



“The Pioneer”

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REFLECTIONS FROM ONE OF OUR PAST RESIDENTS – NORMAN “Doughy” TULL

(pictured above in his bread cart navigating the original Gortons Crossing)

Norman Tull's Grandfather John Tull came to Booral as a young man from England, he took up a grant of land, perhaps 80 acres, rich in cedar trees, and began work in the cedar trade. He was a cedar cutter – built rafts out of his felled timber and sent them to Sydney by ship, floating them to Allworth down river from Booral when the river was high enough. He built his own home, which included many cedar fittings in its interior. He married a Miss Ridgeway, and they had a family of ten - Anthony Ridgeway being Normans father.

Anthony Ridgeway Tull was the first butcher in Booral, having taught himself the butchering trade. (The butchers building and slab slaughter house still exist just South of the Washpool Rd turn). When he gave up the business, his brother Jim took it on. Animals were bought from local farmers, and slaughtered in the small slab building behind.

Norman was born in Mill Creek, just a little way from the Stroud Showground. He remembered the brick making at Mill Creek, and recalled the clay ovens used in the process. A number of homes and public buildings around Stroud have been built of locally made bricks.

Norman was eight years old when he began school. While still a school boy, Norman milked twenty cows before and after school every day. He also did odd jobs on farms around the district after leaving school until at age sixteen he became the Bread Carter, a job he held for 24 ½ years.

Albie Farley was the Baker carrying on his work at the bake house just North of the Stroud Showground on the corner of Britton Court Road (This building still stands today).

Norman began work at 6am delivering bread with a horse and cart. He delivered to Stroud Road, Johnsons Creek, Mill Creek, Clareval, Washpool and Nooroo, calling twice a week at each place. As well as being the bread carter he delivered and posted mail, and purchased odds and ends as requested for the farms in isolated areas.

NOTE: Norman Tull is not to be confused with our well known & much loved local Iarrikin Keith “Doughy” Tull – Norman's son who resides at Stroud Community Lodge. Keith inherited his Fathers nickname.

Item of Interest: *The family Tull before settling in England were the family Tulles of France.*