“THE FIRST FIVE GRANTEEES AND THEIR GRANTS IN ILLAWARRA”:

The speaker at the March meeting was Mr. B. T. Dowd, Fellow and Councillor of the R.A.H.S. We were pleased to welcome Mr. Dowd, who was accompanied by his brother, son and daughter.

In view of the historical importance of the subject it is hoped to publish the paper in full and accordingly only brief details will be given here.

The grants were made on January 24, 1817, and they were previously located by Deputy Surveyor Meehan as under:

“Exmouuth or as called by the natives “Koonawarra,” to Captain Richard Brooks, 1,300 acres, December 5, 1816. Now Portion 16, Parisr Calderwood.”
“Macquarie Gift” to George Johnston, Senior (Lt. Colonel Johnston, of Governor Bligh fame), 1,500 acres, December 6, 1816. Portion 11, Parish Calderwood.

“Waterloo” to Andrew Allan (son of David Allan, below), 700 acres, December 7, 1816. Portion 6, Parish Jamberoo.

“Illawarra Farm” to David Allan, Deputy Commissary-General, 2,200 acres, December 8, 1816. Portion 53, Parish Wollongong. Acquired some time later by W. C. Wentworth and named “Five Islands Estate” (now the site of the Port Kembla Steelworks).

“Berkeley” to Robert Jenkins, 1,000 acres. Portion 52, Parish Wollongong.