY ACQUIRED LAND IN THE BEGA, MERINGLO, CANDELO AND NUMBUGGA AREAS, MOSTLY BECOMING DAIRY FARMERS. THEY SUPPLIED MILK TO CHEESE FACTORIES AND MADE CHEESE ON THEIR OWN PROPERTIES. JOHN SENIOR GREW GRAPES AND MADE WINE FOR HIS TABLE. AS EARLY AS THE 1860'S THE FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHERS ENDEAVOURED TO RAISE MONEY TO BRING A PRIEST TO THE DISTRICT. WITH THE PRIEST CAME THE COLLECTING OF MONEY FOR THE ERECTION OF ST PATRICK'S CHURCH IN BEGA. WHILE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN 1881 JOHN AND VALENTINE CUT STONE ON THEIR PROPERTY 'RAVENSWOOD' AND BROUGHT IT TO THE SITE FREE OF CHARGE.

RELIGION AND CATHOLIC BELIEFS HAVE BEEN STRONG THROUGH THE RHEINBERGER FAMILY AND AT ONE TIME THE BEGA COMMUNITY SPONSORED THREE YOUNG RHEINBERGER AS CATHOLIC PRIESTS.

## PERABO FAMILY.

JACOB FRANZ PERABO, HIS WIFE MARIA KORB AND SIX CHILDREN WERE ON THE 'CAESAR'. JACOB, HIS SONS JOHANNES (ADAM) AND PETER DIED AT SEA.

MARIA AND THE REMAINING FOUR CHILDREN DISEMBARKED IN SYDNEY, RETURNED TO TWOFOLD BAY AND THEN TRAVELLED BY DRAY AND WALKING TO BOMBALA. MARIA MARRIED PETER ROESSLER C1855 AND DIED IN BOMBALA IN 1911, 56 YEARS AFTER ARRIVING IN AUSTRALIA AS A WIDOW.

ELIZABETHA PHILLIPINA MARRIED JOHN CHRISTIAN DORL AND HAD NINE CHILDREN.

CHRISTINA MARRIED CHARLES MILLER AND HAD NINE CHILDREN.

JACOB MARRIED JOHANNA MOLONEY AND HAD EIGHT CHILDREN.

WILHELM MARRIED MARY ANNE MCDONALD AND HAD ELEVEN CHILDREN.

## UMBACH FAMILY.

JOHANN AND KATHARINA, WITH THEIR SON, VALENTINE, CAME TO AUSTRALIA AS VINE GARDENERS, TO WORK FOR SIR CHARLES NICHOLSON, IN SYDNEY.

THEY ARE ONE OF THE MANY GERMAN FAMILIES THAT RETURNED TO THE SOUTH COAST. THEY TRAVELLED TO EDEN, BY STEAMBOAT AND WERE MET BY A BULLOCK TEAMSTER, WHO CARRIED THEM THROUGH TO BOMBALA. SIR CHARLES FAMILY HAD VARIOUS PROPERTIES ON THE MANARO.

THEY WORKED ON A PROPERTY AT MAHARATTA, SIX MILESSOUTH OF BOMBALA. WHEN VALENTINE WAS A TEENAGER, THE FAMILY MOVED INTO BOMBALA. THE YOUNG MAN HAD A JOB AT GLASGOWS STORES AND WORKED THERE FOR MANY YEARS. AFTER AWHILE THE FAMILY ANGLISED THEIR NAMES, JOHANN, BECAME JOHN, KATHARINA, BECAME CATHERINE AND VALENTINE, BECAME FAULDINE. THE SURNAME CHANGED FROM UMBACH, TO UMBACK.

FAULDINE, MET AND MARRIED A HOUSEMAID FROM BUKALONG STATION (BIBBENLUKE) BY THE NAME OF ELLEN ATKINS, AND THEY HAD SIXTEEN CHILDREN.

OVER THE FOLOWING YEARS THE FAMILY GREW AND LIVED AROUND THE BURRAGATE, BALD HILLS AND PAMBULA AREAS.

## UEBERHEIM (UBRIHIEN).

JOHANN AND FREDERICA, TRAVELLED WITH THEIR THREE CHILDREN, PETER (16), ELISABETH (5) AND ANNA MARIA (2).

THE FAMILY WERE ON THE 'ASSISTED PASSAGE' LIST, BUT THERE WAS A PETER UEBERHEIM, LISTED ON THE SHIP AS 'UNASSISTED'. HE CAME FROM THE SAME VILLAGE IN GERMANY AND WAS NOTED AS A SHEPHERD. WE ARE NOT SURE WHERE HE SETTLED.

SON PETER, MARRIED ELIZA THOMAS, IN 1866. SHE WAS THE FIRST REGISTERED WHITE CHILD BORN IN EDEN. HE GAVE UP FARMING, TO TRY HIS HAND AT GOLDMINING IN THE ADELONG FIELDS AND MOVED THERE WITH HIS WIFE AND TWO LITTLE GIRLS, ROSE AND CHARLOTTE. THEIR FIRST SON, PETER, WAS BORN THERE IN 1876. IN 1890, THEY MOVED BACK TO THE COAST AND COMMENCED FARMING (DAIRY FARMING) IN THE COBARGO, SPRINGVALE AND WOLUMLA AREAS. THEY HAD THIRTEEN CHILDREN - ROSE, ELIZABETH, MARY, CHARLOTTE, PETER, MAUD, JAMES, EDEN, SARAH, ANNIE, GERTY, NELLIE AND JOHN.

PETER, FIRST BORN SON, MARRIED ETHEL JANE MITCHELL IN 1904 AND ALSO HAD THIRTEEN CHILDREN. HE BOUGHT A PROPERTY OF 362 ACRES ON THE BROGO RIVER IN 1921 CALLED 'CORRIDGEREE'. IT IS AT TARRAGANDA ON THE SITE OF THE ORIGINAL SETTLEMENT OF BEGA.

WITH EIGHT SONS AND FIVE DAUGHTERS, THE FAMILY BECAME WELL KNOWN FOR THEIR DAIRY PRODUCE AND ADDED TO THE SUCCESS IN THE BEGA DISTRICT, OF THE DAIRY INDUSTRY.

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