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# Clydesdale

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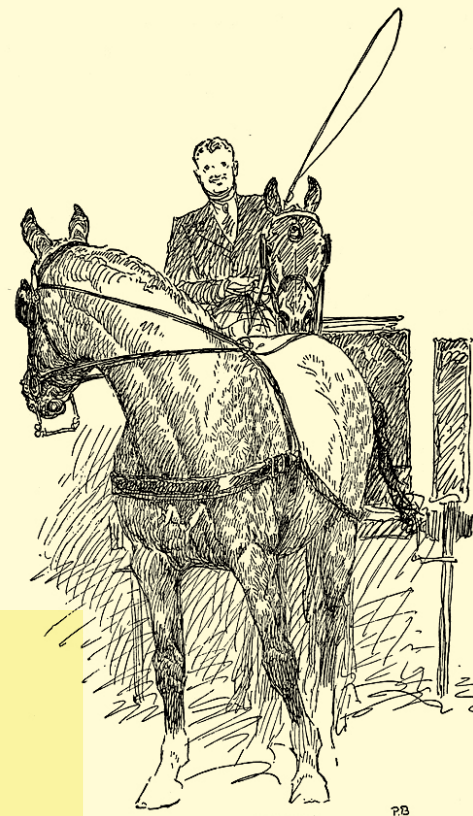
A SHORT HISTORY

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*The area known as Clydesdale Estate has an eventful history, beginning with the Darug Nation indigenous people.*

*In 1813, a trader named Walter Lang was granted land here on the condition that he cultivated it. After he died, the estate was put up for sale in 1819, described as ‘700 acres of rich soil... This farm, by its fertility and local situation, is one of the most valuable in the colony.’*

*The story of Clydesdale Estate was just beginning.*



1819–1848  
Gentleman's  
Estate

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## **The ex-convict & his new community**

*In 1819, the estate was bought by ex-convict, Charles Thompson, who later bought nearby acreages and developed a community. The 1828 census records a teacher, cook, shoemaker, stableman, shepherds, ploughman, carpenters and many others lived here.*

*Charles Thompson Jr, who was raised here, would go on to become an early Australian poet of renown.*



1860–1872  
Marist Seminary

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## Father Poupinel & the Great Flood

*In 1860, the estate was bought by Father Francois Poupinel of the Marist Missions for use as a seminary.*

*The Hawkesbury River flooded many times during this period, degrading the property and straining resources. During the Great Flood of 1867, the crops and St Phillips Church were so badly damaged that most of the land's occupants left.*

1880–1931  
Stud Farm

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## Race days & a home for horses

*Towards the end of the nineteenth century, equestrian sports were becoming increasingly popular. As well as a racecourse built on the estate, it was owned by three notable people in the industry: John Hardie (the City of Sydney mayor in 1884), George Grierson Kiss and John Buckland.*



1934–1963  
Transition

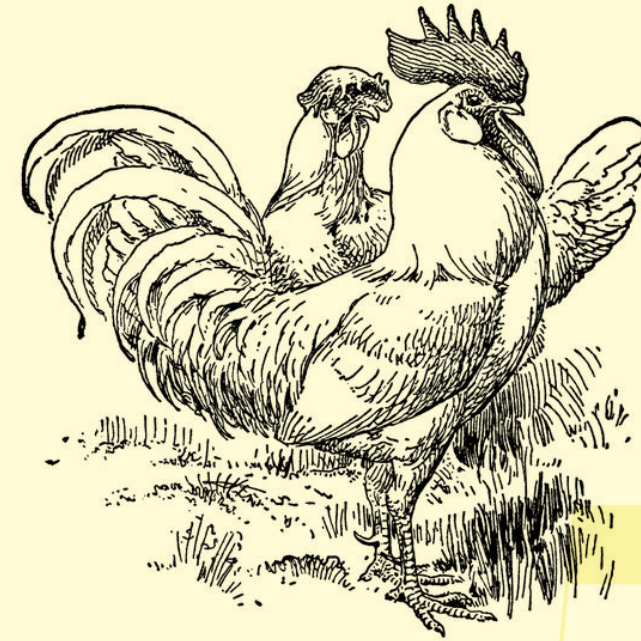
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## Dairy farming & an army station

*The Pottie brothers bought the estate in 1954, before it was sold again to Joseph James to run a dairy farm.*

*After he died, the land was used as a receiving station for the military and as a convalescent depot for both the RAAF and the Australian Army in WW2.*

*In 1945, the property was transferred once again to Marcia Evelyn Williams who most likely lived in the estate's country house.*



1963–2016  
Dairy & Poultry  
Farm

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## A new dairy, free range chooks & cattle

*In 1965, the estate was acquired by Associated Dairies Toongabbie Pty Ltd which ran a modern dairy and grew crops to feed cattle. The iconic mansion, Clydesdale House, is believed to have been used as a residence until the late 1980s.*

*In 2002, Francis Pace of Pace Farms, acquired the site for free range egg production and cattle grazing. Local farmers continued to use the land for cattle grazing after the estate was sold again in 2014.*

