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CHARACTERS - PAST AND PRESENT

JOSEPH SCOTT 1799-1873

**HIS SONS WILLIAM 1837-1889; ANTHONY 1842-1920
AND JONATHAN 1845-1913**

Joseph Scott born 1799 in Cockermouth, England and his wife Jane (nee Whithead) born 1800 landed at Geelong from Cumberland, England in 1853. Accompanying them were six of their sons and two daughters.

They went to the Wimmera for some months then to Eltham, Kangaroo Ground and Diamond Creek- finally settling at Yarra Flats where he selected 80 acres under the Grants Land Act on which they resided. Over a period of time he selected and bought about 800 acres on the opposite side to his original acreage. This land stretched from Steels Creek to Skyline Road and Joseph carried on his agricultural and pastoral pursuits with his three youngest sons, William born 1837, Anthony 1842 and Jonathan born 1846. This 800 acres was wooded, as possibly was the original 80.

In 1882 Jonathan married Emily Sullivan (nee Rourke born 1851) from Carlow Ireland and had four sons.

Jonathan had a mining bent, and initially purchased 134 acres adjoining his father (feeling this was gold country). Eventually he selected and bought an additional 430 acres making 564 acres in one sizeable block. With his farm and dairying he also bred Hereford cattle.

William, a violinist and music teacher married Mary Jane Hill (born 1850 Lilydale, Victoria) in 1872 and had three daughters. He died in 1889.

Anthony married Mary Jane Scott (nee Hill his brother's widow) and had two daughters and one son.

Jonathan's land was sold many years ago and part of his father's still-wooded 800 acres about 40 years ago. The 80-acre farm remained in the family until about 10 or 15 years ago.

Of the 1444 acres of Scott land only two acres on the south edge of Scott Road is all that remains in the Scott name today.

Scotts Lane, running from west to east along the original 80 acres, lost its identity when Gulf Road was extended from Dixons Creek Road to Steels Creek Road.

The original house was burned to the ground in 1927.

Of William's daughters – Ann married George Albert, the butcher; Mary married his brother Tom the baker; and Alice married Sam Allan the grocer.

Joseph died 1873 and Jane in 1894. Both are buried in the Kangaroo Ground Cemetery.

Jonathan served the community as a shire councilor for the Shire of Eltham.

Contributed by Dorothy Fothergill.

EVELYN OBSERVER

1st December 1905.

A lad named John Scott, son of Councillor Scott, Dixons Creek, who was bitten by a snake last year while asleep in bed, had another unpleasant experience last week. He had been harrowing in the garden, and left the horse feeding on the headland. After tea he was turning the horse out when he trod on a snake, and having his boots unlaced was bitten on the instep. A ligature was put on his leg, and his father drove him in from Dixons Creek to Yarra Glen in a very short time to Dr. Chapman, who was many hours bringing the patient round. He is now progressing favourably.

HEALESVILLE GUARDIAN

26th March 1898.

Last Saturday the local residents received a great shock on hearing of the death of Mrs Scott, wife of Cr. J. Scott. Although Mrs Scott had been in delicate health for nearly 10 years, and has had bad attacks at times, her death was altogether unexpected. Mrs Scott, who has been twice married, lived for many years with her first husband, Mr Sullivan, the nephew of the Hon. Jas. Sullivan, Minister of Mines for many years: When he died they had just taken up their abode on Steel's Creek, about 20 years ago. Subsequently, as Sullivan's widow, she married Mr J. Scott and had lived here ever since. She leaves two sons by the former marriage, and four sons by the second, to mourn her loss. Deceased was interred in the Lilydale cemetery on Sunday, the funeral being largely attended.

Meeting dates, 11th July, 8th August, 12th September.
Yarra Glen, Living & Learning Centre, 1.30 pm.

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