**Beecroft Grand United Order of Oddfellows**

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 11 May 1895, page 8**

Beecroft.

Proposed Oddfellows Lodge. – A well-intended meeting, was held at Stobo’s store on Tuesday night, the object being to consider the advisability of forming a branch of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows. Mr. C. O. Tucker, J.P., was voted to the chair. Mr. T. Casserley, who convened the meeting, and several officers from the Grand Lodge were present, and explained the benefits of the Order. A general discussion, as to whether it would not be better to form a branch connection with the Manchester Unity, took place. it being pointed out that the M.U. had a branch at Hornsby Junction, and that therefore it would be more advantageous to be connected to that order. It was eventually decided on the motion of Mr. G. Willis, seconded by Mr. J. Lovell, that a branch of the M.U. I.O.O.F. be formed in preference to a branch of the Grand United Order.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 18 May 1895, page 3**

Beecroft.

Oddfellows. — Mr. Thomas Casserley corrects a recent report, in The Argus concerning the formation of an Oddfellows Lodge at Beecroft. He says that the motion to form a lodge under the Grand United Order was carried by a large majority; that 30 names of intending members has been received; and that negotiations were now being opened up for a medical officer.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 1 June 1895, page 2**

Beecroft.

That Oddfellow's Lodge. - Notwithstanding the decision of a recent meeting Lore in favour of establishing an Oddfellow's Lodge under the Manchester Unity, any intentions in that direction on the part of 'the Unity' authorities have, it is said, been forestalled by the officers of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows, who was reported to have embarked a lodge here under their (the G.U.) banner.

**Australian Star (Sydney, NSW: 1887 - 1909), Monday 10 June 1895, page 5**

OPENING A LODGE.

A branch of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows has been established at Beecroft, and the ceremony of opening the new lodge will take place to-morrow (Tuesday) evening.

**Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW: 1883 - 1930), Monday 10 June 1895, page 1**

GRAND UNITED ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS.

SYDNEY DISTRICT.

The District Officers will open a New Branch at BEECROFT on TUESDAY NIGHT Next. "Train leaves Redfern at 0.80 p.m." Members cordially Invited.

R. H. WYNNE, D.M.

**Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW: 1883 - 1930), Friday 14 June 1895, page 4**

On Tuesday night a number of the officers of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows visited Beecroft and there successfully established a branch of that order, the following officers being elected: - N.G., T. Casserly; V.G., Arthur Maher; F.S., Fred. Mason; E.S., Andrew Whyte; treasurer, A. E. Midson; O.G., F. Bullard; I.G., W. Way; W., S. Bowerman: trustees, T. Casserly and White; R.S., Shipson and C. Hainson; L.S., Edgar Smith and Joseph Lutherborough. Twenty-five members were enrolled, and Dr. Walters, of Pymble, was appointed medical officer for the new branch.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 13 July 1895, page 9**

Beecroft.

Oddfellowship. — Another very successful meeting was held on Monday night in connection with the newly established branch of the G.U.O.O.F. Four new members were proposed. At the conclusion of the business the brethren passed a social hour of harmony.

Medical. — Dr. Walters of Pymble the medical officer of the local lodge of Oddfellows paid his first visit under his engagement on Tuesday.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 5 October 1895, page 7**

Beecroft,

Oddfellowship. — The local branch of the G.U.O.O.F. continues to report good progress. A very successful meeting was hold on Monday night, when several residents were proposed for membership.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 12 October 1895, page 8**

Beecroft.

Station Master. — Some time ago our local Station. Master, Mr. Casserly received intimation from the railway authorities that he would most likely be promoted to a station on the Illawarra line. Since, this intimation nothing further in the matter has been notified, so that Mr, Casserly believes now that his desire not to leave us will be satisfied. Mr. Casserley is a very great enthusiast in the newly formed lodge of Oddfellows, and he is very anxious not to leave Beecroft until he has seen its membership reaching 50, a desire which will probably be soon realised as the lodge is on a fair road for such a record.

**Cumberland Free Press, Sat 19 Oct 1895**

BEECROFT.

Departure of Mr. Casserly, STATIONMASTER.

A pleasant little re-union— In the nature of a surprise party — was held on Tuesday night, at the house of Mr. Casserly, the Beecroft stationmaster, who has been appointed to take charge of the Heathcote station. Some 20 or 30 ultimate friends gathered together to bid the popular officer, and his equally popular lady, good-bye; and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Mr. Glynn (stationmaster, Hornsby) said he had known Mr. Casserly a few years as an upright, honest, and honourable man, respected by all. He deserved great credit, too, as the founder of an Oddfellows' Lodge in Beecroft.

Mr. Maher, of Beecroft, said Mr. Casserly was a very good man, and it would be difficult to fill his place especially in the lodge he had founded. He hoped Mr. Casserly would make many friends and start another lodge in the place he was going to. (Applause.)

He was sorry to leave the district, and no promotion would have tempted him to do so, had the dwelling been less inconvenient. In fact, he had at first refused the offer of removal. He had done his best for the lodge, whose members had responded by placing him in the highest position they could in the local branch of their society. He thanked them for the kind manner in which they had received the toast.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 21 December 1895, page 8**

ALONG THE LINE.

Beecroft Oddfellows members now number 35.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 18 January 1896, page 4**

Mr. Albert Smith, a promising young man, died at Carlingford on Tuesday. The deceased, who was son of Mr. Edward Smith, of the Pennant Hills road. Deceased was 20 years of age and was a respected member of a respected family. The funeral on Wednesday afternoon was largely attended, over thirty vehicles following the hearse, alongside of which walked some members of the Beecroft Lodge of Oddfellows, to which deceased belonged. The funeral proceeded to Carlingford C. E. Cemetery, and the Rev. Geo. McIntosh officiated at the grave.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 29 February 1896, page 7**

Beecroft.

Oddfellowship. — The branch lodge of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows continues to do well here. The membership is increased by one or two nearly every meeting: night. The following officers for the current year have been elected: A. P. Maher N.G., E. H. Sargent V.G., O. Thompson F.S., D. Wayte O.S., J. Lovell treas., G. Pateman O.G., W. Way I.G., E. H. Sargent and Whyte auditors. It is proposed to hold the meetings in the 'Willabah' schoolroom as soon as that building is completed.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 16 May 1896, page 10**

ALONG THE LINE.

The second ball in connection with the Beecroft G.U.O.O.F, has been fixed for Friday, June 12. Dr. W. S. Gordon Smith, of Ryde, has been appointed by the Beecroft Lodge of Oddfellows as their medico. The appointment is one that should meet with every satisfaction.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 20 June 1896, page 11**

Thornleigh.

Social. - On Friday night the School of Arts was decorated with flags, evergreens and flowers, the occasion being the second bill in connection with the Beecroft branch of the G. U. O. O. F. The floor was in grand order, a good programme of dances arranged, and splendid music provided by Professor Oatley and Mr. G. Taylor. In short, everything except the weather was perfect. Dancing commenced shortly after 8 p m., Mr. George Pateman officiating as M.C, and continued until midnight.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 20 June 1896, page 10**

ALONG THE LINE.

The Beecroft branch of the G.U.O.O.F., hold a very enjoyable ball on Friday night in commemoration of the anniversary of the Lodge. The Grand Lodge officers will visit the Beecroft Oddfellows Lodge on Monday night, when several new members will be initiated.