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## Soldiers, surveyors and selectors: a genealogy of the Cowley and Simpkins families and associated branches

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### Details

A genealogy of the Cowley and Simpkins families and associated branches, chiefly concentrating on activities since their arrival in Australia in the 1850s and 1860s. The history includes references to early family pastoral holdings in the Riverina district, and efforts to eradicate cattle tick in northern New South Wales. The manuscript also documents items of local Queanbeyan and Canberra interest, including a short biography of Margaret Agnes Anne Francis (nee Green), the first public school teacher in Queanbeyan, and family connections with Major General Sir William Throsby Bridges, founder of the Royal Military College, Duntroon.

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