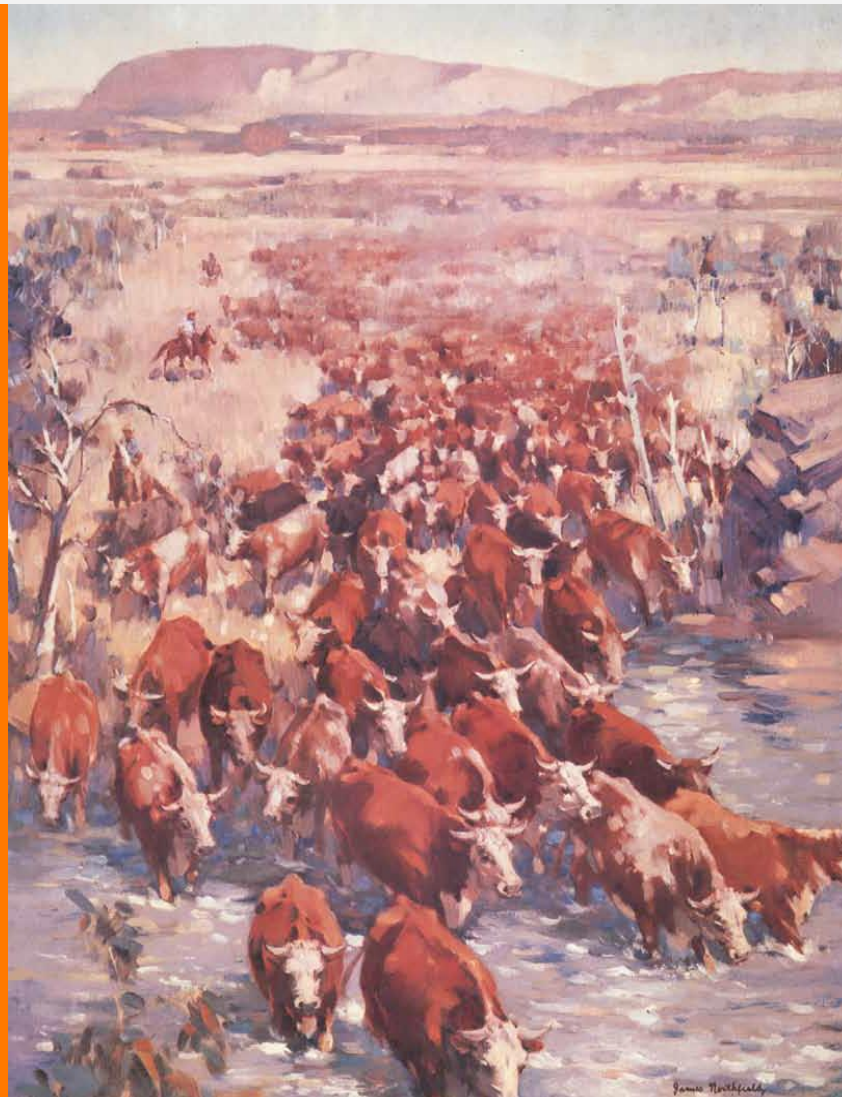


Early history of the Northern Territory



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Northern Territory
= 1.35 million sq. kms

Evidence of human
settlement = 50,000 years.

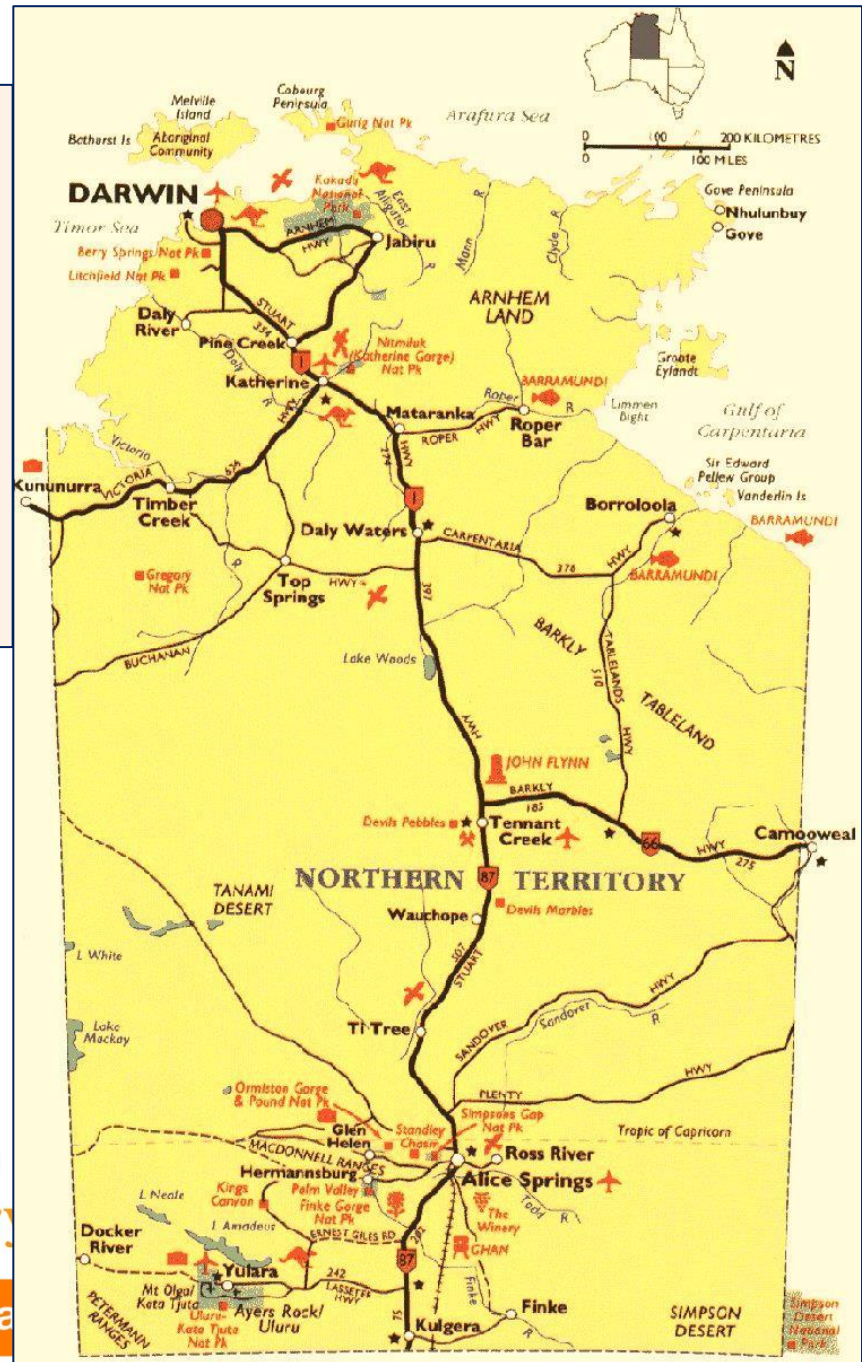
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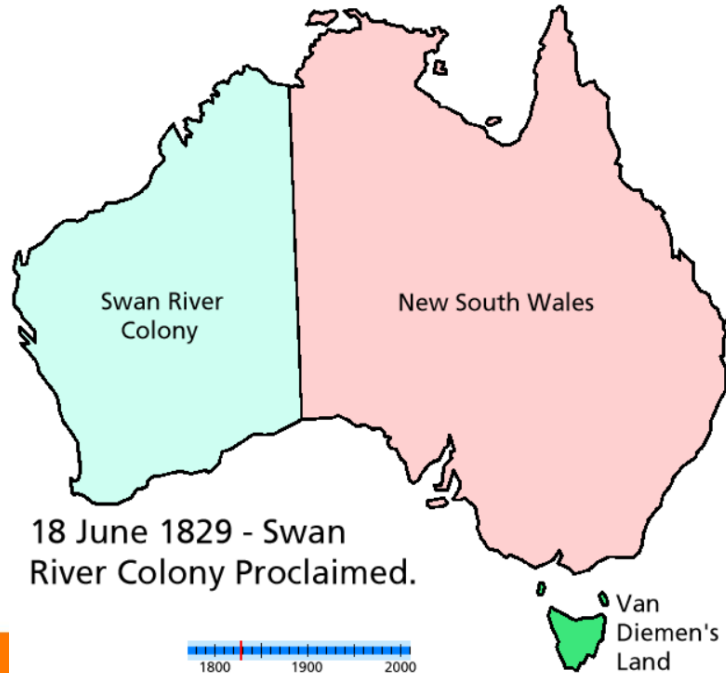
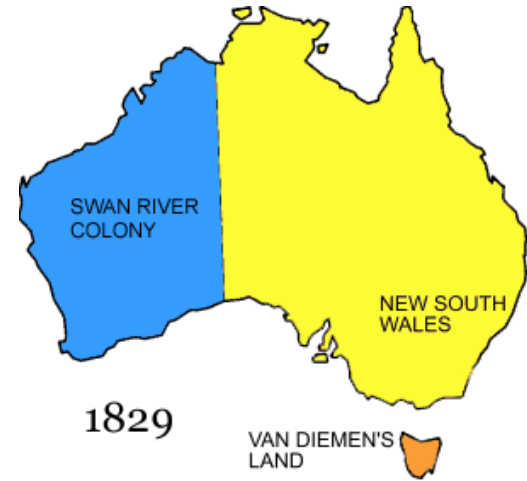
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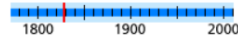
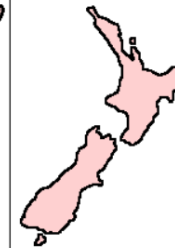
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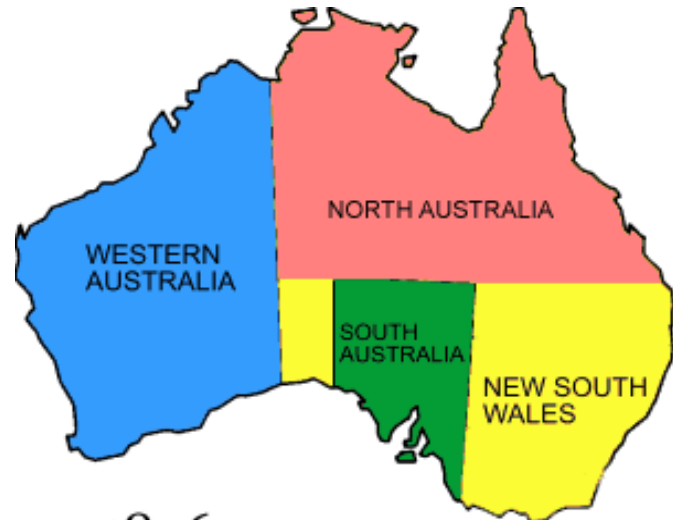


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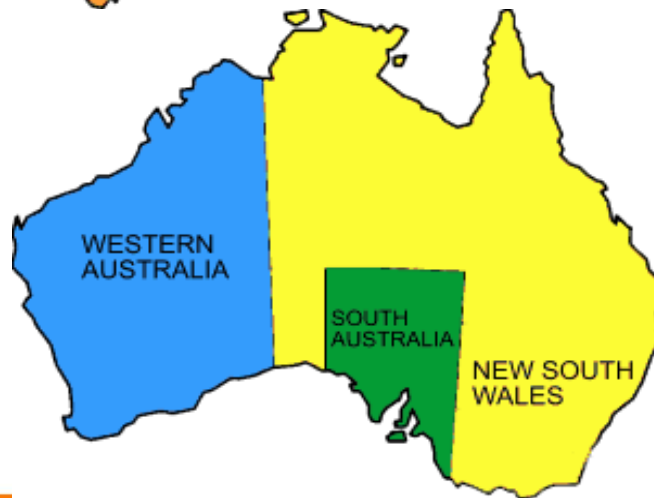
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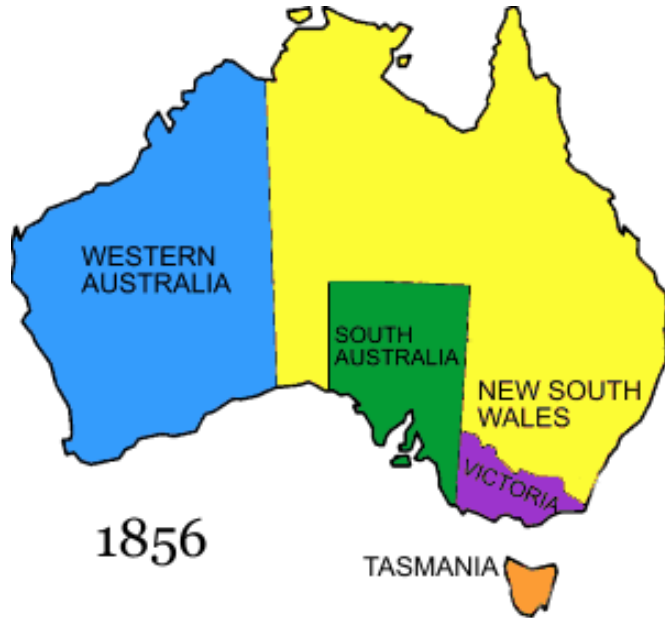
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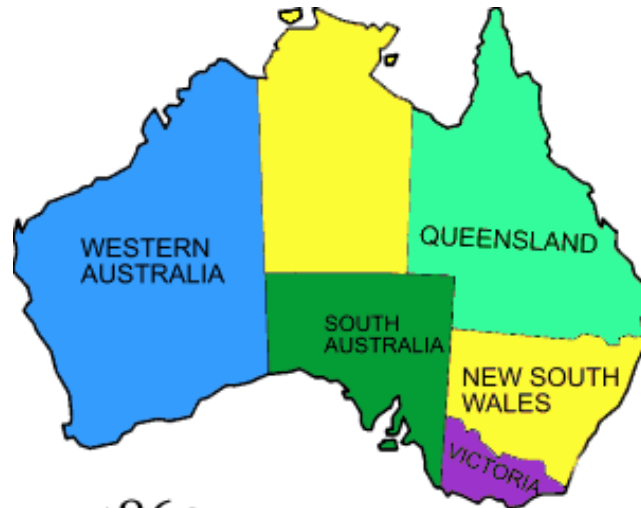
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Evolution of British Colonies in Australia



British Colonies to the Federation of Australia



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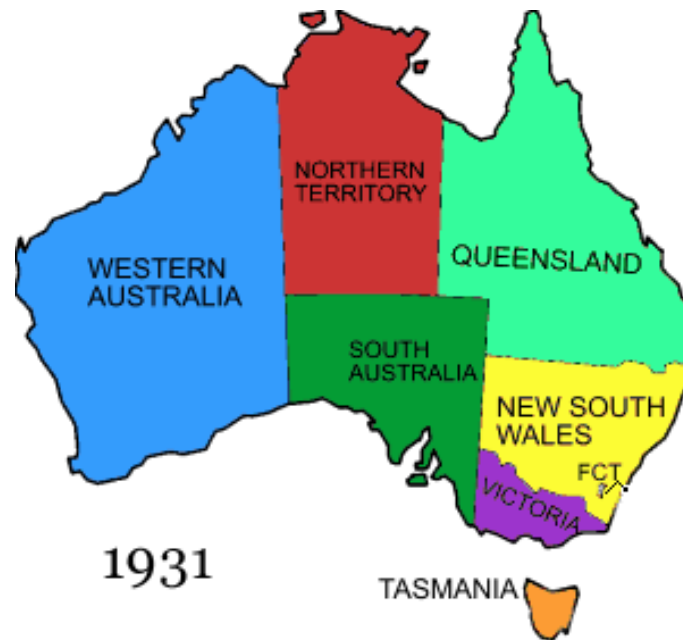
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Source: Wikipedia

PORT ESSINGTON - named on 17 April 1818 by Phillip Parker King in HMS Mermaid – sketch by PP King.

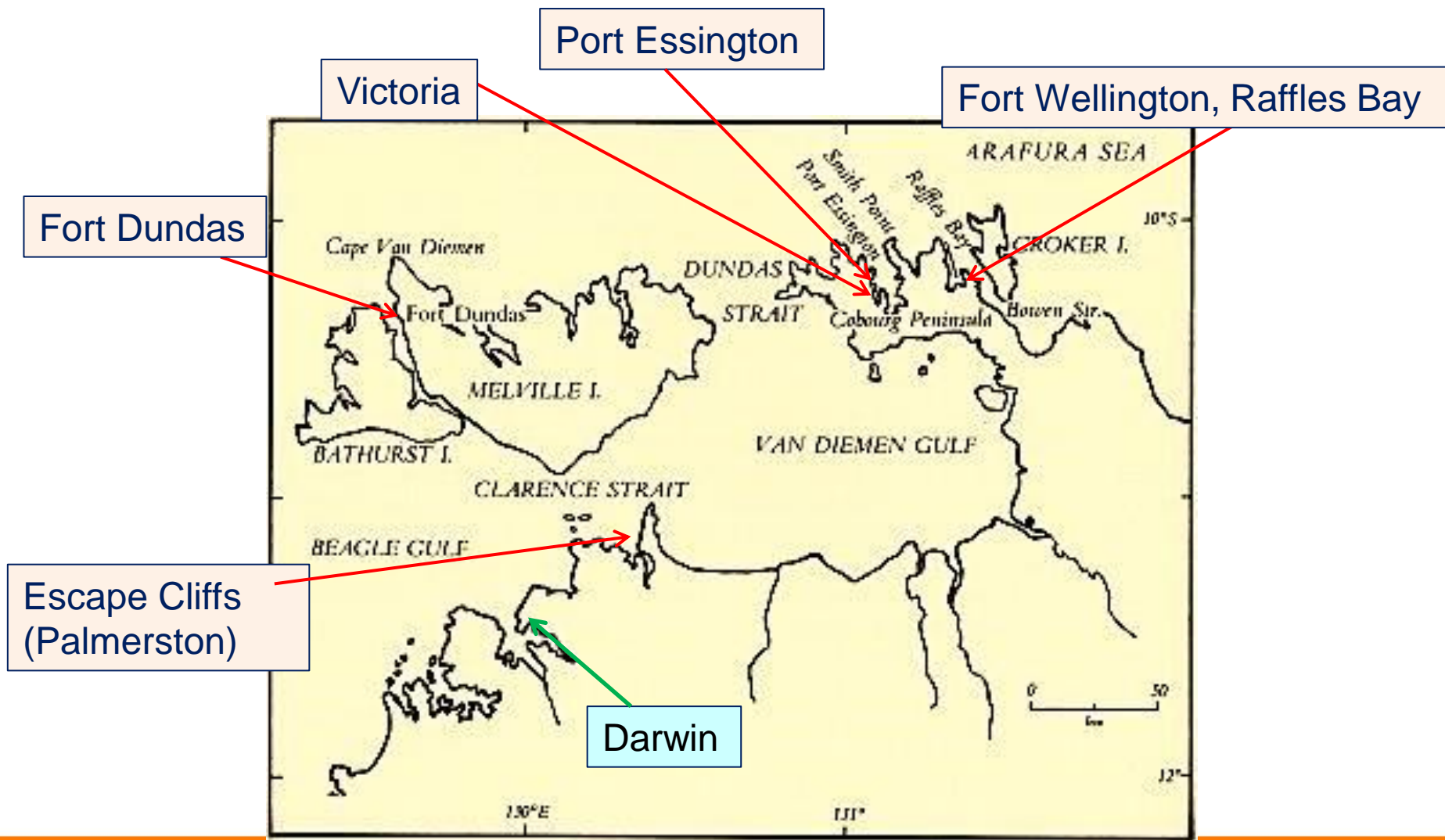


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Port Essington vol. 1. p. 86

1818 – Port Essington, Inner Harbour.



Failed attempts at white settlement – Northern Territory



First British settlement – Fort Dundas Melville Island 1824-1828

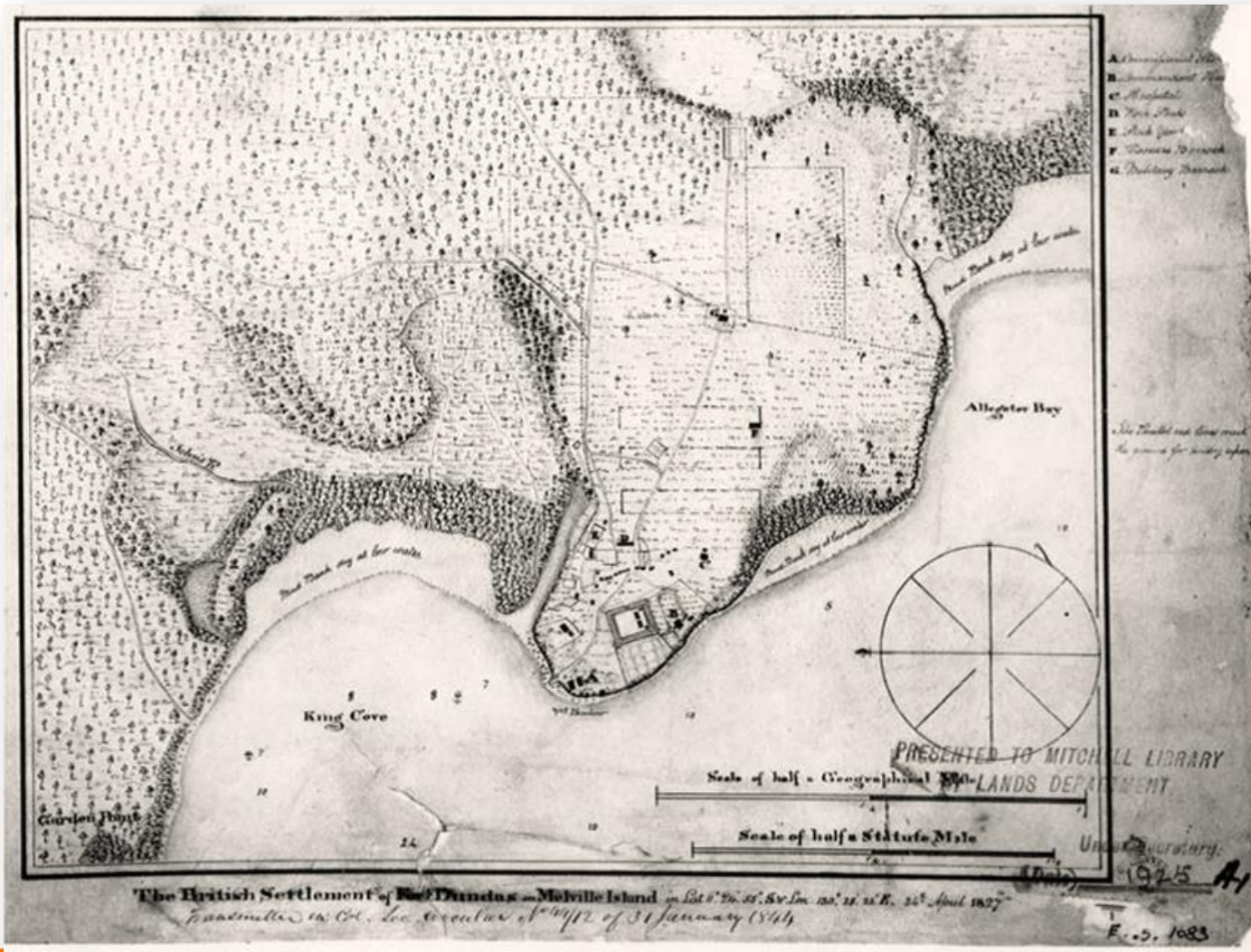


Sketch of Fort Dundas by J.S. Roe on HMS ship HMS Tamar, 1 November 1824 -
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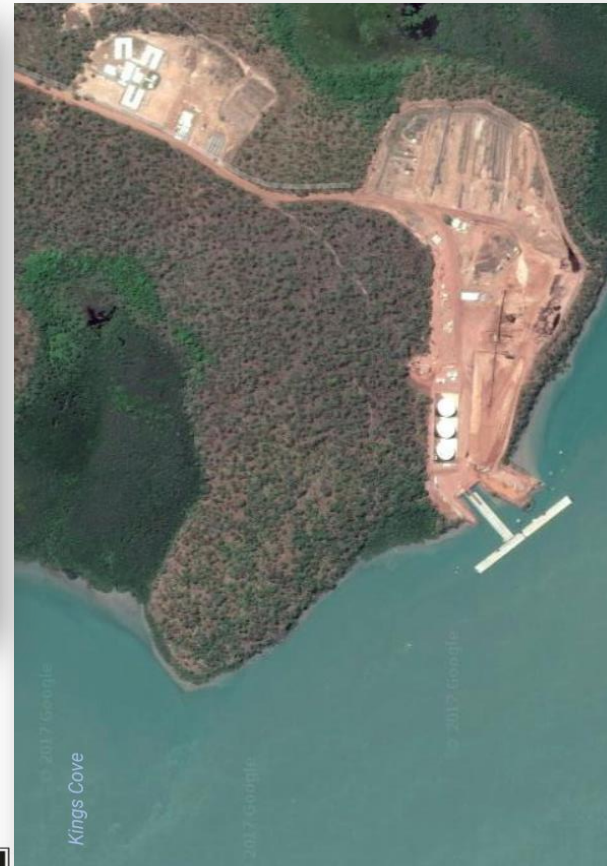
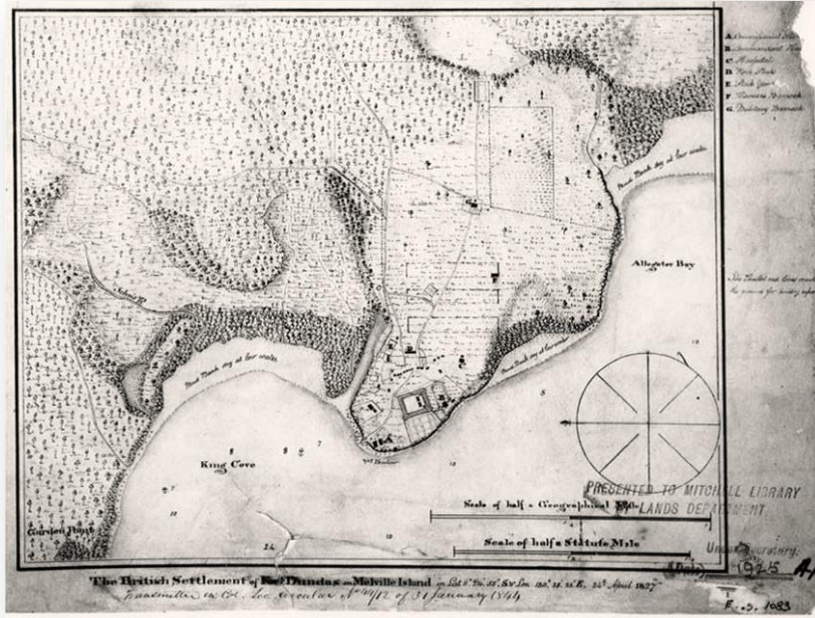


View of FORT DUNDAS. taken from Garden Point.

The British Settlement of Fort Dundas, Melville Island



Fort Dundas 1827 to Port Meville 2017



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Pirlangimpi is two kilometres from the site of the first British settlement in northern Australia - Fort Dundas.



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Ruins of Fort Dundas, 1975 – NAA: Series A6180



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The results of the 1975 – survey of Port Dundas



Site Fort Dundas - today

REST IN PEACE

This Plaque commemorates the last resting place of those who served and those who came to Fort Dundas (1824 - 1827)
Transfer of this settlement to Fort Wellington occurred in the early part of 1828

Jenkins Reece	1825.01.16	Potvine James	1826.06.27
Hodder Samuel	1825.03.16	Sullivan Thomas	1826.09.18
Kitt, Robert Christopher	1825.03.28	Campbell Julius	1826.10.26
Baptiste Nicholas	1825.05.05	Burton William	1826.11.10
Thompson Charles	1825.05.12	Johnson Henry	1826.12.02
Courtney (Royal Marine)	1825.05.18	Jepson Stephen	1826.12.07
Rawlinson Ephraim	1825.05.23	Brookshaw John	1826.12.31
Burley Thomas	1825.06.01	Calvert Richard	1827.01.02
Bennett William	1825.06.06	Pembrick Edward	1827.01.06
Gwillan Samuel	1825.06.11	Warren John	1827.02.01
Davis Thomas	1825.08.14	Lorian aka Franks Joseph	1827.03.10
Robinson Thomas	1825.08.25	Plomer Francis	1827.03.10
Moore Richmond	1825.11.06	Bailey John	1827.05.03
Flinn John	1825.11.22	Brown Patrick	1827.09.21
Farrell George	1825.12.20	Hicks Sophie	1827.11.02
Tiemam Patrick	1826.01.25	Gold J.P. Dr John	1827.11.02
		Green John Henry	1827.11.02



THE OWNERS OF THESE LANDS IN ONE ACCORD WITH THE NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT ACKNOWLEDGE AND RESPECT THE RESEARCH OF THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY TO RECORD THIS LAST RESTING PLACE OF THIRTY THREE PIONEERS WHO CAME TO THESE ISLANDS IN THE 1820'S TO ESTABLISH A TRADING POST AND TO PROTECT OUR SHORES AND WHO REMAIN AMONG US THROUGH OUR COMMON ETERNITY

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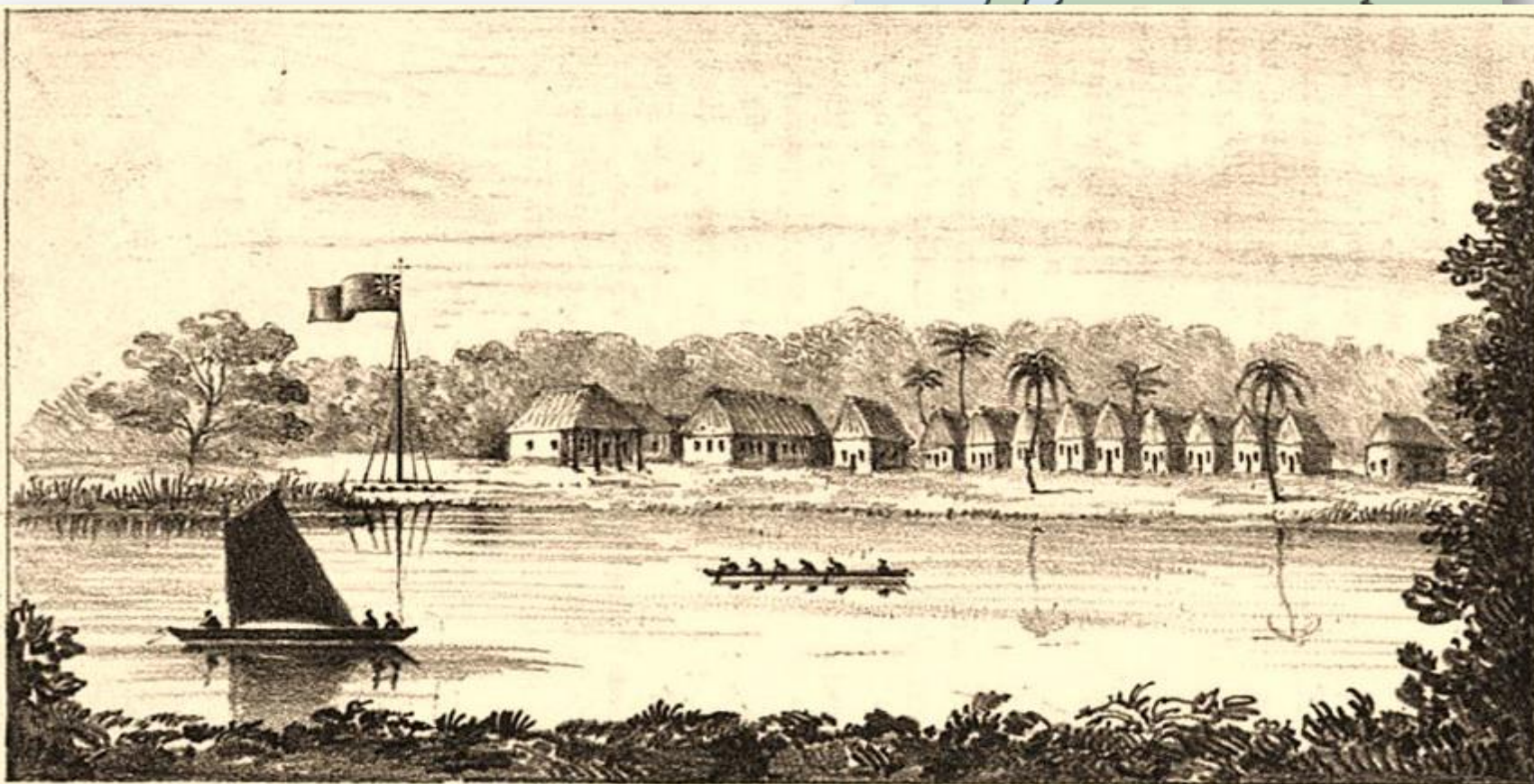


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Fort Wellington 1827 - 1829

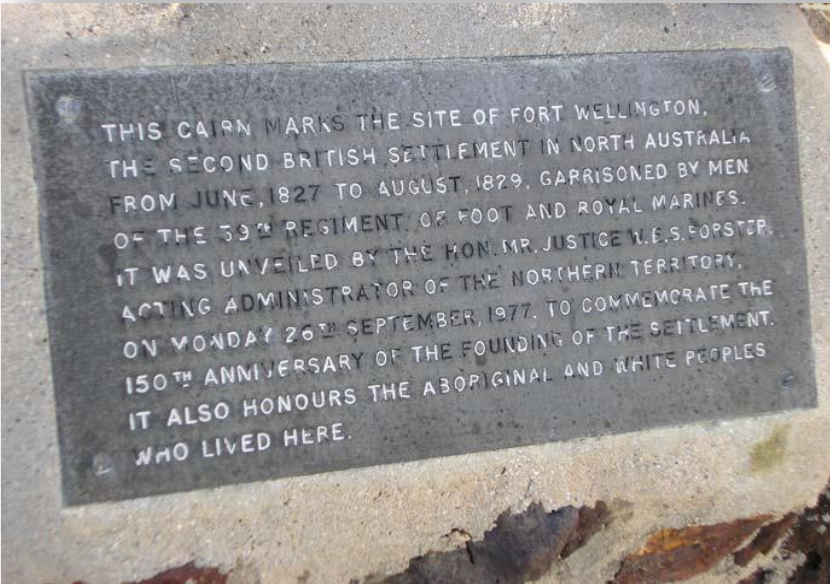


SETTLEMENT AT FORT WELLINGTON.

View of Raffles Bay, with Croker Island in the distance



Historical Society NT – Trip to Fort Wellington July 2008



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Victoria Settlement - Port Essington 1838 - 1850



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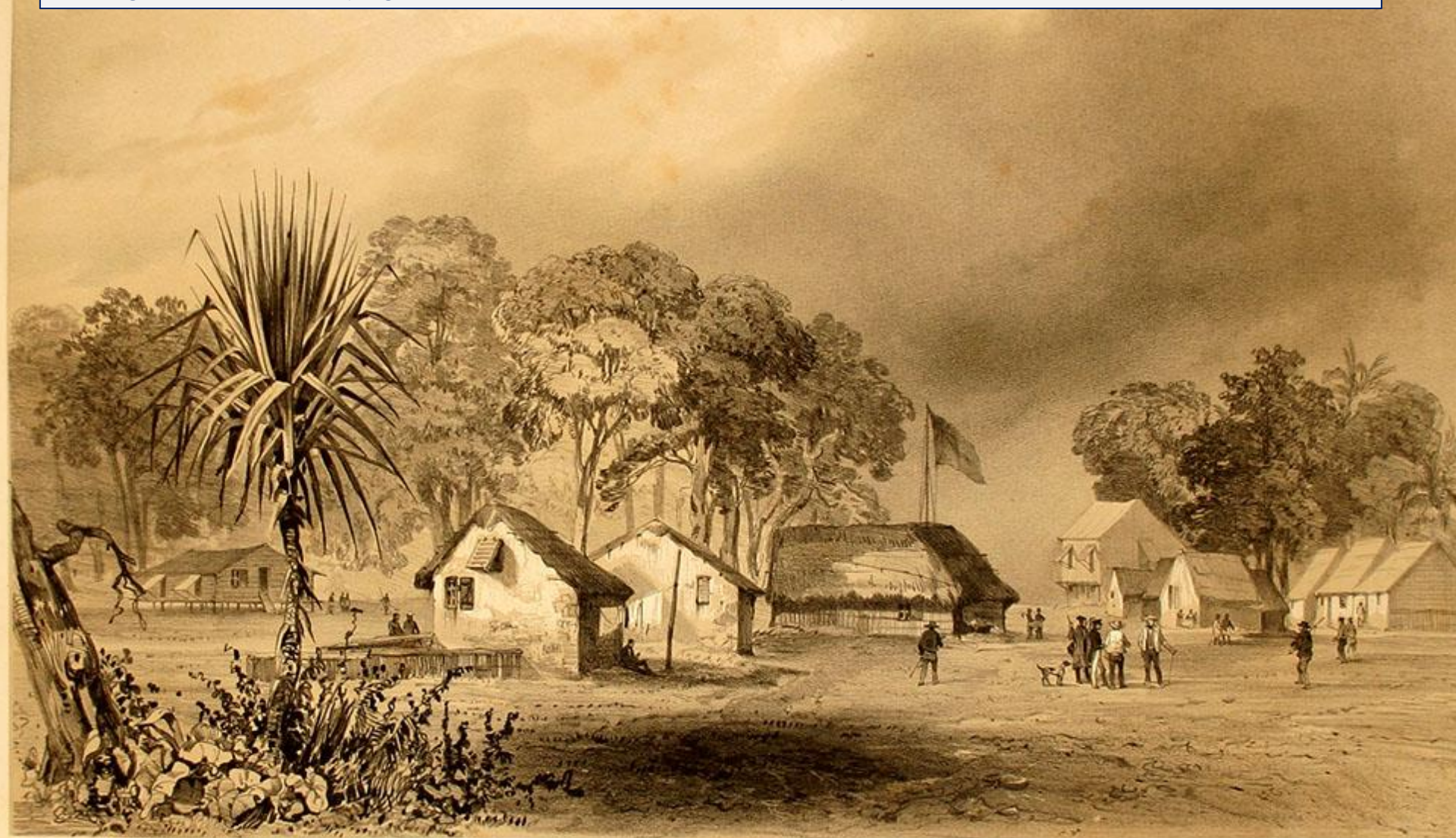
Imp. Levasseur, Paris, en 1840.

PORT ESSINGTON

(Cité de la Colonie)

1840 - New Victoria

Lithographe from Voyage au Pôle Sud et en Océanie by Jules Dumont d'Urville



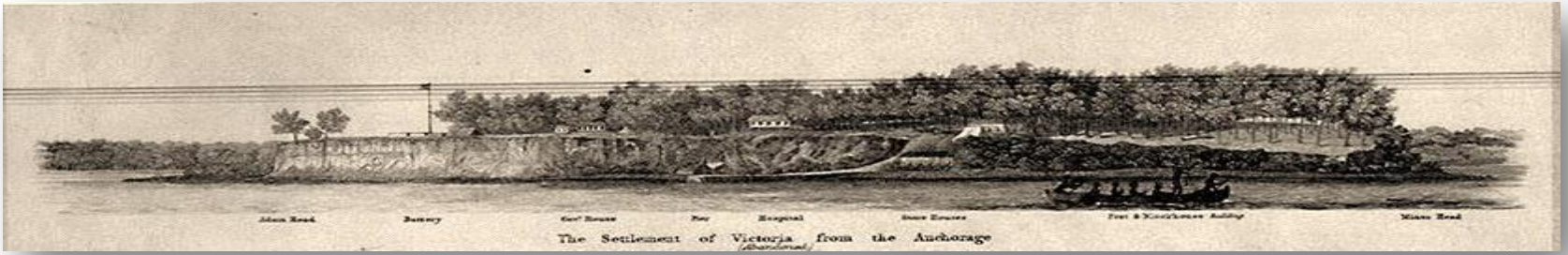
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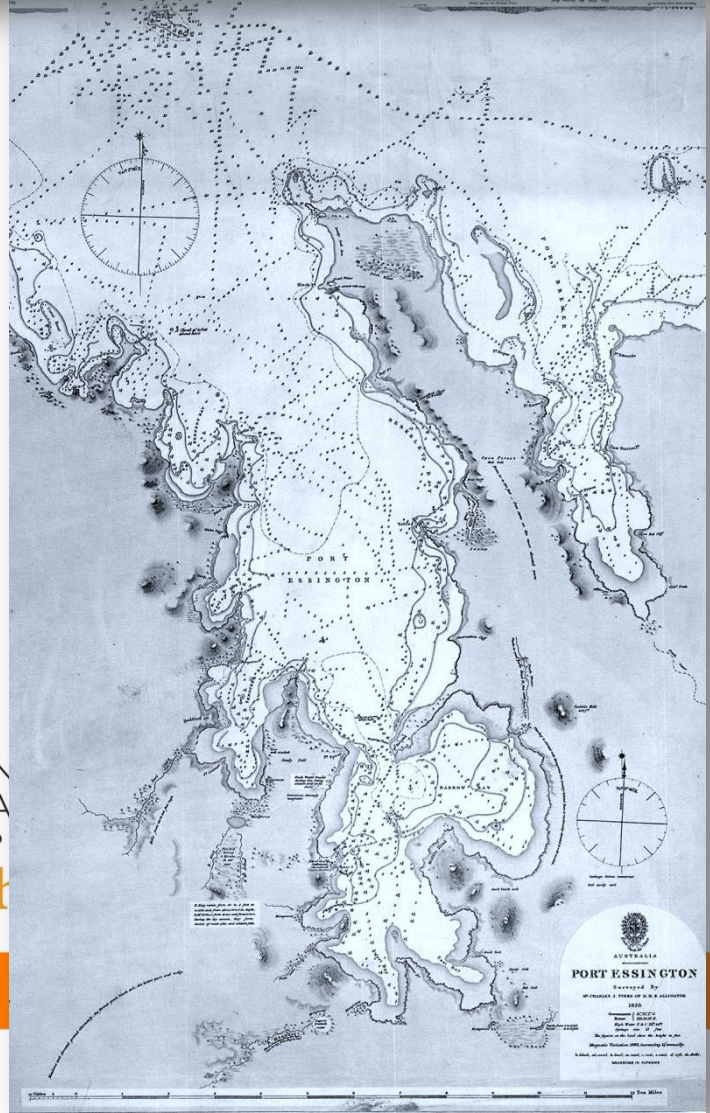
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NEW-VICTORIA

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Port Essington – Surveyed
 by Mr Charles J. Tyers of
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Site of first landing –
Record Point.

Site of Victoria
Settlement



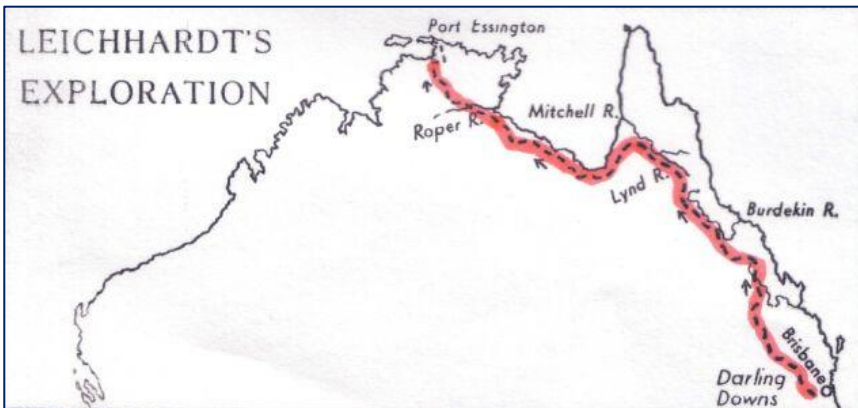
H.M.S. Pelorus at low water.

November 1839 - a cyclone brought ashore the HMS Pelorus





Government House Victoria after the Hurricane Nov. 1862



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IN
AUSTRALIA,
FROM
MORETON BAY TO PORT ESSINGTON,

A DISTANCE OF UPWARDS OF 3000 MILES,

DURING THE YEARS ~~1844~~ 1845

BY
DR. LUDWIG LEICHHARDT.

“Die Götter brauchen manchen guten Mann
Zu ihrem Dienst auf dieser weiten Erde.”
GOETHE, *Spk. auf Tauro.*

LONDON:
T. & W. BOONE, 29, NEW BOND STREET.
1847.



Historial – Site of Victoria settlement at Port Essington,
Cobourg Peninsula - NAA: Series A6135

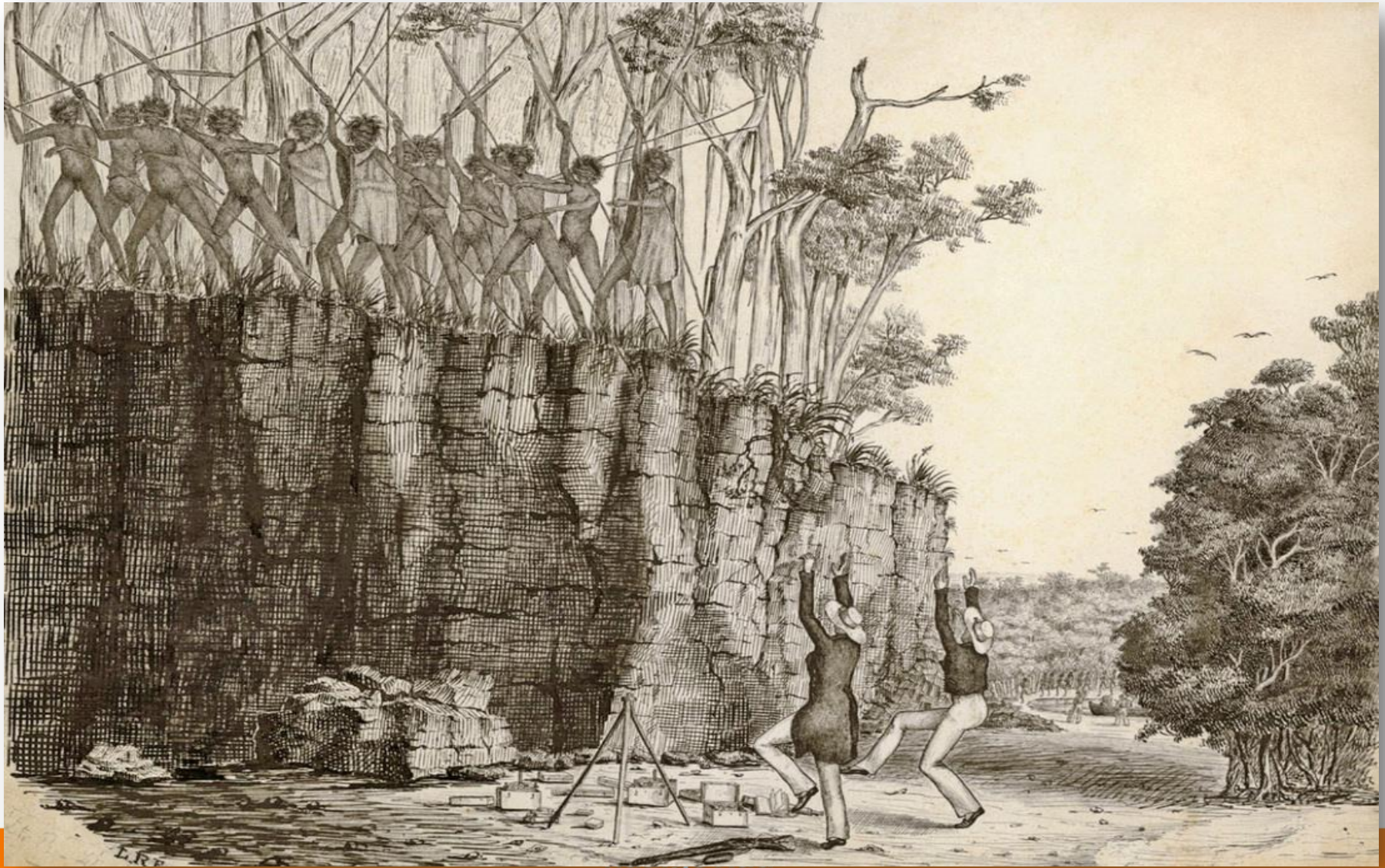
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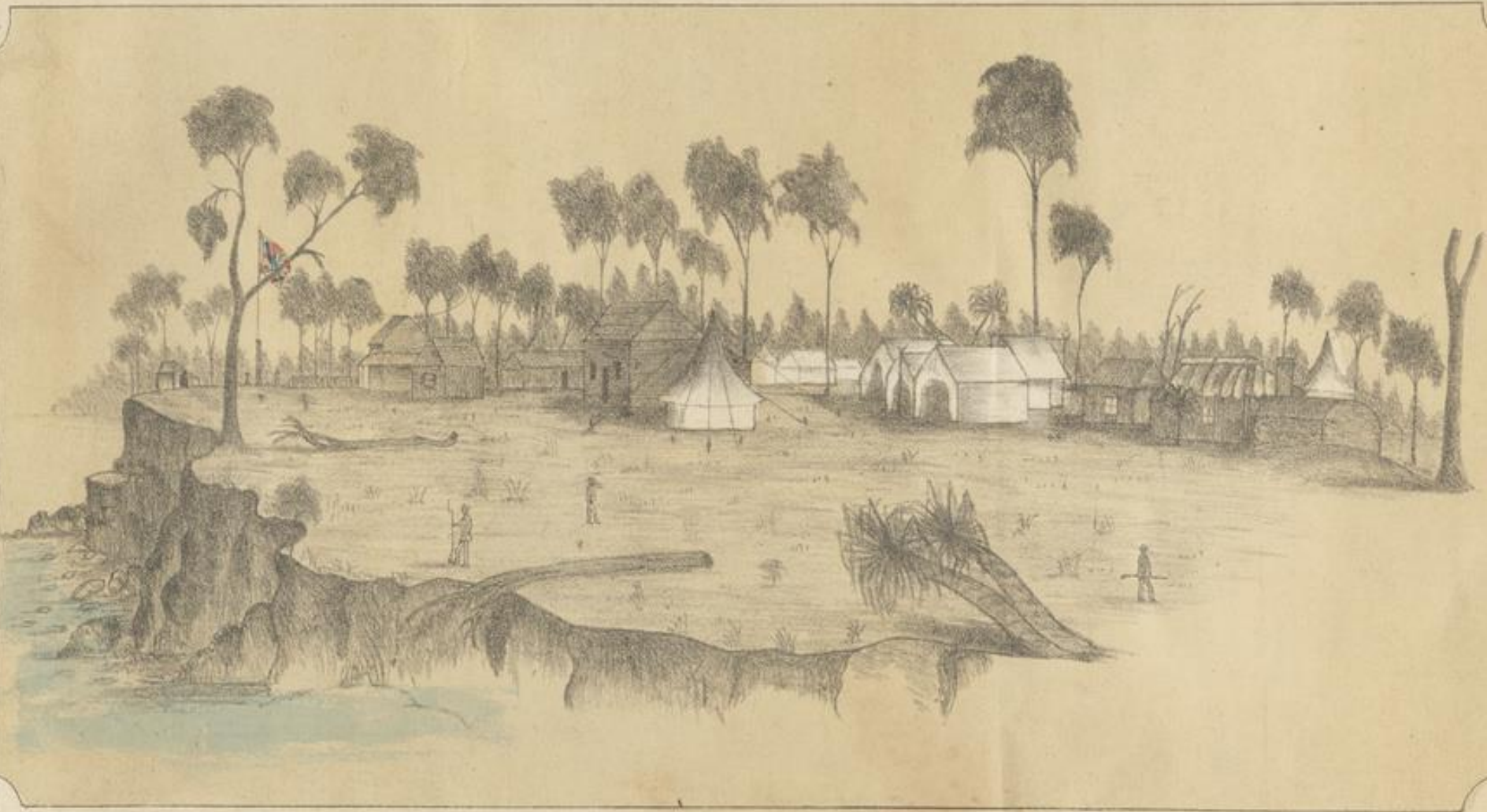


ESCAPE CLIFFS - South Australia's Northern Capital



1839 - The sketch of Escape Cliffs by Lewis Roper Fitzmaurice.

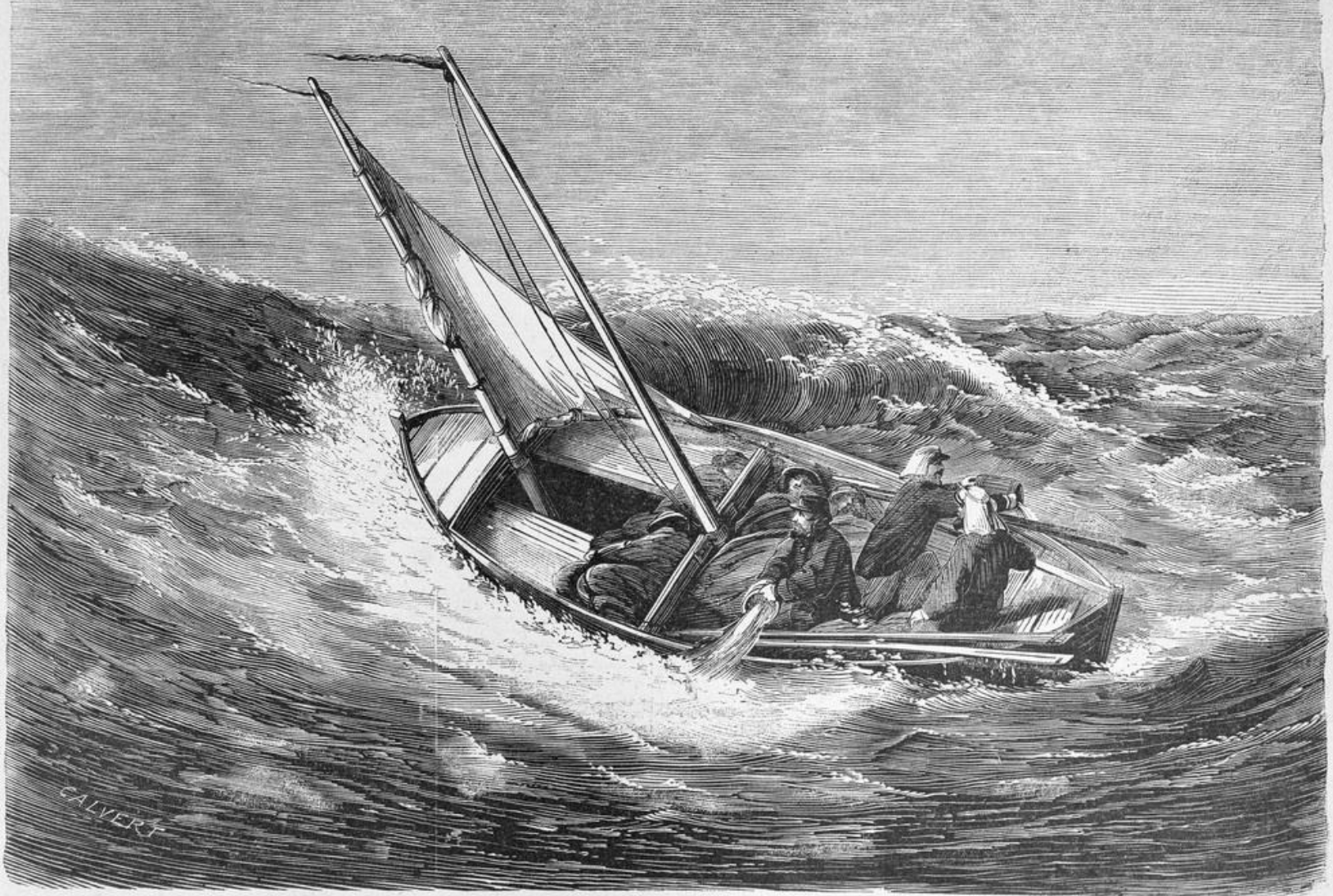




ESCAPE CLIFFS, NORTHERN TERRITORY.

1865 (?) P.F.O.

6 May 1865 – Seven men took three months to sail from Escape Cliffs to Fremantle, Western Australia.



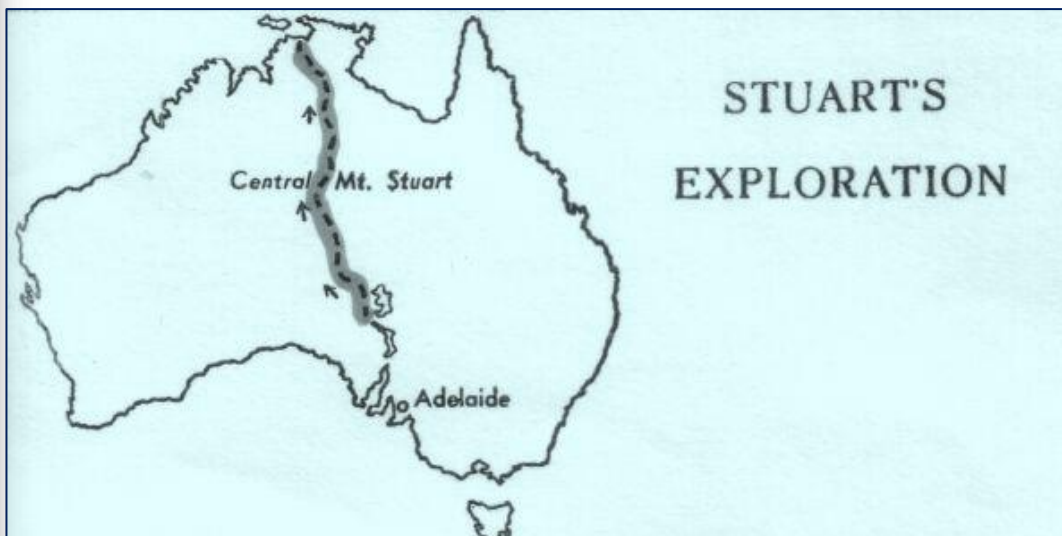
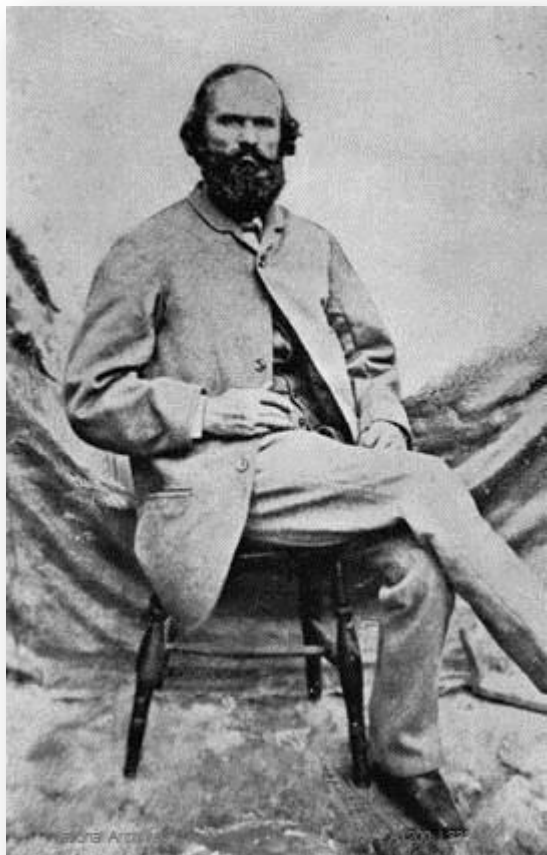
The "Forlorn Hope" in a Gale on her Voyage from Adam Bay to Western Australia.

[FROM SKETCH BY MR. W. M'MINN, ONE OF THE PARTY.]—SEE PAGE 135.

Some of the first photographic images of the Northern Territory are of Escape Cliffs, Palmerston – taken in 1864 by Arthur Hamilton.



Crossing a continent – John McDouall Stuart, 1862



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Charles Todd – South Australian Superintendent of Telegraphs.



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Fort Hill – Port Darwin on Darwin harbour.

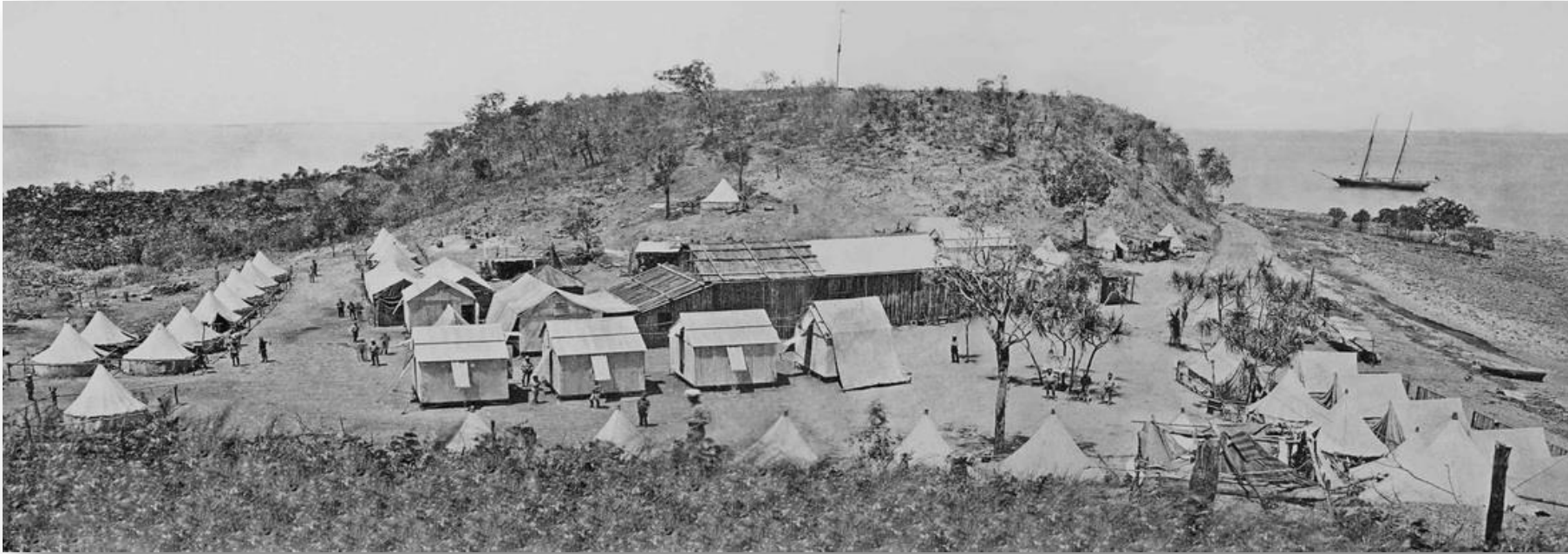


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Images, State Library of South Australia

1869 - George Woodroffe Goyder's Survey Party



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Fort Hill – first European burial site in Darwin



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Goyder was sent by the government of South Australia, to lay out the street plans for a capital to be named Palmerston.



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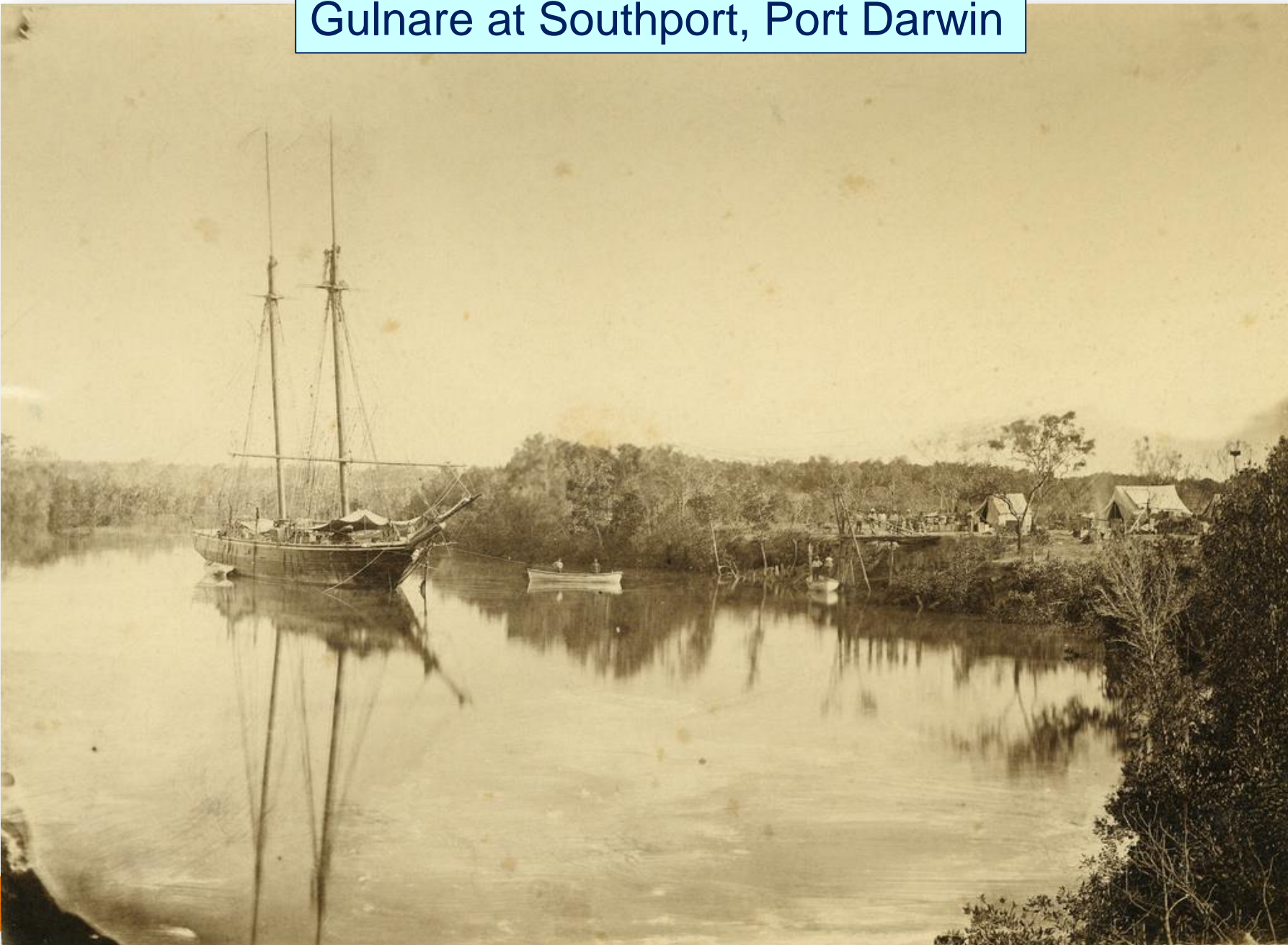
George Woodroffe Goyder



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Gulnare at Southport, Port Darwin



P A R K L A N D S

MAIN ROAD - FRED'S PASS

MILITARY RESERVE

SPRIGG TERR

Point Elliot

THOMAS ST

KING ST

PUBLIC ESPLANADE

BRIDGE

CAVENDISH SQUARE

ROOPEL TERR

P O R T D A R W

TOWNSHIP OF PALMERSTON

On East side of Port Darwin
Hundred of Bagot

Scale.



Printed and Published by the Government Printer, Darwin, N.T., 1910.

*Portion of the plan all the lots
included - 11970-11978
H. H. H. H.
11/2/10*



*Received Oct 10
to present alterations*

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TOWNSHIP
OF
SOUTHPORT

*On the Blackmore
Hundred of Covenagh
18 m. SSE of Port P.*



*Portion tinted Green
allotments selected*

16.9.70

*W. H. ...
S. H. ...*

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Goyder and his team surveyed the township of Daly.



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On 1 January, 1870 - 60 men, women and children stepped ashore in Port Darwin, at Fort Hill.



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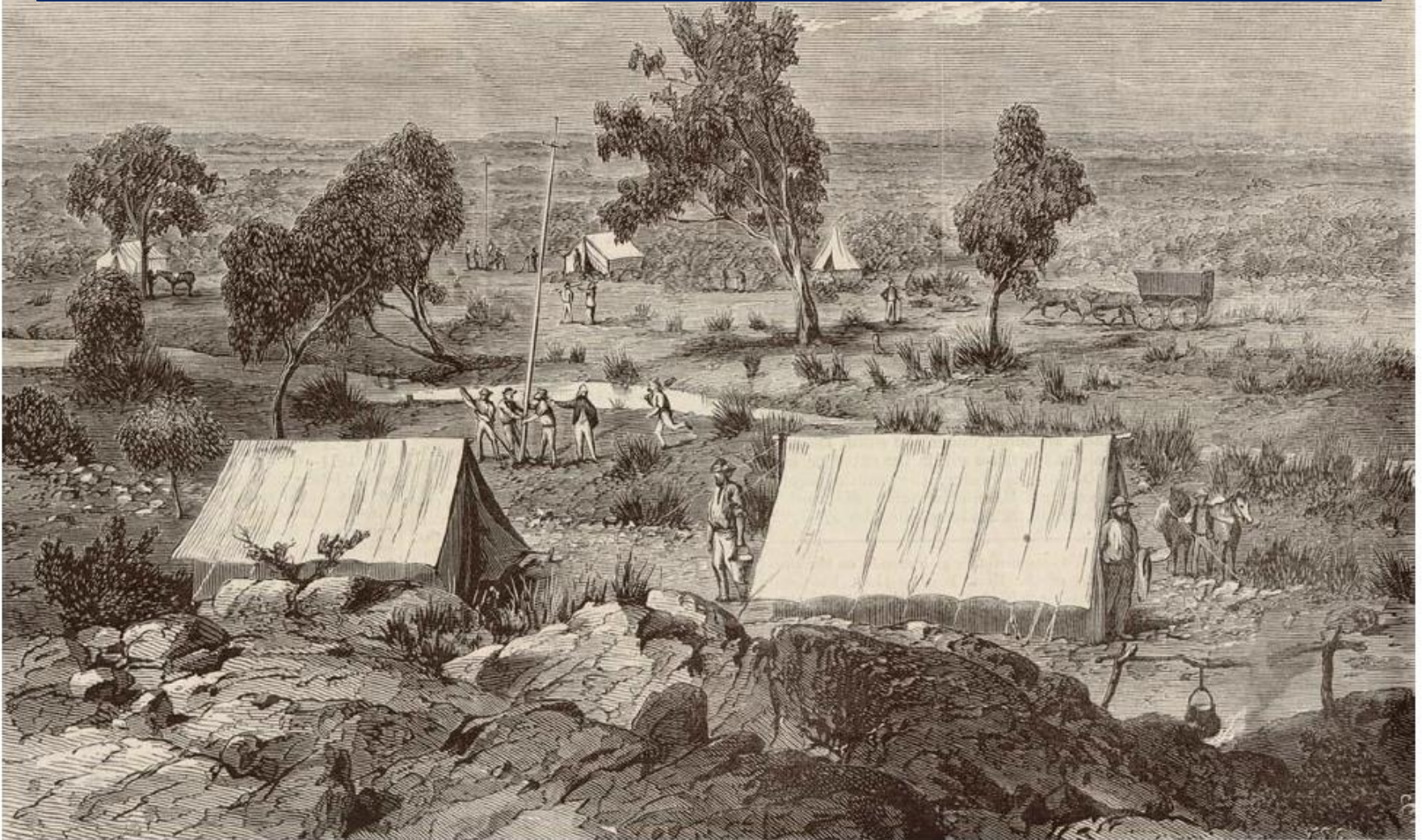
William Bloomfield DOUGLAS - Government Resident
in the Northern Territory - 1870-1873



Sept. 1870 - Planting the first telegraph pole, near Palmerston.



Charles Todd - appointed head of Overland Telegraph Line project.

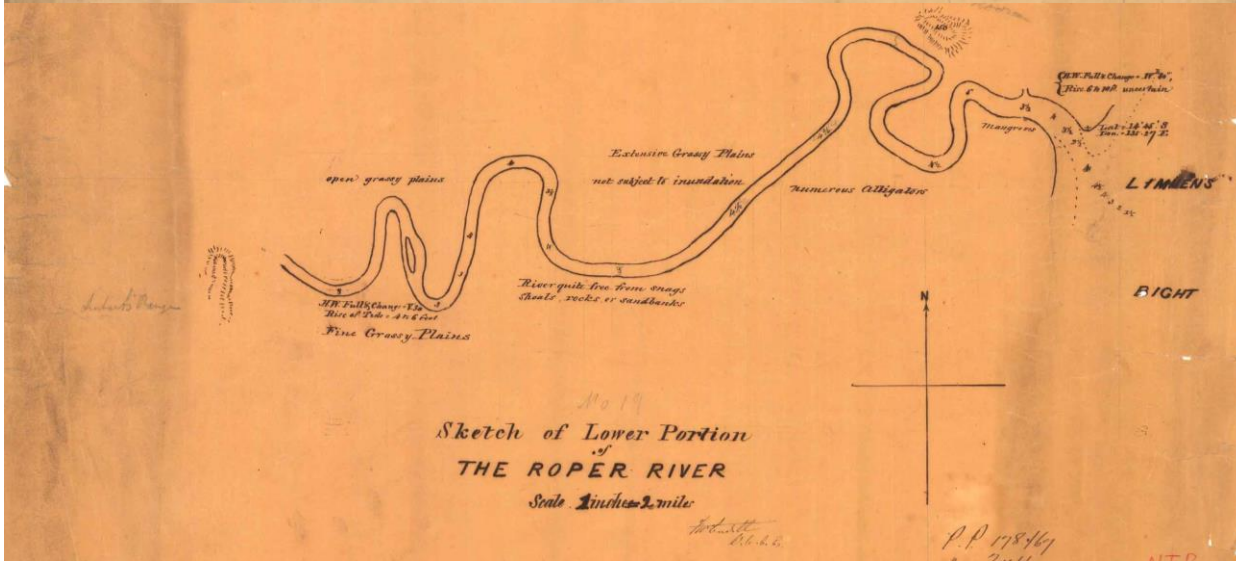
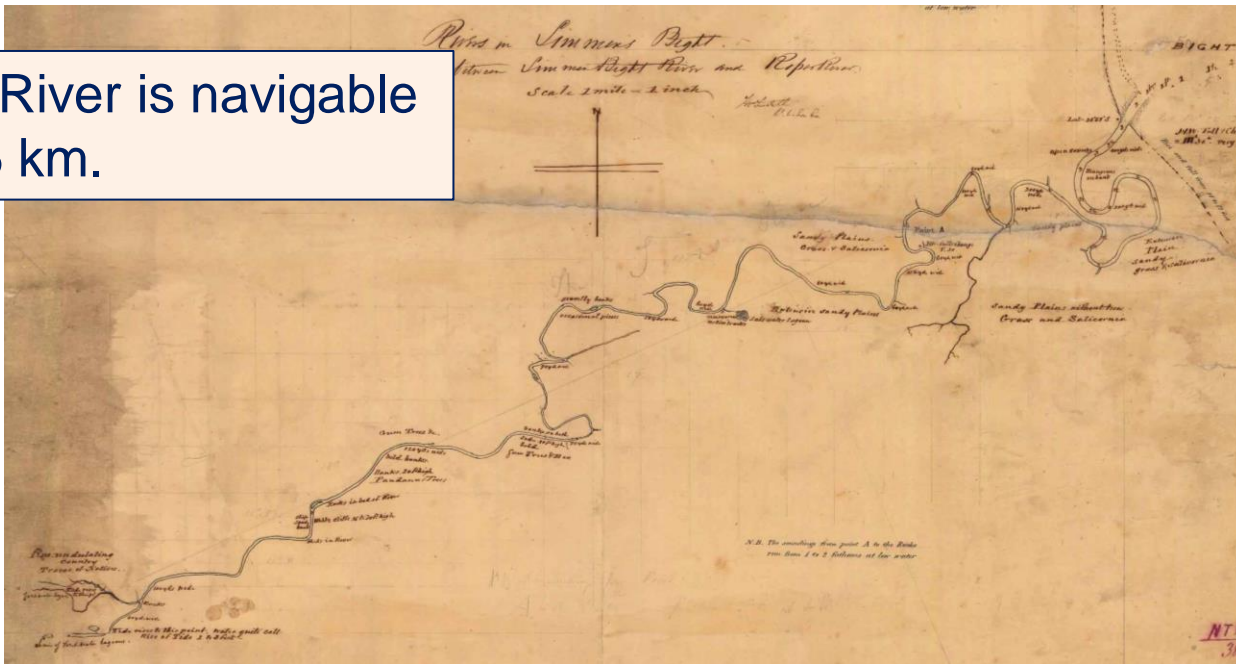


Construction of the Overland Telegraph to Port Darwin. From a photograph by J H Nixon, engraving by Samuel Calvert, 1870? National Library of Australia, nla.pic-an9025867.

1871 – Roper River cable ships NAA: C5487, PH/0212



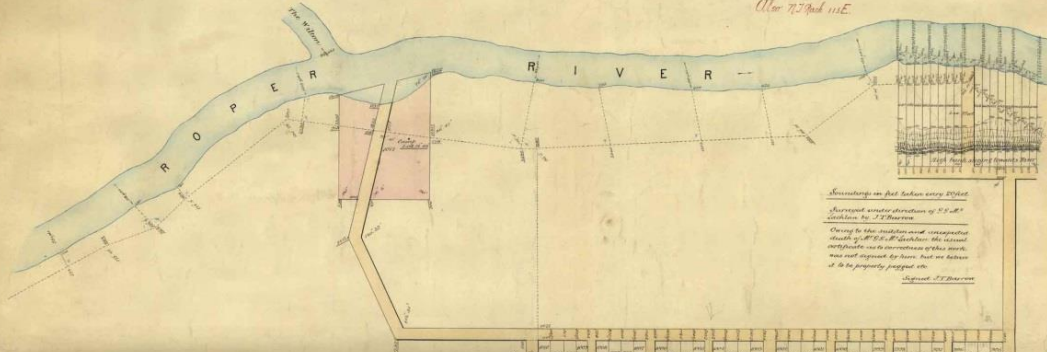
Roper River is navigable for 145 km.



UPPER ROPER

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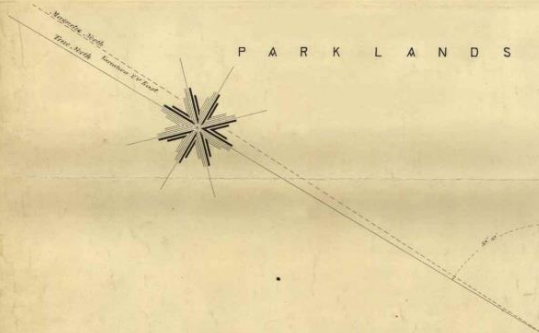
*Take page 224 N.T. Survey 2^d of range 33. Town 1st S.
 Also 72^d and 111 E.*



*Measurements on first section survey 1872
 Average water direction of S 52^d W
 distance 1.5 Miles
 Owing to the position and consequent
 drift of the Roper the actual
 watercourse was in some cases
 was not straight to base, but we believe
 it to be properly pegged etc.*

PARKLANDS

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Section 1		Section 2		Section 3		Section 4		Section 5		Section 6		Section 7		Section 8		Section 9		Section 10	
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Note: All the units are 100' x 100'

*All measurements are taken
 to square corners unless
 otherwise noted*

*I certify that this plan is a true
 copy of the original survey on
 which the same are based.*
 J. W. Brown
 1898

Scale

N.T.D
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*For Survey of Town, Take page 224 and 72^d Township 1st S.
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Upper Roper now called Roper Bar



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Laying the line 1870 – 1872



Roper River Jetty



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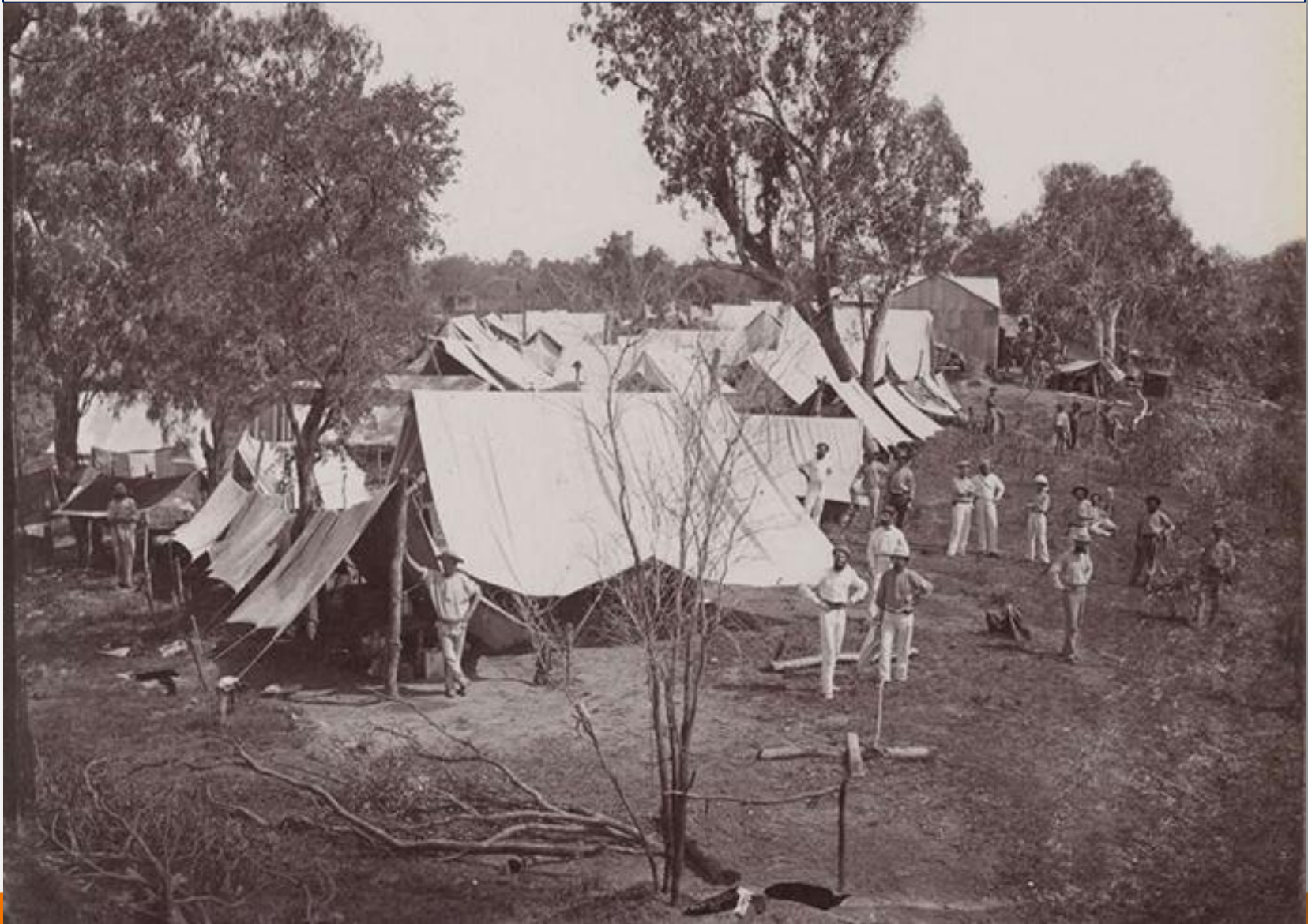


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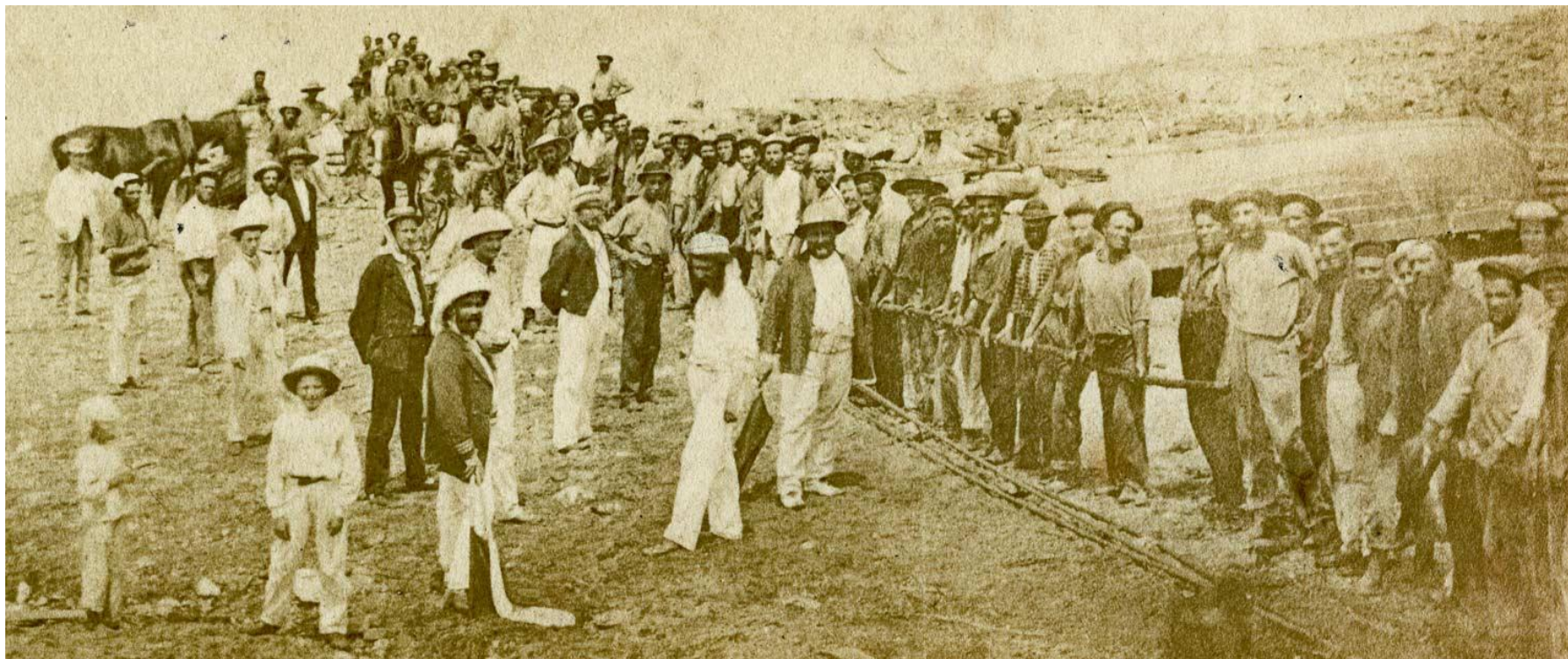
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1872 - Roper River camp, Northern Territory



7 November 1871 - Bringing the telegraph cable ashore from the ship Hibernia at Darwin.



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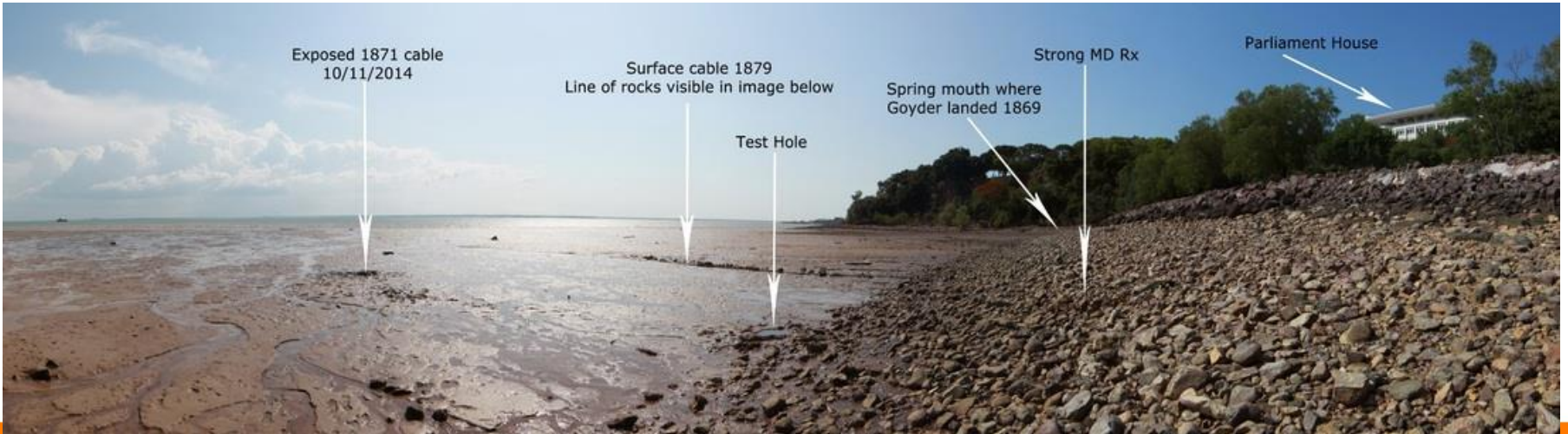
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Undersea Cables 1871 & 1879 – today at Cable Beach



1872 - The first telegraph station at Palmerston, NT –
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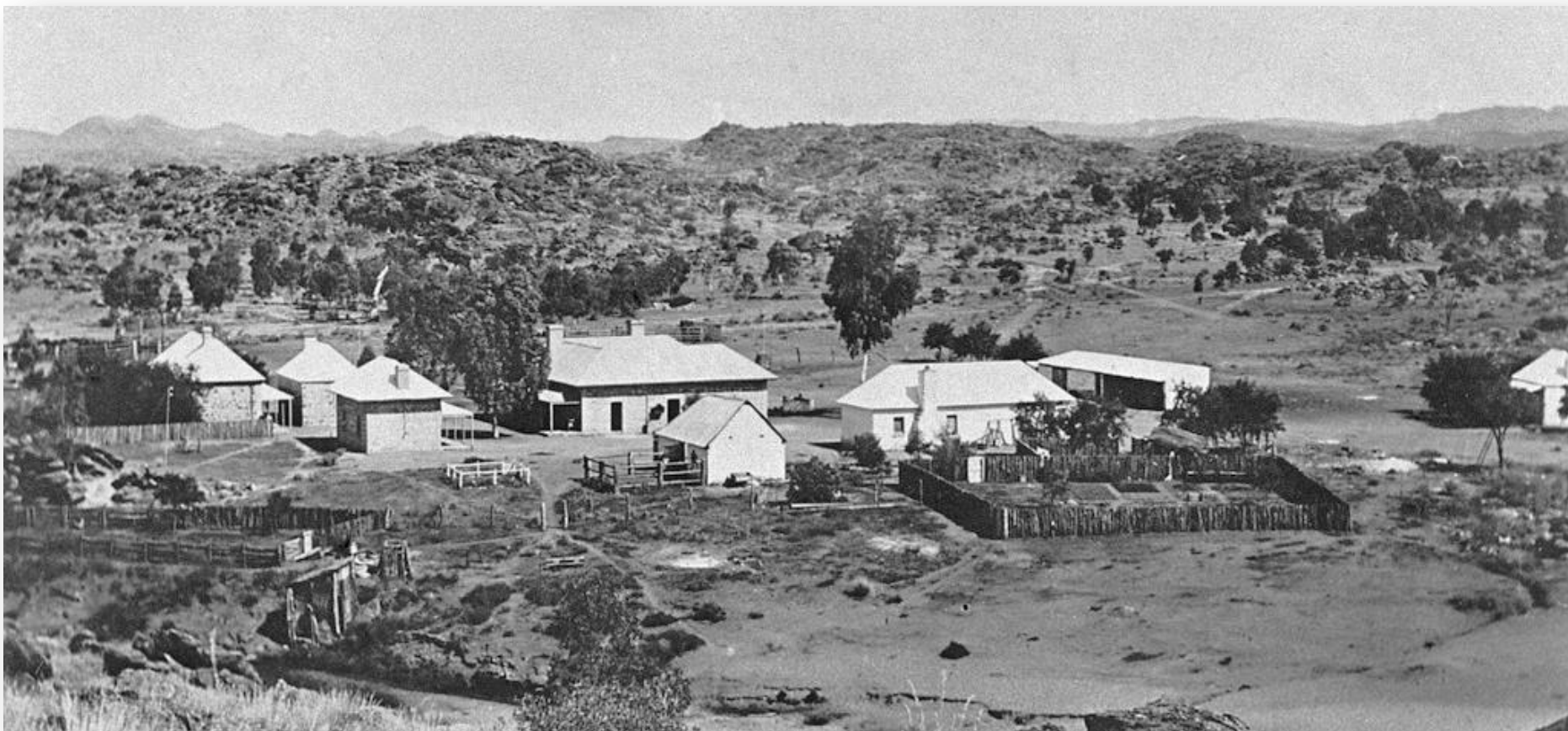
22 August 1872 - Overland Telegraph was completed when the lines were joined at Frews Ironstone Ponds [between Daly Waters & Newcastle Waters]



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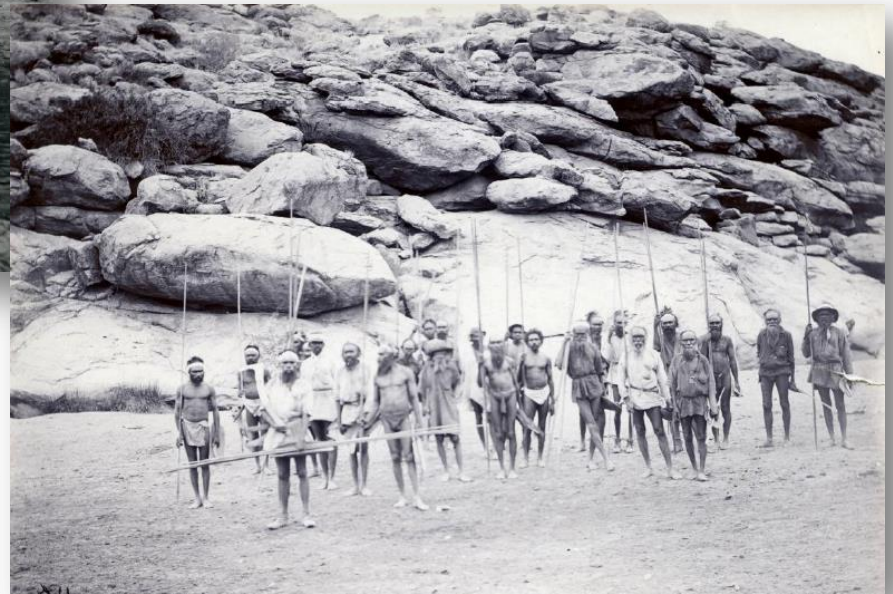
1872 - Alice Springs and the MacDonnell Ranges



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1871 - Alice Springs – *Mparntwe* was significant place for the Arrernte people.



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Alice Springs Telegraph Station - 2016



1887 – Gold discovered at Arltunga - 100km east of Alice Springs
1888 – Town of Stuart surveyed - 3km from Alice Springs

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South



Australia.



Memorandum.

From

The Warden of Goldfields,

ARLTUNGA,

MacDONNELL RANGES,

To

350-10.7.03

was lodged, by anyone, and the Water Right
was accordingly issued on December 27th 1909.
Both Wallis and Rosenbaum were informed
by me that a Water Right did not entitle the
holder to run any but necessary or working
stock on the land at or near the well.
Again, I have determined the exact position of

The Overland Telegraph Line – created employment and settlements.



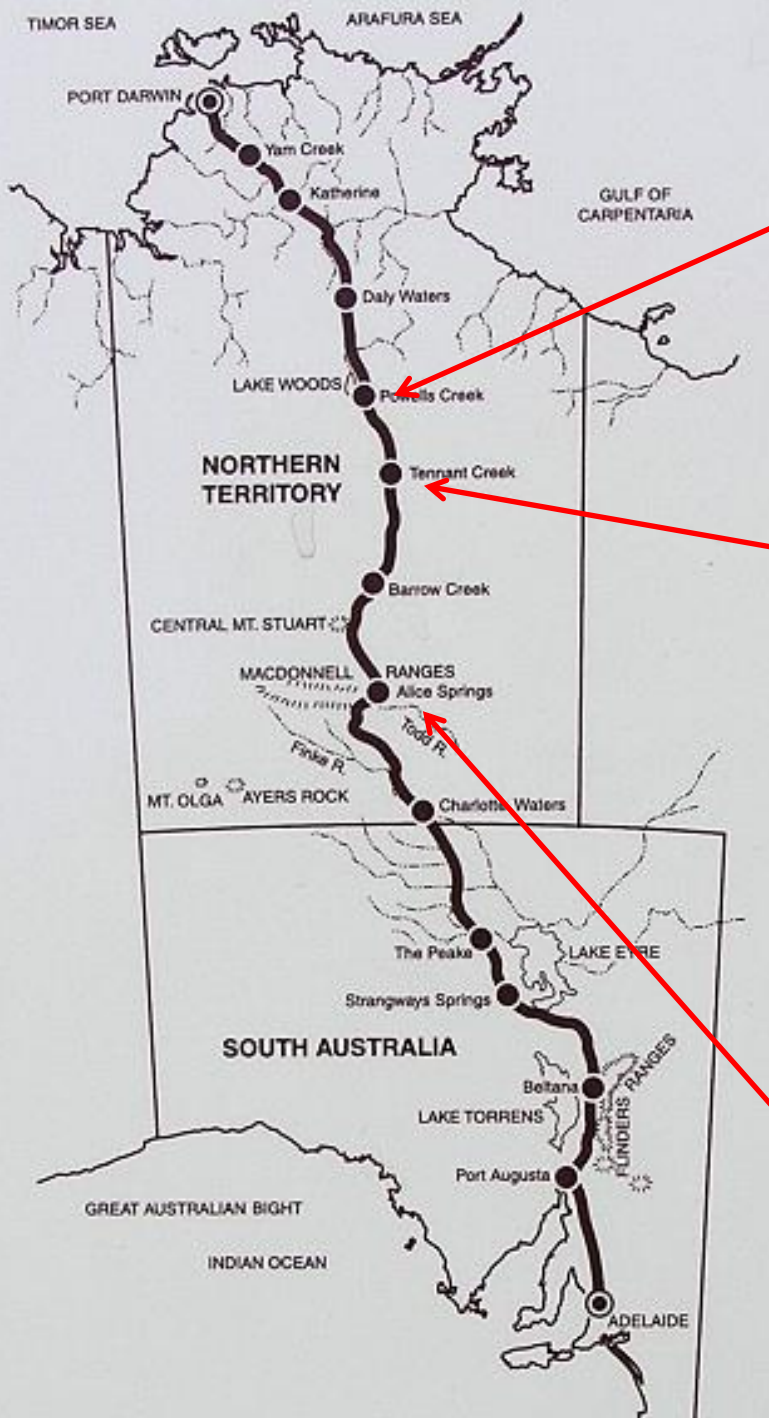
1874 - Barrow Creek Station attacks



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Powells Creek



Tennant Creek



Alice Springs



LAND OFFICE COPY.

Lease #1 - issued to Andrew Tennant and John & Robert Love on 1 April 1872 for a property near Alice Springs

Dated

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No. 1

HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA
AND
SIR WILLIAM FRANCIS DRUMMOND
JERVOIS, G.C.M.G., C.B.

TO

Andrew Tennant
John Love
and
Robert Love

AA 1969/393

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ready issued to W.B. Tennant

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

PLAN

referred to in

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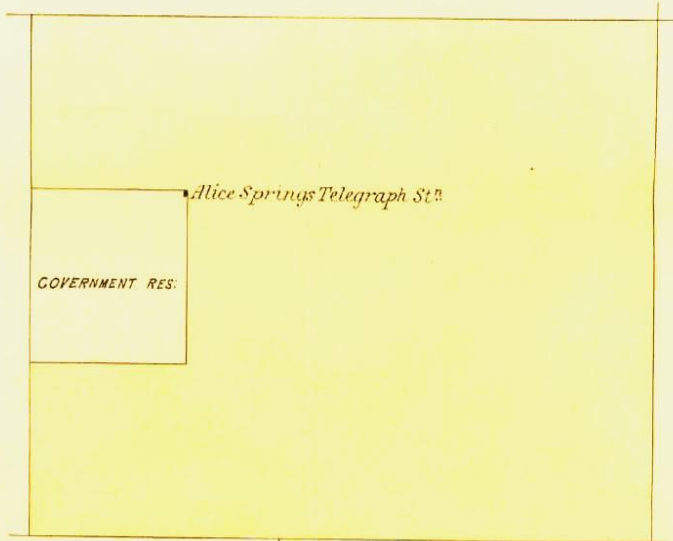
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E.O.H.*

*T.A.
P.A.*



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J. J. Smith

P N.T.

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Pastoral Claim

Application Mt Morris Bay
N^o 41



Geo. G. MacLachlan

Provisionally off to make Regulations
date 20 July 1871
7/11/71

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Registered Right

APPLICATION FOR LEASE OF WASTE LANDS OF THE CROWN, NORTHERN TERRITORY, S.A.
(UNDER ACT 23 OF 1863).

APPLICATION No. 41 of George Galbraith MacLachlan
containing 300 square miles £ application Dated Oct. 3rd 1871.
Term, 25 Years.

I George Galbraith MacLachlan of Port Darwin
do hereby make application for a portion of Waste Lands of the
Crown in the Northern Territory of South Australia, the situation and boundaries
whereof are shown in the Plan annexed hereto, and to which I have affixed
my signature. And I make the above application under the Waste
Lands Regulations now in force.

Witness Robert A. Gardner
Geo. G. MacLachlan

being the applicant for run No. do
solemnly declare that the said run was stocked by on the
day of 18, and continues to be stocked to the extent required
by clause No. 2 of the Regulations under the Northern Territory Act.

Declared before me, at the
day of 18

J.P.

To the Government Resident, Northern Territory.

I know of no objection to granting the above lease. This application is therefore
forwarded for the Treasurer's receipt for the money.

Government Resident.

18

Received the above amount of £ : : this
18 day of

Treasurer.

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APPLICATION FOR LEASE OF WASTE LANDS OF THE CROWN, NORTHERN TERRITORY, S.A.
(UNDER ACT 23 OF 1863).

APPLICATION No. 46 of John Forbes
containing 300 square miles ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~same~~ ^{same} ~~land~~ ^{land} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~run~~ ^{run} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~shown~~ ^{shown} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~plan~~ ^{plan} ~~annexed~~ ^{annexed} ~~hereto~~ ^{hereto} Dated 5 October 1871.
Term, 95 Years.

I John Forbes of Mallala
S.A. do hereby make application for a portion of Waste Lands of the
Crown in the Northern Territory of South Australia, the situation and boundaries
whereof are shown in the Plan annexed hereto, and to which I have affixed
my signature. And I make the above application under the Waste
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Witness Robert G. Ludman J. L. Beeton
per John Forbes

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solemnly declare that the said run was stocked by on the
day of 18, and continues to be stocked to the extent required
by clause No. 2 of the Regulations under the Northern Territory Act.

Provisionally approved under Regulations
dated 24 July 1871

Approved by
John Forbes

17/10/71

Adelaide v Price
Application N^o 46/71

HD OF COLTON

MT DALY

1000 Miles

Adelaide

Claim 46

THE

River

MARGARET

HD OF HOWARD

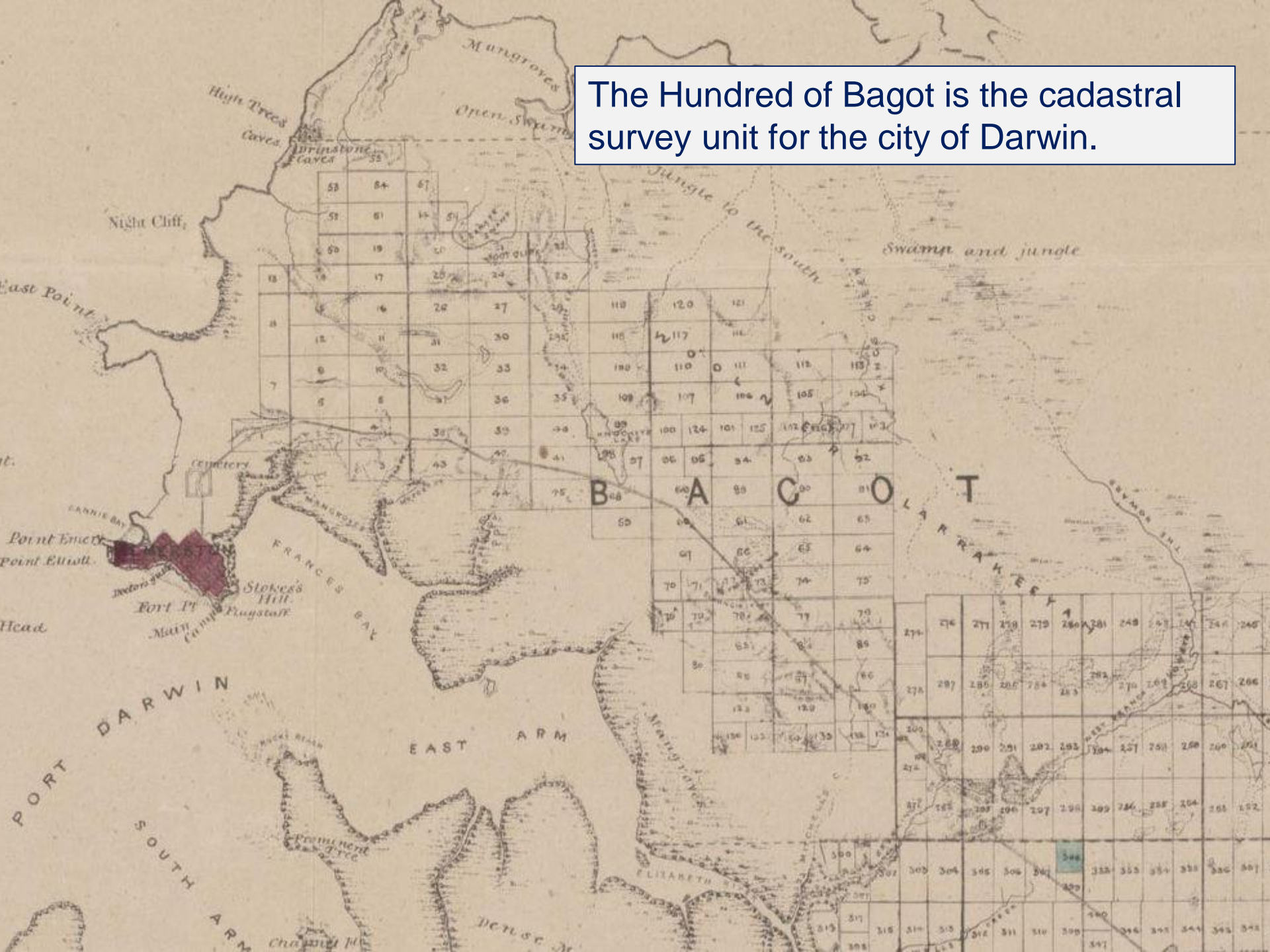
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200 Miles

Scale

Ed. S. L. Portson
per John Forbes

The Hundred of Bagot is the cadastral survey unit for the city of Darwin.



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NORTHERN TERRITORY.

APPLICATION FOR LEASE OF PASTORAL LANDS, UNDER ACT 48, 1876.

N.T. APPLICATION.

No. 1731

NOW LEASE No.

Term, 25 Years from 1st January 1878.
APPLICATION No. ~~1731~~ of
containing 100 square miles £ 2 : 10 : — Dated 22nd October 1877

I Thomas McFlourish of Brisbane do hereby make application for a Lease of a certain portion of the Waste Lands of the Crown in the Northern Territory of South Australia, the situation and boundaries whereof are shown in the plan hereto annexed, to which I have affixed my signature ; and I make the above claim under clause 4 of the Regulations now in force (dated 28th December, 1876).

Witness—
Thomas McFlourish
by his agent
A. Miller

Telegram under clause 5, sent to Northern Territory, dated 22 & 23 Oct 1877
Approved by Government Resident, vide Telegram dated 24 October 1877

Forwarded to Treasury for receipt of first year's Rent, viz.:—£ 2 : 10 : —

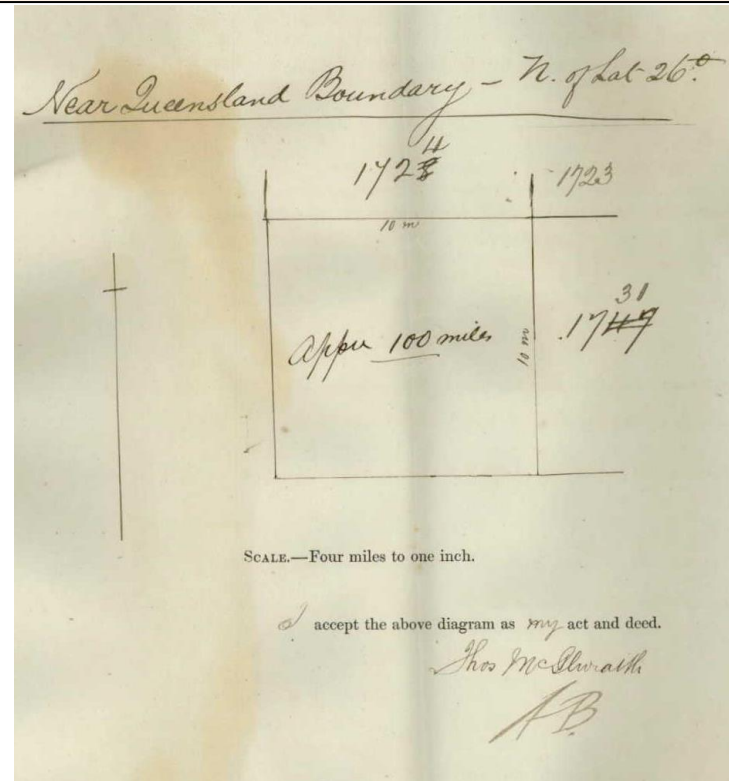
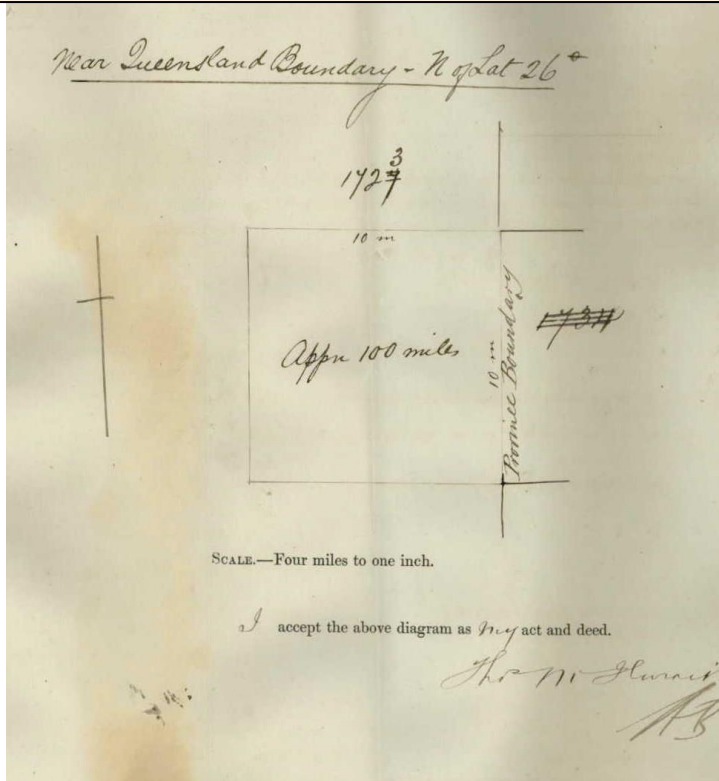
Pro Surveyor-General.
29. 10. 1877.

Received the above amount of £ 2 : 10 : this 29th day of
October 1877.

C. J. Y.
Pro Treasurer.

being the holder of a preferential right to a lease of Run No. , do solemnly declare that the said Run has been stocked, and continues to be stocked to the extent required by clause 2 of the Regulations under "The Northern Territory Land Act, 1876."

Thomas McIlwraith applied for 10 lots of 100 miles along the Queensland Border



Alexandria Station 1894

The port area of Darwin had two hills and the two existing city wharves are named after those hills.



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1889 - The first jetty and railway line



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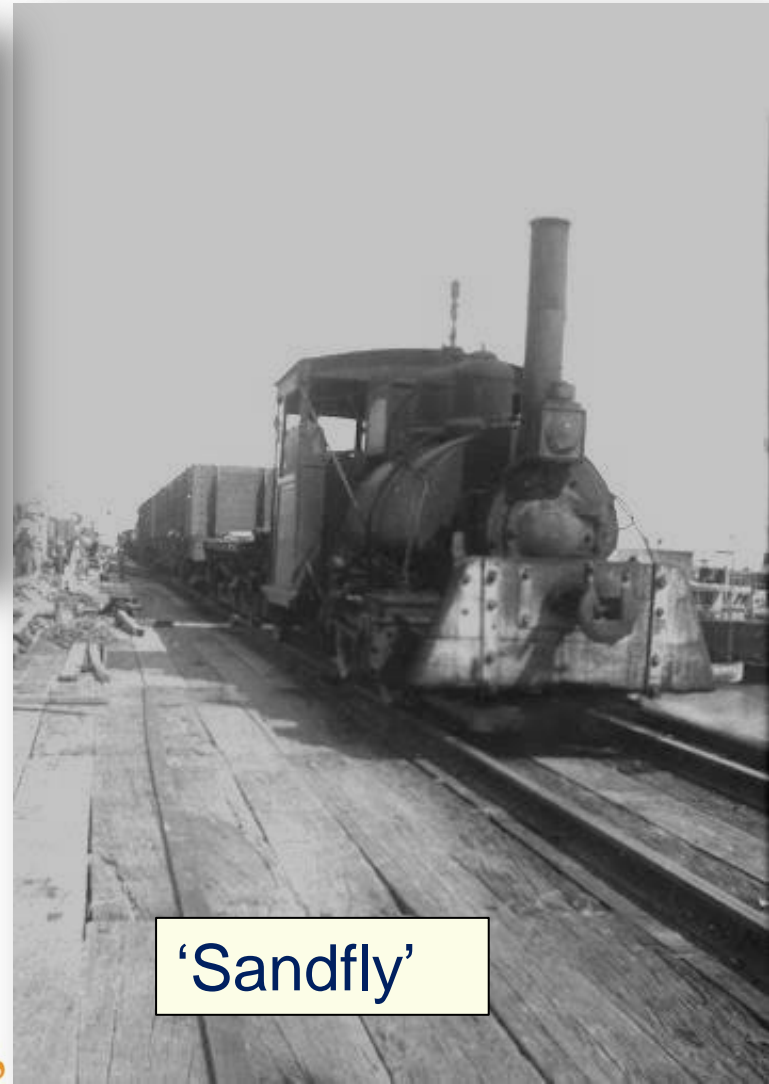


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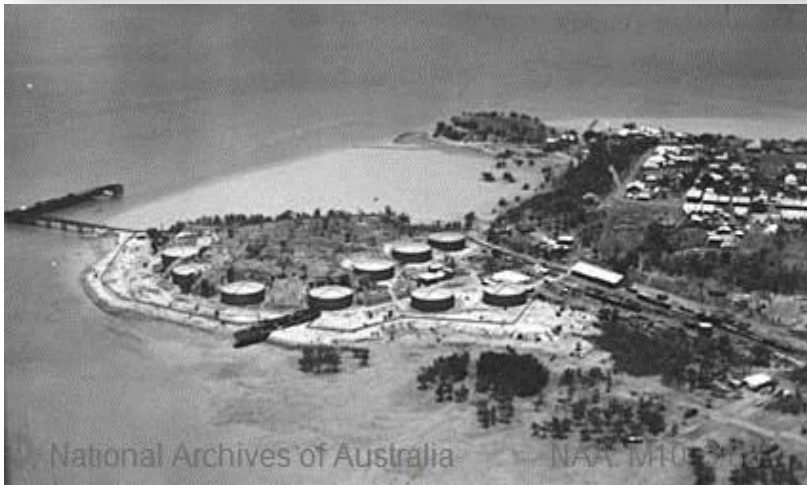
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Stokes Hill Wharf – Darwin harbour



‘Sandfly’



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1904 - The Stokes Hill wharf was timber replaced by metal piers and became known as the Town Wharf

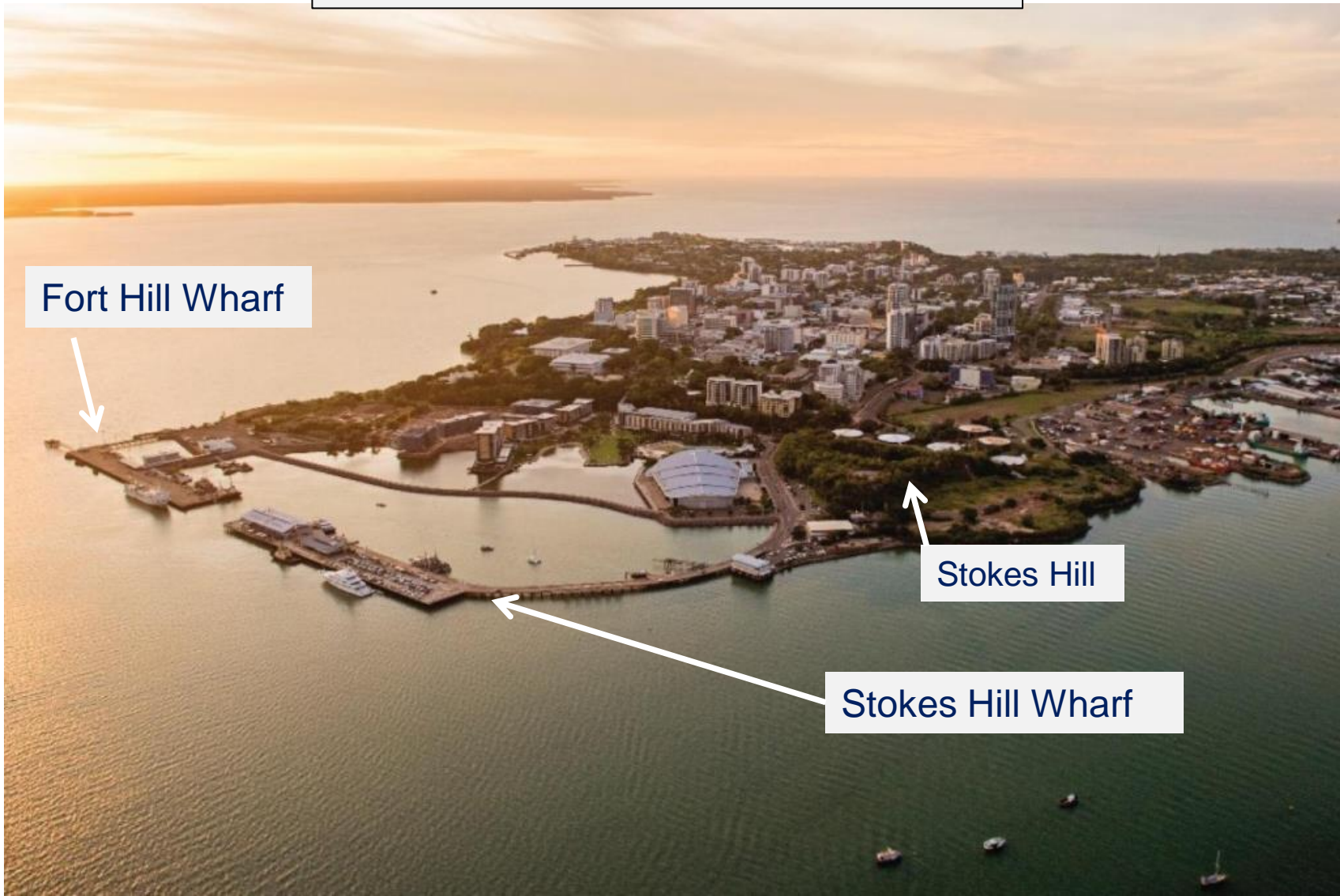


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Darwin City wharves - 2017



Fort Hill Wharf

Stokes Hill

Stokes Hill Wharf

July 1887 - The first engine of the first Northern Territory railway was named Port Darwin



Palmerston and Pine Creek Line opened 30 September 1889

**South Australian
Railways**

**PALMERSTON AND PINE
CREEK LINE.**

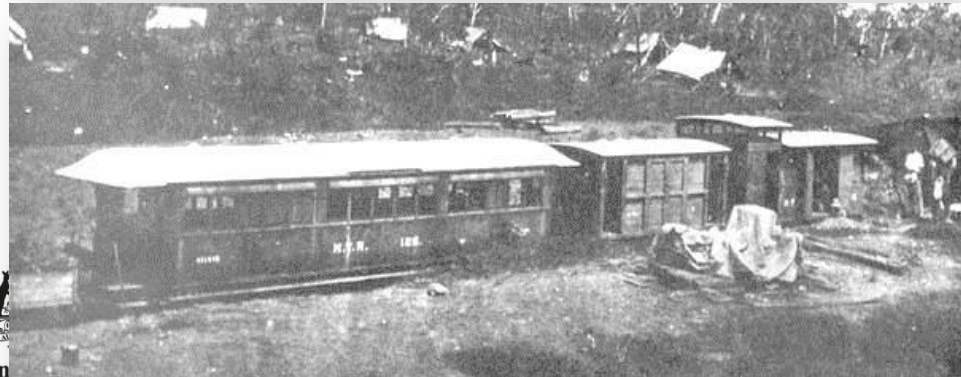
This Line will be opened for passenger and Goods Traffic on and after **MONDAY, September 30.**

Trains will leave Palmerston passenger station at 8 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, for Pine Creek, returning from Pine Creek at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, for Palmerston, calling at all intermediate stations.

Passengers fares and goods rates as per placard for October 1st, 1889.

Goods consigned to stations where there is no resident staff will be carried at owner's risk, and all charges thereon must be prepaid.

ALLAN G. PENDLETON,
17—18) GENERAL TRAFFIC MANAGER.




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Northern Territory Railway – Palmerston Railway Station 1895



Asian Labour was used to build the most northern railway in Australia:

Singhalese & Indian gangs did the grubbing and earthwork then 3,000 Chinese labourers laid over 1 km of track per day. A total of 310 bridges and culverts were built.



1891 – Palmerston view from Fort Hill



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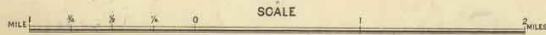
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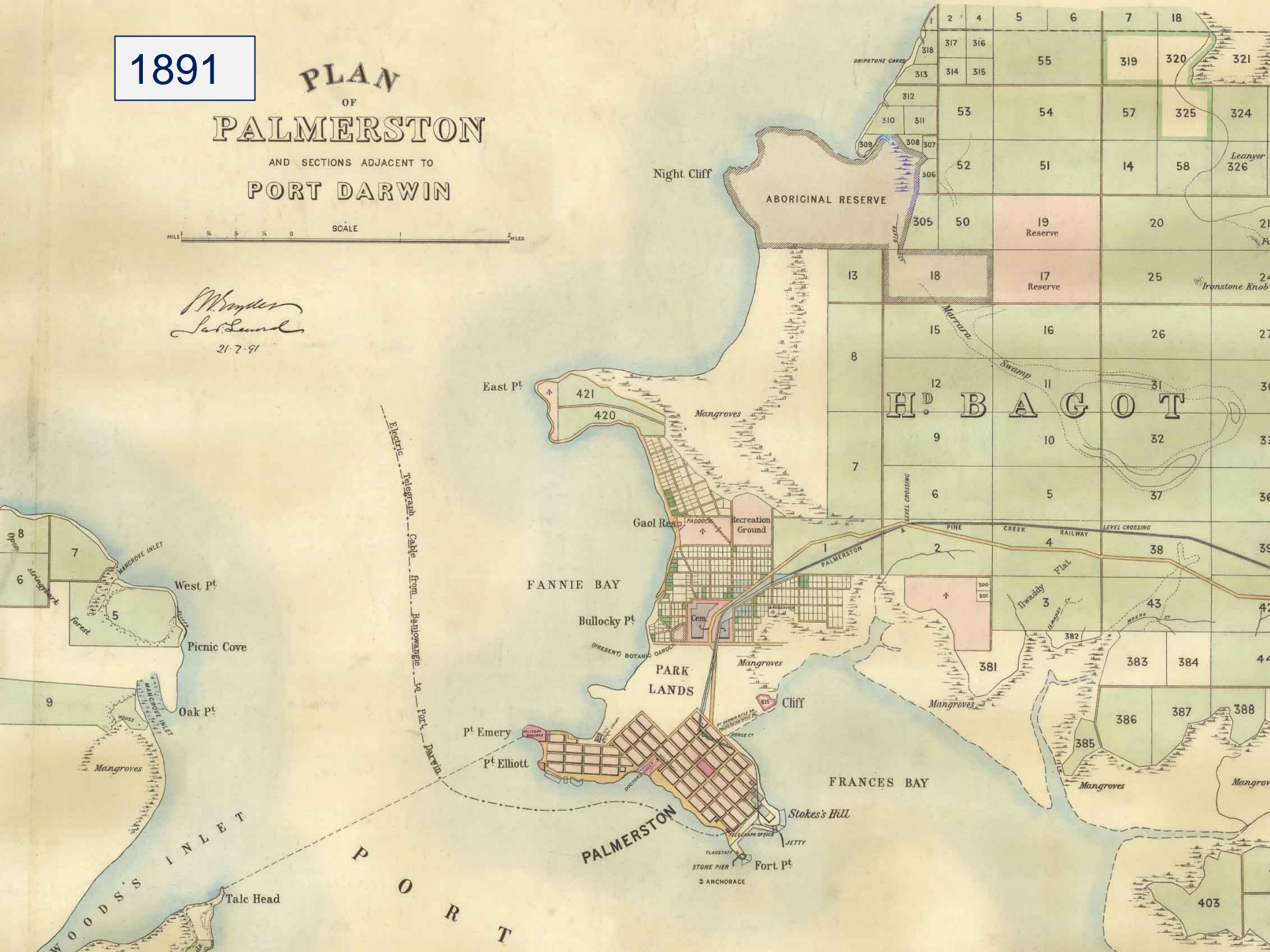
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1891

PLAN OF PALMERSTON AND SECTIONS ADJACENT TO PORT DARWIN



*J. W. Douglas
Supt. General
21-7-91*



H B A G O T

WOODS'S INLET
P O R T D A R W I N

FRANCES BAY

PALMERSTON

ABORIGINAL RESERVE

FANNIE BAY

Gaol Res.

Recreation Ground

Bullocky Pt

PARK LANDS

Chiff

Pt Emery

Pt Elliott

Stokes's Hill

Fort Pt

STONE PIER ANCHORAGE

DRIPSTONE CAVES

Night Cliff

Leaner

Ironstone Knob

Mangrove Swamp

PINE CREEK RAILWAY

LEVEL CROSSING

LEVEL CROSSING

Flats

Theraby

MOORE CR.

Mangroves

Mangroves

(PRESENT) BOTANIC GARDENS

WATER RACE

BRIDGE ST.

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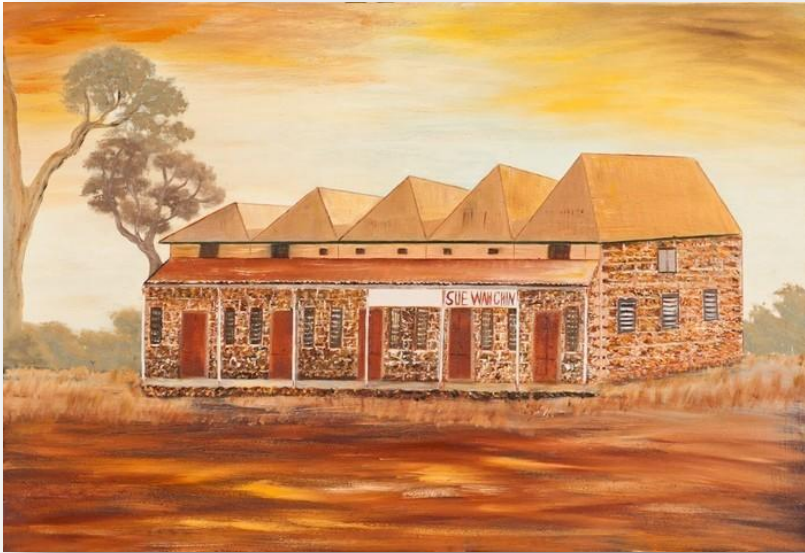
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Cavenagh Street in Port Darwin's Chinatown



Sue Wah Chin building – the only 19th Century Chinese heritage building in Darwin.



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1890 Leper Station on Mud Island



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Quarantine & Leprosariums (Lazarettes)

Mud Island Leper Station	1889 - 1931
Goat Island Leper Station	1884 - 1889
Channel Island Quarantine Station	1914 - 1931
Channel Island Leprosarium	1931 - 1955
East Arm Quarantine Station	1931 - 1951
East Arm Leprosarium	1955 - 1982



Site of the Quarantine & Leprosariums (Lazarettes) in the Darwin area.



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1891 Census:

THE following returns, showing the population of the Northern Territory, are taken from official documents, and are true according to the last census, taken in 1891 :—

District Council of Palmerston—Bagot (portion of	1176
Counties Disraeli, Malmesbury, Palmerston (portion of) and Rosebery, including Bathurst and Melville Islands	2893
Country east of Counties Disraeli and Rosebery	6
Country east of 134° east long. to the Gulf of Carpentaria and between 13° 58' and 15° 30' south latitude	21
Country east of 134° east long. to the Gulf of Carpentaria and between 15 deg. 30' and 17 deg. south lat., being portion of Daly Waters subdivision of Electoral District	126
Country west of 134 deg. east long. to the western boundary of the colony, and between 13 deg. 58' and 15 deg. 30' south lat	117
Country west of 134 deg. east long. to the western boundary of the colony, and between 15 deg. 30' and 17 deg. south latitude, being portion of Daly Waters subdivision of Electoral District	62
Powell's Creek subdivision of Electoral District	60
Tennant's Creek subdivision of Electoral District	87
Barrow's Creek subdivision of Electoral District	67
Alice Springs subdivision of Electoral District	230
Charlotte Waters subdivision of Electoral District	53
Total of Northern Territory	4898

NOTE—Of this population 3,392 are Chinese male adults.

Aborigines in Northern Territory—

Males, 12,819. Females, 7,806. Grand total, 20,655.



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1891.

Place.	adults		Children		Total	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Palmerston O.L. - Europeans	172	64	30	25	202	89
Do. - Chinese	766	46	24	16	790 ⁸²⁸	62
Do. - omissions do.	20				50	
Do. Japanese	8	19		2	8	21
Do. Malays	3				3	
Do. Singalese	15				15	
Do. Mānāla	3				3	
Do. Saranese	7				7	
Do. Timor	1				1	
Do. Grand Total	1015	129	54	43	1069 ¹¹¹⁷	172

District No 55-9
 1289
 1274
 aggregated total

50
 890 Chinese 291 Europeans
 940

Do. 1-10-1891

1897 – Palmerston destroyed by a cyclone called 'The Great Hurricane'



1 January 1911 – Transfer of the Northern Territory of South Australia to the Commonwealth Government of Australia –
Palmerston was officially renamed Darwin.



1911 Aboriginals Ordinance (Commonwealth)

The Chief Protector could take any Aboriginal person into custody.



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1911 – Aboriginal people lived in camps on the fringes of towns, or outside of properties or in remote parts of the territory including the desert.



The Residency to Government House.



1910 – 1912 Samuel James Mitchell - Government
Resident of the Northern Territory



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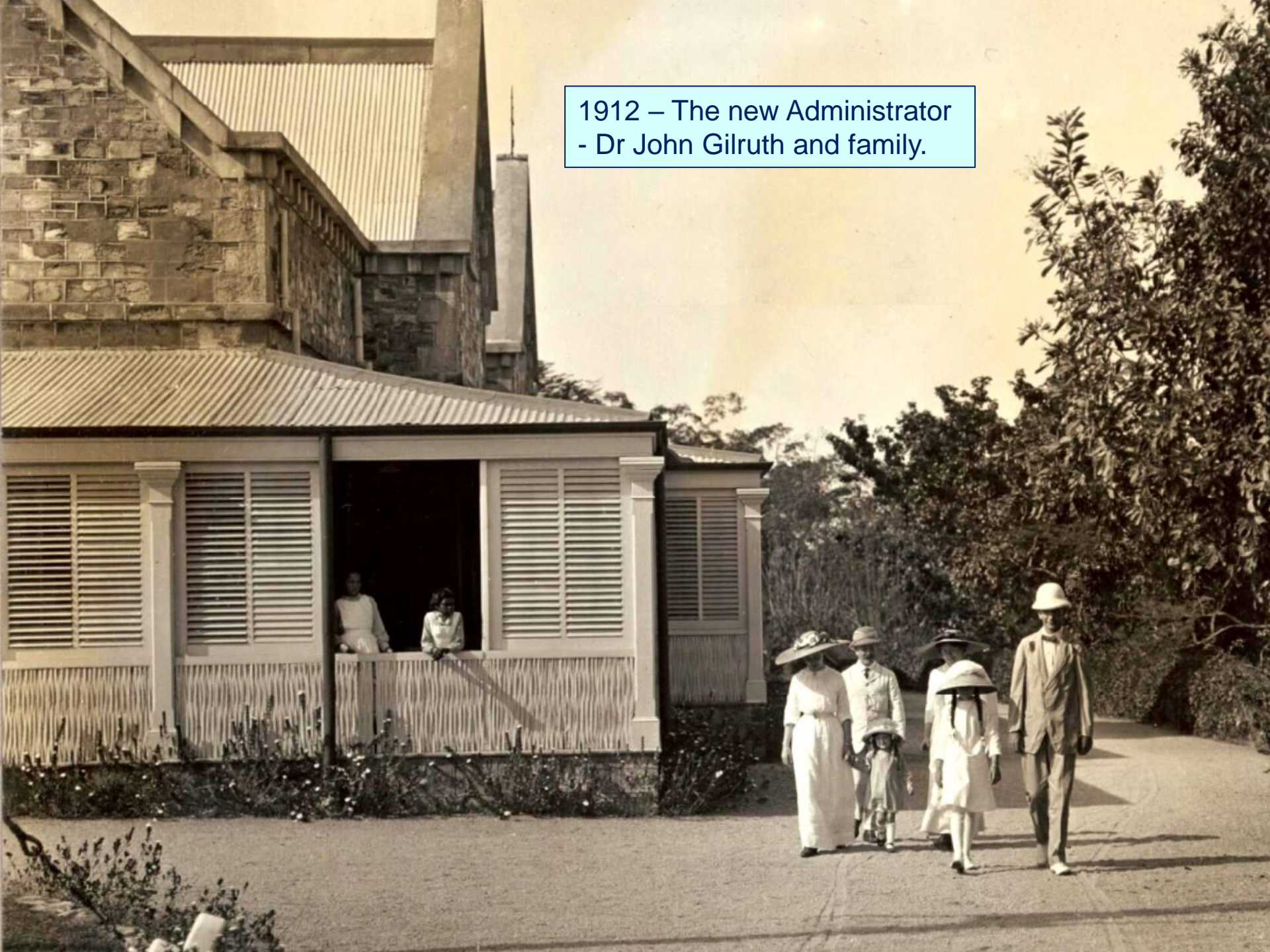
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1912 – Commonwealth Government sends a Parliamentary Party to report on the Northern Territory.



1912 – The new Administrator
- Dr John Gilruth and family.



1912 - The Minister for External Affairs Josiah Thomas, Sir Walter Barttlot, and Dr. Gilruth [left to right]



1912 – Commonwealth Parliamentary Party on the 'road' to Katherine.



1914 - Premises in Darwin condemned by the Public Health Board. Chinese hovels.



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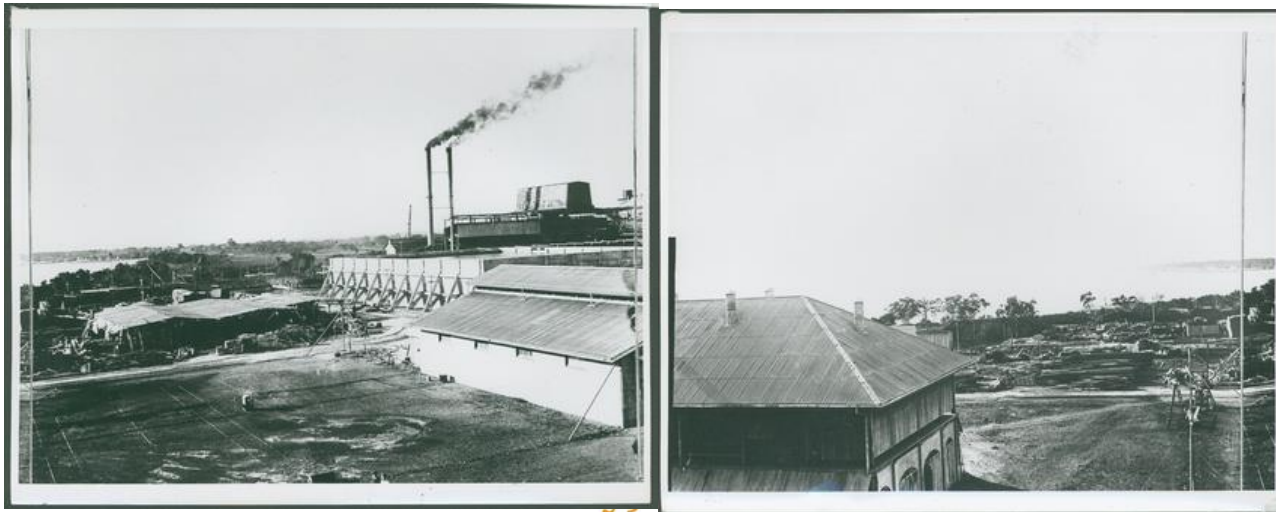
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1914 - Vestey Brothers built a meat processing works at Bullocky Point, Darwin.



PANORAMIC VIEW OF FREEZING WORKS AT PARAPINAK, WITH RETAIL GROCERY STORE IN FOREGROUND.



1915 – Northern Territory hotels were nationalised by the Federal Government.



1917 – The Northern Territory Railway reached Katherine re route to Alice Springs and Adelaide..



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17 Dec 1918 - The Darwin Rebellion

Political unrest run by the Australian Workers' Union seeking:

1. Removal of the Administrator Gilruth
2. Political representation.



17 Dec 1918 - Front of the protest march was a car, with an effigy of Gilruth





DARWIN -- Liberty Square commemorates:

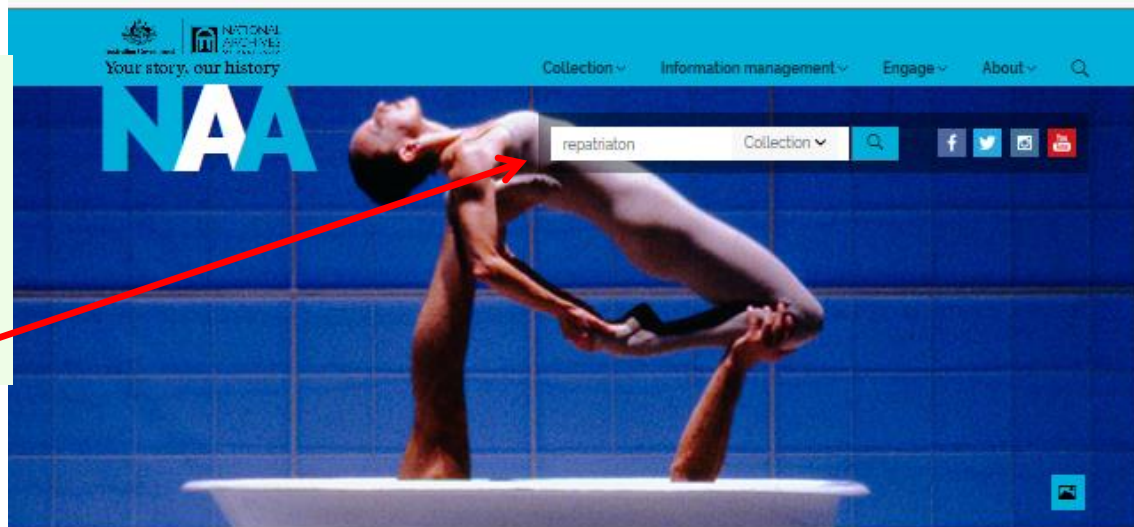
- The site of the civil unrest demonstration of 1918.
- Commemorates the Territory's battle for self rule and full admission to the federation of Australia



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