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1 OMEO STATION FOUNDED 1835



Homestead 1865

The first European settlement in Gippsland was founded in 1835 by James MacFarlane, closely followed by the Pendergast, Hyland & Buckley families. Of these only the Pendergast family remain.

Omeo Station is believed to be the first pastoral settlement in Gippsland as well as the first European settlement.

MacFarlane originally called his station Mt Pleasant, and it later reverted to be officially called Omeo or Omeo B. MacFarlane is thought to have started pasturing cattle on the plains in the spring of 1835 only to be closely followed by the Pendergast brothers, John Hyland - Hinnomunjie station, Edmund Buckley - the Benambra Run in early 1836. It would seem none of the occupancies were legal until 1837.

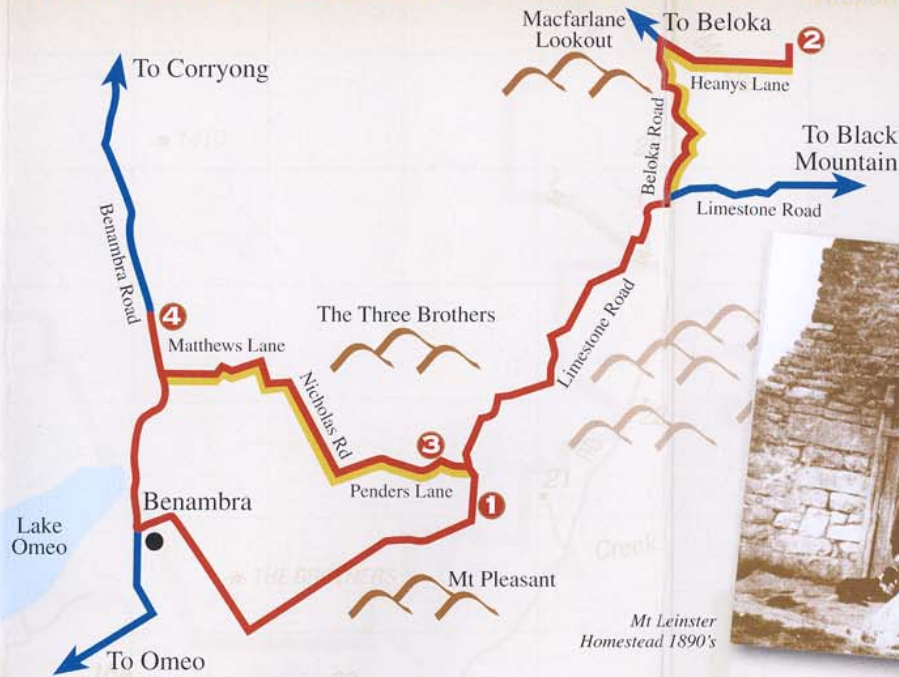
The past owners and occupiers of Omeo B were as follows:

James MacFarlane	1835 to Nov 1859
William Glen Walker	1859 to Jan 1865
William De Graves	1865 to July 1869
Chas & John De Graves	1869 to Dec 1877
Wilson, Dougharty and Rhind	1878 to Oct 1880
Wilson and Dougharty	1880 to 1886
Edward O'Rourke	1886 to 1909
C.H.V Pendergast & Family	1909 to present



Springvale Homestead 1870

FOLLOW THE ROUTE OF THE EARLY SETTLERS



LEGEND	
The Drive Length from Benambra	
1 Omeo Station	7.4 Km
2 Mt Leinster	20.4 Km
3 Penders Court	33.4 Km
4 Springvale	40.6 Km
— Gravel Road	



Mt Leinster Homestead 1890's

4 SPRINGVALE

Whilst being one of the later Pendergast homesteads built, it is still just as significant. William, son of John snr, chose this site on the Three Brothers Run - it being his favourite spot. This Homestead continues to be lived in by the family descendents today. It is quite possibly the longest lived in site since European settlement of Gippsland. In later years, as settlers moved on to the Plains, the family took up other cattle runs in the following areas - Johnnie's Top, MacFarlane's Flat Berrimee and the Tin Mines.

The past owner's were as follows:

Thomas, William & John Pendergast snr	1836 to 1859
William (son of John snr) & family	1859 to 1914
Cornelius Pendergast	1914 to 1956
Garth & Nola Pendergast	1956 to 1999
Gary Pendergast & Family	1999 to present

2 MT LEINSTER

This is said to be where George McKillop, James MacFarlane and Hyland set up camp just before sighting the beautiful Omeo Plains in June 1835.

Thomas Pendergast built the first hut on this site in 1836. Two magnificent stone chimneys still remain as monuments of the family's endeavour to settle this sometimes harsh but beautiful alpine valley.

Owners were as follows:

Thomas, William & John Pendergast snr	1836 to 1859
James & Matilda Pendergast	1860 to 1924
Louis Henry Pendergast	1924 to 1938
Estate of Louis Henry Pendergast	1938 to 1955
Creamy Jack Pendergast & family	1955 to 1995
Max & Margret Pendergast	1995 to present