

The Lakeen Family - further notes.

The Hunter Valley Directory for 1841, compiled by E. Guilford, published 1987, contains these references:

Lakeen Daniel, Score, father of Mary Ann  
" Mrs Daniel (Mary Walsh) Score  
" Mary Ann - Mrs Arthur Farrell.

Farrell or Ferrell, Arthur - Ticket of leave in August 1840. Came by ship Champion in 1827

Farrell, Mrs Arthur (Mary Ann Lakeen) at Score 184

We then searched the records of Convicts Applications to Marry, held in State Archives and found that Arthur Farrell (or Ferrell) applied on 30 June 1840 to marry Mary Ann Lakeen. He was then 28 years old and came as a convict to NSW by the ship Champion with a 14 year sentence.

Mary Ann was a spinster, aged 18, living in Score, and came as a free person to NSW.

This application was not approved, but a month later, on 30 July 1840, Arthur Farrell applied again - aged 28, came by ship Champion with a 14 year sentence, but by this time he had a ticket of leave (and could work as a free man in the district, and could earn money).

The application was signed by the Church of England clergyman at Score, Rev. John Morse, who stated that Arthur Farrell 'stated on arrival to be a bachelor'.

It seems from this record that the Lakeen family came to N.S.W. as free people, so now you can write to

The State Archivist  
Archives Office of N.S.W.  
2 Globe Street, The Rocks  
Sydney NSW 2000

and ask if they will search their records for the shipping lists showing the arrival before 1840 of Daniel Lakeen or Leheer and his daughter Mary Ann and possibly his wife Mary Walsh. Mary Ann was given as coming free on the application for her marriage in 1840 to Arthur Farrell or Farrell.

There will probably be a search fee for this, so say that you will pay on advice from them.

Maybe the Lakeens are found at last!

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