

Myer SOLOMON – Land Dealings

Over the years, Myer SOLOMON purchased numerous properties in Sydney and Regional New South Wales. Many of the dealings did not go well for Myer and he lost significant sums of money during his life.

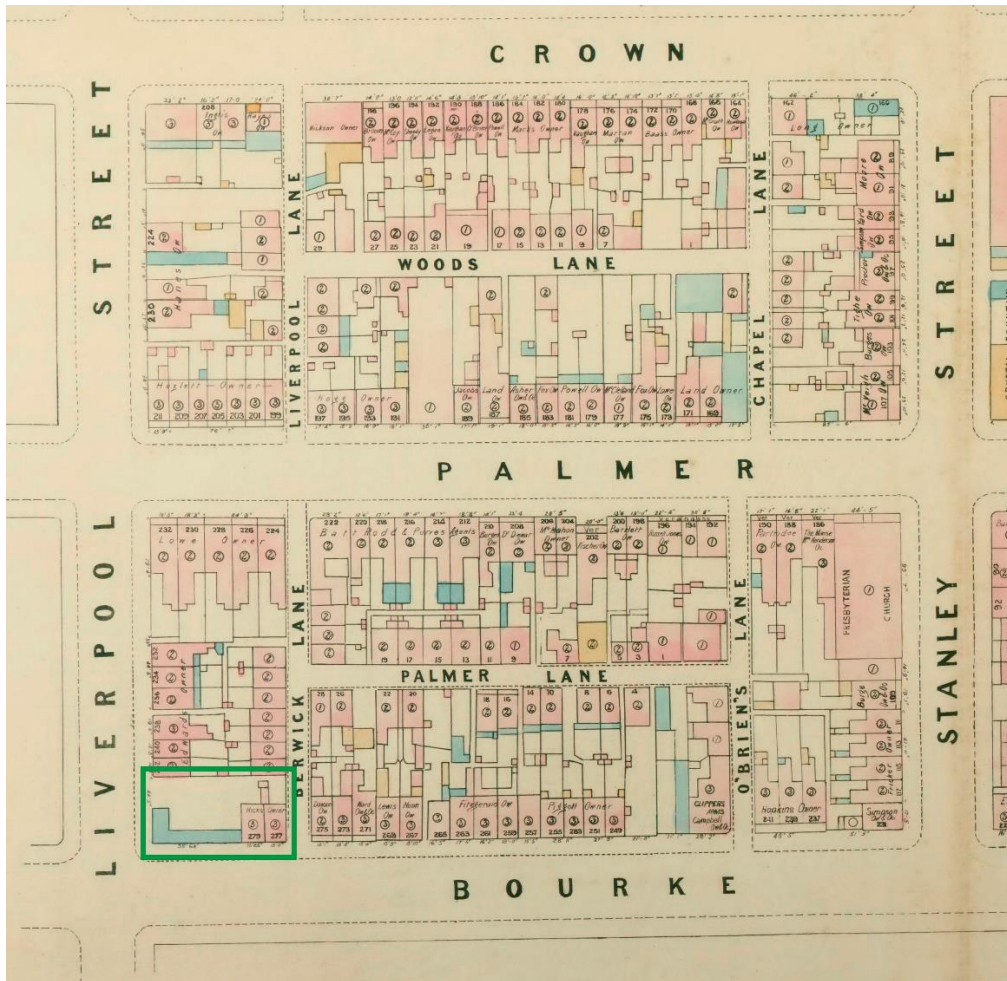
A summary of the purchases is detailed below together with maps showing the location of the properties.

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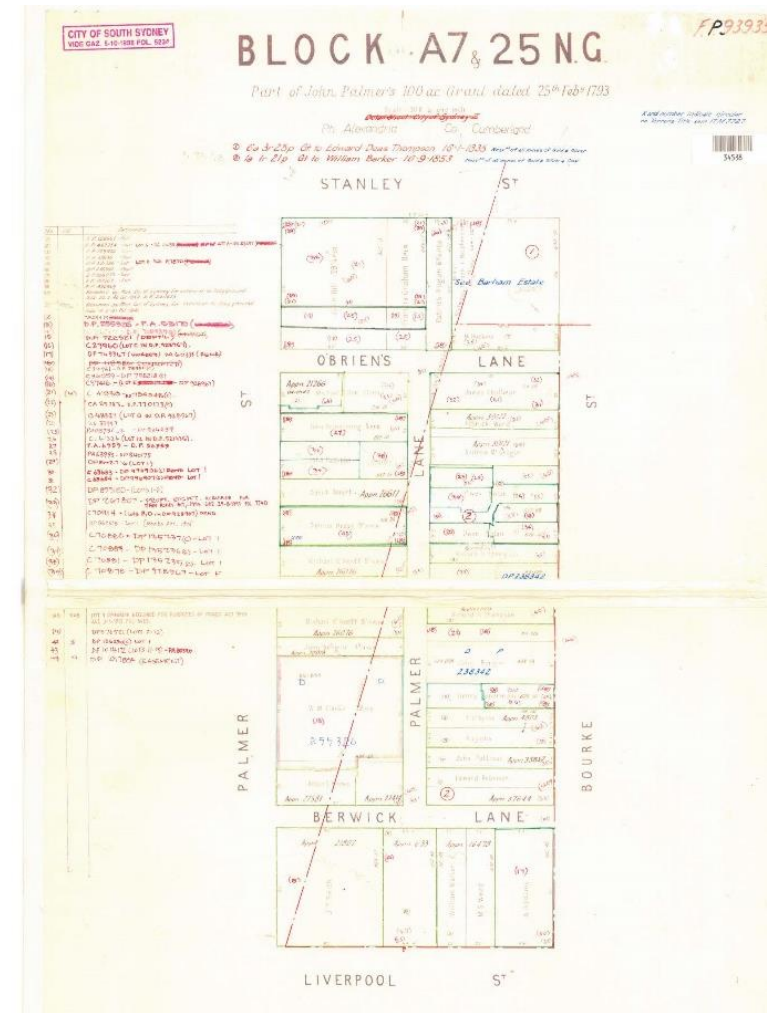
- TROVE – National Library of Australia website
- Historical Land Records Viewer (HLRV)
- City of Sydney Archives
 - Historical Atlas
 - Sands Directories
 - Assessment Books

BOURKE STREET

Myer was 18 years of age when on 13 September 1856 he purchased a property in Bourke Street, Sydney for £1,050. from William HOPKINS (Book 45 Number 383, HLRV):- that portion of land situate in the City of Sydney Parish of Alexandria in the County of Cumberland and Colony of New South Wales being portion of Allotment number twenty-five containing fourteen and a half perches - west side Bourke Street corner of Liverpool Street.

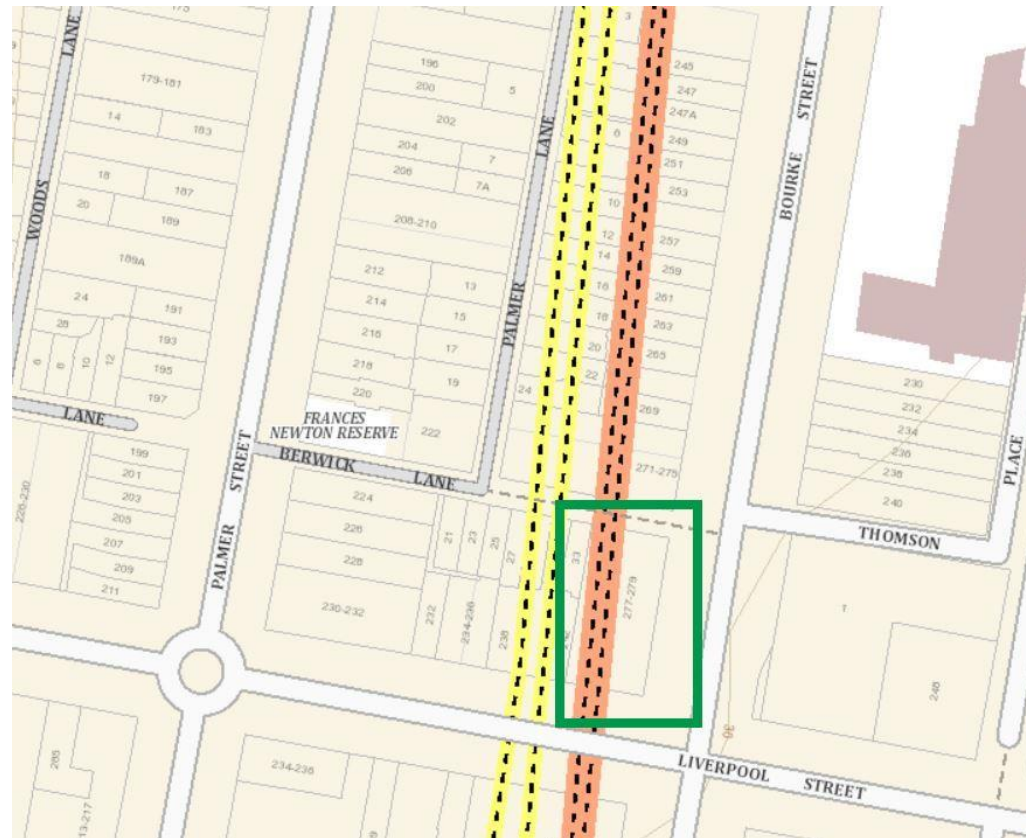


Left: Plans of Sydney (Rygate & West), 1888 Sheet 11 – Extract.



Right: Riley Estate A7 and NG25

The property is now known as 277-279 Bourke Street.



Property outlined in Green, Source: SIX Maps

On 5 November 1859, Myer sought a loan of £500 and mortgaged the property to Dame Mary Thomson MITCHELL of Sydney, Widow due to repay the loan on 1 November 1862 (Book 64 Number 74, HLRV).

On 20 July 1860, Dame Mary Thomson MITCHELL transferred the Mortgage over Bourke Street property to Elizabeth PERRY, widow of Glenlee for £500 (Book 68 Number 16, HLRV).

On 20 August 1869, In default of Mortgage payment by Myer SOLOMON, Elizabeth PERRY sells Bourke Street property to Thomas HICKS of Sydney, Landowner for the sum of £500 (Book 115 Number 474, HLRV).

DOWLING STREET

Myer purchased 124 Dowling Street on 2 January 1857:

Sale by Thomas ASPINALL, Builder, to Myer SOLOMON, Freeholder, for £700 (Book 46 Number 986, HLRV),

All That parcel of land situate lying and being in the City of Sydney in the County of Cumberland in the Colony of New South Wales Dowling Street Woolloomooloo part of the Tivoli Estate containing six perches and three quarters of a perch more or less and described as bounded on the west by the east side of Dowling Street commencing at a point sixteen feet six inches northerly from the intersection of the said street with the southern boundary of the Tivoli Estate and bearing northerly sixteen feet six inches.

On the north by a line bearing easterly and parallel to the said southern boundary one hundred and fourteen feet five inches to Duke Street on the east by the west side of Duke Street bearing southerly sixteen feet six inches a little more or less and on the south by land lately belonging to Thomas Aspinwall but now of James Yeend bearing westerly one hundred and fourteen feet six inches to the point of Commencement.

On 14 November 1861, Myer SOLOMON, of the City of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, Gentleman (who was married subsequently to the first day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven) is lent £350 by Lewis MARKS of Sydney, Esquire, and offers a Mortgage over the Dowling Street property due to repay on 20/11/1863. Interest rates detailed (Book 75 Number 552, HLRV).

10 July 1866, Myer SOLOMON repaid Mortgage over Dowling Street property to Lewis MARKS the sum of £350 (Book 99 Number 134, HLRV).

12 July 1866, Myer sold the property through a Deed of conveyance of property at 124 Dowling Street to James MULLINS for £390 (Book 99 Number 138, HLRV).

Where is the property in today's terms?

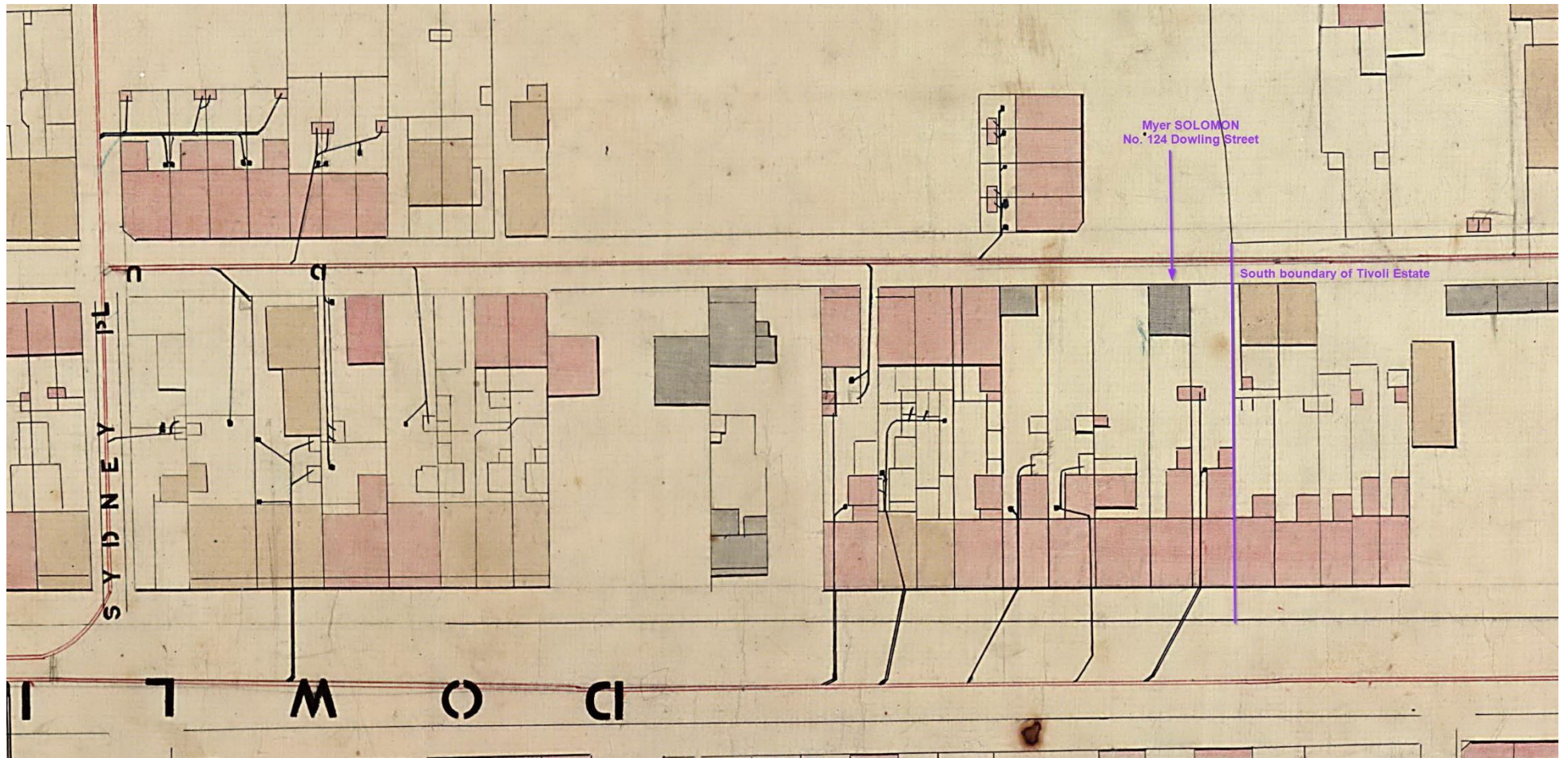
Research shows that street numbers significantly changed from 1857 to 1888. Using the Sands Directories available from the City of Sydney Archives, we can determine the location of the property.

Between 1858 and 1866 the Directories show number 124 as being on the Eastern side of Dowling Street, between Stephen Street and William Street. In 1867, the property changed to number 148 and in 1877 to number 170. This was calculated by creating a spreadsheet of the occupiers listed in the directories. The Assessment Rolls also helped to indicate the owner of the properties.

A number of maps were also used to determine the exact location of the property. These included:

- City of Sydney - Trigonometrical Survey, 1855-1865 Block N2 from the City of Sydney Archives
- Plans of Sydney (Rygate & West), 1888 Sheet 4 from the City of Sydney Archives
- Roll Plan 364 (titled Tivoli Estate) from the HLRV

The maps below show the location of the property.



City of Sydney - Trigonometrical Survey, 1855-1865 Block N2- Extract

City of Sydney Archives, Historical Atlas



Plans of Sydney (Rygate & West), 1888 Sheet 4 - Extract

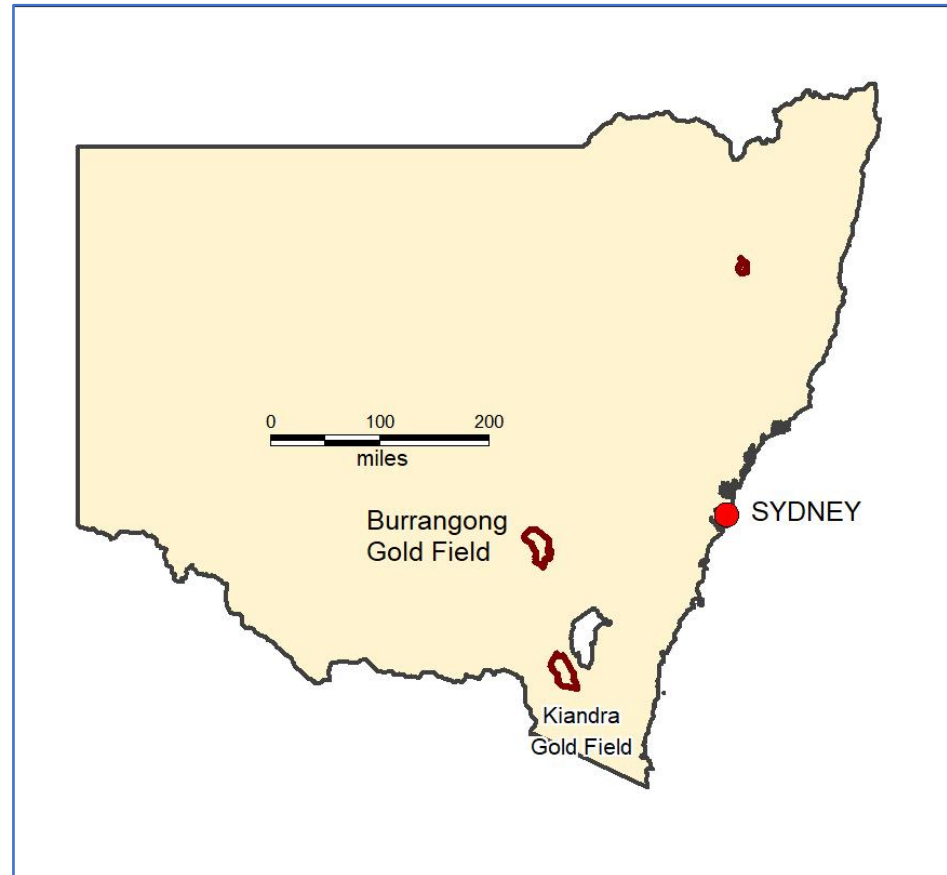
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Of course, street names also change. Fitzroy Avenue is now Reid Avenue, Princes Place is Rae Place and Duke Street is now McElhone Street. The property is now owned by the NSW Housing Commission and provides public housing which was erected around 1977.

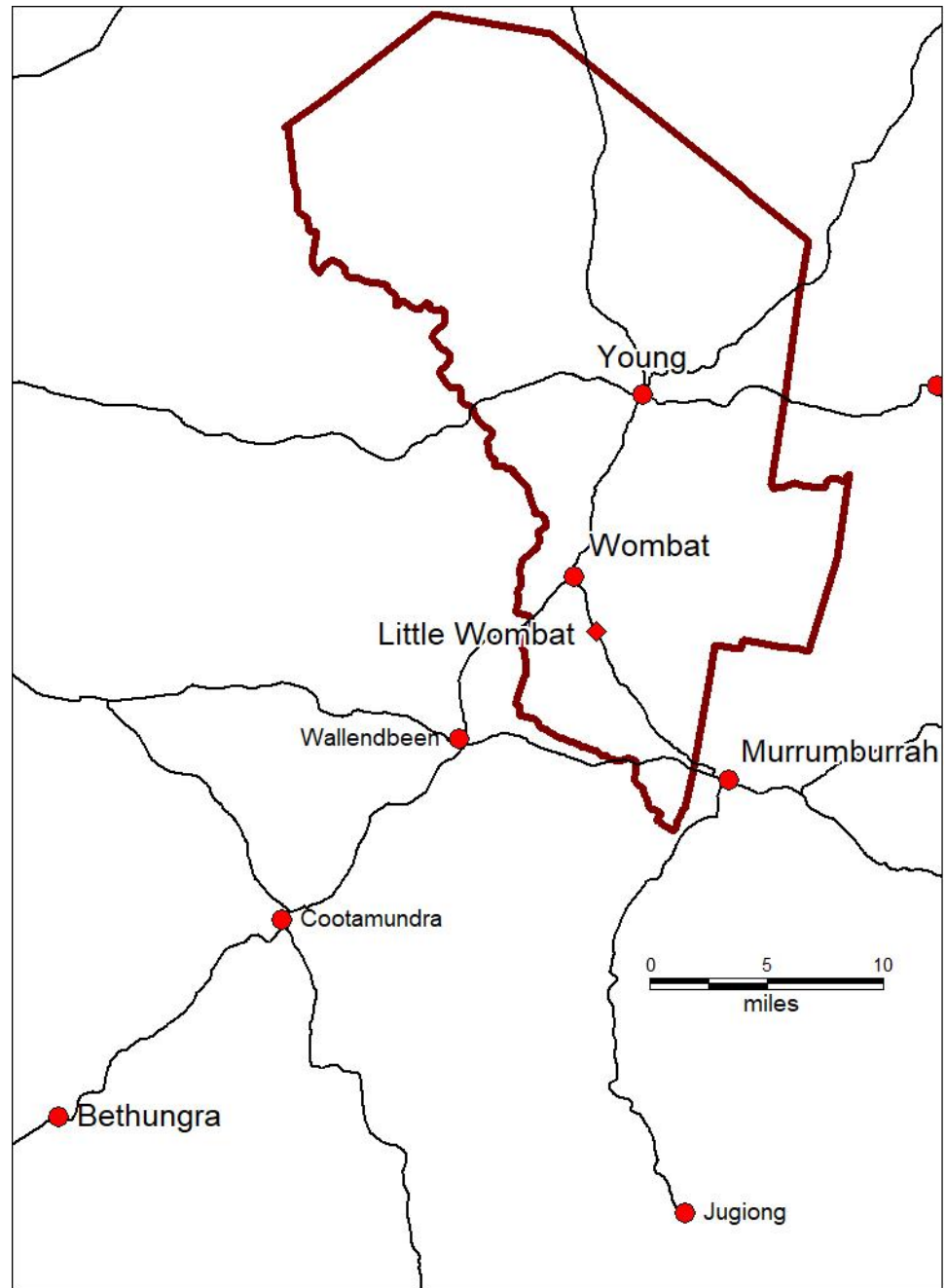
Regional New South Wales

Myer owned property in Murrumboola (now Murrumburrah/Harden), Wombat and Bethungra. He also operated a store at Little Wombat, the scene of the holdup and robbery in 1863.

The map below shows the location and relationship of these places to each other.



Map of New South Wales showing location of
Burrangong and Kiandra Gold Fields



Map of Burrangong Gold Field

MURRUMBOOLLA

On 12 June 1866, Myer purchased from Henry HUTCHINSON of Murrumburrah, Farmer for the sum of £30, Allotment 4 Section 22 in the County of Harden in the Parish and Village of Murrumboolla (Book 98 Number 877, HLRV).

10 December 1873, Myer borrows £1,000 from relatives and friends.

Document dated 1873, registered 6/6/1877 depositing title of properties at Wombat and Murrumboolla with George MYERS, Henry MYERS, Henry SOLOMON and Benjamin Hyam COHEN for consideration of £1,000 (Book 169 Number 663, HLRV).

9 May 1877, Myer takes out a Mortgage from Oriental Bank Corporation for £500 over 1 rood being allotment 4 section 22 in the Parish and Village of Murrumboolla, County of Harden. Security for G. Myers and B. H. Cohen (Book 169 Number 664, HLRV).

11 August 1877 an advertisement appears offering Wombat and Murrumburrah property for sale.

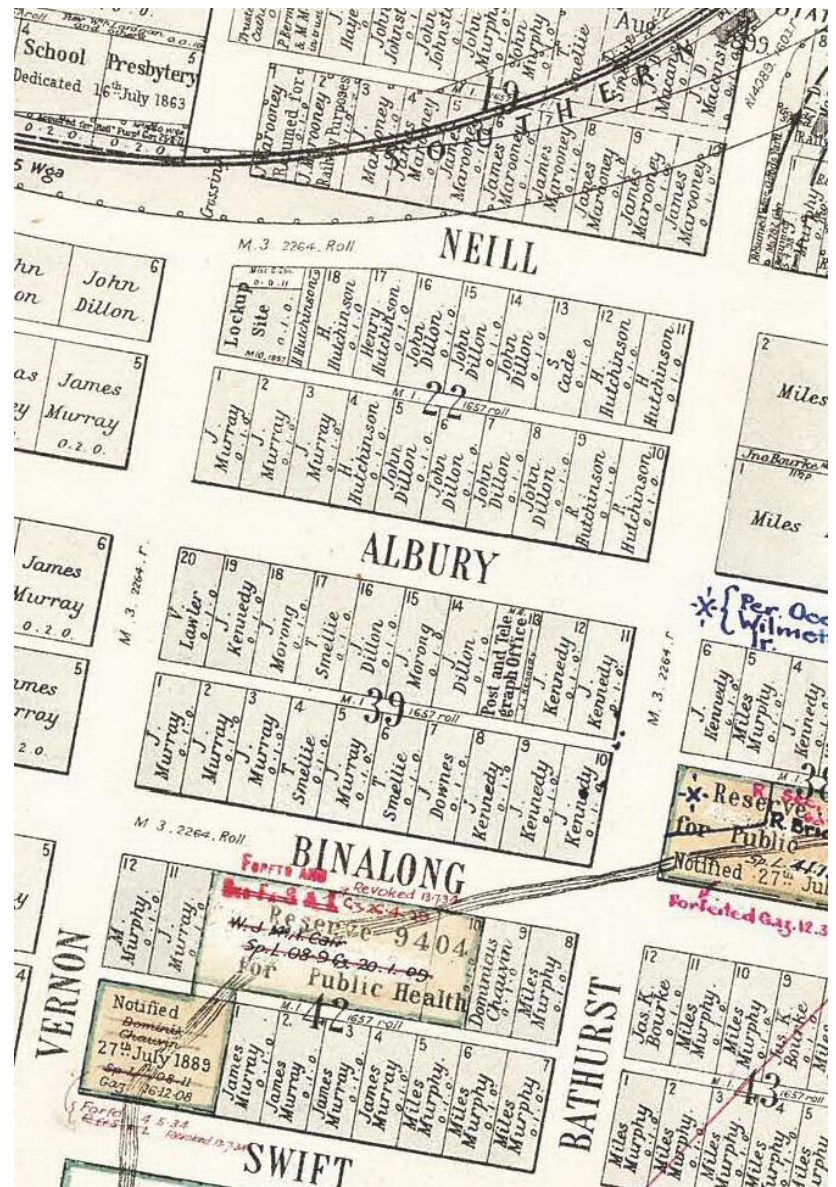
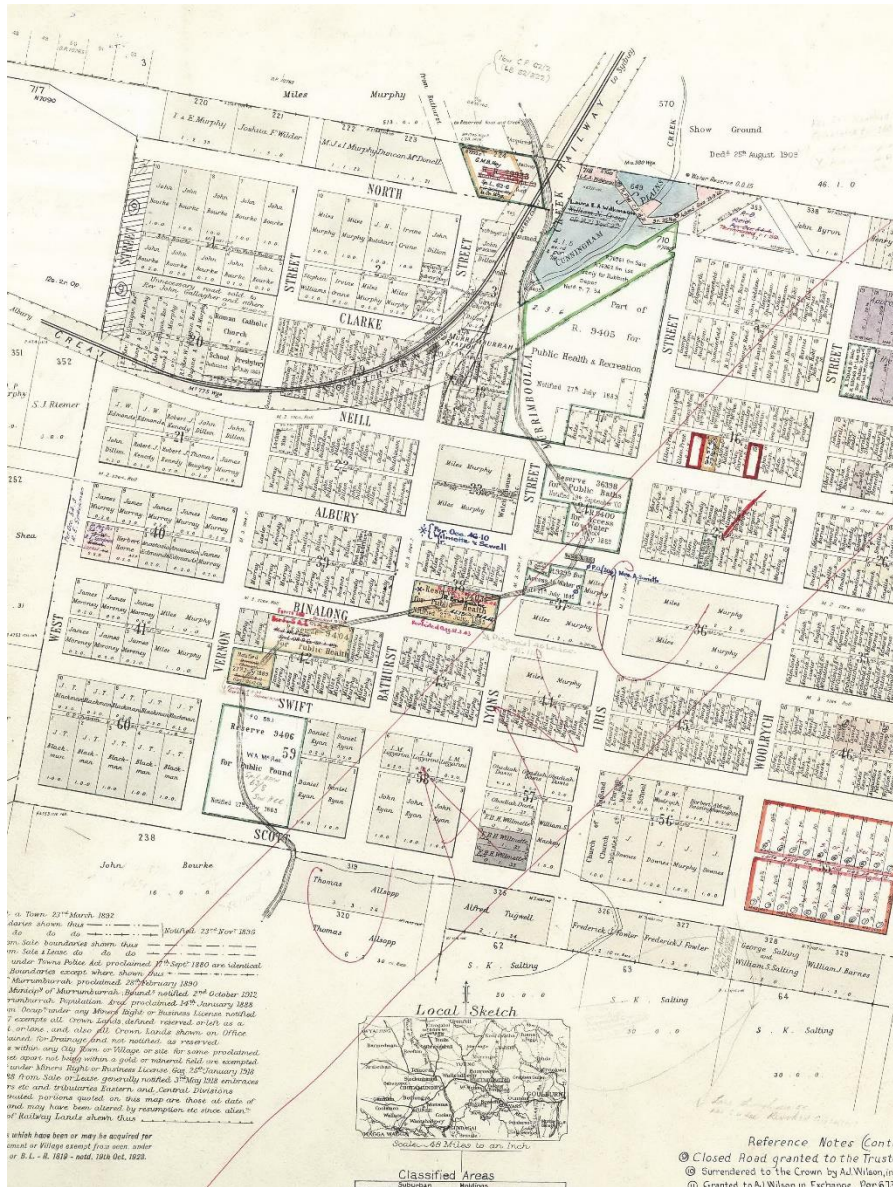
F O R P R I V A T E S A L E.
NOTICE to those going into **HOTEL-KEEPING**, and looking out for a good investment. For Sale, the **ROYAL HOTEL, WOMBAT**, In the centre of the village of Wombat, with Out-buildings, and Vineyard and Orchard; stands on nearly five acres of land. Doing a good trade, and the Hotel, &c., in first-class order. Inspection invited.
Price, &c., apply to **M. SOLOMON,** Wombat or Bethungra.
Also, the **ALLOTMENT of LAND** that the Railway Hotel and Telegraph Office stands on, adjoining the Oriental Bank, Murrumburrah.
For terms, &c., apply as above.

15 August 1879 Myer signs an Indenture for assignment of:

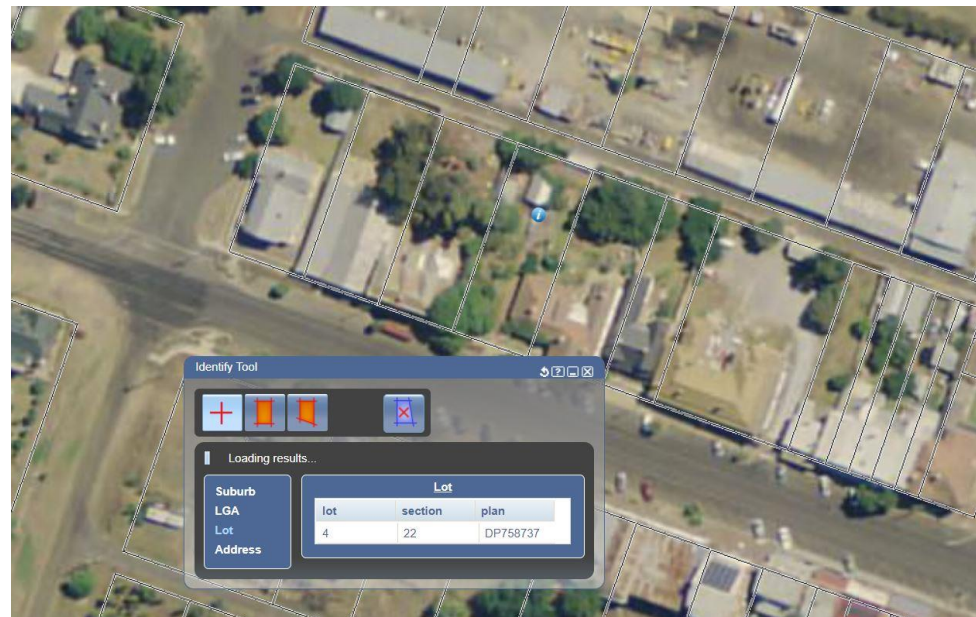
All the real and personal estate property and effects to Trustees. (Book 194 Number 22, HLRV. This document is 20 pages).

At the same time, an Indenture for assignment to Trustees from George MYERS, Henry MEYERS and Henry SOLOMON trading as "Myers and Solomon". (Book 194 Number 72, HLRV. This document is 88 pages)

13 April 1880, Oriental Bank, Mortgagee exercising Power of Sale, sold Allotment 4 Section 22 in the County of Harden in the Parish and Village of Murrumboolla to William Cocks of Murrumburrah, Clerk in Holy Orders for £100/- (Book 201 Number 492, HLRV).



Extracts from Town of Murrumburrah, HLRV



Map and Aerial photo showing Lot4 Section 22, Village of Murrumburrah (Source: SIX Maps)

WOMBAT

Myer purchased a number of properties at Wombat near Young. This was located within the Burrangong Gold Field.

26 June 1866, Myer purchased two acres for Ten pounds:

- Portion 36, Parish of Wilkie (Volume 29 Folio 90).

1 June 1868, Myer purchased a further 3 properties:

- Portion 51, Parish of Wilkie for Three pounds (Volume 68 Folio 158).
- Portion 139, Parish of Wilkie for Three pounds (Volume 68 Folio 159).
- Portion 52, Parish of Wilkie for Three pounds (Volume 68 Folio 160).

24 March 1880, Oriental Bank, Mortgagee exercising Power of Sale, sold Portion 36, Parish of Wilkie to Henry BUTTENSRAW of Wombat, Blacksmith (Vol 29 Fol 90, HLRV).

24 March 1880, Oriental Bank, Mortgagee exercising Power of Sale, sold Portion 52, Parish of Wilkie to Henry BUTTENSRAW of Wombat, Blacksmith (Vol 68 Fol 160, HLRV).

24 April 1880, Oriental Bank, Mortgagee exercising Power of Sale, sold Portion 51, Parish of Wilkie to Henry BUTTENSRAW of Wombat, Blacksmith (Vol 68 Fol 158, HLRV).

1 April 1881, Oriental Bank, Mortgagee exercising Power of Sale, sold Portion 139, Parish of Wilkie to James RUTHERFORD of Bathurst, Mail Contractor (Vol 68 Fol 159, HLRV).

The map below shows the location of these properties in Wombat.

BETHUNGRA

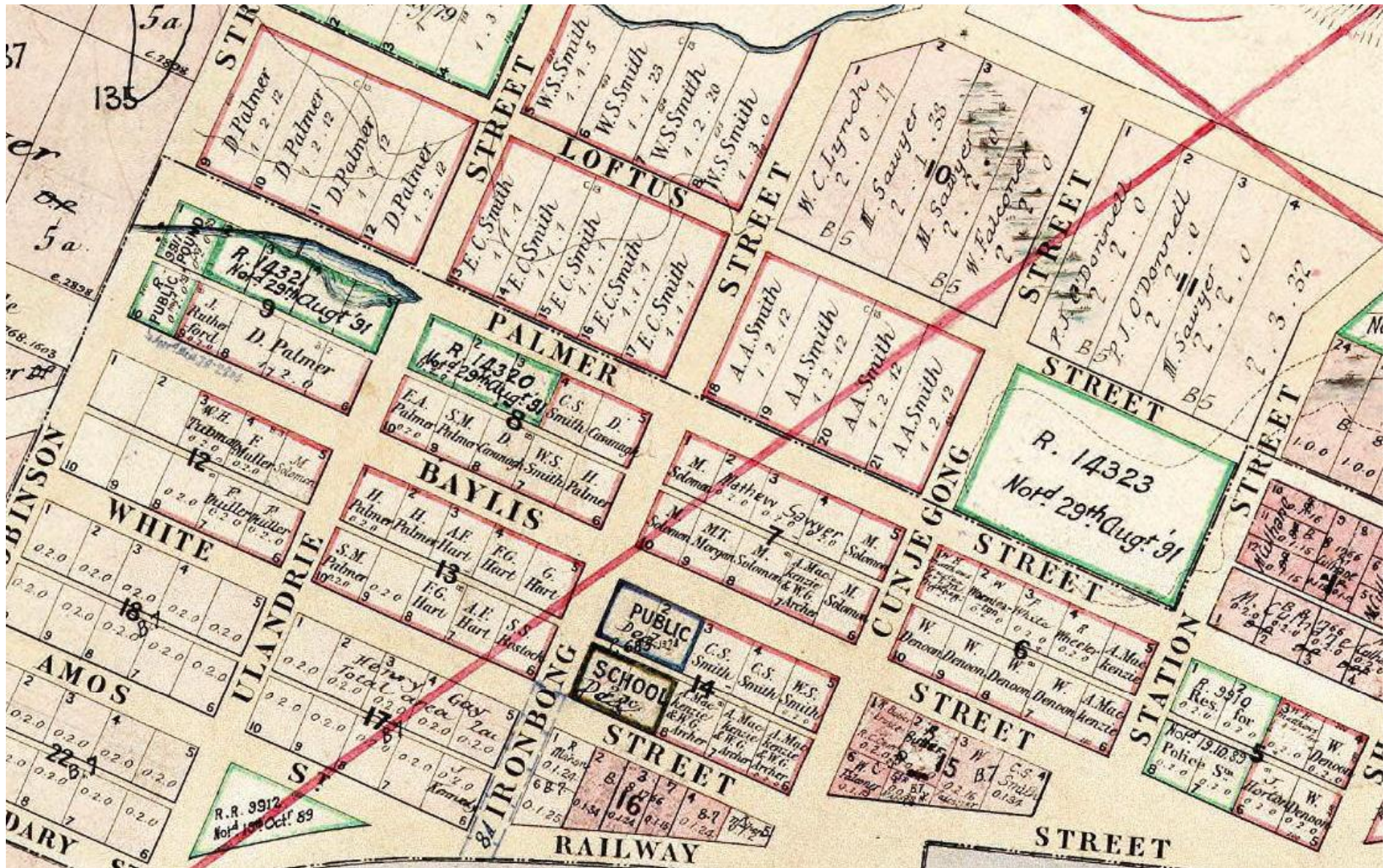
Myer purchased on 14 December 1876, 5 properties at Bethungra near Cootamundra.

- Lot 1 Section 7, Village of Bethungra, Parish of Bethungra purchased for Four pounds (Vol 306 Folio 165).
- Lot 5 Section 7, Village of Bethungra, Parish of Bethungra purchased for Four pounds (Vol 306 Folio 166).
- Lot 6 Section 7, Village of Bethungra, Parish of Bethungra purchased for Four pounds (Vol 306 Folio 167).
- Lot 8 Section 7, Village of Bethungra, Parish of Bethungra purchased for Four pounds (Vol 306 Folio 168).
- Lot 10 Section 7, Village of Bethungra, Parish of Bethungra purchased for Four pounds (Vol 306 Folio 169).

On 30 December 1881, Myer purchased Lot 5 Section 12, Village of Bethungra, Parish of Bethungra for Five pounds. Two months later it was sold on 1 February 1882 to Charles Sydney SMITH of Bethungra, Storekeeper (Vol 563 Fol 36, HLRV).

24 December 1884, Oriental Bank, Mortgagee exercising Power of Sale, sold the remaining 5 Bethungra properties to Mathew SAWYER of Ironbong (Station, Bethungra), Grazier (Vol 306 Fols 165, 166, 167, 168 and 169, HLRV).

The map below shows the location of the properties in Bethungra.



Village of Bethungra, 1879, Edition 1, HLRV