

## The Folly

The place named the Folly which Mr S Bull referred in a statement some time ago and how it got its name, was a block <sup>that was subdivided</sup> of land comprising 60 acres or less, not much, I should say, on the West it was bounded by Ferris St on the South by Crebert St on the North by Bull St on the East by William St the land was cut up mostly in 5 acre blocks especially in Crebert St but in Ferris St it was rather jumbled up, after passing what was Waters' property on the corner of Crebert and Ferris St. They may have been 5 acre blocks in the first survey but with one neighbour buying a piece off another they got jumbled up, My Brother in Law told me once the way they did in those days was to make an agreement between buyer and seller with some witness pay the money and everything was O.K.

Names of the owners of the different blocks, in Lebert St & St Margaret a German J. Lebert a German J. Williams an English man, in Fered Mr Walters an English man & Hugh a Welshman & Davis a Welshman, in Bull St Mr Proach a Welshman, then Mr Lerouther an Englishman & Lehant an Englishman & Huber a German Mr McNulty an Irishman Mr Baker an Englishman and Mr Russel also an Englishman. There was no one living on the East side because the blocks ran North and South and in that time there was no St there. Mr E Bull a Grand Old man and a Mr Gray lived on part of Tourle estate which is now the property of B & P.

In reference to the wheat that grew in the locality, the only place it grew was in the what we called the Mill Paddock, not where the Maistre Misrecorded Hospital stands. J. C.

and that was grown by ... my time

No 3 MAYFIELD

How the locality called Mayfield got its name, changed from the name of Folly or Waratah which was its rightful name as far as my knowledge goes I will explain why it should be Waratah many years ago close on 100 years ago the flower called by that name was found growing in what we boys called Bolton brush now where Mr Dean's brickyard stands it was a mass of wild fig trees and clinging vines a great roost for flying foxes the name Folly was a what you may call a stick name, what is called Waratah now, was called Handbury then 60 years ago whoever had a parcel of land comprising 20 acres or more give it a name there was the the Highlands, New Bottle, Houghton Le Spring, Lalsina flat and a score of other places which we called so and so Paddocks, I can well remember during my school days and that is 64 years ago, crossing the Paddock

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which got its name as Mayfield  
and going to what is called Waratah  
to school it being then used as a  
Slaughter Yard and bullocks  
paddock by a Man from Wallsend  
named Mr Johnston <sup>or Widdowson</sup> was the  
first one that built a house on  
the New bottle estate. that is 50  
years ago and it was in use then  
as a Slaughter Yard, and when  
Mr Johnston gave up slaughtering  
there some time after (I cant remember  
when) Mr Scholey a retired butcher  
bought the property, got it surveyed  
with St running through, and sold  
the allotment and gave it the name  
Mayfield and now it is all Mayfield  
from the Waratah Municipal boundary  
line to the coal line near Tighe Hill  
I do not know exactly how many  
acres there were in that block but  
I think somewhat less than 25 acres  
It was bounded on the North by  
Crescent St on the South by

Widdowson

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The Mailland road on the West  
by Herr St on the East by a lane  
between Mr Scholey's residence  
and what was once the residence  
of Mr Abbott then the home  
of Mr J Winn. I do not remember  
of that particular block of ground  
being called by another name except  
Slaughter house paddock or bullock  
paddock but I remember it  
being fenced by a man who was  
called Bob the Fiddler and that  
was close on 70 years ago.

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