The earliest record of "Bungary Norah" was in 1826 when it was mentioned by a visitor to Terrigal as a prominent coastal feature to the north. The actual derivation of the name Bungary Norah seems vague but it is generally accepted that the Bungary part came from an aboriginal by the same name, who in 1799 was recruited by Matthew Flinders for an expedition in the Porpoise and again in 1801 for the Investigator. Records are not clear but it seems likely that he was engaged as a guide, interpreter and mediator on occasions when contact was made with natives. The name Bungary, then, was applied by the whites to indicate the family hunting grounds of Bungary and his family group.

EARLY LIFE OF HARGRAVES

Hargraves was born at "Stoke Cottage," Gosport, near Portsmouth, England, on 7th October, 1816. He was educated at Brighton and Lewes and at fourteen entered the merchant service in 1830. Young Edward came from a family of soldiers, his father, John Edward, being a Lieutenant in the Sussex Militia, and his mother's father being Major Whitcombe. His generation, with the exception of one, turned from the army to the sea.

In 1832 at the age of seventeen he reached Port Jackson. After a few months on a station he joined the crew of a French fishing schooner the Clementine to seek tortoise shell in the Torres Strait. Twenty of the twenty seven members of the ship's crew died of yellow fever at Batavia. Hargraves was then taken to England, but returned to Sydney in 1834.

By 1835 Hargraves was a superintendent on Captain Hector's station near Bathurst. While he was there Hargraves familiarised himself with the topography of the area, not realizing the part that this familiarity was to play later on.

Hargraves left Bathurst and went to Illawarra taking up 100 acres of leasehold land near Dapto with a frontage to Dapto Creek. Here married, and in the Australian of 27th December, 1836, there appeared the following marriage notice, "By special licence by the Rev. Mr. McGarvie, A.M., Mr. Edward Hammond Hargraves, third son of John Edward Hargraves, Esq., formerly captain of the Sussex Militia, to Clara, youngest daughter of John Mackie, Esq., George Street, Sydney." Hargraves took his bride to the Five Islands district near Dapto and opened a general store. At the time of his wedding Hargraves was 6 feet 5 inches tall and weighed twenty stone — visually, a most imposing figure.

On 11th November, 1839, Hargraves sold his holding at Dapto Creek and moved to East Gosford, generally known then as Brisbane Water, to take up a position with the General Steam Navigation Company as their agent in that area.

Some time in 1890 he had a fall and being an enormous person broke his thigh. Confined to his bed, he died at his residence, Glebe, Sydney, on 29th October, 1891, aged 75.

The article, which is quite extensive, also has another possible connection with Illawarra. It mentions that Hargraves in July, 1877 had a property transaction with "Haman" John Tarrant. Dr. Harman John Tarrant resided at Kiama for ten years and for seven years was the local M.L.A. One of Hargraves' daughters (Frances Jane?) became Mrs. Tarrant.

—A.P.F.