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**Editor's Notes:** It is a truism that talent often runs in families. This has certainly been the case regarding the two families on which we focus in this edition. Janece McDonald's article on the Hinder family had previously appeared in the *Maitland Mercury* on 29 January 2021. Val Rudkin's article on the Simpson family has been written as a special contribution for this Bulletin.

And speaking of family members...

At the May meeting Vice-President Allan Thomas spoke to the Society on working from home for forty years, with a special emphasis on technological advances during that period. He was subsequently celebrated with a birthday cake and presented with a certificate of appreciation.



## The contributions of the Hinder family on the global and local stage

Janece  
McDonald



ACHIEVEMENT: Eleanor Hinder was invested into the Maitland Hall of Fame in 2016.

Students of Maitland High School and residents of East Maitland are familiar with the name Hinder.

Hinder House, Hinder Library and Hinder Street are named after Robert John Hinder.

Australian born Hinder (1856-1918), educated at Sydney Grammar School and Sydney University, was principal of Maitland Boys' High from 1889 to 1914.

Known as 'the Boss', he guided the fledgling school (established in 1884) to success and respectability.

Hinder oversaw the move from Church St to 'the school on the hill' at East Maitland.

He allowed the boys to vote to change the school colours from blue and gold to black and white and thus to become known as 'the magpies'.

These colours were adopted by the majority of Maitland's sporting teams. Hinder's punishments were tailored to the incident.

A boy who put a pin on another boy's seat had to sit on the pin, and boys who threw water out of a window onto junior boys were made to stand against a wall, endure a lecture and have a basin of water thrown over them!

Despite these unconventional punishment styles, Hinder was loved and respected. Hinder and his wife, Sarah Mills, valued education.

Unsurprisingly their daughter, Eleanor Mary (1893 - 1963) excelled at Maitland West Girls' High, Teachers College and the University of Sydney (BSc, 1914).

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Eleanor was a strong supporter of women's issues, being Secretary of the Sydney University Women Graduates' Association, instrumental in organising the Australian Federation of University Women and a co-founder of the Sydney City Girls' Amateur Sports Association.

Eleanor taught biology at North Sydney Girls' High. However, her interests lay elsewhere.

She pioneered Australian industrial welfare after appointment as Superintendent of Staff Welfare at Farmer Co Ltd in Sydney during WWI.

In 1926 she commenced her career in international labour welfare and reform in the industrial department of the National Committee of the Young Women's Christian Association of China.

Here she worked towards the improvement of industrial conditions, particularly for women and child factory workers, becoming Chief of the Industrial and Social Division of Shanghai Municipal Council from 1933 to 1942.

She was appointed to the International Labour Organisation in Montreal, serving as Special Consultant on Asian Questions in 1942.

In 1944 Eleanor was appointed the British representative on the Far Eastern Sub-Committee of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Association's technical committee.

At this time, Australians were classed as British citizens. Later, she joined the Foreign Office as British Liaison Officer for UN activities in the Far East. Eleanor was appointed to the Order of the British Empire in 1950.

In August 1951 she became Chief of the Project Planning Division, Technical Assistance Administration of the United Nations, and she was appointed Chief of the Office for Asia and the Far East from 1953 to 1955.

In 1956 she administered the UN programme of technical assistance for Latin America, joining the UN Statistical Office.

She organised and administered a special programme of assistance to Asian governments in 1957.

Eleanor Hinder died on 10 April 1963 in San Francisco, en route to the UN to take up another short-term appointment.

Robert and Eleanor were invested into the Maitland Hall of Fame in 2017 and 2016 respectively.

One made a major contribution to Maitland, the other on the international stage.

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The image above is not of the Simpson house on Presqueville .  
It depicts an early Australian brick house that represents the style of the period.  
The photo from Pinterest.

## **WAKEFIELD SIMPSON of WHITBY, YORKSHIRE**

**By Valerie Rudkin (2021)**

An interest in establishing who was who and where they fitted into the pattern formed by the small land grants that surrounded the budding township of West Maitland in the 1830s, led me to a property named *Presqueville* and the resident, Wakefield Simpson.

Wakefield Simpson was one of the early free settlers of Wallis Plains, his name emerged during the 1820s. His date of arrival to Australia has not been established but it is considered that he came around the same time as John Ewbank Simpson who arrived on the *William Shand* in 1825 and was listed as a labourer from London. John Ewbank Simpson was granted 50 acres near Maitland on 23 December 1830. Then on 6 May 1842 he was named in the Government Gazette as having been the recipient of 50 acres near Maitland on 23 Dec 1830 which he later sold the 50 acres to Wakefield Simpson. There does not appear to be a close connection between the two men, who were both educated and chose to live in the Maitland area.

Wakefield Simpson was born at Whitby, North Yorkshire on 14 October 1799. To begin the journey of discovery it is best to go back to the grandfather of Wakefield Simpson. He was also named Wakefield Simpson and was born c. 1736 at Whitby, North Yorkshire. Whitby today is a thriving city with a history of seafaring and shipbuilding. It is famous as being the one time home of Captain James Cook who learned his seamanship in the port and made his famous voyages to Australia and the South Seas in the H.M.S. *Endeavour* which was built in Whitby. His later voyage in the *Resolution* also set sail from Whitby. The Walker house where he lived during his apprenticeship is now the Captain Cook Memorial Museum and a statue of Cook on a high pedestal overlooking the harbour also honours his success.

Although details found on family trees online using the websites of Ancestry and Geni always remain in question as to authenticity, the details found for Wakefield Simpson appear to be fairly accurate. The tree of Lorraine Shirley Banks on Geni provides details of a Wakefield Simpson

(b.1736 at Whitby, North Yorkshire, England and d. 1806 at Whitby) married to Dorothy they had a son named Henry. The subject of this story was the son of Henry Simpson as shown on his death record. Wakefield, the senior's occupation was Draper and Grocer, but later, in partnership with his son Henry and a man named Chapman, he was instrumental in the formation of the first bank in Whitby which they opened in a small counting house within the Simpson's grocery store in 1785. The record states: *This bank was one of the pioneers of banking in Whitby. It successfully weathered the storms and panics of over a century, and when these pages were commenced was still a flourishing private bank using its own notes, though it has now passed over to join the ranks of "Joint Stocks"*. [Ref: From Maberley Philips, *A History of Banks, Bankers & Banking in Northumberland, Durham and North Yorkshire*. Full article EBooks). Wakefield lived in Bagdale Hall until 1826. Henry Simpson, also a banker was born 19 April 1767 and died 21 February 1826.

[As Wakefield Simpson (banker) had died in 1806, it is possible that Henry Simpson and family resided at Bagdale Hall until 1826. Another point of interest is the man Chapman. He is Abel Chapman, III who was married to Elizabeth Simpson, Henry's sister which made the introduction of banking to Wakefield Simpson's Drapery and Grocery business a very family affair.]

Henry Simpson made his Last Will and Testament recorded at the Township of Ruswarp, in the Parish of Whitby, in the County of York which bears his signature and the date this twenty seventh day of January in the day of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six. An image copy of the Will was obtained from the National Archives' reference PROB 11/1717/59 stamped Crown Copyright.

This image is of a handwritten document and difficult to transcribe. It was possible to establish that Henry bequeathed his wife Susannah, the use of his household furniture and plate etc., and instructed that his four sons would protect their mother should she remain his widow. Henry also left wife Susannah his complete stock of liquor including all empty containers. This was obviously of high value. His four daughters, Dorothy, Mary, Susannah, Isabella and his four sons, Thomas, Henry, Wakefield and George were all beneficiaries of his will.

Further deciphering of this document shows that son Wakefield was left an annuity or yearly sum of £50. Henry's estate included "pasture lately part of the Bagdale Estate and a parcel of ground therefore also adjoining and my road or way leading to Whitby across Bagdale Bridge." Henry stated that *this property has been purchased by him*. A search online revealed that Bagdale Hall which dates from the 16<sup>th</sup> century now operates as a hotel. The photos of Bagdale Hotel revealed a fine old building with lovely exterior stonework and stunning interiors. It is a very large building with the capacity to house a number of family groups in comfort at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Another online search led to the following: *Professions and Trades for Whitby – White's Directory of 1840*. Listed under *Brewers and Malsters*: Thomas Simpson, Bagdale. Thomas Simpson being Wakefield's older brother. White's Directory included many Simpson names under varying occupations. Thomas Simpson (1792-1843) resided at Meadowfield House, Whitby. The record also lists a Henry Simpson and a Thomas Simpson under *Ship Chandlers/Ship owners*.

This piece of history leads to ask the question, why did Wakefield leave England and settle in Australia c. 1825? His father and grandfather had a high standing in Whitby as successful businessmen and possibly both had lived at Bagdale Hall, this information points to a somewhat privileged life and a good education for the young Wakefield. Wakefield Simpson was born 14 October 1799, he was the third son, and the details shown in *White's Directory of 1840* reveals

brothers Thomas and Henry were involved in the family business. Wakefield may have left the family circle to travel abroad before 1826. Plenty of assumptions but hard facts are needed.

One fact that may have had an influence on Wakefield's decision were the stories of the voyages and discoveries made by his townsman and noted seaman Captain James Cook. Two very important details about Wakesfield Simpson are found in the following reference:

In her book *Hunter's River*, Cecily Joan Mitchell, in the chapter "*Windermere*" on page 124/5 states: *Jessie Winder, the daughter of Thomas White Melville Winder and Ellen, nee Johnson was born in 1819, married Wakefield Simpson in 1836. Simpson was a talented violinist who owned a Stradivarius, also racehorses. He was one of the first hotel keepers in Maitland, opening the White Swan on Campbell's Hill in 1827.*

[No source for the details regarding the violin or the White Swan were found in the book for this insight into Wakefield Simpson Esq.]

The marriage of Wakefield Simpson to 17 year old Jessie Winder was beneficial to both parties. Her father, Thomas White Melville Winder of Windermere, Lochinvar was a captain in the Merchant Navy and came to Australia in 1817. He was a personal friend of Governor Lachlan Macquarie. Winder received a number of land grants securing his position in the new colony. Although remembered as the owner of *Windermere* at Lochinvar, he preferred life in Sydney. Wakefield Simpson presented as a gentleman, his family connections in England made him a suitable husband for the young Jessie Winder.

Wallis Plains was quickly established as the gateway to the Hunter Valley and from the initial settlement of good conduct convicts who struggled to make ends meet, the area began to swell with young men seeking to make their fortunes. Many of these had served in the regiments and were rewarded with small land grants. They, with the free settlers who applied for and received small grants became part of the landed gentry.

Wakefield Simpson opened a store on the High Street and played an active role in the development of the township. He also became the Maitland agent for the Australian Fire and Life Assurance Company and assisted with the establishment of horse racing at Hunter's River. He owned the racehorse *Pitch* at this time. (The premises, a two story building was situated on High Street in the vicinity of the Lipscomb pharmacy and the Cohen buildings.)

He received a 5 acre grant which Geoff Cannon identified in his book *First Title Holders of Land in the County of Northumberland* as Portion 150 in the Parish of Maitland on 20 December 1835. Portion 150 is at Campbell's Hill and borders onto Telarah Lagoon.

Wakefield settled on the 50 acres he had purchased, with the erection of a brick home for his family, and named his property *Presqueville*. This 50 acres would appear to be the same 50 acres granted to John Ewbank Simpson in 1830 which he sold to Wakefield Simpson. The Sheriff sold this 50 acres to Thomas White Melville Winder in 1842. The transfer of title was perhaps due to Wakefield facing Insolvency Proceedings that year. His father-in-law became the title holder of the 50 acres which contained Simpson's home.

Wakefield and Jessie's first child, Emily Willis born 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 1836 died 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 1837. Ann Willis born 5<sup>th</sup> Mar 1838, died on 30<sup>th</sup> March 1858 aged 20 years just months after her marriage to William Kellermann. Edmund born 1843 died as a result of a fatal gun accident in 1858. Wife and mother, Jessie Simpson, nee Winder was 28 years of age when she died on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1848. Wakefield did not marry again.

Burial records for Campbell's Hill Anglican cemetery record the death of Tom White Melville Winder on 30 Sep 1853 aged 65. In 1856 Dodds & Co., advertised that under instruction from



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the Trustees of Mrs. Ellen Johnson Winder they would let by auction Allotment No. 12 at Wallis Plains adjoining the town of West Maitland containing 50 acres. The brick house occupied by Mr. Wakefield Simpson in this allotment is not to be let with the land but all buildings are included.

This notice was followed one week later by a Public Notice signed by Wakefield Simpson, *Presqueville*, near Maitland. *I now notify to the public that I have Mrs. E. J. Winder's written engagement that I shall hold during her lifetime possession of the land now advertised for rental. Owing to circumstances which I attribute to undue and improper representations to her, I believe that Mrs. Winder has been influenced to authorise this advertisement; but I have to make public that I have acted upon Mrs. Winder's engagement to me of the 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 1855, and have given a lease to one James Cameron for a period which has yet considerable time to run; and that I shall take such steps as I may be advised to adopt to render this attempted letting the farm altogether of no effect.*

Wakefield Simpson was in a peculiar situation. He owned *Presqueville* house but not the land. His circumstances could not have improved in the 14 years since Winder purchased the 50 acres or he would have bought it back. In July 1853, *The Maitland Mercury* reported the death of Archibald Cameron aged 60 yrs at his residence, *Presqueville Farm* regretted by his widow and sons, James, Hugh and Ewen. What can be gleaned from this notice is the likelihood that the farm had been let to Archibald Cameron prior to 1853 and after his death the lease transferred to his family. Wakefield on behalf of Ellen Winder renewed lease of the farm to James Cameron in 1855.

Whilst Ellen Winder had given Wakefield Simpson possession of the land during her lifetime, her demise did not come until 1887 and the recipient of the 50 acres remains unanswered.

A little bit of sunshine came into the Simpson Family circle on 21 July 1857 when William Kellermann, Esq., and Ann Willis Simpson, only daughter of Wakefield Simpson were married at St. Mary's Church, West Maitland by the Rev. Robert Chapman. Any joy felt by the family was lost when Ann died the following year. The Kellermann connection is another interesting facet of this family. William Kellermann was the uncle of violinist, Frederick Kellermann, the father of Annette Kellermann (1887-1975), professional swimmer, vaudeville star, film actress and writer. Her mother was noted pianist Alice Charbonnet-Kellermann. Annette Kellermann wore a fitted one piece swimsuit which raised many eyebrows at the time.

The life of Wakefield Simpson came to an end on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 1865 at the age of 66 years. His funeral took place on Sunday, 16 April, 1865 departing from his residence, *Presqueville*, for the Church of England Cemetery, Campbell's Hill. He was survived by his sons, Albert, Henry, Charles and Francis.

The story of Wakefield Simpson is sketchy as mentions of this man in the newspapers were few. A quiet man perhaps, acknowledged as a talented violinist by author Cecily Mitchell. The only connection to music found was through his daughter Ann's marriage to William Kellermann, a Professor of Music, Instructor in vocal and instrumental music.

Newspaper reports have revealed his active interest in horse racing, serving as Honorary Treasurer and Secretary of Maitland Races (1835-1838). He does not appear to have been a farmer, rather living the life of a gentleman in his house at *Presqueville* on land owned by his inlaws. He may have tried his hand as an innkeeper when he established *The White Swan* which was licensed to Henry Early (1848) and Joseph Eckford (1852) who changed the name to Eckford's Family Hotel, considered to be most likely the oldest licensed hotel in Maitland. He was a storekeeper for a short time and may have found his niche as an insurance agent. Apart

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from this lack of detail on his life in Maitland he did succeed in making it into the history books of Maitland, even if only in name and the unusual name of *Presqueville* he gave his home. He received more than his share of grief, losing his wife and three children. Wakefield's main contribution to the new colony were his four surviving sons, who were educated and married well, and their numerous descendants.

The sons:

Albert Whitby Simpson                      b. 27 Dec 1839                      d. 14 Jul 1910 Manly aged 69  
Married Emily Susannah Bedwell at Paterson on 11 June 1872  
Emily was the daughter of Lt. Frederick Bedwell R.N. and Susannah M. Ward

Henry Thomas George Simpson    b. 14 Apr 1841                      d. 7 Dec 1929 Greta aged 88  
*Burial 9 December 1929 (B3/25) Campbell's Hill Cemetery, Maitland NSW (age recorded 89)*  
Married Phoebe Ford at Maitland in 1866 (Died 1882) *Death: 9572/1882 father. John, mother Mary)*  
Phoebe was the daughter of John and Mary A. Ford.

Charles Simpson                      b. 11 Jul 1845                      d. 11 Aug 1934 N. Sydney aged 89  
Married Amelia Ellen Hungerford at Maitland on 22 December 1875  
Amelia was the daughter of Robert Richard Hungerford and Ellen nee Winder of "Owlpen".  
Charles and Amelia were first cousins, their mothers being sisters.

Francis Simpson                      b. 22 Oct 1847                      d. 19 Sept 1921 Qld aged 73 11m.  
*Frank Simpson, a very old Gulf identity – he had been connected with the pastoral industry for many years, died last evening in Normanton at the residence of his son, Mr Duke Simpson, after a long illness.*  
(Gulf Notes. Croydon, September 20 1921)  
Married Ada Charlotte Merrick at Sydney on 7 October 1884  
Ada was the daughter of Edward Merrick and Elizabeth nee MacKenzie of Normanton, Qld.

The grandchildren:

Births to Albert and Emily-

Arthur Wakefield Simpson 1873–1952; Lilian Gertrude Simpson 1874–1875; Emmeline Simpson 1878-1953; Ida Simpson 1879; Whitby Simpson 1881-1953; Ruby Lilian Simpson 1883; Eustace Simpson 1884-1952; Anne Simpson 1887; Frank Lotherington Simpson 1890-1963; Dorothy C. Simpson 1894; Tom Garvin Simpson 1897-1963; Edward Leonard -19

Births to Henry and Phoebe-

Henry W. Simpson 1866; Charles Hubert W. Simpson 1872-1872; George T. Simpson 1873-1877; Frances Elizabeth Simpson 1875-1875; Emily Simpson 1876; Francis Herbert 1879; Phoebe May 1882-1882 (*Birth Reg. 2537/1882 – Death: no record found*)

Births to Charles and Amelia-

Charles Herbert Simpson 1881-1903; Amy M. Simpson 1884 Denman; Muriel A. Simpson 1888 Muswellbrook.

Births to Francis and Ada-

Francis Edward Simpson b. 13/2/1886 d. 4/10/1948 Qld

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John Duke Simpson b. 6/1/1888 d. 18/6/1978 Queensland (Known as Duke)

Ernest Charles Simpson b. 6/4/1890 d. 11/4/1891 Qld

Edith Zara Simpson b. 8/9/1892 Qld

Clarence Whitby Simpson b. 23/1/1895 d. 4/6/1942 Qld

Wakefield Simpson's parents are named as Henry and Hannah. Details on Ancestry.com:

Father: Henry Simpson 1767-1826

Mother: Susannah (Hannah) Willis 1769-1830

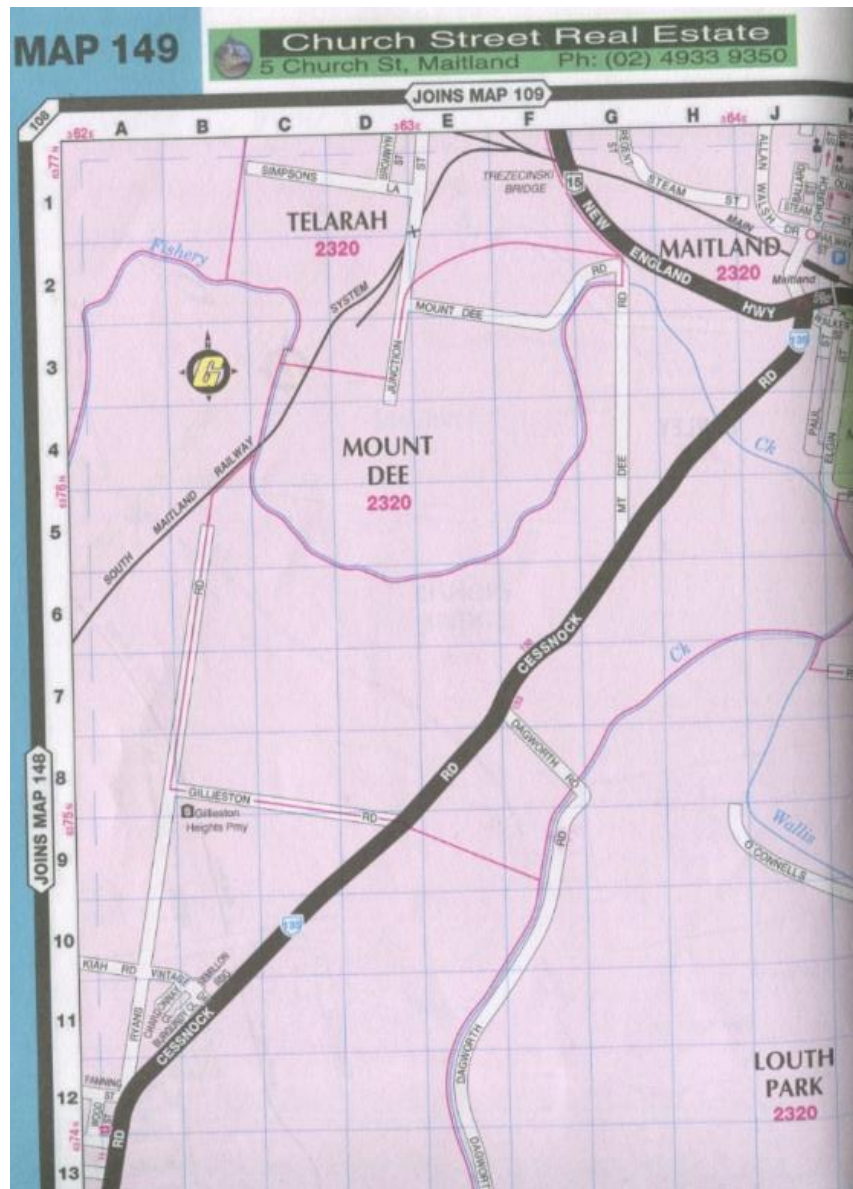
Children: Dorothy 1791, Thomas 1792, Mary 1793, Susannah 1795, Henry 1796,

Isabella 1797, Wakefield 1799, George 1800

Where was *Presqueville*?

An old map of West Maitland held by Maitland City Library shows the names of persons attributed with being the initial grantees of the township. Henry I. Pilcher appears as No. 90 *Telarah Estate* and below him is James Norton No. 65 which holds the residential area of Bowen Street and Junction Street which continues along the boundary of No. 64 named as T.W.M. Winder's 50 acres. The road dividing No. 64 and 65 is Simpson's Lane. Fishery Creek borders part of the south side of No. 64. In 1893 the South Maitland Railway line was built, a private line which connected with the existing line to Maitland. This line served the East Greta Colliery and extended in 1896 it cut through the Simpson property. There is no visible evidence of the building today, the *Presqueville* homestead on allotment 64 only exists in my imagination. It would appear that the sons continued to make *Presqueville* their home, both Henry and Charles being named in connection with advertisements. Albert had moved to Armidale in 1863. Francis (Frank) settled at Normanton on the Gulf of Carpentaria, Queensland.

Gregory's 23<sup>rd</sup> Edition of Newcastle Street Directory 2001, Map 149 featured page 6, shows the location of *Presqueville* bordered by Junction Street, Simpson's Lane and Fishery Creek and the South Maitland Railway line running through.



References in chronological order:

*The Australian*, Fri 1/8/1834 p4 Wakefield Simpson advertised his 4 yo horse *Pitch* For Sale

*The Sydney Herald*, Thu 9/10/1834 p3 In the Court of Commissioner for Claims to Grants of Land – No. 5 - #435 Wakefield Simpson, Esq., of Maitland, to 20 rods at Campbell's Hill.

*The Sydney Gazette & NSW Advertiser*, Thu 4/12/1834 p4 Granted #443 to 37 rods at Maitland.

*The Sydney Gazette & NSW Advertiser*, 16/5/1835 p3 *Maitland Races*, Wakefield Simpson, Hon. Treasurer and Secretary

*The Sydney Gazette & NSW Advertiser*, Sat 27/2/1836 p3 Marriage on 17 instant of Miss Winder, eldest daughter of T.W.M. Winder, Esq., to Wakefield Simpson Esq., Merchant of Maitland.

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*The Sydney Herald* Thu 1/1/1838 p1 Notice of meeting of Creditors in the Estate of Mr. Wakefield Simpson for the purpose of appointing Trustees to the estate and for other purposes.

*The Sydney Gazette & NSW Advertiser* Thu 7/6/1838 p2 Maitland Races, Second Day For the Hack Stakes of ten pounds for untrained horses, five started. Won with ease by Mr. Wakefield Simpson's *Crockford*.

*The Government Gazette* 6/5/1842 [Issue No.36] / page 678

*Notice is hereby given, that the following Claims for Deeds of Grant of Lands and Town Allotments will be ready for the examination of the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, under the Act of Council, 5<sup>th</sup> William IV., No. 21, at the expiration of two months from this date, before which day any Caveat or Counter Claim must be entered at this Office. Due notice will be given of the days appointed for the hearings.*

Case No. 1121. – Tom White Melville Winder, of Sydney.

Fifty acres, county of Northumberland, parish of *Maitland*, allotment No. 12, at Wallis' Plains. This land was located on an order of Governor Darling, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 1830, in favour of John Ewbank Simpson, who sold to Wakefield Simpson, against whom the Sheriff sold to claimant. The description was inserted in the Gazette notice of 14<sup>th</sup> December, 1839, No. 806, page 1429, in the name of the promisee.

Sat 14 Dec 1839 [Issue No. 475 (Supplement)]

806. John Ewbank Simpson, 50, Fifty acres, *parish of Maitland*; allotment No. 12 at Wallis's Plains, commencing at the south west corner of NO. 11, allotment located by William Prentice, and bounded on the north by its south boundary line bearing east by compass 26 chains to the western side of a road in width 50 links; on the east by 21 chains 75 links to Swamp Creek a branch of Wallis Creek) and by that creek westerly to the east side of a road 50 links east of the east boundary line of McGillivray's farm; and on the west by 18 chains of that side of the last mentioned road bearing north by compass to the south west corner of No. 11 allotment as aforesaid.

*Promised by Governor Darling, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 1830, and possession given on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1831 as a small grant.*

Quit-rent, 8s 4d sterling per annum, commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1839.

Claim for Deed of Grant, 50 acres located on an order of Gov. Darling 23 Dec 1830 in favour of John Ewbank Simpson who later sold to Wakefield Simpson, against whom the Sheriff sold to claimant. (i.e. Thomas White Melville Winder).

*The Sydney Morning Herald* Tue 9/8/1842 p2 Insolvency Proceedings – Saturday. New Insolvent – Wakefield Simpson... Debts to be proved – Aug. 30 Trustees to be named – Aug 30.

*The Sydney Morning Herald* Tue 9/9/1842 p3 Insolvent Estates Wakefield Simpson. Debts £3565 5s 0d

*The Sydney Morning Herald* Mon 20/5/1844 p4 Domestic Intelligence Application for Certificates of Discharge – Wakefield Simpson. Application May 10 Application to be made June 27

*The Sydney Morning Herald* Fri 28/6/1844 p4 Application for Certificates of Discharge: Wakefield Simpson GRANTED.



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*The Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser* Wed 31/5/1848 p3 At Presqueville, Hunter River on 29 May, Jessie, the beloved wife of Wakefield Simpson, Esq., aged 28. Burial in Glebe Cemetery, East Maitland.

*The Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser* Sat 3/2/1855 p3 Block of land for sale on Campbell's Hill in part bounded by the *White Swan Inn*. Described as *All that Parcel of Land relating to T.W.M. Winder's property and Wakefield Simpson's 5 acre grant*.

*The Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser* Thu 14/8/1856 p3 Advertisement – *50 acres of good cultivation land, close to the town of West Maitland. Lot No. 12 bounded on the east by Swamp Creek, a branch of Wallis Creek; on the west by a road fifty links wide. The brick house occupies by Mr. Wakefield Simpson in this allotment is not to be let with the land, but all buildings are included.*

*The Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser* Tue 21/7/1857 p3 Married – on 14<sup>th</sup> Instant, by the Rev. Robert Chapman at St. Mary's Church, West Maitland, William Kellermann, Esq., to Ann Willis Simpson, only daughter of Wakefield Simpson, Esq., of Presqueville.

*The Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser* Sat 10/4/1858 p2 Fatal Gun Accident. Report of the death of Edmund Simpson, son of Wakefield Simpson who died as the result of his gun which he had rested against a fence going off and the contents having lodged in the back of his head.

*The Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser* Tue 2/11/1858 p3 Sufferers of the Floods! A notice by the undersigned of a meeting called to consider the conduct of the Government in reference to the *new cut* for discharging the waters of Wallis Creek, and to devise immediate and decisive measures to save their farms and crops from utter devastation. Patrick Walsh (Louth Park) John Ahern (Fishery Crk) John Hickey (Dagworth) John B. Hungerford (Fonthill) William Callaghan (Ravenfield) Wakefield Simpson (Presqueville).

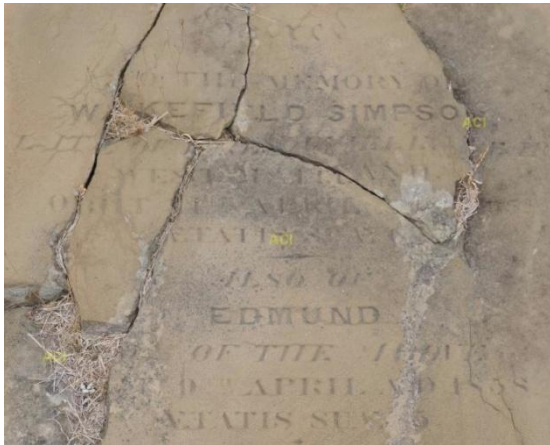
*The Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser* Tue 21/6/1859 p1 Notice announcing areas/places included in the Hunter Electorate. Includes Presqueville (plus 53 others) *see last page*

*The Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser* Thu 13/4/1865 p1 Deaths.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> instant, at Presqueville near Maitland, Wakefield Simpson, Esq., an old and respected resident of the town and vicinity. He was highly esteemed by those who enjoyed his friendship and is deeply lamented by his family.

*The Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser* Sat 15/4/1865 p1

Funeral. Wakefield Simpson. To take place on Sunday, the 16<sup>th</sup> instant. The procession to leave his residence, Presqueville for the Church of England Cemetery, Campbells Hill.



Wakefield and son Edmund Simpson share this broken  
Headstone which now lies on the ground at Campbell's Hill  
(Hungerford)



The neat headstone at Gore Hill for Charles  
Simpson and his wife, Amelia Ellen

*The Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser* Thu 2/5/1866 Notice to Carriers, and Drovers of Cattle and Sheep. John Burke of *White Swan Inn*, Campbells Hill advised he had rented *Presqueville Farm*, property of the late Mr. Wakefield Simpson and would be providing the best grazing and accommodation paddocks in the district.

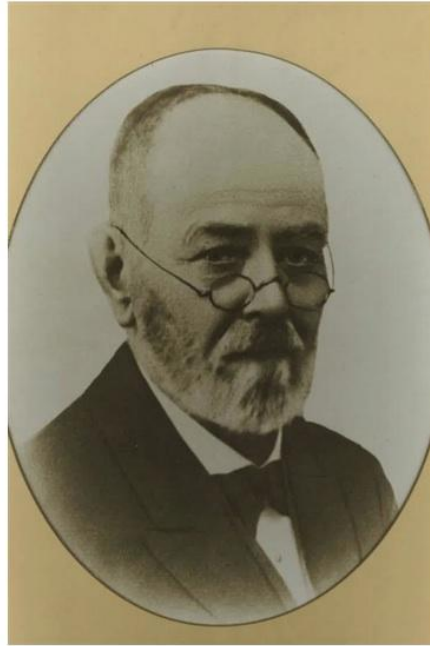
*The Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser* Tue 10/4/1866 *Presqueville Farm*, residence of the late Wakefield Simson, Esq. to be let for a term of years. Possession from early May. Apply to R.N. Sadlear, Auctioneer, High-street.

*The Sydney Morning Herald* Wed 19/6/1872 - Marriage of A. W. Simpson, Esq. solicitor of Armidale to Emily, daughter of the late Lieutenant Frederick Bedwell, R.N. at St. Paul's Church, Paterson June 11<sup>th</sup>.

*The Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser* Tue 29 Dec 1875 – Marriage at St. Mary's Church, West Maitland on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Charles, fourth son of the late Wakefield Simpson, of Presqueville, West Maitland, to Amelia Ellen, fourth daughter of Robert Richard Hungerford, Esq., of Owlpen.

*The Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser* Sat 11 Oct 1884 – Marriage of Francis, the youngest son of the late Wakefield Simpson, of *Presqueville*, West Maitland to Ada Charlotte, eldest daughter of Edward Merrick of Normanton, Queensland.

## Albert W. Simpson



A worthy subject, son and father:

Albert Whitby Simpson (1839-1910, eldest son of Wakefield Simpson, founded the firm of A. W. Simpson & Co. His story can be found online in a published commemoration of the firm's 150 years :

*Albert Simpson came to Armidale by horse-drawn coach in 1863 on his way north. In those days a coach didn't travel much over 20 miles a day, and so Simpson stayed overnight in an Armidale hotel. He was approached by a miner from Hillgrove to represent him in the Mining Court next morning. He agreed to represent the man for a fee of 100 sovereigns (200 sovereigns if he won). He won the case and was asked by the townsfolk to stay and practise, because they did not have a solicitor. Simpson returned to Armidale to set up practice on Monday 23 November 1863. We have a photo of his first office, but we don't know where it was exactly. A. W. Simpson & Co., is one of the oldest legal firms in Australia still retaining its original name. We understand at latest count we are now the 9<sup>th</sup> oldest law firm in New South Wales.*

*The Armidale Chronicle of 9 December 1875 reported "Mr. Simpson is having built a very comfortable brick office in Faulkner Street."*

*Albert Whitby Simpson worked for the firm for 47 years. His son Arthur Wakefield Simpson worked in the firm for 42 years. After World War 1 in which they both served, Eustace Simpson (1884-1952), another son, practised in the firm for 41 years.*

Arthur Wakefield Simpson (known as Jack) was a retired solicitor of Armidale at the time of his death in 1952 and left an estate valued at £72,915, the proceeds going to his siblings.

Eustace Simpson was active in founding The University of New England and there is a conference room in his memory at the Dixon Library at the University. Neither Jack nor Eustace Simpson married.

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Footnote: As Wakefield Simpson's story is linked to Whitby, Yorkshire, it is worthwhile taking a trip online around Whitby. The photos tell the story of this interesting town and if you are able to travel perhaps one day you may visit and see it for yourself. Lucky you!

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#### **KELLERMANN**

**Kellermann Family** (from Australharmony – Biographical register K – sourced online)

Kellermann, Frederick (senior) (Frederick William Kellermann) *Musical amateur, pianist, foundation committee member of Sydney Philharmonic Society*. Born Frankfurt, Germany, c. 1822/23; son of Karl and Julia Kellermann. Arrived Sydney on *Panthea* 8 May 1853. Married Sarah Baxindine Humphreys 1859 Woolloomooloo, NSW. Died St. Leonards, NSW, 10 February 1898, aged 75.

Kellerman, William (Frederick William Kellermann senior) *Instructor in vocal and instrumental music, professor of music*. Born Germany, c.1822, son of Karl and Julia Kellermann. Arrived Sydney 8 May 1853 on *Panthea* from the Downs, 26 January) Married Ann Willis Simpson (d. 1858) Maitland NSW 1857. He died Darlinghurst, Sydney 15 June 1891 in his 71 year.

Kellermann, Frederick William (junior: Frederick William Kellermann, F. W. Kellermann) *Professor of Piano and Theory, violinist*. Born Sydney 23 May 1860; son of Frederick Kellermann (above) and Sarah Humphreys. Married Alice Charbonnet, Sacred Heart and St. John's churches, Ashfield, NSW, 18 December 1882. Died Paris, France, 8 October 1907, aged 47.

#### **Summary:**

The brothers Frederick and William Kellerman arrived in Sydney, from England, on the *Panthea*, 8 May 1853. "A pupil of the celebrated Mr. Staudigi of Vienna" presumably Joseph Staudigi (1807-1861), William was in partnership with his brother Frederick as merchant traders in Sydney and Maitland by late 1853. Frederick based principally in Sydney, was a founding member of the Sydney Philharmonic Society in 1854.

Having withdrawn from the business partnership with his brother, William Kellerman appeared in Maitland in concerts in June 1855 and advertised as a music teacher in December. He was a founding member and conductor of the Maitland Philharmonic Institute, which gave him a benefit concert in November 1858. Together with Dr. Charles Horn and Marmaduke Wilson, he organised a concert in "aid of the distressed in Lancashire" in August 1862. By December 1863, having meanwhile arranged his piano, harmonium, music, books and furniture to creditors to be auctioned in January 1864, he had relocated and was teaching again in Sydney.

Frederick's son, Frederick William Kellermann (junior) was, like his uncle, also a professional musician, he married the pianist Alice Charbonnet in 1882.

#### **Documentation:**

Wholesale Warehouse of Messrs. Kellermann Brothers & Co., High Street, West Maitland. Direct importers of, and Wholesale Dealers in German, French, and English goods. The goods lately landed comprise chiefly Musical Boxes,

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## *Maitland and District Historical Society Inc.*

Accordeons, Flutinas, Concertinas, Violins, Looking Glasses. KELLERMANN BROTHERS & CO. No. 30 Hunter-street, Sydney and High-street, West Maitland. (Advertisement) *Empire* (8 March 1854), 1

### Music and Singing

Mr William Kellermann has the honour to announce to his friends and the public that he purposes giving instructions in Vocal and Instrumental Music, and will be happy to attend schools and pupils at home, or at his own residence. Should sufficient inducement offer, classes, separate for ladies and gentlemen, conducted on the most approved principals of continental masters, will be formed, to join which early application is solicited.

For terms, &c., address - Mr. W. Kellermann, West Maitland. (*The Maitland Mercury* 5 December 1855, 3)

### MAITLAND PHILHARMONIC INSTITUTE

On Monday last the members of the Maitland Philharmonic institute gave a musical entertainment in the hall of the School of Arts. Long before the commencement of the proceedings the hall was tolerably filled, and near the conclusion of the performance was crammed to overflowing. One of the members of the institute delivered a lecture on music, and very prudently occupied only about an hour in the delivery of the discourse. The first part of the lecture consisted chiefly of historical memoranda, tending to show that the influence of music was elevating and universal; and the latter part comprised disquisitions on the ancient music of Scotland, the mode in which music operated on the passions, the direct and indirect imitative power of music, and the history and nature of the modern opera. The lecturer interspersed his remarks with some choice extracts from various poets. At the conclusion of the lecture the musical part of the entertainment began. A numbers of ladies and gentlemen connected with the institute cheerfully lent their valuable services on the occasion. Webbe's glee "Glorious Apollo" was sung by the company, after which the "Merry Sunshine: was given with great taste and suitable brilliancy by Miss Elizabeth Cunningham. The lady was rapturously encored. The Fuschia Valse (cornet and piano) followed, the cornet being played by Mr. Brown and the piano by Mr. Kellermann. The performance was loudly applauded. The glee "See our oars," by Sir John Stevenson, was given with great effect, and drew a rapturous encore. A piece, comprising two beautiful airs from Norma, with modern words, "Sun of Freedom," was sung by Mr. Briggs with great skill and effect, the music being extremely suitable to his fine deep voice. It were unpardonable to omit mentioning the beautiful arias "All is lost" and "Still so gently," beautifully sung by Mrs. Kellermann. This lady displays great promise of future musical excellence should she be disposed to cultivate the gifts of nature. A solo on the guitar was performed by Mr. Hitchins with a view of shewing the capabilities and imperfections of that instrument when played on in a large room and before a crowded assembly. It is needless to say that the artist extracted as much music from his instrument as the imperfections of the guitar would permit. "Thou art gone from my gaze," sung by Miss A. Riley with much sweetness and expression, elicited a hearty burst of applause. A glee was then sung, and then a duet (Friendship) was sweetly rendered by Miss Elizabeth and Miss Theresa Cunningham, after which Mr. James Dean sang a sacred solo, "Lord, remember David," with great precision and effect, his voice being very suitable to the rendering of that beautiful air. He was greatly and deservedly applauded. In the course of the evening, Dr. Wilkinson sang in true Scherzando style, "O the merry days when we were young," and being rapturously encored, substituted for the preceding a pretty German air, "Where the bee sucks," was rendered very effectively by the company, and was encored. Mr. Kellermann presided at the pianoforte with his usual taste and ability. The whole affair was extremely well conducted, and passed off without anything occurring to mar the pleasures of the evening. The singing though not first-class, was respectable, and such as cultivated ears might listen to with delight; and a better conducted audience never before assembled in Maitland, nor in any other place. There could not have been less than 400 persons present. And many had to go away, not being able to obtain admittance. We congratulate the Philharmonic Institute on this its first concert and first success, and hope that it will continue to extend its influence proudly and wide, until it reaches maturity and becomes an ornament to the town and neighbourhood.

(Note: Mrs. Kellermann, was Ann Willis Simpson, the wife of William Kellermann and daughter of Wakefield Simpson)

*Northern Times ( Newcastle. NSW: 1857-1918) Wed 30 September, 1857, Page 2)*



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*The Maitland Mercury* (16 May 1861) An advertisement placed by "Maitland Philharmonic Institute" advised of a public meeting of inhabitants of West Maitland to address the issue of reorganizing the Philharmonic Institute. The attendance was very scanty. Mr. Kellermann had left.

*The Sydney Morning Herald* (29 December 1863) William Kellermann of George-street, Sydney advertised for students of singing and music.

*The Maitland Mercury* (9 January 1864) Mr. R. N. Sadleir advertised the auction sale on behalf of W. Kellermann, Esq. One very superior Rosewood Pianoforte, nearly new, by Aucher, Paris, 7 octaves, 3 stringed oblique folding keyboard- as powerful and sweet as a grand piano. One Harmonium, quite new, by Alexandre, Paris, 13 stops, suitable for a church, school or drawing room. Also quantity of household furniture, lots of books, music etc.

William Kellermann died at 66 Albert-terrace, Darlinghurst on June 15 1891 aged 71 years. (Deaths – *Sydney Morning Herald*, 16 June 1891, p.1) (Burial 16 June 1891 at Rookwood Cemetery)

Probate Notice – *New South Wales Government Gazette* 23 June 1891, 4633

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales. PROBATE JURISDICTION. In the will of William Kellermann, late of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, professor of music, deceased. APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof, that probate of the last will of the above named deceased, may be granted to Frederick Kellermann, of Sydney, in the said Colony, merchant, and Albert Whitby Simpson, of Armidale, in the said Colony, solicitor, the executors named in the said will. SLY & HAMILTON, proctors, George-street, Sydney.

William Kellermann had married Patience Whiteman in 1862, the couple had a son, William James (1872-1926) Patience died 1921 and was buried at Rookwood on 3 August 1921.

*Evening News* (Sydney, NSW: 1869-1931), Saturday 27 October 1894, page 6      **Charbonnet-Kellerman.**

Mme. Charbonnet-Kellerman has received through M. Biard d'Aunet, Consul-General for France, and official communication from Paris announcing that she has been appointed an officier d'academie. The distinction is bestowed by the Minister for Public Instruction, and carries with it a ribbon and gold decoration. Mme. Kellerman was born at Cincinnati, and received her musical education at the Paris Conservatoire. Her teachers were Le Couppez and Mme. Bouchez for the piano, and M. Savard taught her theory and harmony. At the age of 13 she won three bronze medals – one for composition, another for harmony, and the third for proficiency as a player. As Alice Charbonnet she, at the age of 18, made her debut in Sydney at the Old Masonic Hall, York-street, gave 14 concerts, and took part in concerts given by the Musical Union. After a successful tour of New Zealand she remained in Melbourne for three years, having as her first pupil for the piano Miss Nellie Mitchell, now Mme. Melba. She returned to Sydney in 1882, married, and has since resided in this city.