An estate of 2000 acres near Picton, which Major H. C. Antill named "Wilton", after an American estate belonging to his father but which subsequently he named "Jarvis Field" in honour of Macquarie’s first wife (Jane Jarvis), was granted on July 9, 1822. On the same date a grant of 100 acres, on the opposite side of Stonequarry Creek, was made to Charles Rumker, the astronomer, who named it "Stargard". The original home at "Jarvis Field" was built about 1823-24, but was not occupied by Major Antill until 1825.

In October, 1820, Macquarie selected the site for a village at Stonequarry Creek, and twelve months later Surveyor Harper marked out 1500 acres to be reserved for a township. By 1837 the area was quite well settled. Surveyor Govett reported in that year that there were "huts and cottages scattered about", that a court was held "once or twice every week", and that hereafter the place might become "the seat of a very respectable inland town". It was not till 1840, however, that steps were taken to establish a village. The "Sydney Morning Herald" of July, 1841, in advertising land in the area, stated that the new town was to be called Picton.

**OCTOBER MEETING:**

Our distinguished Speaker was Mr. A. E. Bax (member), President R.A.H.S., who gave us an absorbing talk on maritime life of the "fifties" of last century and his pleasant talk was thoroughly enjoyed by the attendance of 31.

We had been looking forward to renewing acquaintance with Mrs. Bax, but unfortunately an illness prevented her coming to Wollongong and required Mr. Bax’s hurried return to Sydney.

It is hoped that again during his Presidency we will have the honour of Mr. Bax addressing us.

**JAMBEROO HOUSES OF THE FORTIES**

(From Abraham Lincolne’s “Australian Sketches”—manuscript in Mitchell Library).

**WAUGH-HOPE, JAMBEROO, ILLAWARRA:**

The house of Mr. J. Waugh, built of mud, plaster’d within and stuccoed without.

**MINNAMURRA DISTRICT OF ILLAWARRA:**

The residence of Robert Menzies, Esq., M.D., J.P. — Built of cut stone from a quarry on the property.

**DRUE, WALLA, ILLAWARRA:**

The residence of my friend of R. B. Fry, Esq. — an Irish Gentleman. This little farm house is built almost entirely of cedar, and stands most pleasantly on a little mountain stream, a tributary of the Minnamurro River.

**FIGTREE FARM HOMESTEAD, JAMBEROO, ILLAWARRA:**

This farm I hired in 1840 and held for 4 years — the house is weatherboarded and shingled — the Barn is built with slabs, let-in grooved plates top and bottom, roofed with “box” bark, tied to battens inside with green hide thongs, with “guys” laid on top — this is the usual way of roofing buildings in the Bush. The Granary (with weather vane) is built Yankee fashion at the base, being raised with logs of “Palm tree” cut in lengths and dove-tail’d at ends. The large “Tarrogong” (sic) swamp lies exactly opposite this farm and consists of more than 2000 acres.

**THE SYDNEY MAIL — 6th MAY, 1865:**

*Death from an Explosion.*—“The Illawarra Mercury” of 28th April announces the death in hospital of George Styles, one of the sufferers by the recent explosion of a cask containing a quantity of rum. Up to Wednesday night the deceased was looked upon as progressing favourably, but in the course of the night a change took place, and he expired early on Thursday morning. Deceased was thirty-six years of age, and was well-known in Wollongong and Kiama.