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THE ABERDEEN LOCAL STUDY GROUP

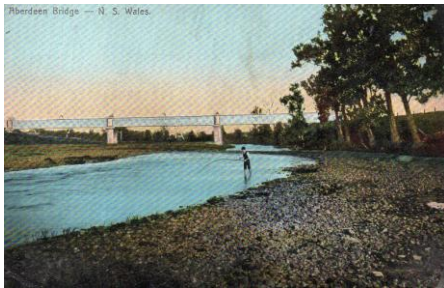
Last year the UHMRL formed The Aberdeen Local Study Group with the aim of coping photographs, maps, documents, etc. that are of significance or interest to the local area.

Over the past months the group has copied hundreds of images on their scanning afternoons and many have now become part of the collection that is housed at the Aberdeen Library. By saving copies of these images they will not be lost and can be made available for future research purposes.

We wish to thank the Upper Hunter Regional Library and Upper Hunter Shire Council for making the front room at the Aberdeen Library available for use by The Aberdeen Local Study Group.

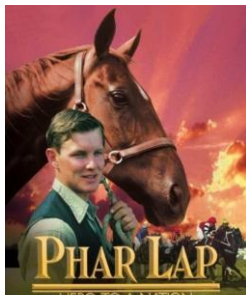
If you think you might be able to contribute to the collection please bring your our photographs to one of our scanning afternoons or contact someone from the group.

Here is an example of a photo from Mrs Betty Daley:
Cattle crossing the Hunter River just below the road bridge at Aberdeen. (Photo was taken in the 1950's) →



← The second image is a copy of an old hand tinted post card from about 1910. It shows a young boy lazily wandering along the Hunter River as he trails a stick, or fishing pole, in the water. The old rail bridge can be seen in the background.

Aberdeen Golden Oldies Luncheon & Movie Tuesday, 13th October ~ Phar Lap ~



(DVD, colour, 113 minutes, [G])

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

Next meeting UHMRL -
Wednesday, 23rd September at 4 pm
Aberdeen Library - All Welcome.

Next scanning afternoon for the
Aberdeen Local Study Group -
Friday, 25th September
2pm - 4.30pm at the Aberdeen Library.

Thank you to all those who support our functions and
generously donate to our monthly raffle.

Hope you all enjoy today's function.

Story Board No. 3 – The Old Flour Mill

Upper Hunter Museum of Rural Life Inc. raising funds to establish a Museum and Cultural Centre in Aberdeen.

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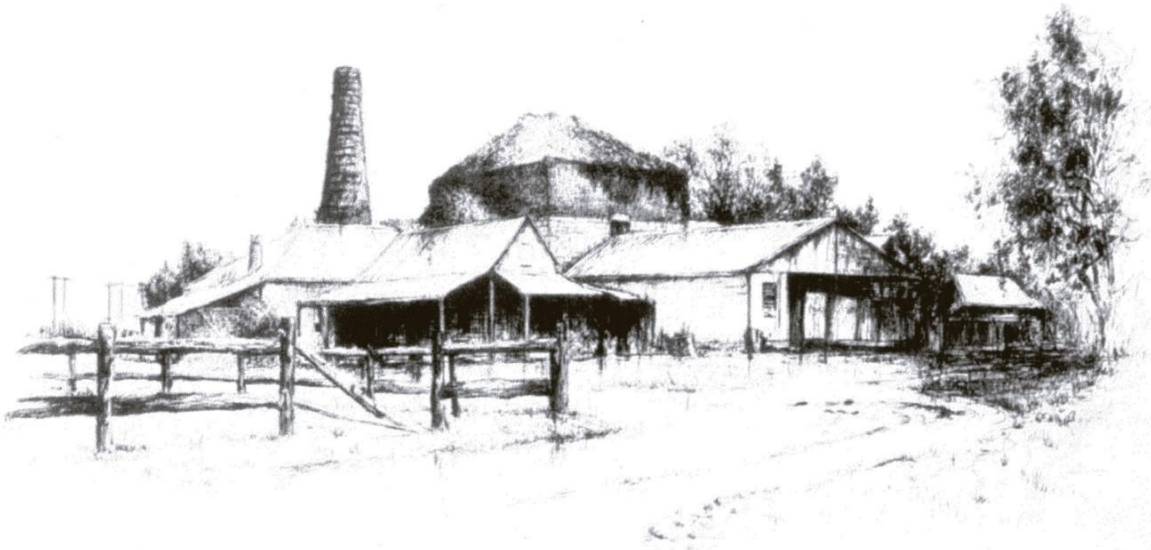
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THE OLD FLOUR MILL

- The Segenhoe Mill -



One of the first priorities as Segenhoe Estate was established was the construction of a mill on the river flats near the south-west boundary of the estate, as amongst the equipment sent out by Thomas Potter Macqueen was all the machinery for a flour mill.

In 1825, mill-wright John Portus, with the assistance of convict labourers, constructed the mill's thick wall from solid hewn sandstone that was quarried locally. This mill was the first of its kind in Australia.

In 1827 the mill was producing flour and it is said that during the droughts between 1827 and 1830 the locally grown wheat stored at the mill supplied most of the Upper Hunter.

Horses were used to turn the heavy millstones but by November, 1840, the mill had already undergone a transformation with the addition of a

third level of red brick, the construction of a chimney and the installation of a single cylinder steam engine. A four room cottage and a kitchen were soon added.

In the early years of the colony visiting clergy used the mill to hold church services.

During the 1860's, Hopkins, a manufacturer of cordial and ginger beer, operated out of the mill.

From 1878 the Schroeter family ran the mill and a bakery. Over the years the bakery continued to supply bread for Aberdeen but by the 1890's the mill had ceased the production of flour. The old steam engine was now used to power a timber mill.

Today very little can be seen of the original mill buildings.

