However, in 1872 he lost this seat to Captain Charles, and in the same year recommenced veterinary practice in Darlinghurst Road. He ceased practice in 1882.

In 1877 Sir Henry Parkes offered him a seat in the New South Wales Legislative Council which he accepted. He served in this chamber till 1894, when failing body and mind impelled him to resign. He died at Summer Hill in August 1896, aged 86 years, leaving a widow and family of four, none of whom followed veterinary pursuits.

As the Illawarra Mercury reported on 6 August 1896: 'John Stewart was a man of strong and unbending opinions. Whatever he supposed was right he went straight for it, regardless of who or what was in the way. He was kind-hearted, honourable and true to his actions. An Illawarra Veteran'.

**TULLIMBAR GOES WALKABOUT**

Old Tullimbar sometimes found it necessary to go walkabout, particularly when an irate husband, with spear at the ready, was on his tracks(1); but there seems no reason for his name to have gone walkabout on the map.

The Society's Research Officer recently received an enquiry about Tullimbar House, said to have been the property of William Moles. No reference to such a house or property has been found except: (a) a statement in an article (based, at least in part, on information supplied by the late D.L. Denniss) in the 'South Coast Times' of 25 April 1963 that 'the name Tullimbar was applied first to a farm situated high on the ridge and to the back of what is now (i.e. in 1963) Tullimbar Public School. Later it was changed to 'Hillcrest' because the wife of a holder (unnamed) did not relish an aboriginal name; and, (b) a transcript, apparently by the late A.A. Armstrong, of an obituary notice (undated) of Mrs. William Moles, which referred to 'Tongarra House', where the (Moles) family resided until recently. Latterly, the Moles retired from farming life and became located with their family on a beautiful spot which he secured at Tullimbar, near Albion Park'.

But in the course of looking for Tullimbar House, it was found that strange things had happened to the name of Tullimbar itself. According to the 'South Coast Times' article, 'Tullimbar today is a rural area in the vicinity of Tullimbar Primary School, a couple of miles west of Albion Park town. An early settler, Mr. William Moles, gave the name Tongarra to his farm, but later this was applied to the whole neighbourhood'. But, according to the same article, an early map shows Tullimbah as the name of 'the area about the foot of Macquarie Pass'.

Cousins in 'The Garden of New South Wales' (p.44) states that 'next
to (Samuel) Terry’s grant (which included the future Albion Park town centre) to the west was John Paul’s estate of 1,400 acres. This property included Tullimbah and Tongarra. (As regards Tongarra, Cousins is mistaken). Still further west was a grant of 1,200 acres promised to John Terry Hughes, the deed being issued to Rosetta Terry.

McCaffrey refers to ‘Mr. Andrew McGill of Tullumbah’. Andrew McGill had several grants on the Green Mountain, adjoining and to the south of Rosetta Terry’s grant, and distant rather more than a mile in a south-westerly direction from Tullimbar Public School.

And Stan Thomas, who knew the Albion Park district as well as anyone, says quite unequivocally in ‘The Town at the Crossroads’ (p.122): ‘Tullimbar lies on the western side of Yellow Rock Creek where it joins the Macquarie Rivulet’.

It would take a rash man to put his shirt on McCaffrey, or even Cousins, but if Dave Denniss and Stan Thomas did not know where Tullimbar was, who would?

To support these witnesses, there are the seventh (1937) and eighth (1958) editions of the Jamberoo Parish Map. They do not show Tullimbar as the name of a locality, but both show Tullimbah Public School about two miles west of Albion Park town centre and about half a mile south of Tongarra Road (now the Illawarra Highway).

So everything so far indicates that the old stone building which stood for so many years on the hill was Tullimbar Public School, and Tullimbar was the surrounding locality. So I have always believed since I first heard of Tullimbar; so, as far as I know, have most, if not all of us, believed.

But now came the surprise, on the ninth edition (1978) of the Parish Map, and the Central Mapping Authority’s 1:25,000 Topographic Map, the name of Tullimbar is transferred to a locality on the Albion Park-Jamberoo road less than a mile south of the Albion Park town centre. The latter map bears a note that ‘place names are as approved under the provisions of the Geographical Names Act, 1966’. Presumably the change was approved by the Geographical Names Board. Who suggested the change, and on what grounds?

Would any old residents of the Albion Park district who can throw any light on this please let us know where they understood Tullimbar to be, and whether they ever heard of any proposal for, or notification of, a change?

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