



# Healthcare & Newcastle 1817-1870



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# NEWCASTLE HOSPITAL REGISTER

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309, 305c, FLOD FRACKS



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T.R. Browne (1776 – 1824) Newcastle, 1807 Watercolour on paper. Courtesy Newcastle Region Art Gallery.

## 1817 - 1866 - Colonial Hospital - First



15. Sketch of standard type of NSW gaol plan during the first two decades of the nineteenth century.



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South



St. Mary's Church (1811)

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Elizabeth Street

Cowher Street

Marguerite Street

George Street

Wallis Street

St. Patrick Street

York Street

Wellington Street

Wallis Hill

Church Yard

St. Mary's Church (1811)

Central Hill

St. Mary's

Lessons

St. Mary's

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PLAN of the TOWN  
or  
NEWCASTLE  
ON  
the RIVERS RIVER.

*Reference to the title for report  
to the office of the Dept. of the Interior*

Scale of 10000



# NEWCASTLE *New South Wales*

## BARRACKS

Plan, Elevation and Section  
of

HOSPITAL and KITCHEN &c

Designed by Genl. Regd. Engineer  
Robert Hulse Esq. July 1841

Scale of Feet 0 10 20 30 Feet  
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Elevation of Barracks



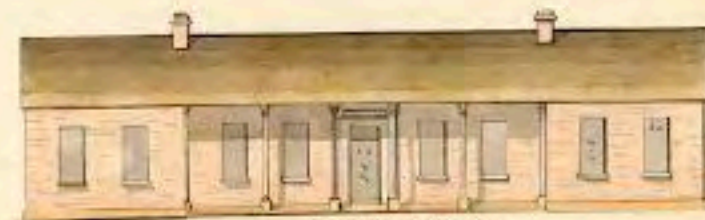
Elevation of Kitchen



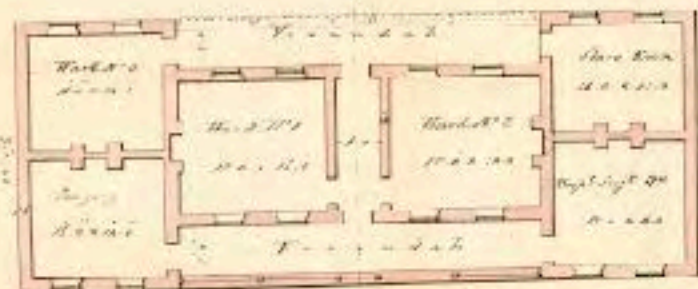
Plan of Kitchen



Section Bar A B



Elevation of Hospital

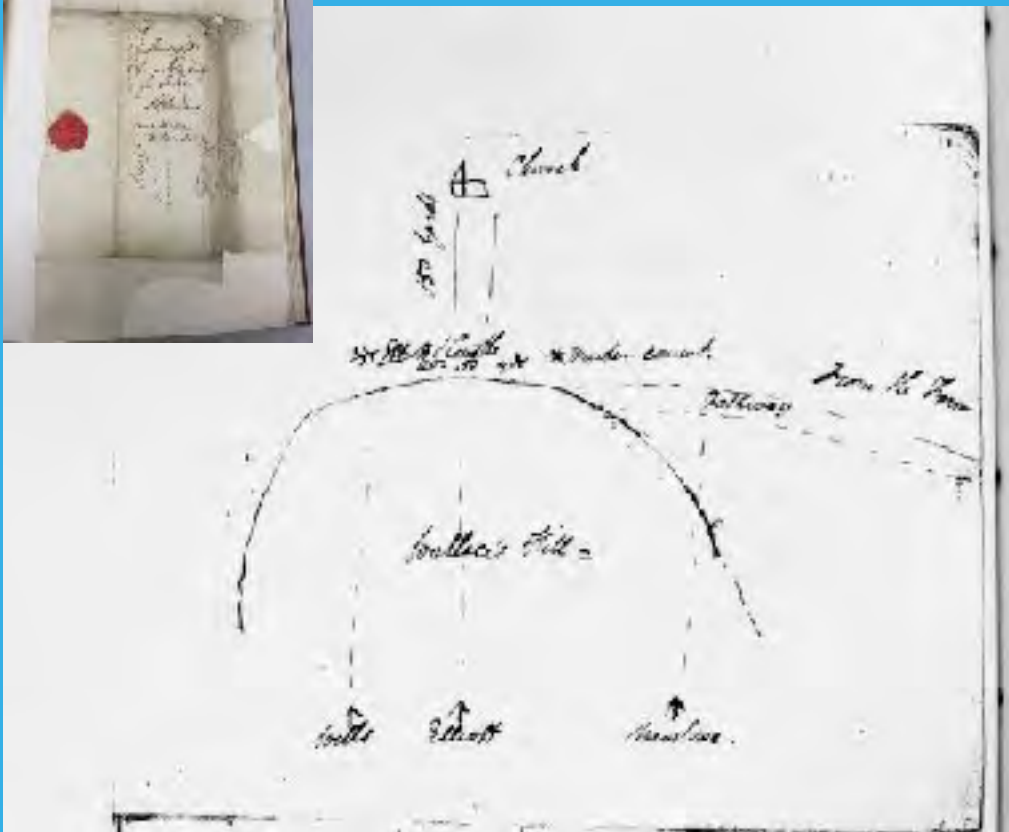


Plan of Hospital

*Robert Hulse*  
Genl. Regd. Engineer

1841





## The Death of Burigon, Chief of the Newcastle Tribe (1820)



Diagram of wound inflicted on Burrigong Chief of the Newcastle Tribe on 27th October 1820 described by Assistant Surgeon J. Fenton, 16-18th November 1820.

Diagram and notes  
by Emeritus Professor Saxon White,  
17 June 2016  
University of Newcastle (Australia)



Mr Fenton, assistant surgeon tended Burigon's wounds "in his own quarters" and Burigon was later found, deceased, close to the Church on the 7th November 1820

<https://hunterlivinghistories.com/2016/02/09/burigon/>

Newcastle  
Notebook and Letters  
of Lieutenant William S. Coke  
H.M. 39th Regiment



CYNTHIA HUNTER

" Lt Coke " I never touch spirits but take perhaps 5 glasses of wine during the day, the doctors say it is absolutely necessary" 1827



<https://hunterlivinghistories.com/2015/11/06/coke-desmond/>

# MEDICAL PERSONNEL

1804 - James Mileham (assistant surgeon ) Newcastle's first surgeon

1804-08 - Charles Throsby

1810 Richard Horner (acting assistant surgeon)

1848 handed to local community, official handover from British administration.

1811-22 - William Evans

1820 - Dr Fenton

1822- Dr Francis Moran

1827 - Dr Brooks (Principal surgeon)

1826- 1830 - Henry Canny (hospital overseer)

1822 Francis Moran

1820s- George Brooks colonial surgeon who devoted next quarter century to hospital.

1830s- Dr John Stacey (colonial surgeon)

1847 Dr Alexander Gamack (colonial surgeon)

1850s and early 1860s -Mrs Hannah Chapman (matron)

1860-63 Dr Morgan (partner with Bowker)

1860- Dr Bowker -1868 Watt Street

1878- Dr Morgan (Port Doctor)

1868- Dr R Harris (Snr Medical Officer)





1866

1886









*VIEW OF NEWCASTLE, N.S.W. Looking West, from Captain Allard's Hill.*



*VIEW OF NEWCASTLE, N.S.W. Looking West from the Old Gool.*

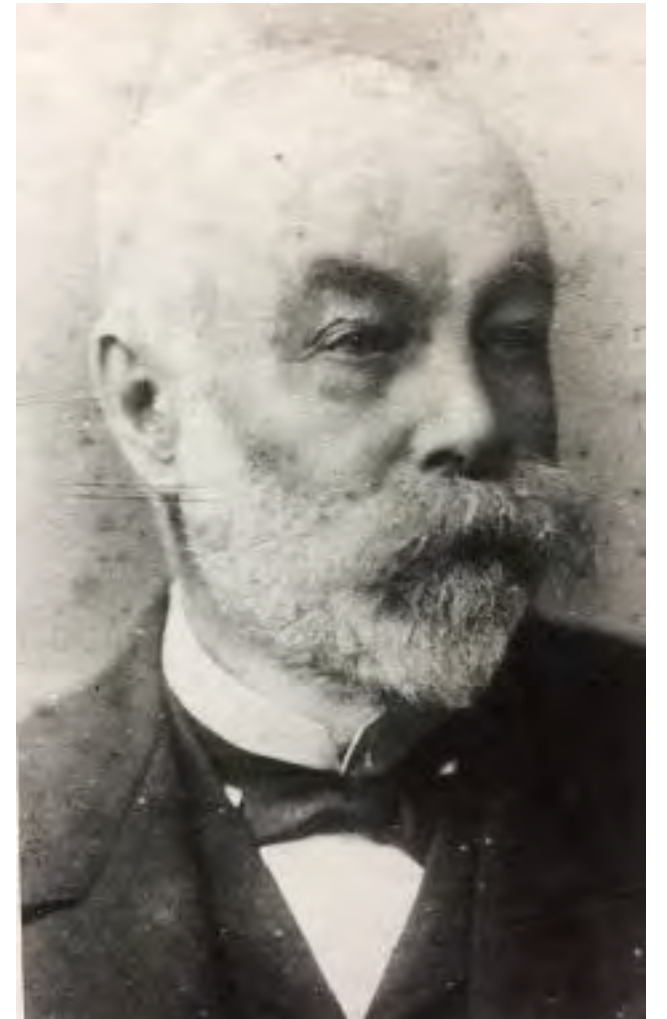




Dr R Harris



Nurse Elspeth Cameron



Dr Bowker

# THANK YOU

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Also see 'Hunter Living Histories' website



## Managers at the Newcastle Asylum and successor institutions (1871- 2014)

Year	Name	Role	Medical	Non-Medical
1871-72	Mr Michael Prior	Superintendent		Yes
1872-89	Mr Frederick Cane	Superintendent		Yes
1889-98	Dr Williams	Medical Superintendent	Yes	
1871-87	Dr Harris	Visiting Medical Officer	Yes	
1897	Dr Mills	Visiting Medical Officer	Yes	
1898-1923	Dr RU Russell <sup>1</sup>	Medical Superintendent	Yes	
1923-27	Dr J. H. Stock <sup>2</sup>	Medical Superintendent	Yes	
1931-36	Dr Gray Egan <sup>3</sup>	Medical Superintendent	Yes	
1936-37	Dr SJ Mingoie	Medical Superintendent	Yes	
1937-40?	Dr D Frazer	Medical Superintendent	Yes	
	Dr Ross	Medical Superintendent	Yes	
	Dr Maurice	Medical Director	Yes	
195?	Dr Mary Kirkton	Superintendent	Yes	
	Dr Jim Wilson	Medical Superintendent	Yes	
1975-85	Dr Brian Edwards	Medical Superintendent	Yes	
1984-2000s	Prof Vaughan Carr	Director Hunter Mental Health	Yes	
2012	Prof Seonang Parkun <sup>4</sup>	Medical Superintendent	Yes	
2013	Dr Martin Gannon	Area Director Mental Health	Yes	