FIRST SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS:

On June 7, 1945, before the Bulletin of the Society was established, George Grey of Kiama addressed the monthly meeting of the Society on “The Story of the Illawarra Breed.” His talk was summarised in the first printed Bulletin dated July 1945. The June Bulletin of 1949 announced that the subject had been printed in booklet form and was available at sixpence per copy at the meeting.

The August meeting in 1949 was addressed by Rev. Bro. J. P. O’Malley on “The Dapto Smelting Works” and the September Bulletin announced that the Society’s council had decided to have it printed. The Bulletin for November 1950 advised that “The Old Dapto Smelting Works” had been printed and would be available at the meeting for one shilling per copy. Both publications were announced as available in the December Bulletin.

On December 6, 1951, C. W. Gardiner-Garden addressed the Society on “The Port of Wollongong.” In November 1953 the author published a duplicated edition of 50 copies. The Bulletin of April 2, 1959, announced that the Society had printed it for the Wollongong Local Government Centenary Celebrations at five shillings per copy. The booklet itself recorded a printing of 1500 copies.

On December 4, 1952, C. W. Gardiner-Garden addressed the Society on “Observations on some of the historical aspects of the prominent geographical features of Illawarra.” He himself published a limited edition of the talk with profits to the Society also for the Local Government Centenary, the Annual Report for 1959 states.

The foregoing will correct an inaccuracy in the 32nd Annual Report, pointed out at the meeting by our long-standing member, Mr. Edgar Beale.