

LACHLAN VINTAGE VILLAGE EDUCATION SERVICE

GOLD MINING

HOMES:

BEN HALL'S HOUSE

Ben Hall's house was typical of the area. It is a bigger version of German Harry's. It now has a large barn. (It did have another shed which we will build in the future.) It has a double sided verandah, these verandahs are very low and would reclude the sun. This building was the house burnt down by the troopers after the warrant for Ben Hall's arrest was finally made. The troopers came here, lead by Sir Frederick Pottinger. His wife had apparently fled or gone elsewhere. (Please use the facinating Museum in Forbes for Ben Hall information - open 3-5 o'clock daily.)

The barn opposite has grown in size to house horses and prehaps the odd calf, and grain that might be to feed the cattle in dry times or to house implements and equipment.

The bark was obtained from grey box. It should be remembered that in one of Ben Hall's homes where he lived with his parents, they used stringy bark. Stringy bark was quite common too. It has long since been cut out of this area.

BEN HALL'S HOUSE SITE

Proceed south via Newell Highway, over Fitzgerald's Bridge on the Lachlan River. Turn left on Wirrinya Road half a mile from the bridge.

Follow road to Garema Siding, cross railway line and turn right immediately, following road to Wirrinya (watch signposts).

At Wirrinya turn left east of railway line and follow Caragabel Road (watch fingerboards) to junction with Grenfell-Pullabocka Road 36 miles from Forbes. Turn left here towards Grenfell and pass old Sand Creek Hall about two miles on the left and proceed half a mile to where iron gate is situated on southern side of road (no signboard).

Walk from there 300 to 400 yards over small hill to where board is erected on house site.

STOCKYARDS SITE

Proceed east to road junction (about half mile) and take road to right and carefully watch for sign in paddock on left about half mile from road junction.