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3 PENDERS COURT



Rear Hut 1836
Front Hut 1853



Homestead 1868



Homestead 1885

It all started back in 1836 when Thomas and John snr built the first slab and bark hut here, some 300 metres south west of the present building. When John Jr. married Elizabeth Parslow in 1868 they built themselves a weatherboard home from timber cut at Tolands sawpit. This home was situated 200 metres north east of the present building. The building still standing is believed to have been built around 1885 and it's from this old home that lots of people still share fond memories.

This now deserted Homestead was once the grand centre of the Omeo Plains. The family once entertained up to 70 guests at a time - no mean feat when one considers their food was cooked on a wood stove and on a crane over the open fire. The Catholic faith celebrated mass here until a church was built in The Benambra township. The family was also known for its many musical accomplishments.

TIPS

STOCK on the ROAD. Take time to travel through stock slowly. Please respect the right of the locals in going about their everyday business.

ROAD SURFACE . Mainly sealed roads - only some gravel parts.



THE THREE BROTHERS

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OMEO PLAINS

EARLY SETTLEMENT DRIVE

*Welcome to the Birthplace of Gippsland.
The drive starts at BENAMBRA -
the centre of the Omeo plains.*



MACFARLANE'S LOOKOUT

James MacFarlane first viewed the Plains from here in 1835. He was travelling with George McKillop's party looking for grass for their drought stricken cattle back on the Monaro, NSW.