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Windsor. It waters fine agricultural country, taken up by small settlers, and is fed by the Breakfast creek. Sandstone and shale.

EASTERN CREEK (*Co. Cumberland.*) See **HEBERSHAM**.

EAST KEMPSEY (*Co. Dudley.*) See **KEMPSEY**.

EAST MACQUARIE ELECTORATE. See **MACQUARIE EAST**.

EAST MANNA STATION (*Lachlan district*); occupier, Jones, Edward; area, 30,000 acres; grazing capability, 960 head of cattle. Charges, £34.

EAST MAITLAND (*Co. Northumberland.*) See **MAITLAND EAST**.

EAST PERI STATION (*Albert district*); occupiers, Smith and Reid; area, 28,800 acres; grazing capability, 4000 sheep. Charges, £20.

EAST SYDNEY ELECTORATE. See **SYDNEY EAST**.

EASTERN TARCOOLA STATION (*Darling district*); occupiers, Phelps and Lackey; area, 61,440 acres; grazing capability, 4000 sheep. Charges, £130.

EAST THILUNGARIN STATION (*Lachlan district*); occupiers, Palmer, Murphy, and Henty; area, 57,600 acres; grazing capability, 10,000 sheep. Charges, £40.

EATO, E., STATION (*Liverpool plains district*); occupier, Rundle, J. B.; estimated area, 16,000 acres; grazing capability, 640 head of cattle. The old charges were £24; the recently appraised rental is £12 10s.

EATO, W., STATION (*Liverpool plains district*); occupier, Rundle, J. B.; area, 16,000 acres; grazing capability, 640 head of cattle. Charges, £24.

EBENEZER, 33° 32' S. lat., 150° 54' E. long (*Co. Cook*), is the name of a Presbyterian church and burial ground, parish unnamed, in the electoral district of the Hawkesbury, and police district of Windsor, situated in an agricultural district, on the W. bank of the Hawkesbury river, 41 miles by post route, and 28½ miles in a direct line N.W. from Sydney. It is the name of the post office for the neighbourhood, which consists of numerous agricultural farms, taken up by small settlers. The nearest places are Wilberforce, distant 3 miles S.W.; and Pitt town, 4 miles S.; with which places there is communication by horse and dray. With Sydney, 41 miles S.E., the communication is by horse or dray to Windsor, 7 miles distant; and thence by railway. The postal district of Ebenezer is under the control of the Windsor road board. The surrounding country is undulating, and well cultivated, much of it being also taken up for pasturage. The geological formation is ferruginous sandstone. The population of Ebenezer proper is only 7 persons, and that of the neighbourhood is scattered over the numerous farms of the district.

ECCLESTON, 32° 17' S., lat 151° 35' E. long. (*Co. Durham*), is a postal township in the parish of Avenel, and electoral and police districts of the Paterson. It is situated on the E. bank of the Allyn river, 10 miles W. from the Williams' river, and 6 miles E. from the Paterson river. It has 2 tobacco manufactories, the growth of that article of produce having of late attracted considerable attention in the district, which is chiefly an agricultural one, with some good pastoral country. The nearest places are, Lewinsbrook, 9 miles S.; Lostock, 6 miles W.; and Bandon grove, 12 miles E., the only means of communication with these places being on horseback. With Sydney, 138 miles S.E., the communication is from Lewinsbrook to Gresford and Paterson, on horseback, thence by mail cart to Maitland, thence by rail to Newcastle, and thence by steamer. Eccleston is under the control of the district council and road board of Paterson. The surrounding country is mountainous, cultivation, chiefly that of grain, being carried on upon the flats on the river banks. The population numbers about 180 persons.

ECKERBOON, E., STATION (*Albert district*); occupier, Fletcher, G. B.; area, 64,000 acres; grazing capability, 4000 sheep. Charges, £30.

ECKERBOON STATION (*Albert district*); occupier, Hogg, James Edward; area, 128,000 acres; grazing capability, 640 head of cattle. Charges, £30.

ECLIPSE BLUFF (*Co. Cumberland*) is a bold headland on the rocky and precipitous coast lying about 3¼ miles S. of the entrance to Port Jackson. Sandstone.

EDEN, 37° 4' 30" S. lat., 149° 55' 30" E. long. (*Co. Auckland*), is a postal and

GRESFORD, 32° 28' S. lat., 151° 32' E. long. (*Co. Durham*), is a postal village in the electoral and police districts of the Paterson. It is situated on the Paterson river, about 15 miles N. from the Paterson township, and 1½ mile W. from the Allyn river. There has been a steam flour mill in Gresford for the last 2 years, but, owing to the failure each year in the wheat crop, it has been closed, and the proprietor has now left that part of the country. The district is an agricultural one, tobacco and corn being grown in large quantities in the neighbourhood. The vine is also extensively cultivated, the soil being admirably suited to its growth. Some of the best colonial wine made in New South Wales is manufactured at Gresford, amongst which the celebrated "Cawarra" and "Orindinna" brands may be mentioned. The nearest places to Gresford are Paterson, 15 miles S., Lostock, 11 miles N., and Eccleston, about 18 miles N. With these places there is communication by horse and dray, and with Sydney, 121 miles from Paterson, by mail cart to Morpeth (the next telegraph station), thence by rail to Newcastle, and thence by steamer; or, from Morpeth by steamer down the Hunter river. There is 1 hotel in Gresford, the Gresford Arms. The roads are under the control of a board, and the village under that of the Paterson bench. The surrounding country consists of low undulating ranges, with beautiful flats of agricultural land, and numerous homesteads running along the river banks. The population is tolerably large, but scattered all over the district. The geological formation is chiefly sandstone, with deep alluvial deposit.

GRESHAM is a county in the pastoral district of Clarence. It contains 621 acres of alienated land, and 871,079 acres unalienated. Its present boundaries, however, are open to modification.

GRETA (*Co. Northumberland*) is a small agricultural village, lying on the Hunter river, 11 miles W. of Maitland. Sandstone.

GREY RANGE (*Albert district*) is a chain of flat-topped hills, in the vast level plains to the W. of the Darling river, and rising out of a barren, rocky, and sandy country. They attain no great elevation, but the principal peak, mount Arrowsmith, rises to a height of 2000 feet above sea level. This range lies near the line dividing the colony from South Australia. It is very rugged, and composed of indurated quartz and ironstone, with large quantities of gypsum scattered on its slopes.

GRI GRIK STATION (*Murrumbidgee district*); occupier, Pierce, John; area, 17,000 acres; grazing capability, 600 head of cattle. Old charges, £40; the new appraisalment is £10.

GROGAN CREEK STATION (*Lachlan district*); occupier, Dacey, Mrs. Catherine; area, 30,080 acres; grazing capability, 600 head of cattle. Charges, £38 2s. 6d.

GROGAN CREEK STATION (*Lachlan district*); occupier, Mason, John; area, 23,040 acres; grazing capability, 800 head of cattle. The old charges were £50; the recently appraised rental is £66 13s. 4d.

GROGGAN'S CREEK (*Co. Beresford*), a small tributary of the Granny's Flat creek, joining it about 4 miles on the road from Nimmitibel to Umaralla.

GROSE CREEK (*Co. Vernon*) is a small E. tributary of the head of the Ohio creek. Granite and slate.

GROSE FARM (*Co. Cumberland*) is a tract of land, lying within the municipality of Newtown, and upon which the affiliated colleges are built.

GROSE VALLEY (*Co. Cook*) is a stupendous ravine in the Blue mountains, being a precipitous rocky chasm between mount Hay on the S., and mounts Tomah and King George on the N. At the bottom of this chasm, the Grose, at a depth of 3000 feet from the summit of the mountain, meanders. Mr. Dixon and Major Lockyer attempted to explore this valley in 1827, but, after having had to leave their horses, and after scrambling on their hands and feet until their progress was arrested by large boulders in the bed of the river, they found it impossible to proceed. The geological formation is chiefly sandstone.

GROSE RIVER (*Co. Cook*) is a fine mountain stream, rising in the Blue mountains, and flowing through a vast deep chasm into the Hawkesbury river. The scene along the valley of the Grose is one of the wildest magnificence. Mitchell, in his account of the discovery of the Grose river, says that his progress up the valley

LAY GREEN, N., STATION (*Gwydir district*); occupier, Simpson, John Macneil; area, 16,000 acres; grazing capability, 640 head of cattle. Charges, £30 10s.

LAY GREEN, S., STATION (*Gwydir district*); occupier, Dines, Richard; area, 19,200 acres; grazing capability, 640 head of cattle. Charges, £55.

LEAMINGTON (*Co. Hunter*) is a small agricultural village, on the Hunter river and on Jerry's plains, lying about 16 miles W. of Singleton. Sandstone.

LEATHER JACKET CREEK (*Co. Selwyn*) is a small tributary creek of the upper Murray, rising in mount Kosciusko, and flowing S.W. about 14 miles between two spurs of the mountain where it takes its rise. Its course is rugged and thickly scrubbed, and the geological formation of the country through which it flows is metamorphic (mica, chlorite, and talc). This creek often overflows its banks from the melting of the snow in the ranges.

LEICHHARDT (*Co. Cumberland*) is a surveyed village, in the parish of Peter-sham, and electoral district of Canterbury, lying on the W. side of White's Creek. Sandstone.

LEICHHARDT is a county, in the pastoral district of Bligh. It contains 69 acres of alienated land. Its present boundaries, however, are open to modification.

LENNOX HEAD (*Co. Ross*) is a promontory lying about 4 miles N. of Ballina, the mouth of the Richmond river. Sandstone.

LERIDA CREEK (*Co. King*), a fine mountain stream, rising in the Cullarin range of hills, and flowing N. through fine grassy plains into the Cullarin creek, near the crossing of the Goulburn and Yass road. Metamorphic slate and limestone.

LESLIE MOUNT (*Co. Buller*) is a prominent peak of the Macpherson's range, lying at the head of the Acacia creek, and on the boundary line between New South Wales and Queensland. Sandstone.

LETHEROE STATION (*Darling district*); occupier, Phelps and Lackey; area, 32,000 acres; grazing capability, 4000 sheep. Charges, £30 2s. 6d.

LETTE, LOWER, STATION (*Darling district*); occupier, Ross, William; area, 61,440 acres; grazing capability, 4000 sheep. The nearest post town is Euston. Charges, £30.

LETTE, UPPER, STATION (*Darling district*); occupiers, Ross and McCullen; area, 61,440 acres; grazing capability, 4000 sheep. The nearest post town is Balranald. Charges, £30.

LEUWIN KLIP, E., STATION (*Albert district*); occupier, Hogg, Edward James; area, 64,000 square acres; grazing capability, 4000 sheep. Charges, £30.

LEUWIN KLIP STATION (*Albert district*); occupier, Hogg, Edward James; area, 64,000 acres; grazing capability, 640 head of cattle. Charges, £30.

LEWINSBROOK (*Co. Durham*) is a postal village in the parish of St. Mary's, electoral and police districts of the Paterson. It is situated on the Allyn river, the Pinnacle mountain (in the Paterson ranges), lying 7 miles distant. The district is an agricultural one, excellent pasturage for cattle being afforded on the slopes of the neighbouring ranges. The nearest places are Eccleston, 9 miles N.; Gresford, 6 miles N.; and Paterson, 8 miles S.; to which places there are no public conveyances. With Sydney, 129 miles S.E., the communication is by mail cart or river steamer to Morpeth, thence by rail to Newcastle, and thence by steamer. The nearest hotel is at Gresford. Lewinsbrook is under the control of a road board. The surrounding country is undulating, and hemmed in with rugged broken ranges, the ravines in which are often deep, and appear to have been caused by volcanic agency. The geological formation is sandstone, with the igneous rock protruding in many places. The population is small and scattered.

LEWIN'S BROOK (*Co. Durham*) is an E. tributary of the Allyn river, falling into it about 4 miles E. of Gresford. Upper volcanic and shale.

LEWIS MOUNT (*Co. Bathurst*) is a hill lying near the confluence of the Lachlan and Belubula rivers, about 3 miles S.W. of Canowindra. Granite.

LEWIS' PONDS CREEK (*Co. Bathurst*) is a rich auriferous stream, which has

LONG REEF (*Co. Cumberland*) is a dangerous reef of rocks, awash at high tide, running out from the coast at Long point, 5 miles N. of port Jackson entrance. It runs out about three-quarters of a mile from the land. Sandstone.

LONG SWAMP (*Co. Georgiana*) is a postal mining village, in the parish of Corowa, electoral and police districts of Carcoar. It is situated on the Grove (or Burangyong) creek, about 18 miles from the Abercrombie river, and is surrounded by the Grove, Corowa, and Buck's creeks. The district is agricultural and mining, Grove creek and Trunkey creek, 8 miles distant, being proclaimed gold fields. The mining is alluvial, the average depth of the sinking being 8 feet. Quartz reefs have been found in the neighbourhood, but none have, as yet, been worked. The nearest townships are Carcoar, 20 miles N.W.; Bathurst, 36 miles N.E.; and Rockley, 12 miles E.N.E. A coach runs once a week to and from Bathurst. With Sydney, 149 miles E., the communication is by coach, via Bathurst, to Penrith, and thence by rail. There is a commodious stone National school in the village, established in 1862. There are 2 hotels, the All England Arms and the Victoria. The surrounding country is elevated, with fine timbered ridges; the table lands consisting chiefly of granite, and other primary rocks. In some parts of the surrounding hills limestone is to be obtained. The population numbers about 200 persons.

LONG SWAMP CREEK (*Co. Westmoreland*) is a tributary of Cox's river. Sandstone, with alluvial and fluviatile deposit.

LONG WATERHOLE (*Co. Wynyard*). See BUNABUCKBUCK Swamp.

LOOCALLE STATION (*Darling district*); occupier, Chadwick, Nicholas; area, 30,720 acres; grazing capability, 4000 sheep. The nearest post town is Balranald. Charges, £30 8s.

LOOMBAH STATION (*Wellington district*); occupiers, Callaghan, James; area, 10,000 acres; grazing capability, 640 head of cattle. The old charges were £40; the recently appraised rental is £40.

LOONDY STATION (*Warrego district*); occupier, Lord, G. W.; area, 32,000 acres; grazing capability, 4000 sheep. Charges, £30.

LORD'S HILL (*Co. Wellesley*) is a peak of a N. spur of the S. coast range, lying about 4 miles S.W. of the township of Bombala, in rugged pastoral country. Metamorphic slate.

LORIMER CREEK (*Co. Bligh*) is a small tributary of the head of the Krui river, rising in the Liverpool range. Sandstone and shales.

LOSTOCK (*Co. Durham*) is a postal village in the parish and electoral and police districts of the Paterson. It is situated on the Paterson river, about 9 miles from Gresford, in an agricultural, dairy, and pastoral district, abounding in small creeks, and low grassy and well wooded hills. Gresford lies 9 miles S., and Eccleston about the same distance N.N.E. There is no communication except by horse or dray, the mail being carried on horseback. With Sydney the communication is to Paterson, 25 miles S., by horse, thence by coach to E. Maitland, thence by rail to Newcastle, and thence by steamer. The nearest hotel is at Gresford. The village is under the control of a road board and the magisterial bench of Paterson. The surrounding country is undulating and richly grassed. Along the banks of the creeks are fine alluvial flats, which are taken up in farms by numerous settlers, the chief produce being maize, oats, barley, and potatoes. Butter, cheese, bacon, &c., are also produced in large quantities in the locality. The geological formation is chiefly carbonaceous and ferruginous sandstone, and the population is scattered over a wide district.

LOST RIVER (*Co. King*) is a small stream, rising in the W. slope of the Australian Alps, a few miles S. of Crookwell township, and flowing W. about 10 miles into the Wecho creek, through the N.E. portion of the Yass plains. Limestone and slate.

LOUISA (or TANNAM) CREEK (*Co. Wellington*) is an auriferous creek, rising in the N.W. of the upper Wairdang range, and flowing through the Louisa creek diggings into the Meroo creek, near Maitland bar. It is fed by the Marombili or Stockyard creek, and lies to the N.E. of the rugged lofty country known as the Table land in the district. The geological formation is metamorphic.

LOUISA CREEK GOLD FIELDS (*Co. Wellington*) is the name of an extensive

Moam in the Liverpool range, and between the Phillip and the Yarrimanbah creeks. Older volcanic.

PARSON'S CREEK (*Co. Hunter*) is a W. tributary of the Wollombi brook.

PARSON'S HILL (*Co. Buckland*) is a ridge of hills, spurring from the Liverpool range N. of mount Nany, and running N. in the Australian Agricultural Company's grant of 249,600 acres. Trap rock.

PARSON'S HILL (*Co. Northumberland*) is a hill on the road from West Maitland to Wollombi, in the parish of Gosforth, and about 3 miles W. of the former place. Carbonaceous sandstone, and yellow clay, with ferruginous veins.

PARSON THE (*Co. Buccleugh*) is a lofty peak, standing in the midst of a circle of surrounding smaller hills, at the head of Matchem's creek, and on the S. bank of the Murrumbidgee river. Granite and limestone.

PASSIMA STATION (*Albert district*); occupiers, Henty and Samson; area, 64,000 acres; grazing capability, 4000 sheep. Charges, £30.

PASS, THE (*Co. Northumberland*), is a gap in the Sugar Loaf range of hills, in the parish of Mulbring, on the road from Maitland to Sydney, viâ lake Macquarie.

PATERSON, 32° 40' S. lat., 151° 35' E. long. (*Co. Durham*), is a postal township in the parish of Houghton, electoral and police districts of Paterson. It is situated on the Paterson river, the Hungry mountain lying on the opposite side that river, and a spur of mount Johnson approaching the back of the township. The drainage from the S. extremity of the latter hills falls into the Paterson lagoon, a small lake covering an area of about 6 acres, and not known to have been dry for the last 10 years. This lagoon is within the extended township, but not in Paterson proper, which is a part of the original grant to Widow Ward, and lying between the estates of Bona Vista and Telimby. There is a fine and picturesque waterfall, well worthy the attention of the tourist, at Moneyburn, 8 miles W. of the township, on the Telimby estate. Paterson has several local industries, which are generally in a highly flourishing condition. The principal are a tannery and a currier, 2 slaughter yards, 2 wheelwrights' yards, 2 builders' yards, a splendid quarry of sandstone, and abundance of metal available for road making, &c., and a fine brickyard, with clay in abundance. 2 miles up the stream, at Gostwyck, there is a water mill on the left bank. There are also 2 large stores, and several smaller ones, 2 tobacco manufactories, and the usual tobacconists' shops. There 3 churches, Church of England, Wesleyan, and Presbyterian, a Denominational and a National (non vested) school. There is an Odd Fellows' lodge (Paterson Union Lodge), and branches of the Sydney, Northern, and Australian Mutual Provident Insurance companies in the township. The district is essentially an agricultural one, the soil being rich and well cultivated. It produces maize, wheat, barley, oats, lucerne, potatoes, pumpkins, melons, cucumbers, tobacco, and all kinds of esculent roots and farm and garden produce in abundance. Fruit of all kinds, there being large vineyards, orangeries, and orchards in the neighbourhood. Tocal estate, lying on the S. of the township, occupied by C. Reynolds, Esq., is celebrated through the whole of the Australian colonies for horse breeding, the stock having the character of being amongst the best in the country, and the cattle, pigs, and poultry having the same high character. The nearest places are Hinton, 9 miles; Morpeth, 10 miles; Maitland, 12 miles; and Largs (or Dunmore), 8 miles distant—all lying S.; Clarence town, 6 miles E.; Dungog, 20 miles N.N.E.; Vacy, 4 miles N.; Campsie, 8 miles, and Gresford, 12 miles N. A mail coach runs daily to Morpeth and Hinton, and twice a week, viâ Largs, to E. Maitland; the communication with the other places being by horse, dray, or hired conveyance. With Sydney, 105 miles S., the communication is by rail from Morpeth to Newcastle, viâ E. Maitland, and thence by steamer; or by steamer from Morpeth, also by occasional trading vessels from the same place. Paterson has a post office (a money order office being much needed), a court house (where the petty sessions, small debts, and district courts are held), a police barrack and lock-up, a large Odd fellows' hall, with a mutual improvement society, and a benefit and sick club, a lending library, and 2 private schools. The hotels are the Wellington inn, Royal Oak, Settlers' Arms, Bush inn, and Plough inn; the accommodation, generally, being very good, and, in some instances, first rate. There is a booking office by the coach to Morpeth. The roads are under the control of a road warden and 6 councillors, the former being appointed by the Government, and the latter elected by the residents. The surround-

ing country is extremely mountainous, but to the S. and W. are extensive flats. The geological formation is sandstone and shale. At a distance of about 6 miles from the township, on the Tongburn estate, is a vast bed of limestone of very superior quality, which, by a tramway being laid down to the head of the navigation, could be rendered available and easily shipped to Sydney or elsewhere. There is, also, abundance of coal at a distance of about 2 miles, but its extent has never been tested. The population numbers about 400 persons.

The Paterson electoral district embraces a midland and N. portion of the county of Durham; and is bounded on the N. by the range at the head of the Allyn and Paterson rivers; on the W. by the mount Royal range, and the range dividing the waters of Glendon brook from those of the Paterson river, to a point in a line with the E. boundary of Gaggin's 2000 acres grant on the river Hunter, and by that line and the E. boundary of Gaggin's land, to the N.W. corner of Underwood's 1500 acres grant; on the S. by the N. boundary of that land, the W. and N. boundaries of J. Mitchell's 880 acres, the W. and S. boundaries of Lamb's 2560 acres, and the N. boundary of W. C. Wentworth's 1034 acres, to its N.E. corner; thence by a line S.E. across government land and the church grant to the N.W. corner of Nowland's land, and by the N. boundary of that land, and the S. boundary of J. P. Webber's 2020 acres, and crossing the Paterson river to the S.W. corner of Mr. Dunn's 1300 acres grant, by the S. boundary line of that grant, to its S.E. corner, by a line thence, easterly, to the S.W. corner of Hugh Torrens' 2000 acres; and thence by the S. boundary of that land to the range dividing the waters of the Allyn and Paterson rivers from those of the Williams river; and on the E. by that range, northerly, to the range at the head of the Allyn and Paterson rivers, aforesaid. This electorate comprises the town and country district of Paterson, and returns 1 member to the Legislative Assembly, the present representative being the Hon. W. M. Arnold. The number of registered electors in this district is 536, of whom 350 voted at the last general election 1864-1865.

Paterson is also a police district, the boundaries of which are identical with those of the electoral district of Paterson.

PATERSON (*Co. Durham*) is an incorporated district in the county. It consists of 7 members. It contains a superficial area of 273,243 acres. Its boundaries are precisely the same as the electoral district of Paterson.

PATERSON (or **WALLEN**) **MOUNT** (*Co. Durham*) is a high peak of the mount Royal range, situated at the head of the Paterson river. It attains an altitude of about 3000 feet above sea level. Sandstone.

PATERSON (or **YIMMANG**) **RIVER** (*Co. Durham*) is an important N. tributary of the Hunter river, rising in the mount Royal range, and flowing in a general S. direction past the townships of Lostock, Gresford, Gostwyck, and Paterson, into the main stream at Hinton. This river is navigable for small vessels as far as the Paterson township; it flows through rich agricultural land, mostly taken up by settlers, and is fed by the Allyn river and the Pumbly creek. This river was named after Colonel William Paterson. Sandstone and metamorphic slate.

PATERSON'S POINT (*Co. Wellington*) is a gold workings on the Turon diggings, and lying 2 miles from the township of Sofala. The population is included in that of that place.

PATMORE CREEK (*Co. Roxburgh*) is an auriferous S. tributary of the Turon river. The geological formation is sandstone, limestone, and slate, with occasional out-cropping quartz ridges.

PATONGA CREEK (*Co. Northumberland*) is a small creek, flowing into Broken bay on its N. side. Sandstone.

PATRICK'S PLAINS (*Cos. Hunter and Durham*) is the name given to a large tract of fine pastoral and agricultural country, lying on both sides the Hunter river, near Singleton. The district is celebrated for its dairy produce, and for its fattening capability for cattle. It is well watered by the tributaries of the Hunter, and is finely grassed and lightly timbered. Singleton is the principal town in the district. The geological formation is mostly sandstone, with a deep deposit of rich black loam.

The Patrick's plains electoral district embraces a S. portion of the county of Durham, the N.E. portion of the county of Hunter, and the N.W. portion of the county

URUTAH STATION (*Darling district*); occupier, M'Lean, William; area, 64,000 acres; grazing capability, 4000 sheep. Charges, £70.

URUTAH, W., STATION (*Darling district*); occupier, M'Lean, William; area, 25,600 acres; grazing capability, 4000 sheep. Charges, £30.

UROBUCRAH STATION (*Bligh district*); occupier, Rouse, Edwin; area, 16,000 acres; grazing capability, 640 head of cattle. Charges, £80.

UWARABIN CREEK (*Co. Durham*) is a small W. tributary of the Williams' river, falling into it between Clarence town and Dungog. Granite, sandstone, and limestone.

VACY, 32° 35' S. lat., 151° 30' E. long. (*Co. Durham*), is a postal township, in the parish of Houghton, electoral and police districts of Paterson. It is situated on the confluence of the Paterson and Allyn rivers. Mount George lies due W., about 2 miles distant, and separates the waters of the Paterson from those of the Hunter. The Wallawba range lies to the E., separating the Williams' river from the Paterson; mount Johnstone, a high peak, lies S.; and on the N. lies the Brecon hill, separating the waters of the Paterson from those of the Allyn. The whole are of sandstone formation. There is a tobacco manufactory, also one for the preparation of arrowroot. The district is agricultural and pastoral. Tobacco, maize, and arrowroot grow freely, and, before rust became so prevalent, it was famed for its wheat. The nearest places are Paterson, about 5 miles to the S., situated at the head of the navigable waters of the Paterson river; and Gresford, about 11 miles N.W., a post town on the Paterson river. A 1-horse post runs 3 times a week (namely, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays), from Gresford to Paterson, calling at Vacy. From Vacy to Paterson there is no public conveyance. From Paterson a mail coach runs daily to East Maitland, at which place travellers can take the train either to Morpeth or Newcastle, and from either port can take passage by steamer for Sydney daily. There is 1 hotel in Vacy, the Half-way House. The country, diversified on the banks of the rivers Paterson and Allyn, rich alluvial flats gradually rising to low ranges, and, after some distance, into the mountains before named. The population of Vacy numbers about 30 persons. Vacy is a private township, belonging to Gilbert Cory, Esq., on whose extensive estate of Vacy it is built. It is situated on a beautiful eminence at the confluence of the Paterson and Allyn, and commands some of the most beautiful scenery on the Paterson. It has a non-vested National school, well attended, also an English church, both built by the proprietor, for the accommodation of his numerous tenantry and their families.

VALE OF SIGHS STATION (*Liverpool plains district*); occupiers, Cox, J. H. and Bell, T. M.; estimated area, 16,000 acres; grazing capability, 4000 sheep. The old charges were £32; the recently appraised rental is £20.

VANDERVILLE (or OAKS) (*Co. Camden*) is a newly formed postal village, in the parish of Werombi, electoral district of Camden, and police district of Camden, Narellan, and Picton. It is situated on the Werriberri creek, a tributary of the Warragamba river. There is a small steam flour mill within half a mile of the village, and a 1-horse-power flour mill at Burragorang, about 12 miles distant. The district round Vanderville is pastoral and agricultural, chiefly the former. The nearest places are Picton, 9 miles S.; and Camden, 11 miles S.E.; to these places there is no regular means of conveyance, the mails being conveyed on horseback. With Sydney, the communication is by coach from Camden to Campbelltown, and thence by rail, the distance by that route being 53 miles; or from Picton by rail, the entire distance being 59 miles; or from Menangle by rail, 58 miles. There is 1 hotel, the Oaks, in the village, which is but recently formed, and is yet only the germ of a township. The surrounding country consists of table land and gently undulating forest, situated at the N.W. end of the Razorback range. The country to the W. is very mountainous, with fine rivers, the Wollondilly, Cox, Kowmung, and other mountain streams running from the S. and W. The Kowmung river and its vicinity is an auriferous district, reserved from sale. On the watershed of the Boyd and Abercrombie rivers, and in the swamps and flats about Coolong, there is abundance of gold, but the working has not been found profitable, owing to the excess of water, although the district is evidently well worth prospecting. In the valley of Burragorang important discoveries of fine kerosene shale have been made, particularly about Tin Kettle creek, about 20 miles from Vanderville. Coal is very abundant, and in all the above named rivers fine perch and mullet abound. Wild fowl of every description are very numer-