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THE MAHER AND LLOYD FAMILIES

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This is a revised version of an address given to the Wagga Wagga and District Historical Society on 15 July 1968 by Mrs Walsh, wife of John Phillip Walsh. Mrs Walsh is descended from both families.

Author's Note: This address has been compiled from my own knowledge of events and from information given to me by my parents and other relatives. I believe the information to be accurate.

DANIEL MAHER

Daniel Maher was born in 1834 in Country Clare, Ireland, and baptised at Kilnersula Church. He had a brother Patrick, and a sister Mary who followed him to Australia with their mother later. Patrick worked for the shire in Lewisham, Sydney. He died there about the year 1905. His descendants still live there. Before leaving Ireland, Daniel was employed as a gardener by Lord Inchiquin at Dromoland Castle, in Newmarket on Fergus.

In the company of a family named O'Brien, Daniel came to Australia in 1857. The O'Briens commenced a carrying business in Redfern, Sydney. Descendants of the family are believed to be still in business there. On coming to Australia Daniel, like many of his countrymen, was struck by the gold fever. He tried his luck on the goldfields in New Zealand, Bendigo and Lambing Flat, no doubt with little success. Many years of hard work followed. For a time he was employed at Orange quarrying stone from Mount Canobolas. In fact he helped quarry the stone for the first Methodist Church built in Orange. In later years, he recalled that so hard did he work and for such long hours that he lost count of time and scarcely knew what day of the week it was.

In April 1864 while in Orange he married Harriet Fitzgibbons who was some thirteen years his junior. Harriet was an only child born in Kilmore, Victoria. Her mother died when Harriet was a small child.

The first home of Daniel and Harriet Maher after they came to Wagga Wagga in 1865 was a small weatherboard cottage near the old Court House in Sturt Street beside the Murrumbidgee River. It was later washed away by flood. On this site in the late 1920s and early 1930s stood Dixieland, a popular spot for open-air dancing in the summer months. In 1965 Kilnacrott home units were built there.

In 1867 Daniel Maher purchased the property known as Mount Pleasant, which was to be his home until his death sixty years later. The area first purchased was 81 acres, 2 roods and 16 perches, Portion 99 in the Parish of Wagga Wagga. It was formerly owned by Donald Buchanan to whom it had been granted



Daniel Maher of Mount Pleasant

on 14 May 1859. The recital of the deed indicates that the property passed to Daniel Maher by conveyance on 22 March 1867 from Allan Bradley Morgan, a surgeon, by power of sale as mortgagee and that Buchanan had mortgaged it to Doctor Morgan by indenture dated 7 March 1861. Then by indenture dated 6 June 1865 Buchanan mortgaged his equity of Redemp-

tion to John Healley who in turn transferred same to Daniel Maher on 22 February 1867, after which Morgan sold his interest to Daniel Maher for £157. As time went on Daniel added to his original holding by buying land on either side of him from Laycock, O'Brien, Fitzhardinge and Lockett. Land on the western side was acquired in 1876. This was Crown land. The portion where Mount Austin Primary School and The Home for the Aged, 'The Haven', have been built was purchased from Mr Fox, a clergyman.

After many additions to his original purchase Daniel eventually brought the area of Mount Pleasant to approximately 1,200 acres, bounded on the north by Fernleigh Road, on the east by what was then known as Albury Road, later as Mangoplah Road and now Bourke Street, on the west by the main southern railway line which cut through his property when opened in 1880. Property to the south of Mount Pleasant was owned by Margaret and Theophilus George Lloyd, whose son Telacon was later to become the son-in-law of Daniel Maher.

About the year 1896 Daniel Maher purchased a property from Mr Winnell. It was about six miles from Wagga Wagga and was reached by travelling along the Mangoplah Road and then turning right at the intersection of Lloyd Road. This section of road is now closed. Mrs Maher often stayed there during harvest time to cook for the boys. The house was destroyed by fire in 1903. Daniel later sold the property to my father, Telacon Lloyd, who owned the nearby property, 'Glen Oak' which is still in the family. The Winnell property was then given the name of 'Back Glen Oak'. It is now owned by Mr William Dunn who built a home and lives there. It is reached from the Uranquinty Road.

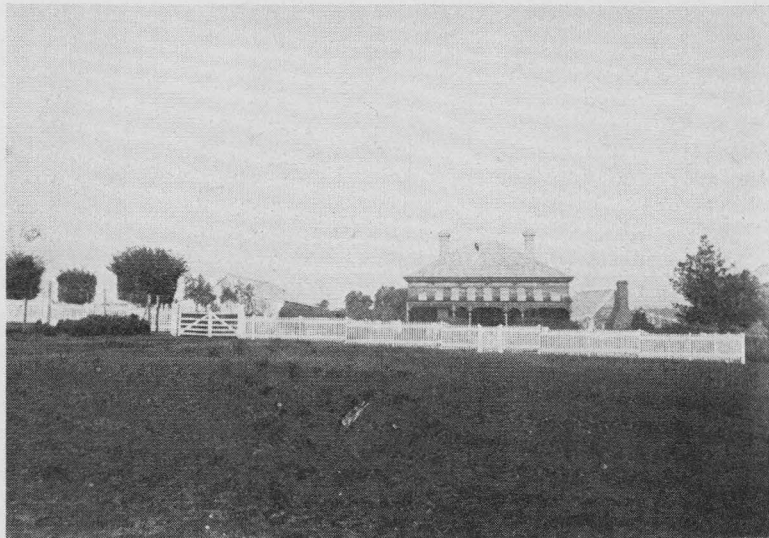
Among the town property he owned was the two-storeyed building now occupied by Manfold's dress salon. He leased this to his sister's son, James Ryan, who conducted a bakery there and lived in the upstairs portion. Later on James Ryan bought it. The building, now known as d'Hudson House, was at that time the Railway Hotel owned by Mrs Morgan. The land between the Hotel and the two-storeyed building mentioned was called Morgan's Flat. Daniel Maher bought this land also and sold it about 1908 to Mr A. C. Chandler, a land agent. The price per foot was £4.

Daniel owned a shop near Nesbitt's present furniture store. This shop had a weatherboard house at the rear. He leased both to Telacon Lloyd when the latter commenced business as a master butcher in town. In later years it was a fruit shop. Now it is part of Nesbitt's store. He owned also land and a house in Fox Street between Tompson and Forsyth Streets opposite the Newtown Park, later named Collins Park. He sold this to his nephew James Ryan. He owned land in Thorne Street. He also owned land in

The Esplanade. At the time of his death he held shares in the Wagga Wagga Milling Company.

When Daniel Maher first took over Mount Pleasant in 1867 the only dwelling on the land was a small bark hut. He engaged Charles Kelly to build a weatherboard house. In this house thirteen of the Maher's sixteen children were born. Mary, the eldest, was born in their previous home in Sturt Street in 1865. Eventually, just after the turn of the century, Dan built the brick house which now still stands. It is situated a distance of ten chains south of Fernleigh Road between Bourke Street and Glenfield Road. Modern homes have been built on the eastern and southern sides of it.

After settling at Mount Pleasant Dan sent for his mother Julia and sister Mary to come out from Ireland. Julia, like many an Irish woman at that time, liked to smoke her clay pipe. Her son, Dan, or Danny, as she called him, did not approve of this



Mount Pleasant Homestead, early this century, with first dwelling at rear

practice. Mrs May, or Granny May, as she was called, was midwife at the birth of thirteen of the Maher children. Apart from the professional visits she paid to Mount Pleasant she often paid a social visit to her friend Mrs Maher. The two of them, Granny May and Julia Maher, would lock themselves in a room and smoke their clay pipes, with a word to Harriet to give a warning if Danny came around. Mrs May was the mother of Nurse Donnelly who would be remembered by many people of Wagga Wagga.

My mother often spoke to me about her grandmother, Julia, who must surely have been born about 1815 or even earlier. She wore large hooped skirts. The children, if they had been guilty of any misdemeanour, would hide under her skirts to escape the anger of their father. Daniel or 'Da', as his family affectionately called him, was a kind and loving parent but very firm and his word was law. He was a staunch Catholic and Mass was often celebrated in the large kitchen of his humble home. The neighbouring Catholics would come to Mount Pleasant for the occasion.

Daniel's sister, Mary, married Patrick Ryan, a member of the police force. He later retired from the force after having been stricken by arthritis. He was then made caretaker of the race-course and lived close by. They reared a family of nine. Mrs Ryan died about 1915 while living in Fox Street.

Mrs Maher senior spent her last days alternately with her son, Dan, and daughter, Mary. In 1889 while living with Mary she walked out to Mount Pleasant one day to get a billy of milk. On her return, being a devout Catholic, she knelt to say the 'Angelus' prayer at the stroke of 6 p.m. There she was found, her hands clasped in prayer. She had died while she prayed.

Dan worked very hard in his early days on Mount Pleasant. He employed Chinese labour to help him clear the land which was very heavily timbered in parts. My grandmother Harriet sometimes recalled how busy she was at that time, cooking for a number of men when she was expecting her second child Ellen. Dan became a successful farmer and three of his six sons followed in his footsteps. The chaff-cutting was done by a cutter operated by a horse-drawn wheel from outside the shed. In the 'Back to Wagga' souvenir book of 1927 some of his reminiscences were recorded. He mentioned that the seed wheat for his first crop cost 28s per bushel and flour at that time was £5 per bag. He omitted to say what price per bushel he received for his harvested wheat. I believe at that time rump steak was twopence per pound.

At middle-age Daniel's eyesight began to fail and in later years he had cataracts removed. He was then able to see slightly with the aid of glasses. He used a magnifying glass for reading. I have fond memories of visits made with my mother to my grandparents at Mount Pleasant. 'Da' would pick me up, put me on his knee and lilt an Irish tune. I can hear him still.

My grandmother Harriet suffered from a heart ailment during the last years of her life. She died on 1 September 1926 aged 79 years. By then grandfather was a frail old man. He died the following year, on 28 December 1927, aged 93 years.

After the death of Mr and Mrs Maher, Mount Pleasant was auctioned in 1928. Because my mother wished to see her old home remain in the family, my father, Telacon Lloyd, purchased 200 acres of the land. The price paid was £24 12s 6d per acre.

The portion purchased included the home and the area facing Bourke Street and Fernleigh Road. My father's brother John Edward, purchased the portion which joined his land. My father sold the house and thirty-eight acres to Mrs Pumpa who lived there for several years. It was then sold in recent years to the Turvey Park Australian Rules Football Club. The ground was used as a playing field. The balance of the 200 acres was sold after my father's death by my sister Mrs Alice Jackson — later Mrs Naylor. She sold portion to the Housing Commission and the balance to 2WG for the building of the Home for the Aged, 'The Haven'. Mrs Naylor died one week after this address was given to the Wagga Wagga and District Historical Society in July 1968.

It is interesting to note that Mount Austin Primary School was built on Mount Pleasant, taking its name from the opposite property, Mount Austin. Mount Austin was owned by Austin Donnelly after whom it was named. It later came into the hands of the Bolger family. Mr Bolger and Mr Jones from The Rock bought it. Later Mr Bolger bought Mr Jones' share. The youngest member of the Bolger family, Chris., was murdered there. His body was found in the underground tank. On that fateful week-end I remember seeing Chris. Bolger's smart sports car being driven into Mount Austin. It was occupied by several young people, none of whom was Chris. I remarked that it was not usual for Chris. to lend his car to anyone. At that time the tragedy had not been discovered.

THE FAMILY OF DANIEL AND HARRIET MAHER

Daniel and Harriet Maher had sixteen children, ten girls and six boys. They are mentioned here in order of their birth.

MARY: Married Michael McCormick, a farmer of West Wyalong. They had seven sons and one daughter. The daughter was accidentally drowned at the age of three years.

ELLEN: Married John Christie who had a property at Bogan Gate. They had ten children. The eldest daughter, Manie, was at one time a governess at Detroit Station.

CATHERINE: Known as Kate. Married my father, Telacon Lloyd, who is mentioned extensively later in this article. They had two sons and six daughters in that order.

PATRICK: Married late in life to Minnie Berberich. They had no children. After his return from Sydney, where he worked as a tram driver, he purchased a property, 'Kilboran', at Euberta. It was part of the original Gobbagombalin. He purchased it from J. J. Baylis for £8 10s per acre. Later he retired to town where he purchased six acres of land in Shaw Street. The old brick house in which they lived still stands slightly south of the Gurwood Street corner. He subdivided some of the land into building blocks. He sold a section for the erection of the Police Boys Club.

DANIEL MICHAEL: Married Annie Hanley, who died shortly after the birth of her second child, Richard. Richard died soon afterwards. Annie Hanley was an Irish girl and niece of Mr Gaffney, a bookmaker, of Morgan Street. Mr Gaffney owned the land called Gaffney's paddock. He owned a shop on the north-eastern corner of Urana and Bourke Streets. This shop has recently been owned by my son-in-law Peter Rocks. It has only just recently been sold.

Dan Junior remarried. His second wife was Mary O'Regan, sister of Mr J. F. O'Regan, a member of the Legislative Council, who was a master butcher in Wagga Wagga. Dan owned the grocery store which is now Huthwaites. He advertised it for sale and Mr William G. Huthwaite, who was then at Lockhart, bought it for £300. Dan lived in the concrete house in Peter Street on the southern boundary of Huthwaite's car park. After selling the store Dan and his wife and daughter, Alice, went to the United States of America in 1906. Alice was the daughter of his first marriage. Two sons were born in America. They returned to Australia in 1920 and went to Griffith. Dan was one of the first business men in the town of Griffith.

JAMES: Unmarried. He farmed with his brother Mick on the western portion of Mount Pleasant. He later sold his share to Mick's son Ivor.

ANNIE: My godmother, married James Halloran, son of Thomas Halloran. They lived on the north-eastern corner of Bourke Street and Fernleigh Road. Their home was named 'Fernleigh,' from which the road took its name. The area was known as Halloran's Hill. Mr Halloran owned all the land bounded by Fernleigh Road, Bourke Street, Urana Street and Mair Street. Turvey Park subdivision took its name from Mr Turvey, who with his family was buried there in an elaborate vault. Mr. Turvey was a familiar figure always seen on horseback followed by a number of dogs. His fondness for dogs was responsible for the erection of a statue of a dog on either side of the entrance to the family vault. Over the years, vandals damaged the vault and the remains were reinterred at the Wagga Wagga cemetery by the Kyeamba Shire Council.

Mr Thomas Halloran purchased the older pise section of the Fernleigh home from James Gormly. He later built the brick porch and reared his family there. James and Annie Halloran lived at Fernleigh until their death. They had ten children.

MICHAEL: Farmed on the western portion of Mount Pleasant. Land across the railway line was auctioned after the death of the owner, Mr William Hardiman. Daniel Maher and his three sons, Pat, Jim and Mick bought this land. Later, Jim and Mick bought the share of the other two; then Mick's son Ivor bought Jim's share. Michael was a very successful exhibitor of chaff at the annual Wagga Wagga Pastoral and Agricultural

Show. Mr Sullivan, a produce-merchant of Sussex Street, Sydney, who was a judge at the Show, remarked that he had not seen better chaff anywhere. He suggested that Michael enter the produce in the Wembley Exhibition in London. The Show Society paid the expenses. He was awarded 1st prize in the years 1924 and 1925. Michael's widow, Mrs Polly Maher, still has the framed certificates and bronze medals.

Mrs Maher is a granddaughter of Isaac Vincent senior, who when on Mittagong Station, Yerong Creek, had an encounter with the bushranger Dan Morgan. Morgan came during shearing time. He ordered the fifteen shearers to rip open the bales of wool. Morgan tied Mr Vincent to a post close to the shed and threatened to shoot him before the eyes of his wife and children. His wife pleaded for his life. Morgan said he would either shoot him or burn down the shed. He burnt the shed to the ground and all the wool with it. Mr Vincent had been tied up very close to the burning shed. He suffered burns from the ordeal. Isaac junior, Mrs Maher's father, witnessed this episode. He was one of the five children. Mr Vincent gave the land for the first Methodist Church in Wagga Wagga. The Mahers had one daughter and one son. The son, Ivor, and his wife and family still live and farm there. His mother lives with them. She is 83 years of age. Their property is on the south-western corner of Glenfield and Fernleigh Roads. Mrs Maher is a first cousin of Messrs T. V. and R. L. Brunskill. Their mother, Mrs Hodgkin Brunskill, was a Vincent.

SARAH: Married John Lambert who mined at Chiltern, Victoria and then lived in Sydney. They had three sons.

WILLIAM JOSEPH: Married Ollie Smithhurst. They had one son and four daughters. William was a coach-builder with John Gelme when he had his business premises in Baylis Street on the site of the present Plaza Theatre. Later he carried on business as a master butcher and stock dealer in Cootamundra.

MARGARET AMELIA, *known as Mill*: Married William Kerr, who, for a while before going to Sydney, was a partner in a firm of architects. The firm was known as Monks, Jeffs and Kerr. He designed the Christian Brothers Monastery in Church Street. They had two sons, one of whom is an architect in Sydney. Mrs Kerr lives in Sydney. She is 84 years old.

ROSE: Married Sam Angel junior, grandson of Henry Angel who accompanied Hume and Hovell on their expedition into Victoria in 1824. Henry Angel was the first white man to swim the Murray River. At the time of Sam's marriage his father owned and lived on 'Hillside' at the five mile peg on the Mangoplah Road. This was later bought by my father. There were other owners before him. The first home of Sam junior and Rose was on the southern corner of Red Hill Road opposite Lloyds. They later bought Ronleigh, fourteen miles from Wagga

Wagga on the Mangoplah Road, recently owned by the late Lionel Beasley. They named the property Ronleigh after their first-born son Ron. They had two sons and two daughters.

JOSEPHINE: Married Augustus Sheahan and lived at 'Alabama' on the opposite corner to Fernleigh for forty-three years. 'Alabama' was built in 1902 by Mr Wilkins who managed the hardware department of David Copland and Company, now David Jones and Co. Mr Sheahan purchased it in 1918 and lived there until 1961. The home has been added to and is now the South Wagga Wagga Catholic Presbytery. The land for Our Lady of Fatima Church and Saint Maria Goretti School was sold to the late Bishop Henschke. Mr Sheahan was with the Lands Department until his retirement. The family consists of two daughters and one son. Mr and Mrs Sheahan now live in Grandview Avenue.

ALICE: Married Edward Fitzgerald, whose family owned 'Brunagee' on the Tumbarumba Road near Book Book. Ned Fitzgerald was the founder of the Wagga Wagga Motors. Mr and Mrs Fitzgerald now live in retirement in Sydney. They have one son.

CONSTANCE: Married Roy Cohen who was Registrar at the Wagga Wagga Experimental Farm, now the Research Station. They lived there and had one son. They also live in retirement in Sydney.

JOHN: Farmed for a short time with his brothers at Mount Pleasant. He has lived in Sydney for many years. He married Frances Cameron. They have no family.

In recent months the Turvey Park Australian Rules Football Club sold the homestead section of Mount Pleasant. It was purchased by the Education Department. The College of Advanced Education will be developed there. It is the sincere hope of the many Maher descendants that the home will be preserved. The Football Club has now signed a contract to purchase twenty acres on the opposite side of Glenfield Road bordering Fernleigh Road. This was purchased from Mrs Letitia Alberta Maher, better known as Polly, widow of Michael Maher. The land being purchased is for use as a playing field and will be named 'The Daniel Maher Oval', a fitting tribute to a worthy pioneer.

THEOPHILUS GEORGE AND MARGARET LLOYD

Theophilus George Lloyd was born in Berking, England in 1837. He came out to Australia with his uncle. They sailed from Blackpool in a ship called the *Grace Darling*, taking three months for the journey. His family manufactured ropes for sailing ships. On 4 January 1860 Theophilus was married in Saint Peter and Paul's Cathedral, Goulburn, to Margaret Clarke, who was born



Margaret Lloyd of Glenfield

in Kilkenny, Ireland. Most of the names given to their family were unusual. They had seven children: Theophilus George junior, born in 1861; Mary Jane, born in 1862, who died when young; Bathsheba, born in 1864; Jane, born in 1866; Telacon, my father, born in 1868; Grace Darling, born in 1869; and John Edward, born in 1871.

Theophilus senior carried supplies from Sydney to country areas and to the goldfields by bullock-wagon. He died when my father, Telacon, was in his teens. The latter left school to help his mother. A little later, the eldest son Theophilus, while out riding, took shelter under a tree during a storm. The tree was struck by lightning and fell on him. He died later from his injuries in 1885. The chestnut horse which he was riding at the time of the accident, was uninjured. It had often been admired by Monsignor Buckley, the parish priest at the time. Mrs Lloyd gave it to him and in recognition of the gift he in turn presented her with a huge Bible suitably inscribed. It is still in the family.

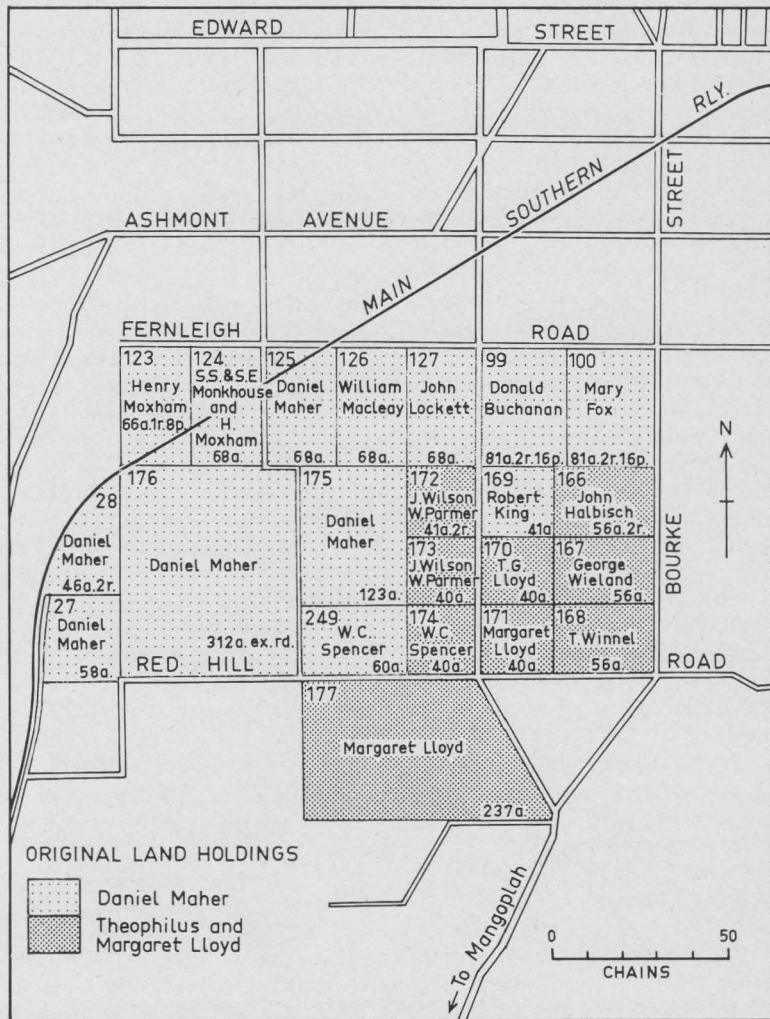
My father told me that when he was just a boy a notice appeared in a Sydney paper seeking relatives of his grandfather. Money had been left in England to anyone who could prove relationship. At that time the Tichborne case was still being widely discussed and had received much publicity. My grandmother, in the words of my father, was a simple, Irish woman and was reluctant to venture into anything which involved legal activity. Nothing was done about the legacy. Even after all these years, there could be a fortune awaiting one of the relatives who cares to seek it out.

Some of the names given to the family, as I have said, were unusual. It would appear that the parents were lovers of the classics. The name Telacon is believed to be of Greek origin. Theophilus is a Biblical character to whom Luke dedicated his book of Acts and his Gospel. The meaning of the word 'Theophilus' is 'loved by God'. He is assumed to have been a high Roman official in one of the provinces which Luke visited.

THE PROPERTY AND HOME OF THEOPHILUS GEORGE AND MARGARET LLOYD

The first land owned by the Lloyd family was portion 170, an area of forty acres on the eastern side of Glenfield Road. This grant was issued on 5 November 1860 to my grandfather Theophilus George Lloyd. The adjoining portion of similar area was granted to Margaret Lloyd, wife of Theophilus, on 10 January 1881. Portion 177, an area of 237 acres on the western side of Glenfield Road, was granted to Margaret Lloyd on 1 December 1880. All this land was in the Parish of Wagga Wagga. The last mentioned portion was of unusual shape. It bordered on the Glenfield Road at its intersection with Mangoplah Road at the four mile hill. I hasten to explain here that although these roads run parallel in the first instance, they meet, however, at the rise of the hill as Mangoplah Road winds south-westwards. The land owned by the family joined that of Daniel Maher. Mr and Mrs Lloyd lived in a home on this property on the eastern side of Glenfield Road. A group of trees marks the spot.

The original land owned by my grandparents was added to by their youngest son, John Edward. He lived and reared his family on the western side of Glenfield Road. This property is



South Wagga Wagga, showing Maher and Lloyd Urban Holdings

called 'Glenfield'. It is still owned by members of the Lloyd family. John Edward's grandson John William lives there. I have been told that the house was built either by Mr George or Mr

Thompson, a banker. John, son of John Edward, sold land fronting Bourke Street up to Mount Pleasant boundary. It has been rapidly built on in the past few years. A section of this land is still in the family.

TELACON LLOYD

It is appropriate to speak of my father, Telacon Lloyd, at this time as it is 100 years since he was born on 28 March 1868. He was the second son of Theophilus George and Margaret Lloyd. Telacon was born on his parents' farm, being between Glenfield Road and the old Albury Road, now Bourke Street. The remains of this home which was burnt down can still be seen. Telacon attended the first Catholic school which was conducted in a stable behind the Catholic Presbytery in Church Street. In 1875 he attended school at St Michael's. The first St Michael's Church was built in 1858 on the opposite side of the street, next to where St John's Church of England is now. In 1875 an extension wing was added to St Michael's and was used as a school; the teachers were Presentation Sisters of Mount Erin. The church was demolished in 1965 to make way for St Michael's Regional High School for boys. Among my father's school mates were sons of Daniel Maher, W. M. J. Walsh, the founder of the firm of solicitors, Mark Mongan and Bob Johnson. Mr Johnson, in later years, was editor of the *Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser*. My father told me that he secretly smoked on his way to and from school. He left his pipe and plug or twist of tobacco hidden in bushes and retrieved them on his way home.

Telacon married Catherine Frances, the third child of his neighbour, Daniel Maher. My mother, Kate, as she was called, was born on 17 October 1869. She was educated at Mount Erin Convent. One of the teachers was Sister Stanislaus, one of the five nuns who founded Mount Erin. The latter was Mother Superior during part of my school days. The first home of my parents was with my father's widowed mother. Shortly afterwards Telacon built a weatherboard home slightly north of his mother's home. He possessed little worldly goods; in fact all he could call his own was a horse and cart. He cut wood and sold it to the towns folk. His first real business venture was a butcher's cutting cart. He employed Bill Honey as his slaughterman while he drove his covered-in cutting cart around town. He built the cart himself and it proudly displayed his name, T. LLOYD, along its side. His mother died on 4 April 1899 at the age of 64 years. By this time my father had set up in business in Wagga Wagga as a master butcher. From butchering he went on to stock-dealing, sheep and cattle raising.

One day about the year 1899 while watering his horse at the Flowerdale Lagoon he was met by Anthony Brunskill who was doing likewise. Mr Brunskill was just returning to Wagga Wagga



Telacon Lloyd

after attending his clearing sale at Bon Accord station. He said to Telacon 'I know of 8,000 sheep at Barellan which are being offered at a reasonable price. Will you come and look at them with me?' They inspected them and bought them. It rained soon afterwards and they made a substantial profit from the deal. Thus a partnership for stock and property dealing was begun and it continued for many years. No mob of sheep was too large for them. Telacon did the buying and Anthony did the selling. Postcards were received from Mr Brunskill while he was on a

trip overseas accompanied by his sister Elsie. One such card which I still have was sent from Ireland and was dated 4 August 1910. In it Mr Brunskill thanked my father for keeping an eye on the boys at Allonby and promised to bring back a piece of turf from Ireland for him. He did bring the piece of turf back. For many years it was kept at home at 'Warrabinga'. What its fate was eventually I do not know.

HOME AND PROPERTY

Telacon and Catherine Lloyd reared a family of eight children. There were two sons and six daughters born in that order, and I am the youngest. The eldest son George served as a gunner in the first World War. His service number was 29103. After leaving the house and shop in Baylis Street my parents lived in various other houses including one on the corner of Gurwood and Docker Streets. They lived at 'Willbriggin' in Fitzhardinge Street. This home was later purchased by Mr Irving, a rabbit inspector. Mrs Irving resided there until her death. The home is now owned and occupied by Mr Kevin Carmody. While living there, my parents built a large home in 1910 on the corner of Edward and Fitzhardinge Streets. It was completed in 1911. I was born there. The home was given the name of 'Warrabinga', an aboriginal name meaning 'retired man'.

My mother died in October 1931 and early in 1935, as the home was too large for two people, my father sold it to Mr Le Lievre. It was later sold to the Golden Fleece Oil Company. It was demolished in 1959 to make way for a service station. The backyard of 'Warrabinga' was bounded by Baretta Lane. There was a blacksmith's shop in the corner of the yard in the early days. Hepburn and Lovett's establishment has been built there. The blacksmith's shop was at one time occupied by Mr James Edney, grandfather of the late George Edney. Other occupants were Mr Talbot and Mr Annison.

Besides the town property already mentioned, Telacon Lloyd owned several country properties. 'Merton Park' of 4,700 acres, was situated approximately twenty miles from Wagga Wagga on the Oura Road. It was formerly part of Oura station. 'Merton Park' was purchased for £3 12s 6d per acre from Mr Jerry Mulholland and sold in the 1930s to Mr Frank J. Leahy of Goulburn. Mr Leahy also bought 'Overdale' which joined 'Merton Park'. Gorman's Hill, at Condobolin, was cleared with Chinese labour. Rockleigh, in the Mangoplah-Pulletop area, he purchased with his brother John. They sold it to Mr Walter Beasley who at one time was overseer at 'Big Springs' station. He was the father of Eric and Lionel Beasley, both of whom died in recent years. 'Connorton', eight miles from Wagga Wagga on the Mangoplah Road, was named after Dr Morgan O'Connor who was the owner

at one time. 'Connorton' included the well-known Plum Pudding Hill. Many a time as a child I played and picnicked there. My father sold 'Connorton' to Mr Foster, the father of Eric Foster. It was sold about 1925. Eric Foster and his families still live there.

Another property joined 'Connorton' and was opposite 'Sunnyside', six miles from town. He purchased this property from Mr Hogan and sold it to Mr W. Hughes who still lives there.

'Glen Oak', at the five-mile peg on the same road, is still in the family. 'Back Glen Oak', formerly Winnell's, he bought from his father-in-law, Daniel Maher. Members of the family have since sold it to Mr W. Dunn. 'Hillside' was on the opposite side of the Mangoplah Road to 'Glen Oak', and was bought from Mr Tom Jones in the 1920s. It was once owned by Sam Angel Senior, and also by Austin Donnelly.

'Sunnyside' was six miles from Wagga Wagga on the same road. My father purchased this from Messrs James and Michael Salmon in 1925. Part of this property belonged in the early days to Henry Angel. The old weatherboard house which succumbed to the ravages of time about ten years ago was built by Henry Angel's son James. He reared his family there. One of the Lockett families lived on 'Sunnyside'. Some of their small children were buried there. It also belonged to Mr Gooden, and later to Mr Morris. It is now my home.

He owned also a small block on the four-mile hill which is now a reserve, and 'The Pinnacles', bought during the time of the Lloyd-Brunskill partnership, is now owned by Albert Schiller. It is north of the river. It was sold to Mr Hayley, the father of the man who owned the outstanding racehorse Tulloch. Tulloch died only about two months ago.

'Glenfield' is six miles from Wagga Wagga, on the Oura Road. He had made a trip to Roma in Queensland and bought 8,000 cattle on Moongool Station, all the unbranded calves given in. He brought them back to a dry spell. This prompted him to buy 'Glenfield' which had an irrigation plant. 'Glenfield' was formerly part of 'Eunonyhareenyha'. He purchased it in 1928 from Mr Tedcastle — walk in-walk out — for £22 10s per acre. It is still in the family. 'Podger's Paddock', also a river property and formerly part of 'Eunonyhareenyha', was purchased from J. C. Cockerill for £22 per acre.

He was one of the syndicate which purchased the Commercial Hotel. He did not consider this to be a wise investment. He often said that the Commercial was the only bullock he couldn't fatten. He preferred broad acres to bricks and mortar. The syndicate later disposed of the hotel to Mr Romano. It is still known as Romano's Hotel and has recently changed hands.

In 1928 after the death of his father-in-law, Daniel Maher, my father bought the front portion of Mount Pleasant as my

mother wished to see the old home remain in the family. It was later sold by my sister as mentioned earlier. The first commercial plane service in Wagga Wagga was commenced on Mount Pleasant in the 1930s. My father leased it for this purpose before the Civil Aerodrome was opened $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Wagga Wagga on the Sturt Highway. Mr Dave Binfield had the contract to take the passengers to and from the plane in his taxi. It was quite a small plane. I remember going to Sydney by plane in 1935 and taking off from there.

At one time my father owned land on the north-eastern corner of Edward and Baylis Streets. He sold portion of this to Prescott and Company, chaff and grain merchants. It is now occupied by the Mitchell Shire Co-operative Society.

Large stock deals were common-place with Telacon Lloyd. He travelled to Queensland often and purchased special train loads of young cattle which he fattened on his various properties. Herefords were his favourites. He made these trips until a few years before his death. The number of stock he carried increased as he acquired his various properties. While he owned 'Merton Park' he shored 26,000 sheep. He had two shearing sheds in operation in the one season, one north and one south of the river. He classed his own wool almost until the time of his death. He purchased sheep from many well-known stations. He would reserve the offer months ahead and buy them off-shears. Among the property names I can recall are Cocketgedong, Butherwah and Kerarbury. The latter belonged to Coughlans. As well as buying sheep and cattle he also bought consignments of horses from Grafton and had them transported by boat down the Clarence River for sale to the Sydney City Council.

In 1906 my father won the first Wagga Wagga Picnic Race Cup with his horse 'Intuition', ridden and trained by Frank McAlister. The following year he won the 'Bracelet' with the same horse.

Gradually my father began to lose his hearing, until at middle age he was totally deaf. Being deprived of his hearing did not seem to make much difference to his activities. Talking on one's fingers was the popular means of communicating with him. He was able to lip read quite well. I remember Loyal Matheson saying that on coming to Wagga Wagga to join the staff of Farmers & Graziers Ltd he was asked by the manager of the firm, John Graham, if he could speak on his fingers. When he replied that he was unable to do so, he was advised to learn as soon as possible so that he would be able to speak to Telacon Lloyd. At his first attempt Mr Matheson was slow and faltering. When asked how he coped, my father said 'He was alright but stuttered a bit'. All the stock and station agents in those days had learnt the 'language'.

Telacon Lloyd was an astute business man. He possessed an admirable sense of humour and was the butt of many good-natured jokes. Varying versions have been told of an incident which arose out of his deafness. I like the following one. In the 1920s he owned a 'T' model Ford car. He was a familiar figure driving each day through the main street to reach his properties north of the river. On one such occasion, when he was returning home, the motor-horn became stuck and gave off a continual blast as the car travelled the full length of the street. People who knew that he was deaf thought he was unaware of the noise. They began waving to him to attract his attention. On his arrival home he said to my mother 'I didn't know that I was so popular. People have been waving to me all along the main street.'

After leaving 'Warrabinga' my father and I went to live on one of his river properties 'Glenfield'. The home on 'Glenfield' was burnt down when bushfires raged through the property in 1952. It is a coincidence that Telacon owned 'Glenfield' north of the river and his brother owned a property of the same name south of the river. In less than twelve months my father had retired to town where he lived in Kincaid Street until his death in September 1942. He missed the companionship, the daily chat with his friends and visits to the agents' offices. His brother John also retired and lived in Kincaid Street, about two blocks further west.

Telacon Lloyd was widely known and respected in the pastoral community. He contributed in no small way to the growth and development of the primary industries in the district. He was considered an outstanding judge of stock. During the last years of his life he travelled each day either to 'Podgers' or 'Glenfield'. He loved to walk amongst his cattle. He carried a hoe to cut any thistles that may have been missed. He said he would make 'Glenfield' look like a park. He gradually sold his more remote properties, keeping all within six miles north and south of the town. At the time of his death he still owned 'Glenfield', 'Podgers', 'Hillside', 'Sunnyside', 'Glen Oak', 'Back Glen Oak', '4-mile' and 'Mount Pleasant'. The road which connects Mangoplah Road with Plumpton Road at the six-mile peg, between his two properties 'Hillside' and 'Sunnyside', bears his name, Lloyd Road.

Telacon Lloyd was truly a self-made man. All he owned was his through hard work, good business sense and a keen mind. I will quote from his obituary notice published in *The Country Life* newspaper in September 1942.

Telacon Lloyd was a strong, vigorous, likable personality. He met and knew many men who honoured him for his ability, integrity and congeniality.

I would like to add that his family loved and respected him for what he was to them – a kind and loving father.