

The Lower Albany Chronicle - June 1820 - Parts I to V

1 June 1820

William GRIFFITHS, of the Kap River portion of Hayhurst's Party, applied for appointment in his previous occupation as Master of a vessel.

Joshua CAWOOD applied for a grant of land outside of his location.

6 June 1820

Thomas PHILIPPS was repairing Barend LINDEQUE's former house for occupation by his family.

7 June 1820

Thomas PHILIPPS rode by Kowie Pass, on the Kowie River immediately above the Ebb and Flow, on to Kariega River source, sleeping at Klaas NIEMAND's place, on his way to his family at Port Elizabeth.

8 June 1820

John BRADLEY, Samuel BUFFRY, David JAMES, John and William CAWOOD, Richard HALSTEAD, James ROBINSON and Charles TUDOR, all located on the Kap River portion of Hayhurst's Party, asked to be placed under the direction of William GRIFFITHS.

9 June 1820

Another batch of about four hundred settlers began to arrive in Lower Albany. The party led by Capt. Alexander BIGGAR, 5th Regiment, was

outspanned at Reed River Post awaiting final direction. Other parties to follow were those under James ERITH, George DYSAON, William COCK, Charles Hyman and Benjamin OSLER. Also at Reed River Post, by mistake, was a party under John PARKIN and a portion of Hezekiah Sephton's Party. They were to be moved by the next available wagons.

DYASON's Party was located on the Torrens River, at Lushington Valley, although it was originally intended to share Theunis BOTHA's former loan-place with William Wait's Party.

F. JORDAAN was occupying land just north of the source of the stream next east of Kowie River, which had been named Rufane River.

William COCK had brought the party recruited by John HAWKINS.

Johan KNOEBEL surveyed land to be granted to Lt. Edward BIDDULPH, R.N.

13 June 1820

Capt. Charles TRAPPES reported that he had divided Hayhurst's Party.

Corn had been sown on some locations in spite of an almost total want of ploughs.

Enrith's Party was located on a portion of the present Bathurst commonage.

Col. Jacob CUYLER was instructed that the portion of Sephton's Party lying at Reed River Post must be moved.

15 June 1820

Capt. Fairfax MORESBY, H.M.S. Menai, had surveyed Kowie River Mouth. He had found it 20 yards wide at the mouth at low water. Surf broke across a bar a quarter of a mile from the entrance. Two beds of rock lay 2½ miles from the river mouth. He went on to Kaffir Drift Post

and
approached the Fish River there at the drift, leading down the
ravine
from the post. He waited an hour for the tide to recede
sufficiently for
him to cross on his way to Beka River.

Osler's Party was located in the curve of Mansfield River, on
the
present Grove Hill, a left bank tributary to the Kowie River.

Cook's Part was astride Rufane River.

17 June 1820

John COLEMAN, who had moved to Pendennis, Osler's location,
was married
at Reed Fountain by the Rev. William SHAW to Susannah,
daughter of
Benjamin OSLER, the first marriage in the Settlement.

19 June 1820

Biggar's Party had been set down on Drie Fontein.

Hyman's Party and parties under Samuel JAMES, Miles BOWKER and
William
MENEZES moved over to Kariega River into Lower Albany by
Paarde Drift
and down to Theopolis Mission.

20 June 1820

John GOODES petitioned to be allowed to move to Cape Town to
work as a
house painter. He renounced all claims as a settler, and his
petition
was supported by his director, Thomas WAKEFORD.

24 June 1820

Lt. John BAILIE wrote from 'The Hope', supporting the request
of Richard
KING to be allowed to move to Cape Town to follow his calling
as a
clerk, renouncing all claims.

Johan KNOEBEL was instructed to survey five hundred acres at
the source
of Mansfield River, Ostrich Spring, for Major James JONES,
selected for

him by Lt. William AUSTIN, and to move Erith's Party. Lt. AUSTIN had been employed at Somerset Farm.

25 June 1820

Parkin's Party was sent from Theopolis Mission to make its way to its correct location on Kariega River.

Another batch of over a hundred settlers came in, in parties led by George SMITH, James RICHARDSON and Edward FORD. Ford's Party was left with Hyman's Party at Reed Fountain. Smith's Party was located on the right bank of the George River, with Richardson's Party on the same bank immediately above Smith's Party. Bowker's Party was on its location next above Richardson's Party.

The wagons conveying Bowker's Party's baggage were in the charge of Jan OOSTHUISEN of Skiet Rug.

26 June 1820

A party under Christopher THORNHILL had arrived and moved from Reed River Post by way of the Kowie Pass and Bathurst to its location between the Kowie and Rufane Rivers.

John KNOEBEL, who was supervising transport, received instructions from Col Jacob CUYLER that sixty wagons, which would be released by the later arrivals of a party under Thomas WILSON [s/b WILLSON], except enough to removed James' Party to above SIBERTS' former loan-place and ERITH's to near Waai Plaats Post, should join those which had brought Thornhill's Party near the Kowie River Drift and across to Reed River Post.

Part of the wagons were to move Ford's and Hyman's Parties from there to their ultimate locations on the upper reaches of the Lynedoch River.

Part were to move the portion of Sephton's Party from there.
The
remainder was to pick up Menezes' party at Theopolis Mission
and carry
them to their location over the Kariega River.