Early history of Wandin ① by L. Kolling 7-8-65

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"white boy born Mr. Wandin J. Lebire" 1867
" " {girl born Miss Mary Ellen Burge} " 1867
{later Mrs L. Kolling}

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First industries were - Raspberry growing + vine growing + wine making. This latter ended in Gruyere. + fruit growing later. + berries. firewood production sent by rail to Melb.

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All lived on Kangaroos & Deer. shot or snared Hands had the only Store in district at Seville & supplied meat. bread, groceries, drapery & hardware. etc.
Nearest train was at Kew all had to walk to Kew 1 day. go by train next day to Coby & back & 3rd day walk back to Wandin 3 days in all to the ~~Sit~~. no flash cars then. No Tanks then only wells in ground for water No clocks or watches ~~only~~ a stick in ground only figures ~~marked~~ on ground 1 to 12. as a Sun Dial. only good on sunny day.
Some used to carry a bag of flour 200 lbs, from Bose Hill. to save carriage Mr Jacob often did this. no motor trucks then & no horse or cart either for 12 years in Wandin.
Mr Henderson had the first horse in Wandin. Everyone had to dig & tide the new ground no plows. & no spray pumps only pest was fear slug & Borgs had a man 1st per day to pick them off ants a tin how different now.

pest

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There were no dentists then if anyone wanted a tooth out they had to go to the Lovells blacksmith Mr. Tomery the inventor of the first grubbing machine in Australia and they had to sit on the anvil while the smithy pulled the teeth with a pincher & no cocaine or any kind of dops. Two of the family had to hold their arms to keep them still. No chemists about Settlers had to grow all their herbs in garden. No roads to Lilydale all had to blaze a trail with a tomahawk on trees to find way home again. No buses to school some had to walk 5-10 miles to Wandin Yallock school No 1033. Miss Peterson was first teacher & used a cane very freely. Soon after a black man, Mr. Jim Wandin staying there he came from Healesville & Wandin was named after his tribe. He used to jump all the fences week ends going to Healesville.

The wages then were 3/6 a day. Towing the line at daylight & till dark 15/- a week. & Mr J Burgi walked 10 miles each way to Yering in dark both ways to get a start.

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This is still the industry.
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Transcription

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