



UPPER HUNTER MUSEUM of RURAL LIFE Inc
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NEWSLETTER

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The Glenbawn Museum

Since the UHMRL's first became involved with the collection of items at the Glenbawn Museum, our concerns have always been for the preservation of all the interesting, valuable, unique or historical items and their importance in the rural development of the area.

We frequently receive enquiries from family members who donated articles to the collection but unfortunately the museum is closed to the public and access to the collection is not available to anyone.

Aberdeen Local Studied Group

Our members were delighted to receive a collection of family photographs – all identified and named. This collection will be added to our growing files and selected photos printed and filed.

Our thanks to Suzie, who did the copying and naming, Mrs Olive O'Brien, for the historical information and Alan for his support.

Aberdeen Golden Oldies Luncheon & Movie **Tuesday, 10th November** **~ Cocoon ~**



(DVD, colour, 117 minutes, [PG])

Enjoy a 3 course meal - Doors open at 11.30am
Bookings: **65437150** or **65425168**

Story Board N^o. 4 - Segenhoe Inn

Queen's Birthday at Aberdeen

Below is an extracts from an article describing events at the Aberdeen Public School's Fete and Celebration Day at the recreation grounds.

A phenomenon occurred to account for which would, I think, sorely puzzle meteorologists, or any other scientist. From a serene and cloudless sky a storm burst over their heads, and raged with vehement and unabated fury for a full half hour. A shower of meteorites fell as thick as hail, some as large as your fist and some not bigger than a pea. They were of various shapes, spherical, oval, flat and some of shapeless firms not strictly conformable to geometric regularity. Of course panic seized the people assembled, but astonishment and ineffable excitement, rather than consternation and terror, seemed to prevail. As if possessed by some infatuation of mind, instead of seeking the friendly shelter of the trees or other available covering, they wilfully exposed their heads, backs and sides to the pitiless pelting of the thickly descending lumps of matter. When this utterly indescribable scene of confusion and riot had ceased, no one was killed, nor maimed, nor wounded. The only visible effect of the incident was the large protuberances or swellings about certain parts of their bodies, particularly the region of their pockets.

The Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Adviser
Saturday, 29th May, 1880

Next meeting UHMRL -
Wednesday, 28 October at 4.30 pm
Aberdeen Library - All Welcome.

Next scanning afternoon for the
Aberdeen Local Study Group -
Friday, 30th October
2pm - 4.30pm at the Aberdeen Library.

UHMRL Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, 25th November at 4.30 pm
Aberdeen Librarv - All Welcome Aberdeen

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THE SEGENHOE INN

- An Aberdeen Landmark -



Segenhoe Hotel 1900 - National Archives of Australia

Thomas Potter Macqueen's Segenhoe Estate was prospering and by 1837 convicts assisted in the construction of a large and impressive sandstone building on the south-western boundary of the estate and adjacent to the Old North Road leading to the ford over the Hunter River.

In April, 1839, with a steady flow of teamsters and travellers regularly camping on the reserve near the ford, the building was licensed by Ralph G. Martin and called the "Aberdeen Inn".

By 1840 Phillip W. Wright was then farming part of the Segenhoe land and he had taken over the inn and the flour mill. The inn was now to become known as the "Bullock Driver's Arms".

The Inn was then acquired by William G. Gardner about 1854 and he was to name the hotel the "Segenhoe Inn". Gardner also ran the first Post Office and a store with the first butcher shop nearby.

In the 1860's the inn became the Gardner family's residence and now known as "Segenhoe House".

In 1863 young Scottish draper, Murdo Mackenzie, opened his first store in Aberdeen on the ground floor of the building.

By the end of the century the old inn was deserted and in disrepair. William Gardner renovated the old building and with the coming of the meatworks the new "Segenhoe Hotel" opened in 1891.

For many years the Segenhoe Hotel was a landmark on the Old North Road, the centre of social life in the town and a haven for the traveller.

In the 1980's the hotel finally closed its doors bringing to an end one of the oldest licensed establishments in the area.

