

Dandenong District Historical Society

From: Robin Da Costa-Adams [robindacosta_adams@msn.com.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 19 August 2014 3:16 PM
To: Dandenong & District Historical Society
Subject: Re: Yarraman Park

Dear Jenny,

Many thanks for your email and a special thank you to Janice.

During the week I have found, through the wonders of Trove, a little more detail, so with your information I can piece together.

If you are interested in creating a File for Desailly, you may wish to have the following:

Alfred Desailly b. 23 January 1833 in Tasmania, d. 5 August 1891 in Adelaide where he is buried.
He wrote his Will from Yarraman Park in 1889. You can retrieve a copy of his Will from the Victorian Public Record Office - free online.

The Argus 18/4/1891 Records that Joseph Clarke & Co have received instructions from A. Desailly Esq (on account of the expiration of his lease of Yarraman Park) to Sell by Auction on the premises The Whole.....lists items for sale.

So we have confirmation that Desailly LEASED at Yarraman Park for a short period. ***One of the owners was listed as Mr Desailly, who paid 1847 pounds for the 259 acres.***

Please confirm Leased or Owned? House / Land? Rate notices would help? Where are they held?

He would also appear to have been living at Yarraman Park for some of the time, e.g. when he wrote his Will (he also had property in NSW & maybe in S.A.).

There is another potentially very interesting story. Alfred Desailly's daughter Clara Evelyn married Herbert Charles Hadfield at St James Church, Dandenong, 16 October 1889. Herbert was the younger son of Colonel Hadfield R.N. Lichfield, England. I believe the Reception would have been held at Yarraman Park. I've not been able to locate the Dandenong Journal for 1889- is there such a one, and if so do you have a copy? I'm sure the Wedding would have been written up locally, giving more details other than the official marriage notice in the main stream papers. Were there other local papers/journals covering Dandenong in 1889? I also believe that Clara's sister, Constance Dickens (with her husband Edward Dickens) would also have attended the wedding. Edward Dickens (youngest son of Charles Dickens) had just been sworn in as MLA for Wilcannia and he & Constance were living in Sydney during the sessions of Parliament. The Desailly family were close knit and travelled extensively around the country, both by land and sea!

I would very much appreciate an electronic copy of the homestead at Yarraman Park - even if the only one you have is after the occupation date of Desailly. Also any further information you can find on the Wedding, through local papers of the day, would be wonderful. I can look in the State Library if they have copies, once I know the titles etc..

Hope my information contributes to your records and I look forward to further contact.

Regards
Robin