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The 1841 census reported the presence of Frederick Nevin Flintoff on the Plenty at Greensborough. An unfinished and uninhabited wood house stood on his property, which was given the name Brancepeth. In 1890, Brancepeth Farm comprised 200 acres owned by Mr. F. Flintoff jnr., with ‘the garden in the valley and the farm on top of the hill’. The orchard of ‘some seven acres’ planted along the river banks was for many years’ leased by Mr. Whatmough. Considered one of the oldest in the district, the orchard at this time had ‘the appearance of being worn out’.

The following account of a conversation between the writer and Mr. T. Flintoff, comes from The Evelyn Observer of February 1890. ‘It appears the majority of trees in the garden were, in the first place, brought over from Van Diemen’s Land by Mr. John Batman and planted in his garden at the Survey Camp, … After Batman’s death, the trees were sold, and in September 1841 Mr. Flintoff bought a number at one pound a piece and brought them to and planted them in the Greensborough district; a few years after they were transplanted to the garden in question and have remained there ever since.’

Mr. Carr who ‘had leased the orchard' for the last 10 or 11 years showed the writer ‘an underground cellar (a drive in the side of the hill) for storing fruit.