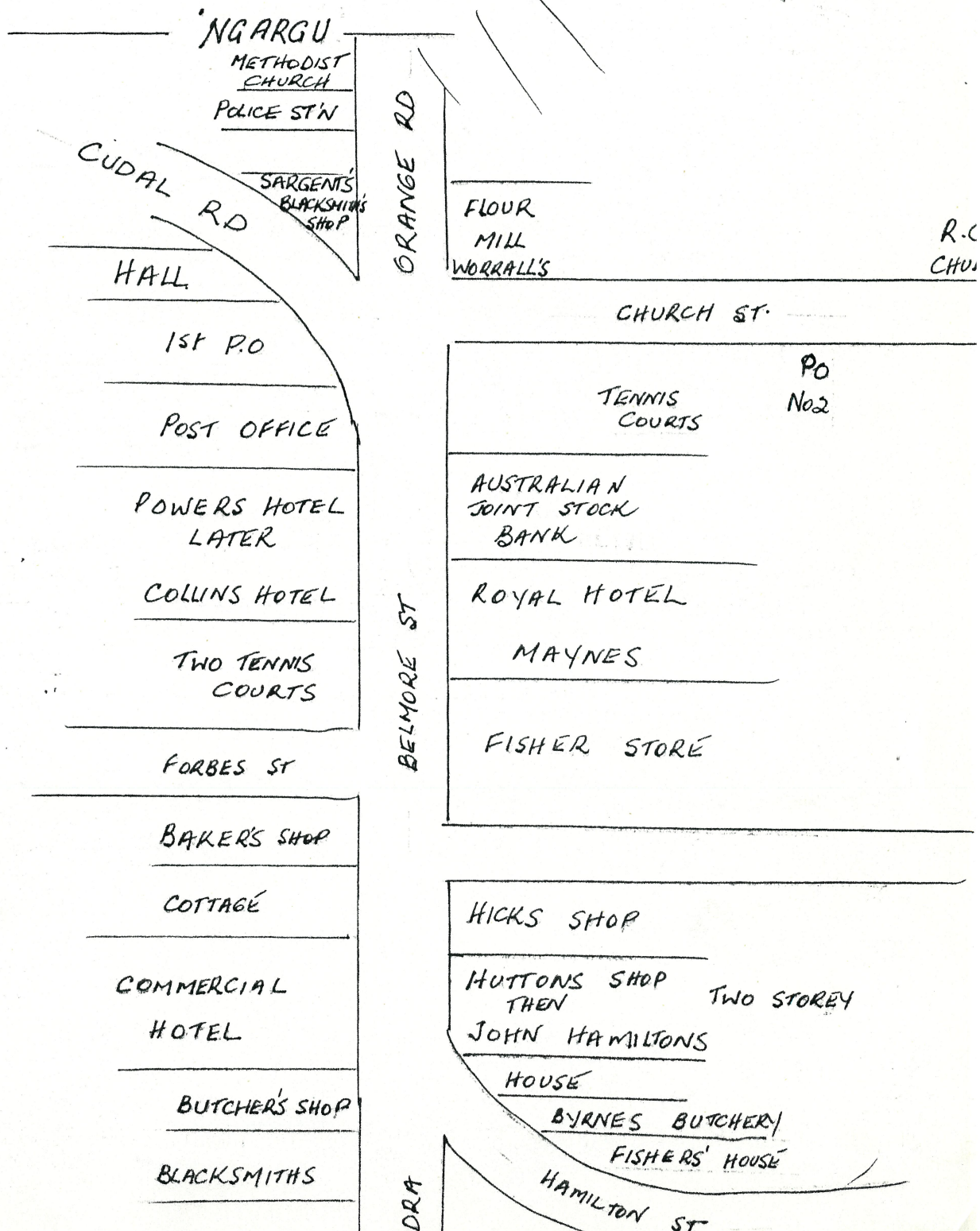
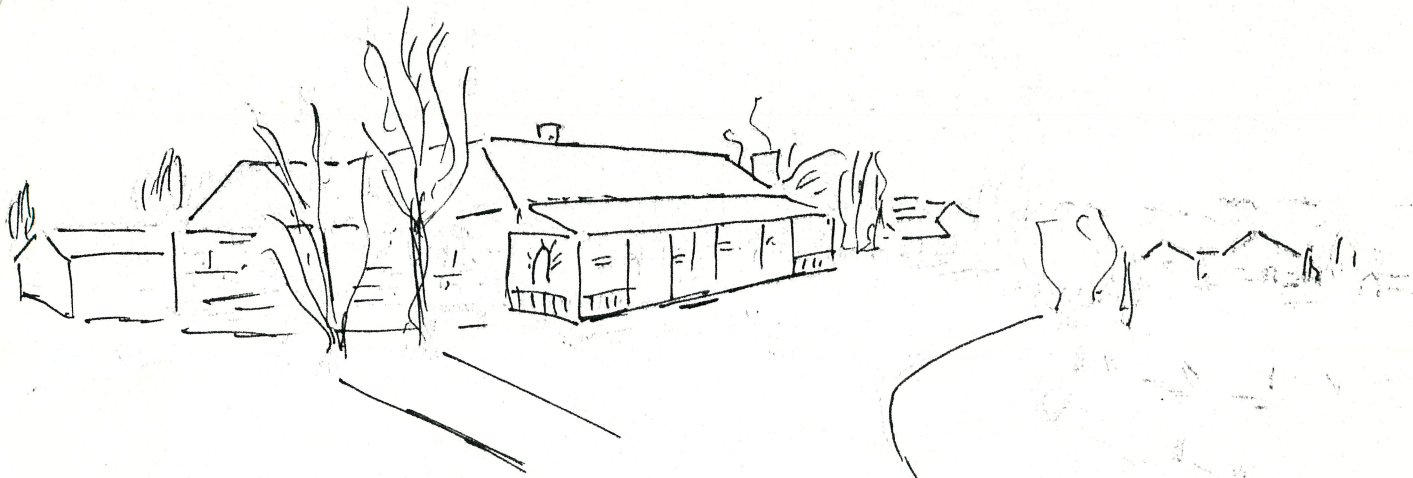


CARGO



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TRAVELLING DIRECTIONS

Total mileage..... 60-65 miles

10 a.m. Depart Wythes gate towards Orange.

Travel 2 miles to Barragin turn-off on left.

see Note 1

Turn left into Barragin lane

and Note 2

Turn left into lane opposite old windmill

Note 3

Turn left into Ingledell (4 miles from Barragin turn-off)

Proceed to Blacksmith's Shop.

Return to Ingledell entrance.

Turn left and continue bearing left to the signpost indicating Happy Home Dam

(Approx. 2 miles from gate)..... Note 4

(Next stop 3 miles)

Turn right, then left to Lockwood Lane back to Cargo Road..... Note 5

Stop at The Willows, junction with Cargo Road..... Note 6

Proceed along Orange Road to Cargo..... Note 7

From Cargo travel to Cudal signpost, about 15 miles from Cargo on Orange Road... Note 8

Turn left at Cudal signpost and left again at Lachlan Down gate (a prox 2 miles)

and drive to homestead. While there we inspect the British White and Murray Gray cattle.

Return to road, turn left and proceed about one mile to gravel quarry..... Note 9

* Continue to The Grange, owned by Mr. Frank Freedington, about 8 miles away. Note 10

(After crossing the bridge turn left till The Grange is reached)..... Note 11

Drive in to The Grange..... Note 12

Return to road and proceed towards Cargo..... Note 13

(Next cross-roads 5 miles away.)

At cross-roads turn right, follow Barragin finger-post for 2 miles to the Cudal-Cargo Road..... Note 14

Turn left on bitumen, 1 mile to Laanecooie gate on right (Sid Davis). Go to house. Note 15

Continue to Cargo, cross Orange-Canowindra Road and proceed eastwards..... Note 16

Drive 3 miles (winding road) to luncheon area..... Note 17

Return to Cargo as far as Catholic Church.

Turn left down lane past Catholic Church..... Note 18

Turn left to Church of England for inspection of same..... Note 19

Wait in main road while Mr Gaine and Mr Palmer are collected to lead inspection of

the Iron Clad Mine..... Note 20

Return to Cargo Road to inspect Mr and Mrs Lloyd Sands' home..... Note 21

and the Commercial Hotel..... Note 22

Return to "Calool" for picnic tea.

CANOWINDRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NOTES to

CARGO AND DISTRICT..A Folksy Tour

- E 1- On left of road note the old house among trees. This was the home of Nicholas Currey. It was originally the residence of the manager of the Retort but was removed and rebuilt on this site.
Approaching Lockwood Lane notice a bunch of pepper trees on the left. This is the site of the original Hendry home. The poplar tree marks the site of the original Middleton home. *
As most of the first holdings were 40 acre blocks there were many other dwellings close by. On the right at the flag in the distance are the foundations of the Retort used for crushing the gold ore. Nearby was the Gum Flat Hotel. A new hotel was built to replace the old but this was burnt down before it was used. See P2
- E 2- After taking the Barragin turn note the site of the old racecourse on right, marked with a flag. Some of the old posts may be seen. *last race - 1924*
- E 3- Look right on turn. Notice two pepper trees on hill. This was the site of Avenal P.O. On left is the site of Avenal school, indicated by a group of pine trees. This school had 40 pupils and contained a small museum. Prominent among the pioneers of Avenal were W.G. Davis, W.J. Fisher, R. Fitzgerald, J. Ward, W. Sharpe, W. Sherwood and P. and M. Malom.
- E 4- Those interested may go through the fence to examine the area where the bricks for Ingledeell were fired. Some of the trees in this paddock were there when the land was first selected by William George Davis and are a credit to his foresight in not ruthlessly clearing the land as so many did. It is interesting that the builders gave the name "Happy Home" to this dam.
- E 5- On the way back to Cargo Road note the pepper trees on the left, opposite Middletons' woolshed. This was the site of the Cumberlands' home. Mrs. Von Sargent is a descendant.
- E 6- This point marks the Gum Flat area where a mining "village" developed around the year 1872 when the first school in the district, a bark hut, was established here. There was also a P.O., a hotel and a butter factory. The site of the butter factory is marked with a flag beyond "The Willows" homestead. Mr. Joe Camman owned the factory. When the factory closed Mr. Ted O'Neill from Bowan Park used to collect the cream in a covered waggon drawn by two horses and take it to the factory at Canowindra. He had only one leg and while picking up 4 or 5 gallon cream cans he would prop the stump on the steps of the waggon.
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NOTE 7- On this area 5000 people, mainly Chinese, were living during the gold-mining period.
Small gold diggings can be seen in the paddocks on the right. This hill is noted for
its variety of wildflowers which are gradually being sacrificed as the price of
"progress"

NOTE 8- On the right, about 4 miles from Cargo is the turn-off to Edinboro, a very old property.

At Coffee Hill Creek (originally spelt Coffey) we believe there was a "pub" which
was a stopping place for the coaches before they began the climb up the hill.

At Paling Yard Creek, among the trees was the Paling Yard Creek School.

On the "Coolibah" property at the foot of "Glassons' Hill" was a half way house on
the run between Orange and Cargo. Some pine trees on the left mark the spot.

The next hill, and the last before we turn off was known as "Maggie Murphy's Hill".

Maggie Murphy lived in a shack on the right and attacked, in no uncertain terms, anyone who
took stock across her paddock. *verbally*

NOTE 9- Those wishing to inspect the gravel quarry should look for fossils which are supposed
to be numerous and various

NOTE 10- After leaving Lachlan Downs notice on the left a little old cottage owned by
Mr. and Mrs. Sturgeon. It is believed to be about 100 years old, oldest in the

district. About 2 miles on, on the right, is an old slab woolshed with an old cottage
behind it. This shed is also believed to be round the century mark. (Carney's Woolshed)

NOTE 11- On the left, after crossing the bridge, a clump of trees may be seen. This is the
site of the Bowan Park School.

NOTE 12- Inspect the old two-storeyed house built over 100 years ago by Mr. Green. After
building the house he went home to Ireland where he married and returned with his
bride to live at the Grange where four daughters were born. He planned to build a
balcony on the eastern side but this was never carried out. Under the stones near
the house was a wine cellar with a kitchen above. A vineyard grew on the slope
below the cellar. The site of the Bowan Park butter factory will be pointed out from
here. Later the milk was sent to Molong. The milk carrier was Ted O'Neill who carted the
Gum Flat milk.

CARGO AND DISTRICT TOWN (2)

- Note 13- Notice the old O'Neill home (green walls) on the right. This house is over 70 years old. Rowan Park Scout School was situated in the next clump of pepper trees on the right. Where the road takes a sharp left turn is a new Middleton home on the left. Opposite this was the site of the Rowan Park racecourse where popular features included greyhound races and annual race meetings. Near the old windmill on the left was a paper factory.
- Note 14- At the junction with the bitumen, and on the opposite corner is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Seale. At the back of the house is an old slab shed made from the boards of the original home built about 110 years ago. In the kitchen of this house a school was run for the children of the district.
- Note 15- Inspect 70 year old stone wall on the south side of the house. The garden will speak for itself.
- Note 16- Approaching Cargo, on right of road, opposite the cemetery, is a chimney, part of one of Cargo's early saloons. After crossing the Orange-Canowindra Road the old Post Office building, half-demolished can be seen on the right.
- Note 17- After passing through the grid Mr. Phillip Suttor's home can be seen on the left. Note the gable in the roof of the old woolshed.
- Note 18- Drive past the oldest remaining house in Cargo, second on left after passing the dam. This cottage is believed to be 120 years old.
- Note 19- Before this church was built a bark hut on the hill near Sullivans served as a church for all Protestant denominations. Catholic Masses were held at Hartigan's place until the first Catholic Church was erected.
- Note 20- Manager of the Iron Clad Mine was Mr. Jim Hamilton "who met his death by foul air in the Iron Clad Mine." (Quote from his tombstone in the Cargo cemetery-Died 1887) Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton built the Commercial Hotel.
- Note 21- This cottage was the Bank of N.S.W. where the gold robbery took place in 1893. Details of this can be read in the Society's brochure put out in 1969 for the occasion of the Goldfield centenary and in the Society's archives. Mrs. Sands will show us the Bank room and the small room behind which is believed to be the vault. Note the architecture of the windows which is similar to that used in the hotel. The first bank in Cargo was the Commercial situated on the hill towards the water tank. Next to Mrs Sands residence is the old store. This was a two storey building, the top floor being used for dances and other social gatherings. However a fire destroyed it. Now used by a copper mining company. A box of samples from the mines will be on display by Mrs Sands.

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Note 22- We believe there were seven hotels in Cargo at the height of the gold rush.

1. Tinnock's Slab Hut Hotel near Iron Clad Mine (Family of Mrs. Jack Brown)
2. Commercial Hotel
3. Royal (Where Mrs Fisher's house is now - Owned by Mayne's)
4. Collins Hotel - Opposite Fisher's shop. Man & wife burnt to death when hotel destroyed by fire.
5. Saloon on Cudal Road
6. Gum Flat Hotel
7. ???

* Two Kurrajong trees on right side of Hartigan's Place, where first Catholic mass held. marks starting point of Cargo Gold field.

Cargo derived its name from the aboriginal place name "Ngargu" which apparently identified this locality. Perhaps the Historical Society should consider restoring some of our original place and street names?

The explorer George Williams Evans passed a few miles to the south of the site of Cargo in 1815. He made reports about the bountiful lands which he observed in the Cargo and Howan Park areas. The first name given to Cargo was "Long Gully". The area was first occupied by Captain Raine, a sea-captain who, after taking Governor, his wife and son to England in 1822, returned to N.S.W. and took up a large tract of country, centre of which would coincide with Boree Cabonne.

With the establishment of runs or "Squatting" on Crown lands Cargo became part of the Old Davy's Plains Run of 64,000 acres. This famous run was first taken up by William Lawson Jr., son of the explorer. The early settlers of Cargo were the shepherds, station-hands and others employed on Old Davy's Plains Station.

Cargo was proclaimed a "town" in 1885. (Canowindra was only a "village")

Finally our thanks to all whose co-operation has made it possible for us to organise this tour.