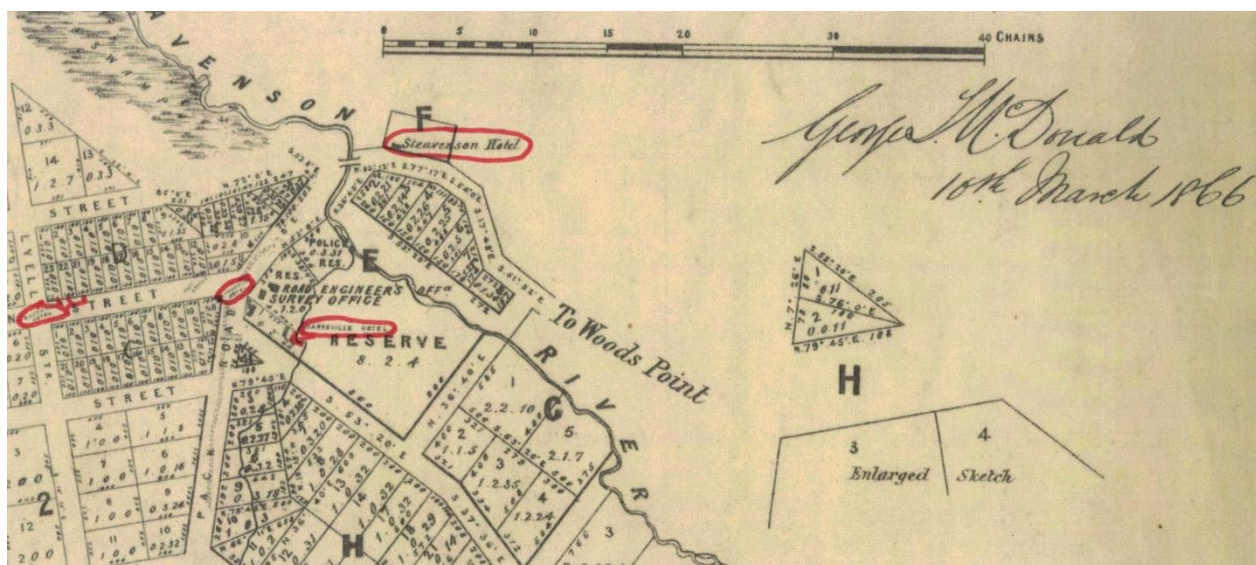


STEAVENSON HOTEL

later on this site **POONTAWAN**
renamed **MARYSVILLE CHALET**

Location

On the left-hand side of the Main Rd over the Steavensons River when the road turned right to Woods Point before the Buxton was made on the left. It was on the site of the current Christ Church Vicarage (2020).



George Wright

George Wright built a wooden house of 8 rooms, shingle roof, detached kitchen, stables, etc. valued at £145 at the end of Pack Road on the Woods Point Road before the lands sales. George purchased this Lot (Lot 1 Block F) at the Marysville Land Sales at the beginning of December 1864.

George's establishment went through a number of names in its first years. It was possibly the first accommodation house in Marysville being advertised as open for business on 12 December 1864.

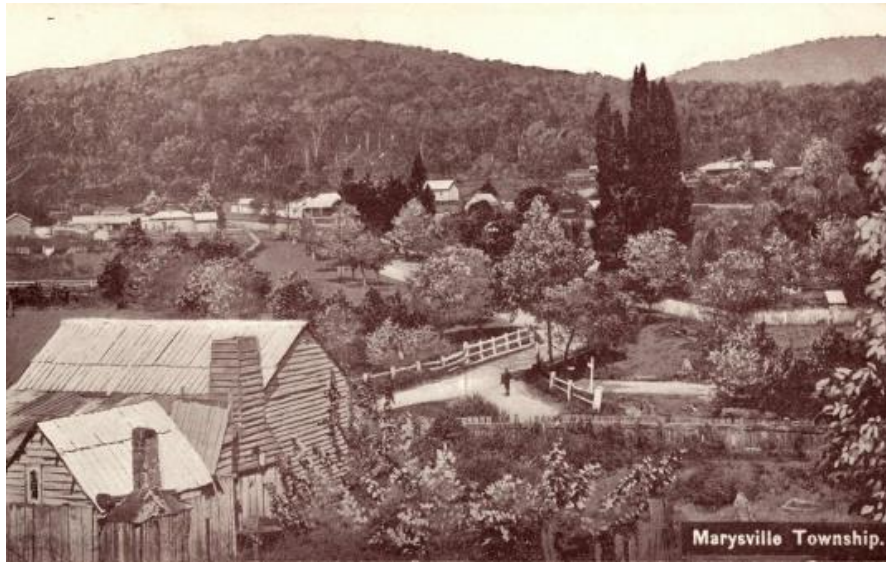
The Wood's Point Mountaineer, 12 December 1864

Albion Restaurant, Marysville, Steavenson's Creek, Yarra Track, George Wright, proprietor, has opened the above house for accommodation of travellers. Good Stabling, horse feed, &c.

Leader (Melbourne) 22 Jul 1865

BIRTHS - On 14 July 1865 Mrs George Wright of the Bridge Inn, Marysville, Yarra Track of a son.

By 1866 this establishment was known as the Steavenson Hotel - Butler's Woods Point General Directory 1866. Application for a Beer license 7 February 1866 for George Wright, Steavenson Hotel, Marysville.



View from beside the Steavenson Hotel in the early 1900s SLV

No written information can be found for the Steavenson Hotel after 1866 and this is the only known photo of the buildings. The date of early 1900s has been determined by the presence of the small police office top left which was built about 1902.



Labelled - Steavenson Hotel, taken by Rev Cox in SLV collection, not dated.

The above photo is of interest as because this building can be seen as part of Poontawan.

By the 1920s Poontawan Guest House was on this site. Whether it included part of the original Steavenson Hotel is not known.