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RDHS Newsletter

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THE ALLEGED POISONING CASE NEAR RYLSTONE

(continued from May 2018 newsletter)

Dr. Newton deposed to having made a post-mortem examination of the body of deceased, which was in a bad state of decomposition. In the bottle produced and numbered 1, had placed portions of deceased's liver and spleen; in No. 2 bottle placed deceased's stomach and its contents; in No. 3 bottle placed a portion of deceased's left kidney. Sealed and initialled the three bottles and handed them to senior-constable D'Arcy. From the evidence he had heard and appearance of portion of deceased's body he had examined, he was of opinion he had taken some irritant poison. The vomiting of blood and a greenish matter, the cramps, the faintings, all pointed to a similar conclusion arsenic would cause the symptoms described, that poison could be taken in warm tea, and would cause a disagreeable taste.

Charles Watt deposed: I am the Government Analytical Chemist of New South Wales. On the 22nd December, I received from senior-constable D'Arcy three bottles, marked 1, 2, and 3. The bottles were tied and sealed, and contained portions of human organs in a partially decomposed state. The contents of each bottle readily yielded the substance commercially known as white arsenic. The contents of the bottle numbered two gave the

largest quantity, number one less, and number three the least but even in the last case there was quite sufficient arsenic for identification.

Henry Kirke White deposed: I am a chemist and druggist, residing at Rylstone. I know Pitt. On the 6th December last I sold him one pound of arsenic. He told me he wanted it to poison dogs. I refused to sell him the arsenic without witness. He left, and returned in a few minutes with one, the document now produced is a register of the sale of the poison. The arsenic was coloured black, or a very dark grey. It was in a package labelled "Poison" on one side and "Arsenic" on the other. It would not be possible for any one possessing common sense to mistake coloured arsenic for white epsom salts. On the 14th December, Mrs. Jupp came to me and told me Jupp was very sick, and after advising her to get a doctor, which she said Jupp would not agree to, I made her up some medicine.

John Arber deposed: I am a farmer and know Mrs. Jupp, the wife of the late Samuel Jupp. On the 10th of last December I came from Rylstone towards my own place with her. In the course of conversation she said Jupp was very bad, and would not live long. She said she had been to Rylstone that day to find Pitt and had taken him out of the lockup. She said if it was

required in Court she would take a false oath for him. On the night of the following Saturday, I went to Jupp's place. His corpse was in the place. I stayed there all night. On the following Thursday saw Mrs. Jupp at Bonner's house, at Spring Gap. We were speaking of Jupp's death, and she told me there were three or four kinds of poison in the house when it occurred.

Benjamin M'Donald deposed: I knew the late Samuel Jupp for twenty years. He was a healthy man. I last saw him alive at his own place, at between 3 and 4 o'clock on the 11th December. He came home on horseback while I was there. He appeared to be in his usual good health, and made no complaint of illness to me.

William Farrar deposed: I knew the late Samuel Jupp. He lived about four miles from my farm. On Thursday, the 13th December, I first heard that Jupp was ill. On the 15th, I went to Jupp's house, he being then dead, and saw junior-constable D'Arcy and another constable. Mrs Jupp was lying on a sofa and appeared to be in fits. At about 2 o'clock in the afternoon both constables left, and up to that time Mrs Jupp seemed to have fits. I accompanied the constables to the slip panel about twenty yards distant, and as I was walking back I saw Mrs. Jupp sitting up, looking out of the window.

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Interesting News

Ian Kendall visits RDHS

Proud convict descendant and former President of the Blue Mountains Family History Society, Ian Kendall, was guest speaker prior to the February General Meeting. Ian's talk on his convict history was very interesting and was well attended by RDHS members.

Proposed visit to O'Connell

6-7 April 2019

Details to be advertised soon.

100 years ago...

Deaths at Rylstone.

James Cronin (better known as "Carey Jim"), an old identity of Rylstone, died in the Rylstone Hospital on Tuesday night, aged 83. About a fortnight ago the deceased met with a slight accident, in which his ankle was broken, and he had been an inmate of the hospital ever since. The accident, no doubt, was partly the cause of his death, but old age was the main factor.

Another old identity of Rylstone in the person of George Staff passed away on Tuesday night at his residence, Mudgee-street, Rylstone. He was about 75 years of age, and was an old member of the Mudgee branch of the Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows.

Both the deceased were buried in the Rylstone Cemetery this (Thursday) morning.

Mudgee Guardian, 13 February 1918, p. 18

Rylstone Hospital Day.

Rylstone has every reason to feel proud of its annual effort on behalf of its hospital, and although it was not expected that a record would be obtained in the face of an adverse season, still it was hoped the institution would receive a fair recognition. This it has, and we all feel satisfied with the result. The sales brought £23 and the concert realised £25. So that added to the other sources of the day and donations should put the amount well up £150, which is most creditable.

Mudgee Guardian, 27 March 1918, p. 8

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Blacksmith and Wheelwright
C. R. KERNEY

Wishes to inform the general public that he has purchased the above business so long conducted by Mr. J. J. Grady, next door to Mr. F. J. Dunn's, and trusts for a continuance of support. Only the best workmanship guaranteed. Prices moderate.

Note the Address:
LUE STREET, RYLSTONE

Society's Milestone

The Rylstone and District Historical Society's recent Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, August 25 marked 55 years since the Society began in 1963. At that time, eight people attended a meeting with the intention of preserving the Zion Chapel in Cox Street, Rylstone. This in effect was the beginning of the Society. The first office bearers were W Staff (president), VJ Nevell (vice-president) and G McDonald (secretary/treasurer). The group were unsuccessful in saving the Zion Chapel but were able to rent the Bridge View Inn while negotiating its purchase. After much fundraising they were able to purchase the building in 1967 for \$7,000. While much of the focus of the Historical Society has been in maintaining and improving the Bridge View Inn, its work on protecting and publicising other buildings of historic interest has been invaluable. In 1984 the Society acquired the Show Cottage from

Rylstone Shire Council. Relocating it to its present position proved a mammoth task, but it was achieved and has now become "The Cottage" which houses the Society's collection of domestic and rural life from the 1860's onward. Items include costume, rustic furniture, memorabilia and photos of pioneers and the town and district. There is also a collection of interesting books – some for sale including a terrific little book called "Celebrating Fifty Years 1963 – 2013" by Jeanette McCarthy and Pat Spithill which has provided some of the information in this article. Over the years, a small office space has been constructed at the rear of the building which has become the office of the Society as well as an area for family and district research. They are currently completing an archive and storage room which will be officially opened later in the year. Overall, the

ongoing legacy of the Historical Society has been enormous, but it hasn't always been plain sailing. The year 2003 was a watershed year for the Society. The cost of maintaining the Bridge View Inn and a decline in membership resulted in a special meeting which was attended by five people. A proposal to sell the Bridge View Inn and subdivide the land owned by the society was passed unanimously. The decision galvanised the community which said a decisive NO to the sale and the Society was able to rejuvenate itself. New life was breathed back into the Society and following successful grant applications the Bridge View Inn has been restored and preserved for future generations. It now houses a number of businesses and delightful B&B accommodation in the upstairs area of the building.

(Source: 'Community Capers', October 2018, volume 241, p. 1)

RAHS/Bathurst District Historical Society — Create NSW Regional Seminar

The RAHS Regional Seminar program promotes the study, writing and dissemination of Australian history. It aims to develop historical expertise in the community that will support history and heritage projects. This regional seminar will offer participants practical advice on assessing key record sources, followed by a range of case studies on applying this to research projects.

Speakers/Topics:

- Associate Professor Carol Liston will highlight the range of records now available online that can help researchers investigate land settlement in the Bathurst Region
- Judith Dunn will consider the remaining buildings of the Female Factory and explore the lifestyle of the women convicts that lived there
- Christine Yeats will discuss and provide examples of the many

search tips and strategies to assist researchers make better use of Trove's resources

Venue now confirmed:

CWA Hall, 172 Russell Street, Bathurst, NSW 2795

April 6 @ 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

\$20

Buy tickets at <https://www.rahs.org.au/product/rahs-bdhs-create-nsw-regional-seminar-tickets/>

WILLIAM STREET, BATHURST, N.D. [RAHS PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION]

(Source: <https://www.rahs.org.au/event/rahs-bathurst-district-historical-society-create-nsw-regional-seminar/>)



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I remained about half an hour, during which time she had no fits. Pitt was present when I was at Jupp's house. I knew Jupp for about sixteen years. He was a very healthy man.

Sarah Farrar, wife of the last witness, corroborated his evidence generally, and further deposed: Mrs. Jupp appeared to have fits till the constables left. As soon as they were gone she got up off the sofa and went out to the back of the kitchen and was whispering with Pitt. In course, of conversation she said Jupp had become ill from gorging himself with fresh meat. About eighteen months ago, Mrs Jupp told me Jupp had been beating one of the children, and that she had been to Rylstone for a summons but did not get one. She said, "I'll poison the --- wretch." She said this twice.

Patrick Henry Bowles deposed: I saw Jupp at his place on the 9th last December and told him the traps were after Pitt. I afterwards saw Mrs Jupp, and she asked me why I did not tell her the traps were after Pitt. She said it might

be for the mare he had ridden into Rylstone. She said Pitt had bought a pound of arsenic for his mother to put in the fat to make it white for candles. On the opening day of the inquest I saw Mrs. Jupp at Capertee, when she said, "My God, Jupp's poisoned. I expect they will blame me for it." She said that Jupp came home on the Monday before his death, and said he felt bad, and wanted to take a dose of salts; that he asked her where the salts were, and she told him on the shelf in Pitt's room, or the other room; that he asked her how much was a dose and that she replied a packet. She said that Jupp asked for some tea and remarked the day was hot. He then asked for his dinner, and she replied that she would bring it in directly, and that he had not gone into the kitchen. She went on to say that when she came back into the room from the kitchen, Jupp was rolling on the floor, and told her he felt very bad. She told him (witness) that must have been the time when he drank the --- stuff, and said Pitt must have been a --- fool to leave the stuff there without telling any person. On the 18th December he had a further

conversation with her, when she said that no one would miss Jupp more than herself, and that she had seen a strychnine bottle in his hand on Monday, but never saw it since.

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This stone was erected by subscription raised amongst inhabitants of Capertee out of respect to the memory of

SAMUEL JUPP

who died December 14 1877

aged 39 years

(Source: Australian Cemeteries Index, <http://austcemindex.com/inscription?id=79582#images>, accessed 1 June 2018)



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An Intimate Pandemic: Community Stories

Families and communities across New South Wales have been the custodians of memories and experiences of the pneumonic influenza pandemic throughout the past century. The RAHS would like to share your accounts, so that others can understand its diverse and enduring consequences. Please send in short memories, family stories or your researched pieces on the local effects of the flu pandemic, including locations and pictures, if you have them. With your permission, we will post edited stories of the intimate impact of the pandemic here. Together, we can create a patchwork history of the fractured world of 1919.

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CITY STAFF AT THE SYDNEY TOWN HALL
WEARING PROTECTIVE MASKS DURING THE
OUTBREAK OF SPANISH INFLUENZA, C. 1919.
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(Source: <https://www.rahs.org.au/an-intimate-pandemic-community-stories/>)