

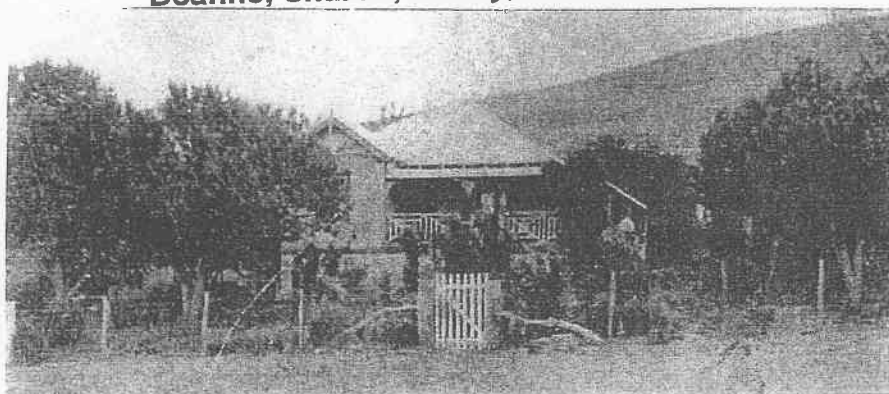
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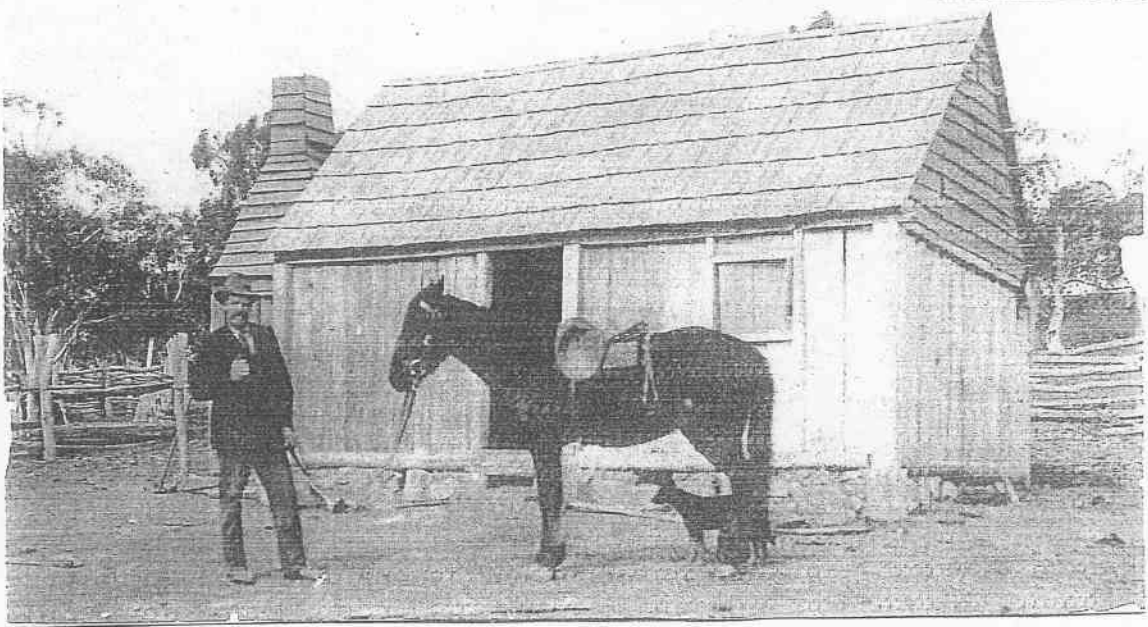
**Max & Nancy's SMA house
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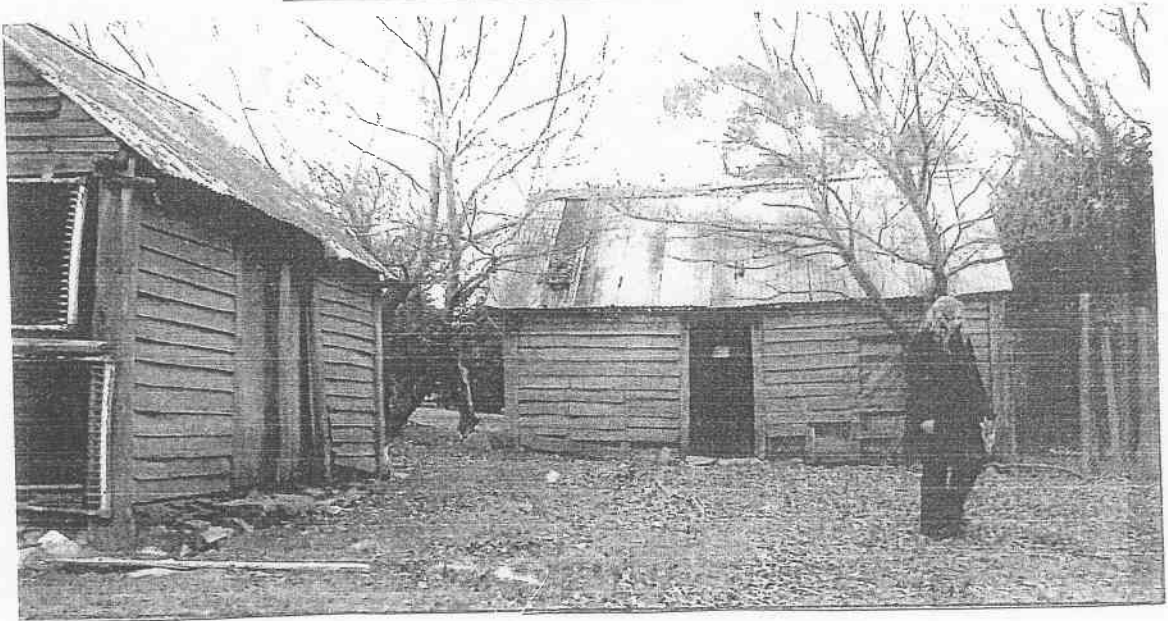
**Rowe Family Dec. 2008
Deanne, Sharon, Nancy, Melissa, Max**



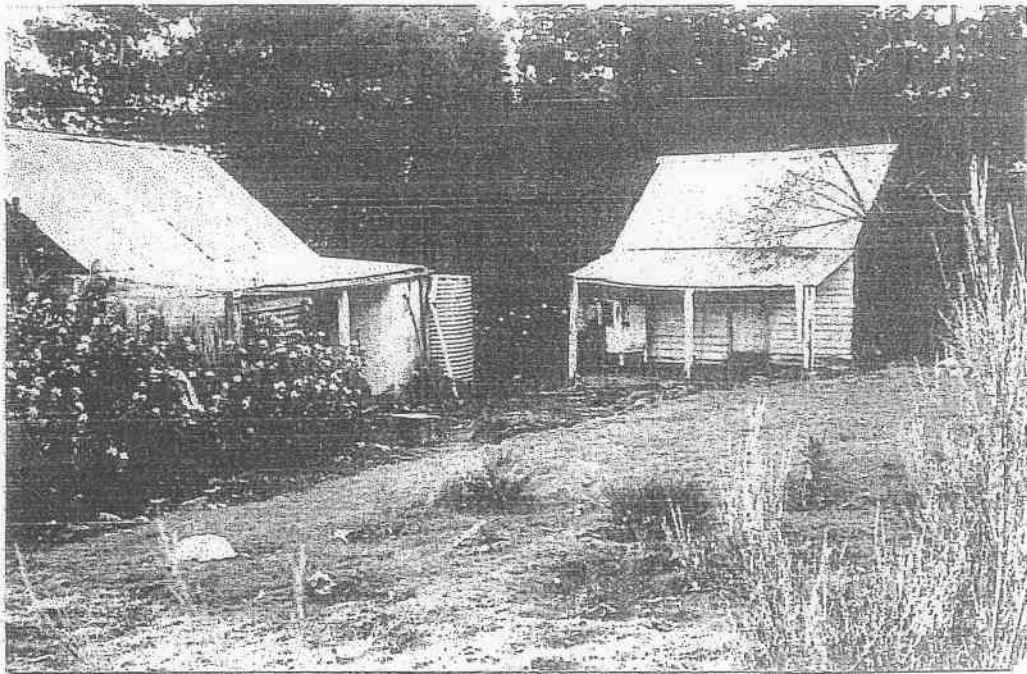
Frying Pan Creek, O'Neill Home



Music Valley E Rowe No.3



Pipe Clay Creek, Turner Home



Pleasant Valley, Rocky Plain

Somerset to New South Wales.

Robert Bridle - his Story.

When Robert Bridle sailed from England to Botany Bay in the "Batavia" on 5th April 1818 he was described as a seaman being 5 feet 8 inches tall with a dark ruddy complexion, brown hair, and hazel eyes.

He was in his 28th year, having been born in Somersetshire in 1790, and, most probably, would have spoken in the English West-Country dialect of his native Shire, with some influence of his years at sea.

It is not unreasonable for us to imagine that he realised then that he had reached an important milestone in his life.

He would have been rueful at having been caught in a crime; perhaps, bitter that he had been betrayed by someone he trusted, or his treatment by Authority; perhaps, he might even have been bitter if social conditions of the time and place had contributed to his "fall from Grace"; or he might have accepted what had happened as being inevitable - a piece of life to be accepted philosophically.

He was thankful, most likely, that the sentence of death recently imposed on him by the Court had been reduced to transportation to Botany Bay for the term of his natural life. He might, or might not, have regretted the fact that he was "leaving old England forever" - but, being human, he was probably subject to a host of emotions related to the fact that he was a prisoner, and was no longer in control of his life's direction.

We can be absolutely certain, however, that it did not cross his mind that some one hundred and fifty years later the existing records of his life would be studied minutely by some of his progeny, and published for the interest and encouragement of his growing family of descendants and the Australian community at large.

A great deal is known about Robert Bridle that is supportable by documentary evidence. In addition, there is a body of "family tradition" that has survived to the present day which may, or may not, be correct, but which has been included in this narrative with appropriate annotation. Future generations should be able to continue research and refine the gold from the dross.

By any standards, Robert lived an adventurous life and was a true pioneer of Australia. The same can be said of his wife, Margaret, who finds her own place in this story.

Their descendants justly can be proud of them both, and thankful that they came here to be our worthy forebears.

Acknowledgement and appreciation is paid to many people who have contributed information or comment to this document and several of these are listed below. Special thanks are due to Glad Willis who started me off on the Family History trail and who, like me, is not descended from Robert Bridle (but we would like to be) - Glad can, at least, claim Margaret Cole as her own.

James Charles Bridle and Lynette Lyon	descended from Robert Bridle
Maxwell Joseph Rowe and Margaret Barron	descended from Susan Bridle
Marjorie Ivy Marshall	descended from Sarah Bridle
Gladys Willis	descended from Caroline Sole

This document is written in good faith and is believed to be correct but I would welcome correcting advices from any reader who may find any errors or omissions.

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557. ROBERT BRIDLE and SOPHIA DAVIS were indicted, for burglariously breaking and entering the dwelling-house of Woolf Joseph Coster, about the hour of eight in the night of the 2d of April, with intent to steal, and burglariously stealing therein, one box, value 1s.; 41 watches, value 31*l*.; 600 watch-chains, value 5*l*.; 200 gross of hooks, value 10*l*.; 480 watch-hands, value 4*l*.; 12 watch-dials, value 10*s*.; six rings, value 1*l*.; 514 pieces of foreign coin, value 7*l*. 2*s*. 1*d*., the property of the said Woolf Joseph Coster.

WOLFF JOSEPH COSTER (*through an interpreter*). I am a salesman, and rent a house in Wentworth-street, Spitalfields. On the 2d of April, between seven and eight o'clock in the evening, I and my son went to the Synagogue; we locked the doors and fastened the windows, and left no person in the house. I tried the windows, and found both the street and yard-doors fast—I took the keys with me. We returned at half past eight o'clock, and found the street-door broken open—the asp and lock were also broken, and a box, containing the articles stated in the indictment, gone; they were worth more than 40*l*.—it was safe when I went out. I have seen part of my property in the possession of Dalton. It was twilight when I went out.

EBENEZER DALTON. I am an officer. From information that I received, I went to the house of the prisoner, Bridle, in Blacksmiths'-arms-alley, at the back of Church-lane. I found both the prisoners there, in bed together, about eight o'clock in the morning. I found a watch hanging over the mantle-piece in the bed-room—I asked Bridle where he got it; he said, he gave a Jew 12*s*. for it. I found a box, containing 11 watches and two watch-cases under the bed—I asked him where he got them; he said, a Jew had left them there the overnight, for him to take care of till he called again—I secured him. Coster claimed the property immediately that he saw it. Coster's house is in the parish of Christ Church, Spitalfields.

SAMUEL MILLER. I am an officer. From information that I received, on the 4th of April, I went to Killingworth's, the pawnbroker, and found a silver watch-case, a silver button, and five foreign coins. From the description he gave me of the persons who sold them, I took the prisoner, Davies, into custody. I asked her if she had sold any old silver to any person; she denied it several times. I told her I found she had sold some to Killingworth; she then said, Bob had given it to her for pin-money. I asked her when—she said, either Thursday or Saturday. Coster claimed them.

FRANCIS FREEMAN. I was with Dalton, and found a card, with three watch-chains, on the mantle-piece.

THOMAS PERO. I am servant to Mr. Killingworth, who is a pawnbroker. On the 3d of April, the prisoner, Davies, brought a watch-case, a silver button, and five coins, to our shop—I gave her 3*s*. 6*d*. for them—she said her husband gave them to her. I have known her these five years.

(Property produced and sworn to.)

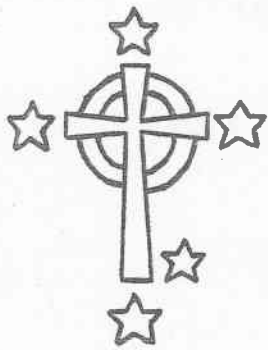
BRIDLE'S Defence. I met a man, who sold me the watch for 12*s*.; he went home with me, and left the things at my house. He told me to sell the silver.

BRIDLE—GUILTY. DEATH. Aged 28.
Of stealing in a dwelling-house to the value of 40*s*., but not of the burglary.

DAVIES. NOT GUILTY.

Second Middlesex Jury, before Mr. Baron Wood.

Condemned
Bill o' Day
Barlow
1817



St. Patrick's Parish Cooma

Catholic Presbytery
Murray St. (P.O. Box 186)
COOMA, N.S.W. 2630
Tel.: 0648-22062

26th. November, 1985

Mr. Max Rowe,
86 Murrantji Street,
HAWKER.
A.C.T. 2614.

Dear Mr. Rowe,

I'm afraid I can find no details in St. Patrick's records on the burial of Sarah and Edward Rowe at Round Plain. You might try the Parish Priest at Adaminaby or Jindabyne as it is possible that the burials could be recorded in their registers.

I did notice that a Mrs. Sara Rowe of Berridale died on the 2nd. October, 1914, aged 35. She received the Last Sacraments and died after confinement, and she is buried at Gegedgerick Cemetery.

This Sara Rowe's maiden name was Sarah Ellen Norton of Cottage Creek, Monaro. She married Edward William Rowe, a bachelor of Bombala at Mr. D.Nolan's residence, Bullembalong on 22nd. April, 1896, coram Rev. P. Byrne.

Edward William was 35 years old at the time, and he was a Selector of Bullembalong where Sarah, aged 18, was working as a Domestic. Edward's parents were Edward Rowe, a farmer, and Sarah McHugh. His wife's parents were Patrick Norton, a farmer, and Sarah Read.

The Parish Priest at Eden might have a record of the Rowe-McHugh wedding on 23rd. May, 1859, and the information you are seeking as to the names of the parents of the parties was usually recorded in the Church registers.

You might let me know if I can be of any further help.

Yours faithfully,

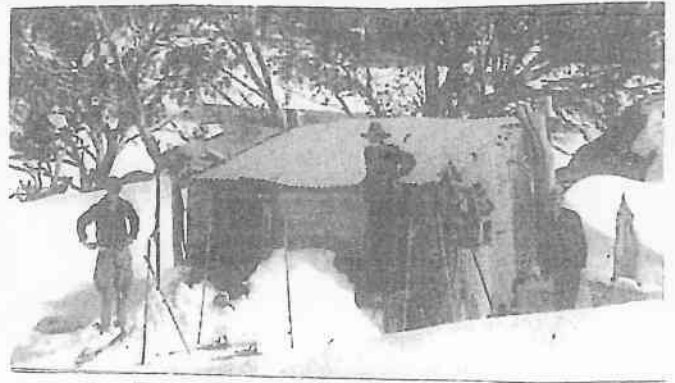
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "K.J. McFadden".

(K.J. McFadden.)

PARISH SECRETARY.



Edward (4) & (Ha) Rowe 1927



**Rowe's Hut Snowy Plain
Edward Rowe c 1945**



Edward Rowe No.4



Pleasant Valley kitchen 1999



Lansdowne Bridge over Prospect Creek near Liverpool, N.S.W.

THE FIRST STONE LAID BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
ON THE 1st DAY OF JANUARY AD 1834
THE BRIDGE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC
ON THE 26th DAY OF JANUARY AD 1836
BEING THE 48th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE COLONY



Edward and Susan O'Neill.

Handwritten note:
Snowy Plain
Berridale
1945

**Mr. Ron Flanagan
"NORTHAM"
Berridale**

Dear Mr Flanagan

To-day I telephoned your daughter Gail about identifying some people in a photograph that I have which was probably taken around 1945 at SNOWY PLAIN near the Bulls Peak River, .

The photograph was given to me by a lady at a re union of students in Berridale who attended the Rocky Plain School in the mid 1950s and one of the persons in the photo is believed to be my father EDDIE ROWE who lived at Rocky Plain

I have enclosed 2 copies of the photograph, one for you to keep and if you do know who some of the people are, perhaps you could write on the other copy, the names and return to me please. I would love to know the year that the photographs were taken and who took them and any information about the time that you can remember, such as the month would be greatly appreciated.

I understand that the hut was on Flanagans property and that the land is now owned by John Morrell of Berridale. Do you know which Flanagan owned the property

I drove up to the hut site in April this year, however it was squashed by snow in 1964. Enclosed is a copy of a photo that I took of a sign that I made for the hut site. There is a new hut about 25 yards away that was built by a person named GRUNSDAND who now lives in Berridale.

I have enclosed a stamped self addressed envelope for your convenience.

I look forward to your reply.

Regards

**Max Rowe
86 Murrnaji St.
Hawker A C T 2614
544 994**

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Frying Pan Creek
O'Neills

This is a re-typed copy of a memorandum copied by Max Rowe while working for the SMHEA in Cooma, probably copied around 1959
It concerns the sisters of his grandmother and is in connection with the acquisition of their rural property "Frying Pan Creek" near Adaminaby due to the construction of Eucumbene Dam which would inundate the property. All prices are in pounds which need to be doubled to convert to dollars. Authority means Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Authority

TO: Senior Property Officer

FROM: A/ Property Officer

Property of Misses A. and S. O'Neill

FILE; e q 322

28th. October, 1957

The first conference in connection with the property at Frying Pan Creek near Adaminaby, was held on 2nd. February 1956 [Doc 9]

The Authority's limit for acquisition was 12,000 pounds but the vendors asking price was 18,853 pounds .

[26 pounds per acre] The Miss O'Neills did not reduce their asking price during the conference and afterwards their Solicitor advised that they were anxious to obtain 25 pounds per acre.

Another conference was held on the 8th. August, 1956. No agreement could be reached as to the price, and it was arranged that the Miss O'Neills should lease the property for 12 months. Just prior to this the elder of the three sisters [Maggie] had died and a probate valuation was made necessary. This was done by Mr. Montague [stock and station agents in Cooma] who valued the property at 13,875 pounds

. Mr Montague advised that in his opinion 13,875 pounds represented the fair market value of the property.

A written offer was received from the vendor's Solicitor on 21st. January, 1957 at 23 pounds per acre. This was rejected by the Authority and another conference was held on 21st January, 1957, [Doc. 17.] This was a long and difficult conference and at the end it was understood that the Miss O'Neills would accept 15,000 pounds [approximately 21 pounds per acre]. This offer was not accepted. Another conference was held on 3rd. October 1957. The two sisters disputed that they had ever agreed to sell the property for 15,000 pounds and the youngest Miss O'Neill stated that she had been sick for 10 months and if she had said 15,000 pounds it was because she was sick and did not know what she was saying. They claimed 23 pounds per acre was their bedrock. [16,686 pounds and 10 shillings]. After a great deal of discussion I told the Miss O'Neills that the Authority would not pay their asking price and suggested that the matter be referred to an independent arbitrator for a decision.

They were suspicious of this suggestion and they rejected each of the arbitrators

suggested by either the Solicitor or myself because none of them knew the value of the property and they would be out to help the Authority and talk them into selling the property at below its real value.

From further discussions it was obvious that they would be unwilling to accept any arbitrator's decision that was less than 23 pounds per acre.

I told the Miss O'Neills that the Authority was concerned about the number of rabbits on the property and asked if the lessee had got them down.

Miss O'Neill said that the lessee had caught the rabbits and that they were Eric Delany's rabbits. She knew that they were Eric Delany's

because they were as large as foxes, had big ears and carried Delany's spots.

Mr. Delany and Mr. Ossie Kennedy own properties adjoining the Miss O'Neills and both are frequently accused of opening the boundary fences and driving their rabbits into the Miss O'Neills property

At this stage Mr. Dunstan, their Solicitor, said that he had another appointment and asked us to continue negotiations in an adjacent room.

After a great deal of argument, the Miss O'Neills said that they would accept 15,000 pounds plus compensation for disturbance.

After a little more argument I arranged for them to sign the attached letter of offer which stated that they are prepared to sell for 15,000 pounds.

Since the Authority's valuation was made in 1955, increased values for this class of country have become effective. The Authority has made some recent purchases of comparable country at higher values than were adopted in the valuation of this property.

Three of the recent sales are of property adjoining the Miss O'Neills and another is within half a mile of the subject block. These sales together with others of comparable country are quoted on the attached statement 1 and now show an average sheep area value of 11 pounds 5 shillings. A sheep area value of 10 pounds was used in the valuation

In my valuation I adopted a carrying capacity of 770 sheep and sheep equivalents, this may be conservative in view of the following:-

[a] The Pastures Protection Board returns for the 10 year period 1945 to 1954, show an average carrying capacity of 816 sheep and 40 large stock or 1056 sheep and sheep equivalents. This would include a proportion of lambs.

[b] The area of the summer and winter carrying as shown by Pastures Protection Board and income tax returns is 717 sheep. I have no income tax figures for large stock, but the mean average would probably be 30. The carrying capacity on this basis is 897 sheep and sheep equivalents.

[c] The probate Valuer, Mr. Montague, adopted 950 sheep and sheep equivalents.

[d] Messrs and Hickman of the SMHEA Property Branch estimated a carrying capacity of 725 sheep and 30 cattle with the rabbits out. This is equivalent to 905 sheep and sheep equivalents.

[e] The previous lessee of the property advised that it had carried 725 sheep and 40 cattle during the past 12 months and that in his opinion this was a reasonable carrying capacity. This is equivalent to 965 sheep and sheep equivalents.

The rabbits are better under control than for many years and it seems that an increase in the present carrying capacity is warranted.

I am prepared to adopt the the estimate of Messrs. Ross and Hickman that is 905 sheep and sheep equivalents as being the present carrying capacity of the property.

On the basis of recent sales [Statement 1]and the revised carrying capacity, the value of the property is calculated as follows;-

905 sheep at 11 pounds per sheep area	= 9,955 pounds
structures	3,272 pounds
disturbance	1,322 pounds
Total	14,549

Say 14,550 pounds

If the usual 10% for disturbances was added to the probate valuation of 13,875 pounds, the value becomes 15,262 pounds.

I am satisfied that 14,550 pounds represents a reasonable value of the property on the present market including the usual allowance for disturbance. In this case, additional disturbance is suffered as the owners are two spinsters who have lived in the district all their lives and who can obtain a reasonable income from the grazing rights and at the same time live very frugally on the property. The younger of the two

is over 70. In view of the circumstances, the 15,000 pounds asked by the vendors seems a reasonable price to pay.

The Miss O'Neills are arranging to lease the property privately as a result there is no urgency for the Authority to buy as they will be receiving a reasonable income and inundation is not expected to occur before December 1959. A good lessee will keep the rabbits down and the property's carrying

capacity should improve during the next two seasons.

The present offer of 15,000 pounds after much difficult bargaining during which the bad rabbit position was constantly referred to to get the price down. If this offer is not accepted it may be withdrawn and it is unlikely that another price could be negotiated when the rabbits are down and the block is carrying more stock than it has done during the last few years.

RECOMMENDATION

As I am satisfied that 15,000 pounds is the Miss O'Neills bed-rock price and that it represents a reasonable settlement in view of all the circumstances, the following is recommended:-

[a] The offer of the Miss O'Neills to sell their property to the Authority for 15,000 pounds be accepted

[b] The purchase price to be in full satisfaction of all claims for severance, disturbance, occupation or on any other account.

[c] That on settlement, the vendors be given a lease on the Authority's usual terms and be allowed to assign to an assignee acceptable to the Authority

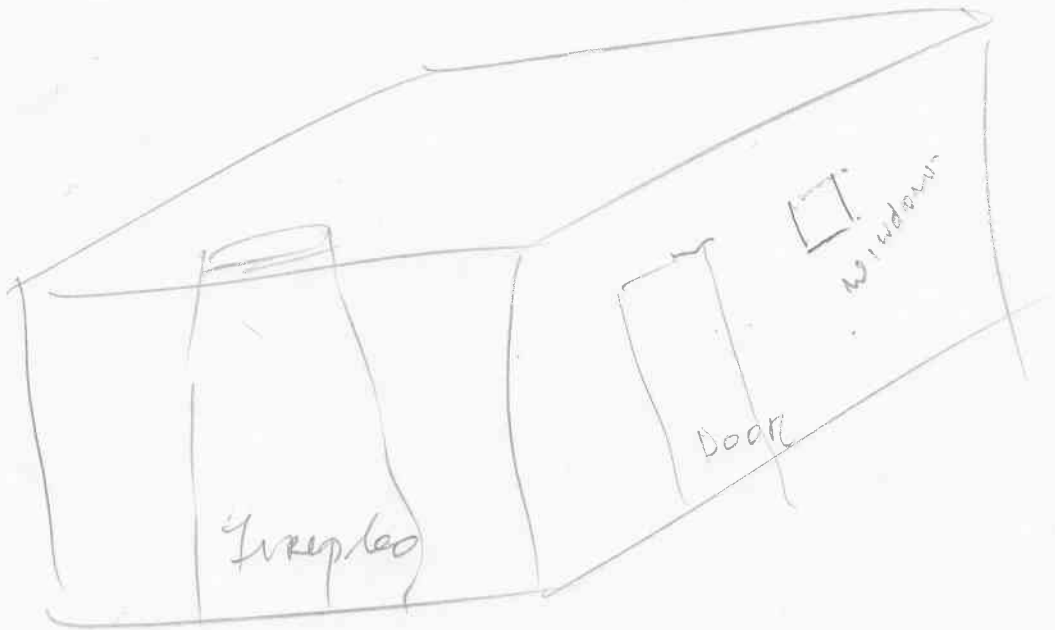
R.M. Simms

A/Property Officer.



← KATINGAL

← ROWES HUT
LOCALE



DIRT floor
ROWES HUT

Bill Fletcher "Bellevue"

Phone 64568898

his father Fred (Dad) worked around Grey Plains

Jan & Elaine McPhee^(Sister) "Wainui"

Ph 64568816

Margaret McPhee "Nimmo"

over bridge turn right

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Mase Rowe 62544994

massonville @ grapevine. Not an

former of Rocky Plains

Note "Pipe Clay Creek" "Rumbalara"

owned by Sean O'Neil

towns Pats Patch accommodation YANI
IN JINDABYNE

Nimmo Plain Satellite map.

