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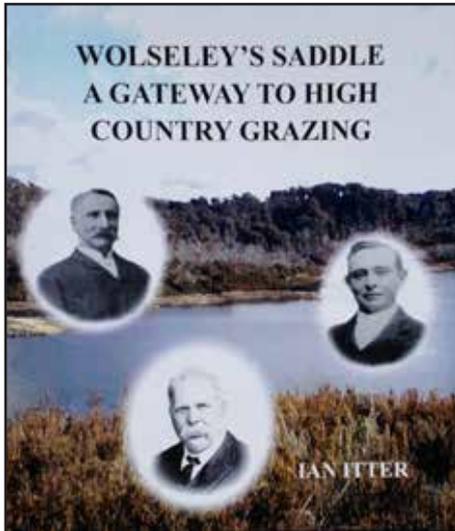## Australian Short Run Publishers

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Fred Wolseley

Wolseley's Saddle – A Gateway to Snow Country Grazing

The stories of squatters, droving and the animals involved depict life in outback Australia like no other. Encompassing the history of outback station life, in reality it is a story of basic survival; that of animal and man.
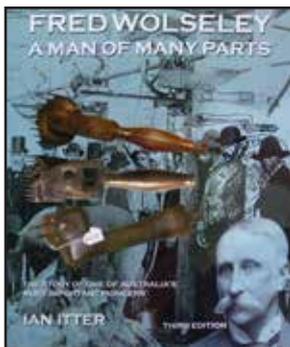
There's nothing flash about the droving life nor that of the squatters who settled the land for future development. Yet that is why it is so intriguing. Droving in Australia dates back to the 1830s when stock was droved by the Overlanders from New South Wales to what was to become Victoria and South Australia. Back then it was a means of transport, but now in the 21st Century droving continues as a means of survival for livestock during drought conditions.

'Wolseley's Saddle – A Gateway to Snow Country Grazing' is the story of three prominent pastoralists, Samuel McCaughey, Fred Wolseley and A. J. Rial and their story of settling the outback.

What makes this book unique is its inclusion of the Snow Country, Land that was utilised for grazing during the inland's dry summer. Seen as an oasis during the dry times, the Snow Country provided the necessary food source for graziers' stock but didn't come without its share of political issues.

This book combines the story of some of Australia's legends: Squatters, Drovers, stock horses, cattle and sheep.

ISBN 978-0-9875709-1-6, $45 Au, plus postage

Fred Wolseley
A Man of Many Parts
3rd Edition

This publication is a definitive account of the Australian life of Frederick York Wolseley. He had an inventive and enquiring mind, and went on to become the creator of the first practical sheep shearing machine in Australia. He was a pioneer in the drilling of the great Artesian Basin and is the man that launched Herbert Austin into his life as the creator of one of the first English motor cars. Written to record for all Australians the life of this most important pioneer, this book makes excellent reading for collectors of Wolseley gear, Wolseley and Austin Motor cars and anyone interested in our rural history.
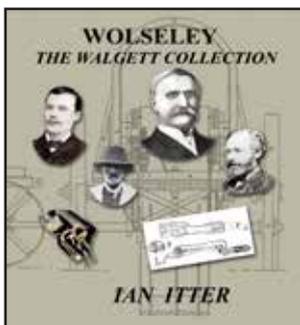
ISBN 978-0-9805392-0-2, $70 Au, plus postage

Wolseley
Letters Concerning Fred

This book is an offshoot of the "Man of Many Parts" publication. It contains transcripts of thirty-two letters written by Garnet Wolseley to his family members that contain references to "Frederick York Wolseley an Australian squatter and pastoralist, inventor and entrepreneur". This book contains the genealogical family tree's of : Frederick York Wolseley, Gavin Ralston Caldwell, John Bagwell Greagh. Copyright is held by the Walgett Historical Society.

ISBN 978-0-646-48076-3, $40 Au, plus postage

Wolseley
The Walgett Collection
2nd Edition

This book is an offshoot of the "Man of Many Parts" publication. It contains a photographic record of artifacts that are held by the Walgett and District Historical Society pertaining to the time that Frederick York Wolseley held the Euroka and Elmina Stations. This book contains photographs of the experimental sheep shearing handpieces, Robert Savage's patented earth scoop and Frederick's earth scoop. Copyright is held by the Walgett Historical Society.

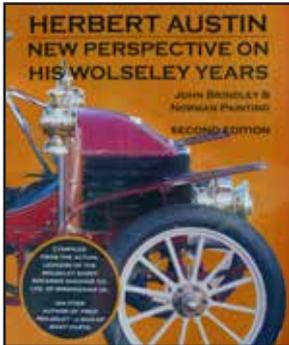*ISBN 978-0-9941510-2-5, $40 Au, plus postage*

Fred Wolseley
The Euroka Cashbook

This booklet is a transcription of the 1878 – 88 Wolseley's Euroka Station Cashbook. It was transcribed to retrieve facts to support the known stories.

This booklet is available from Ian Itter ASRP website as a free e-book download.

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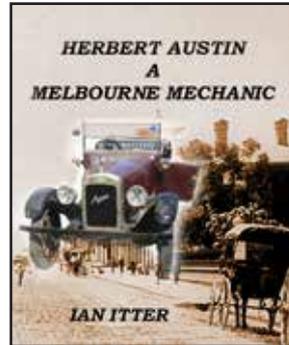
Herbert Austin

Herbert Austin - New Perspective on His Wolseley Years
2nd Edition
This book, by John Brindley and Norman Painting, is the definitive work on Austin's time spent with the Wolseley organisations. Commencing from his employment by Frederick York Wolseley in Melbourne through his involvement with the Wolseley Sheep Shearing Machine Co. Ltd, the Wolseley Tool and Motor Car Co, the creation of one of the first two cars produced in England, through to the commencement of "The Austin Motor Co." Compiled from the comapny records, it details the events, developments and achievements of the most remarkable man.

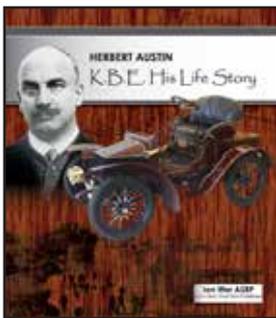*ISBN 978-0-9805392-7-1, $45 Au, plus postage*

Herbert Austin
A Melbourne Mechanic
This book, compiled by Ian Itter, relates the story of Herbert Austin and the time he spent in Melbourne. It covers the story of his arrival in Melbourne, with his Uncle Walter Simpson, a personal letter from his Mother, the places he worked, the meeting up with Fred Wolseley, his transfer to North Shore Sydney, his return to England as an employee of the Wolseley Sheep Shearing Machine Co. Ltd. It then gives the story of starting his own Motor Co. and the height of achievement, that company contributed in two world wars.
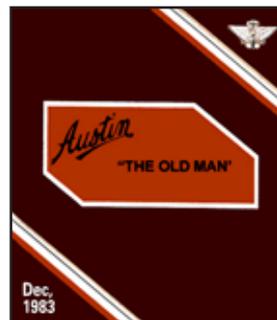
ISBN 978-0-9805392-8-8, $40 Au, plus postage

Herbert Austin
K.B.E. His Life Story
2nd Edition
This book is a transcription of a series of original articles published in the British magazine called the "The Autocar" during the months of August and September 1929. The impetus to re-present this article in book form came from unsuccessful attempts to acquire an original copy from Australian sources. It details his early life, his experimentations in the creation and development of the modern motor car, the creation of his own business, his manufacturing prowess and his involvement as an armament supplier during two world wars. History will include his enormous efforts to create the modern motor car.
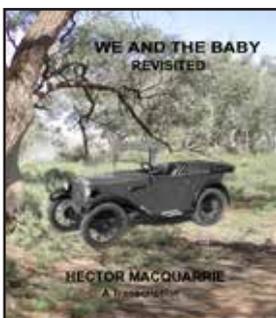
ISBN 978-0-9805392-9-5, $30 Au, plus postage

Herbert Austin
The Old Man
This short history of Herbert Austin was originally prepared in England in 1983 for the 50th anniversary of the "Austin Ex-Apprentices Association. It was compiled by Austin employee, Mr. Freddie Henry. It was decided to replicate a copy of the original in Australia, have it printed and digitised and apply an ISBN to ensure its preservation for future generations of people interested in this most remarkable and famous engineering entrepreneur. Today there are many Austin car clubs and individual Austin enthusiasts throughout the world, each with their own stories, experiences and memorabilia of the many Austin products still in existence.

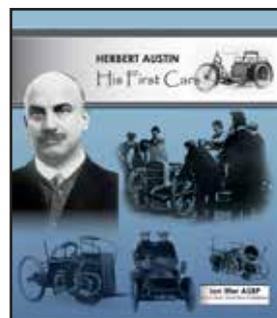*ISBN 978-0-9805392-1-9, $30 Au, plus postage*

Herbert Austin
We and the Baby Revisited
This is the story of a pioneering trip made by two New Zealanders to the top of Australia on Cape York in a 1928 Baby Austin car. This little car, called Emily made the journey in 1929 and it was this trip, and his recollections of the journey that (Captain) Hector MacQuarrie wrote of so entertainingly in several installments for the 'Sydney Mail'. The car was then put on show in Sydney and afterwards presented by the Austin agents to Mr. Hector MacQuarrie and Mr. Richard Matthews. The original Baby Austin which made the arduous trip now rests beneath the waves, with the wrecked ship 'The Tahiti'

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Herbert Austin
His First Cars
Herbert Austin was the producer of some of the earliest motor cars in the United Kingdom. After leaving Australia to work for the Wolseley Sheep Shearing Machine Co. Ltd., he returned to his native land where he turned the manufacturing of sheep shearing machines into a very successful operation. He then turned his attention to his dream of creating some form of road transport after witnessing the hardships of travel in outback Australia. This booklet takes the reader systematically through the development of each car he developed.

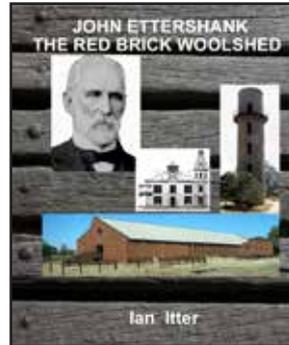*ISBN 978-0-9875709-9-4, $30 Au, plus postage*

Pastoral Stations

Serpentine Creek Station
This is the story of the Serpentine Creek Station, which was established in 1843. It was named by John Bear and became a Pastoral Run for Cattle and Sheep. The homestead was located at Bears Lagoon in northern Victoria. This document is a compilation of many works and articles centred around the core work of Gwen Twigg of Bears Lagoon, in 1992 and other original material supplied by Sue Womersley of Hawthorn, Melbourne and Jacqueline Terry of Kent, England
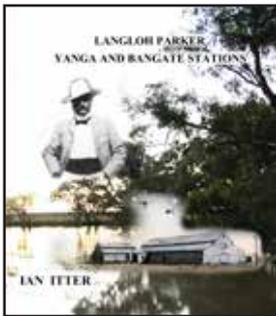
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**John Ettershank
The Red Brick Woolshed**
This is the story behind the construction of the Red Brick Woolshed which is located seven kilometres north of the central Victorian town of Serpentine. Constructed by pioneer John Ettershank, Civil Engineer, Stock and Station Agent, Pastoralist and Farmer. He was an inventor credited with designing, manufacturing and patenting the first mechanical shearing handpiece. This story is one of perseverance and sadness, and illustrates the exceptional quality of our Scottish pioneers and forebears.
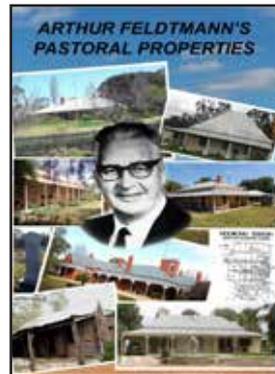
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**Langloh Parker
Yanga and Bangate Stations**
This Booklet is a brief history on the life of Langloh Parker. Langloh Parker and his three brothers managed the Yanga Station properties at Balranald in NSW for their uncle Augustus Morris in the years 1854 through to 1859. After Augustus Morris sold these properties, three of the Parker's took up other stations. Langloh later moved to Bangate station 120 kilometres north of Walgett and acquired other properties in NSW and Queensland in partnership with with Fred Wolseley and Vincent Dowling, they acquired land in Western Queensland and are now remembered as important Queensland Pioneers.

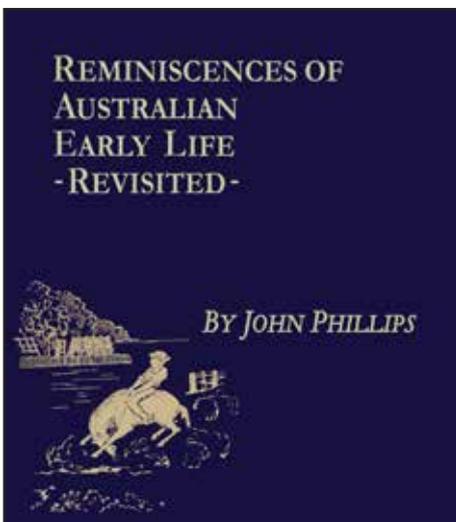*ISBN 9780987108135, $30 Au, plus postage*

**Arthur Feldtmann's
Pastoral Properties**
Arthur Feldtmann was a well noted and highly respected Swan Hill historian. During the 1980s he had articles published in the "Regional Times" which was a supplement to several regional newspapers, relating to 31 pastoral properties which he had researched. These articles are still in existence on many station properties and are also held in the archives of the Swan Hill Historical and Genealogical Society. Full colour plates of each property have been included at the end of every chapter, highlighting the property homesteads as they are today.

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Reminiscences of Australian Early Life - Revisited

Written in 1891 by John Phillips, who, 50 years earlier as an 18 year old came to Australia from England seeking "Colonial Experience".
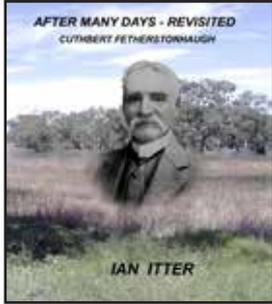
After trying several attempts as stockman, and shepherd, all the time gaining experience, he met up with a one time member of the original 32 party of overland settlers who walked from the Sydney regions to Port Phillip Bay (Melbourne). A partnership was formed and the Warbreccan pastoral Station at Deniliquin was created.

John tells his story of setting-up a working station, Aboriginal activities, witnessing the initial gold discoveries at Mount Alexander (Castlemaine), the capture of bushranger Mad Dog Morgan and his return to England with the first news of the gold discoveries in the fledgling colony of Victoria.

John's story gives a good, simple record of those times. A very good read!

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Cuthbert Fetherstonhaugh
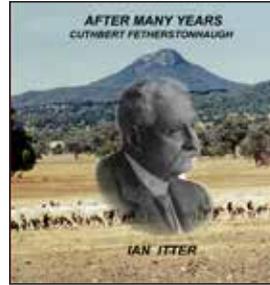
After Many Days - Revisited

Cuthbert Fetherstonhaugh was a prolific writer who took the time to include into his writings many specific details on people, places and dates, details so important to the Australian historian of today.

His story commences with his time in Melbourne and then he tells of time spent in the Goulburn Valley, Western Victoria, Queensland and finally in the NSW Riverina working as manager of the largest 'Run' in the Riverina district.

This book takes in the first 35 years of his life, and leaves the reader amazed at the quality and stamina of those persons that made up that revered group, our pioneers.
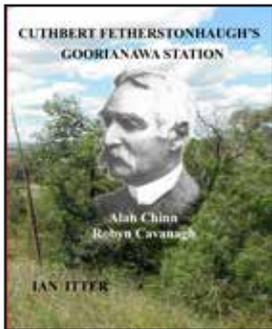
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After Many Years - Revisited

This book is the continuation of Australian Pioneer Cuthbert Fetherstonhaugh's most successful 1918 book "After Many Days".

After a financial failing in Queensland, he took up the position as manager of Brookong Station, then the largest Station and Run in the Riverina portion of NSW. He then left this position to became a clergyman of the Church of England. This book covers that period. He then went back on the land as manager of Canally Station near Balranald. After acquiring a portion of the famous "Goorianawa" run near "Baradine" where he stayed for 19 years, he finally acquired "Mungerie" near Coonamble.

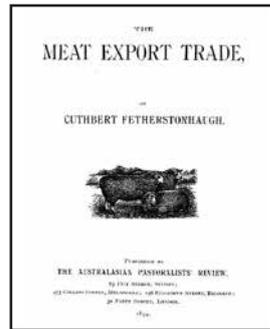*ISBN 978-0-9805392-5-7, $60 Au, plus postage*

Cuthbert Fetherstonhaugh's Goorinawa Station

This booklet by Alan Chinn and Robyn Cavanagh illustrates this famous station and includes memorabilia of Cuthbert Fetherstonhaugh. The famous song "Goorianawa is mentioned as is the life of Cuthbert and his wife Flora in and around Coonabarabran. Compiled by Alan Chinn and Robyn Cavanagh.
Revised by Ian Itter.

ISBN 978-0-9871081-4-2, $30 Au, plus postage

Cuthbert Fetherstonhaugh The Meat Export Trade

Produced in 1894 by Cuthbert Fetherstonhaugh, this booklet details the efforts taken by the writer to introduce a Chilled Meat Export Company, operating from NSW and Queensland, in opposition to the already highly successful New Zealand enterprise.
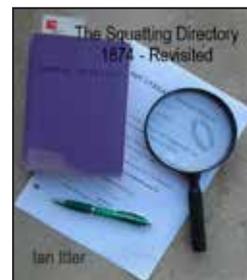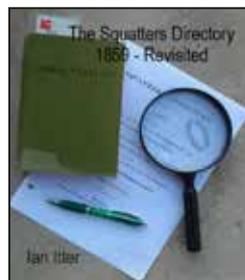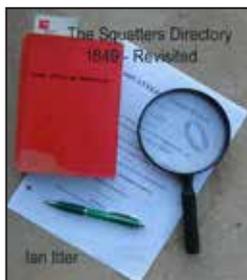
The author was a pioneer pastoralist who became a Squatter in his own right taking up the properties of Goorianawa and Mungerie on the western edge of the Warrumbungle ranges near Coonabarabran in NSW.

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Squatters Directories

These indexes was produced primarily to assist researchers of Victorian Pastoral history. These book make up a three part series.

The Directories are presented in three different sort formats, i.e. by Licensees, Station Names and the District in which these properties were, and in most cases still are located making it easy to locate any relevant details.

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Robert Savage

Robert Savage Agriculture in Victoria

Robert Savage was an original occupier of land in the NSW province of Port Phillip. He started off as a pastoralist, witnessing the early settlement and the displacement of the local Aboriginal Tribes. He moved on to become a Public Servant, occupying several positions from Clerk of Courts to Stock Inspector. He began writing articles for the Melbourne Argus newspaper, and dabbled in no small way in inventions. he worked with Frederick Wolseley on the Shearing machine and his Earth Scoops.

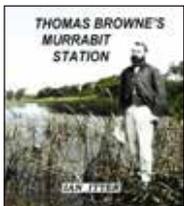*ISBN 9780980539226, free e-book*

Robert Savage A Victorian Pioneer and Inventor

Robert Savage was one of the earliest people who came over to the Port Phillip District of NSW from Van Diemans Land (Tasmania). He came across the Strait in 1840 in one of Henty's boats and took up a Run at Nangeela near Casterton in Western Victoria with H. P. Dana, Dana and his brother setup the Native Police. He later became Clerk of Courts at The Grange, now known as Hamilton. he had several positions with the Public Service as a Stock Inspector, one place being at Moama near where he lived at Echuca. He worked with Frederick Wolseley on an early version of rotary wool clipping handpiece and held the first patent jointly with Mr. Wolseley. This machine was unsuccessful and Wolseley scrapped the idea in favour of the reciprocating action of the Handpiece. Robert Savage was a great contributor to *The Australasian* and *The Pastoralists Review*, becoming the Rural Editor of *The Pastoralists Review*. Savage was an inventor , and holds several patents for various inventions. The main and most successful creation was the "Savage Earth Scoop" which is on display at the Walgett and District Historical Society in Walgett. He designed a Torpedo to help protect the Port Phillip Bay "Heads" when we were being threatened by the Russians. Other inventions some not completed were "Improvements for Puddling and Washing Gold. An Improved Vacuum Steam Pump, an improved Railway Tip Truck and a method of "breaking Stones" He wrote extensive newspaper articles and was one of the instigators for an Agrucultural Model farm and was on the formation Committee for the Australian Agricultural Society which staged the first Melbourne Show. His life has passed with very little compiled to illustrate some of his achievemnts.. He is buried with his wife in the St. Kilda cemetary.

$40 Au, plus postage

Thomas Browne

Thomas Browne's Murrabit Station

This is the story of the time spent by Thomas Alexander Browne during his ownership of the Murrabit Pastoral Station at Lake Boga in Northern Victoria.

This large station which covered many square miles included along with other lakes, Lake Boga, which became well known as a flying boat repair base during the second world war.
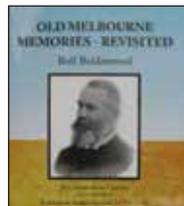
Browne, who later became famous as one of early Australia's most influential writers of both fiction and non fiction books, and press articles, took up the Murrabit Run in 1858 and ran it for five years before facing financial difficulties which forces him to relenquish the property.

Writing under the pen name of Rolf Boldrewood, Browne achieved lasting fame with his book Robbery Under Arms.

Compiled from documents existing in several libraries, this book brings together in one publication the story of a small part of Browne's colourful life.

ISBN 9780987108111, $30 Au, plus postage

Old Melbourne Memories - Revisited

This is the true story of an early Victorian Sqatter and Pastoralist Thomas Alexander Brown, who came to the then Port Phillip District of NSW from Sydney in 1840 . He then proceeded to the Western District and took up a Cattle Station. he later took up Murrabit Station at Lake Boga . He was at one time a Police Magistrate, and a Gold Rush Commissioner at Gulgong. He later took up another station, Bundidgery near Narrandera in the NSW Riverina District. he is best known under his pseudonem of Rolf Boldrewood, under which he wrote many Australian novels and several Non Fiction publications, such as this one. "Old Melbourne Memories" His best known work was "Robbery Under Arms" he added an e to his surname in 1860. to become Thomas Alexander Browne.

ISBN 9780980539257, $40 Au, plus postage

Shearing in the Riverina

While this publication is not classified as a non-fiction book, it should be. In it Thomas Browne, writing under the pen name of Rolf Boldrewood describes a typical shearing season of around the 1870's. Before the introduction of Wolseley's mechanical shearing machine.
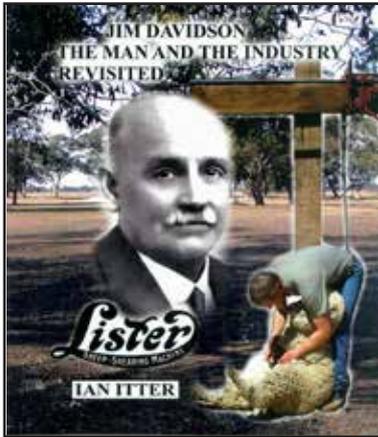
Thomas was an experienced squatter, who in 1841, as a fourteen year old with others, drove cattle from Melbourne to beyond Warrnambool in the Western District and there setup a cattle station. From that point he became a skilled squatter. He later became one of Australia's most popular authors.

While describing the operations of a shearing shed, Thomas uses nom de plumes for people and places, some of whom, at the time of publishing, were able to recognise their characters and places.

Many shearers will appreciate this written account of their work. The book is embellished with photographs of some famous woolsheds.
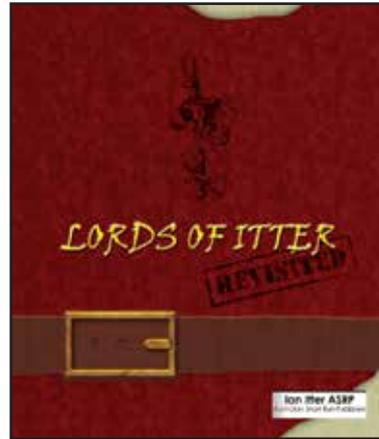
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Miscellaneous Titles

Jim Davidson - The Man and the Industry, Revised
Based primarily upon a small leaflet publication released by the Lister Shearing Machine Co., called "The Man and the Industry" This new publication expands the original text with other relevant writings and articles about James Davidson, enhanced photographs have been added.
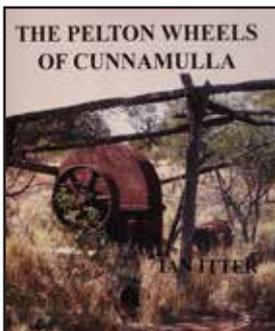
ISBN 978-0-9805392-3-3, $40 Au, plus postage

History of the Lords of Itter Revised
A short Historical record on the Lords to Itter, (Herren zu Itter) an excellent ancient house known out of antiquity. Transcribed from the original 1740 book held in Cassell, Germany. An excellent reference book for any student of the Middle Ages or persons interested in that period.

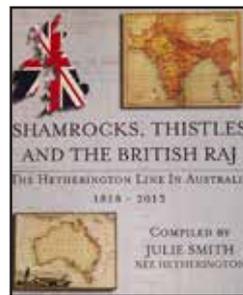*ISBN 978-0-9875709-8-7, $80 Au, plus postage*

The Pelton Wheels of Cunnamulla
This book records the role of the Pelton Wheel in one of the dry outback regions of Australia. Patented in the 1870s, this machine provided motive power derived from bores put down into the Great Artesian Basin during the time of the greatest drought in our history. Primarily used to obtain water for stock, these bores later became the source of electrical power on remote properties with the introduction of this turbine, which allowed the pressure emanating from the flowing bore water to be utilised to drive electric generators.

ISBN 9780987570901, $30 Au, plus postage

Shamrock, Thistles and the British Raj
On June 7, 1818, Edward Cunningham Native of Ireland, Convict No. 96, arrived in Van Dieman's Land aboard the 'Minerva' and in the years that followed, his descendants married into other families who had migrated to the new colonies in Australia. Shamrocks, Thistles and the British Raj brings these family lines together, converging to become the beginning of the Hetherington family line in Australia 195 years ago. It also continues the line up to the eighth generation, Australia, from Reuben, son of William Hetherington, the original immigrant, and Helen Dow, Great-grandaughter of Edward Cunningham, who married in 1888 and came to Koondrook in Northern Victoria the same year.
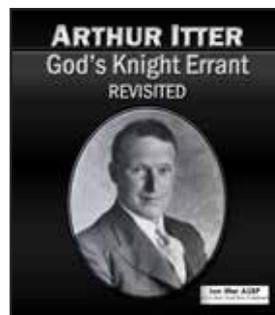
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Balranald Looking Forward, Looking Back
Balranald, since its creation has been a frontier town. Located on the Murrumbidgee river it soon became a service town for those outback NSW stations wishing to transport their wool, meat and grain to markets. As it grew it attracted itinerant workers, unknown dubious characters, Chinese gardeners, labourers and men of the road. The area also attracted men and women of character, hard working people who took up large stations, opened businesses, created social amenities and brought a level of civilisation to the region. The colourful stories and anecdotes created by these individual characters reflect the wonderful Aussie humor held by country people.
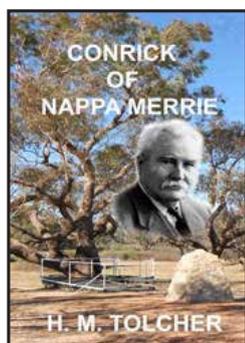
ISBN 978-0-9875709-6-3, $30 Au, plus postage

Arthur Itter God Knight's Errant - Revisited
Arthur Itter, of Peterborough, was a Crusader for Christ, a true Knight in the service of the Kingdom. His religion was the mainspring of his life, and loyalty to his church took first place. He was associated with many philanthropic and religious enterprises and was elected to the Council of the Baptist Union of great Britain and Ireland. Accepting happily and gratefully all the beauty and gladness of life, his gratitude expressed itself in service to his fellow men and he was a fine example of what youth can mean to the corporate life of a modern city. A Loyal friend, a good Christian and a great Citizen, he was honoured and loved by all.

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Miscellaneous Titles

Conrick of Nappa Merrie

This is the story of John Conrick, who as an eighteen year old from Tower Hill near Warrnambool assembled a mob of cattle and with others walked them to the Cooper Creek in Queensland.
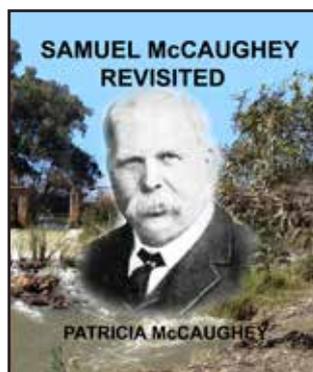
He took up a selection of land known by the Aborigines of the area as "Gnappa Merri" (Water and Sandhill).

Nappa Merri became famous in Australian history as the location of the Burke and Wills expedition "Dig Tree" and the location where Wills passed away.

His story tells of his first contacts with the native population. Nappa Merri remains a model Coopers creek cattle station.
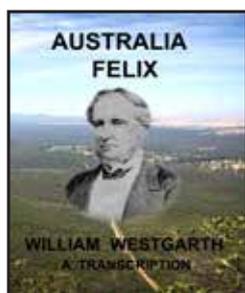
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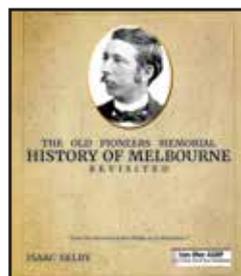**William Westgarth's Australia Felix**

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