

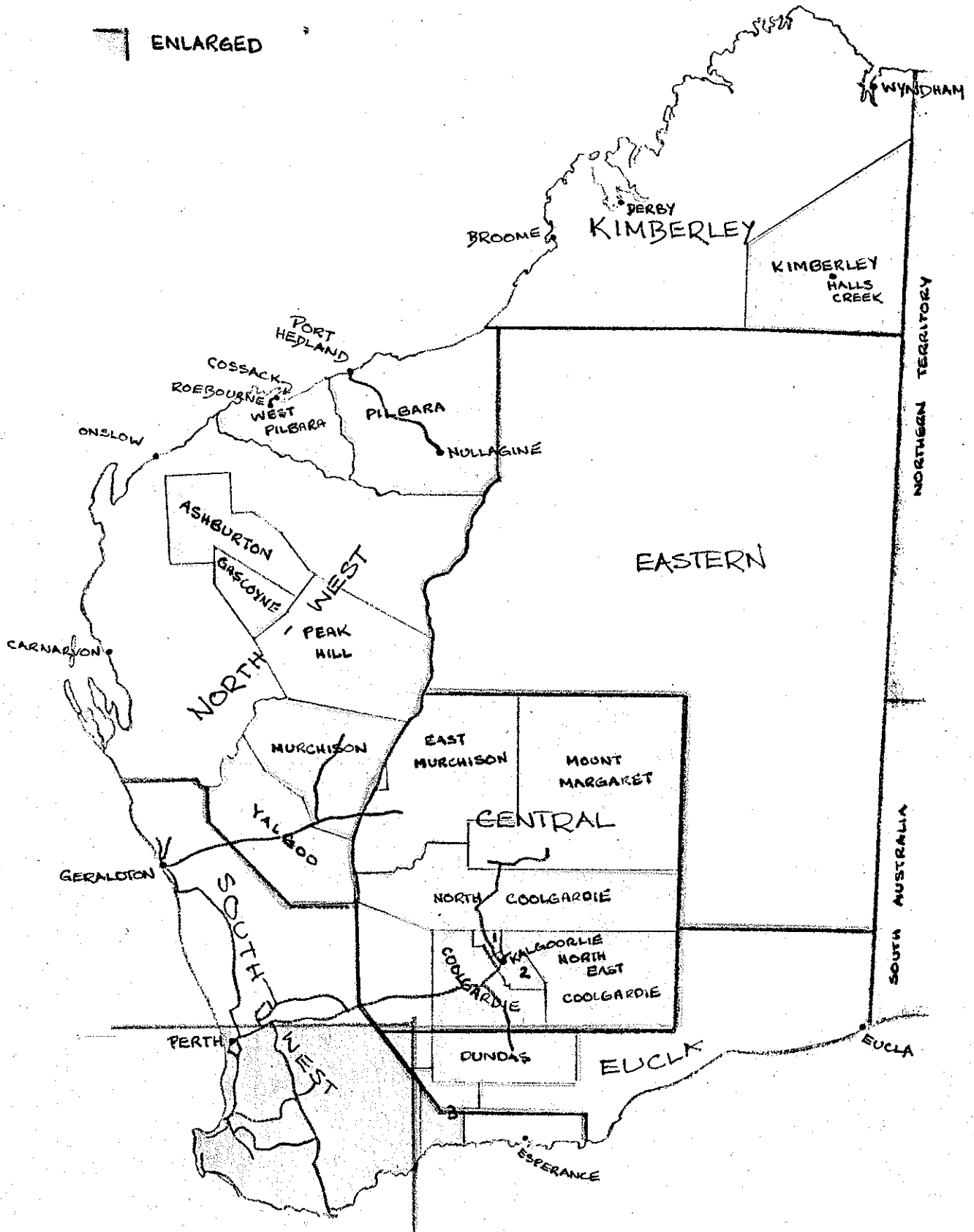
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I N T R O D U C T I O N

This is the story of John and Harriett Baskerville, who arrived in Western Australia at the beginning of the Convict Era in 1850. John was English, Harriett an Anglo-Indian, and after living in both England and India, they made their home in Western Australia.

It was not their destiny to be rich, or even 'well off'. They were both unable to either read nor write, which was not unusual at that time; and were of the wrong social class to advance much beyond their allotted 'station', near the bottom of English and Colonial society; not to mention the problems that could be encountered because of Harriett's 'colour'. They were in fact, as poor as the proverbial church mice. Six of their ten children died before reaching adulthood, probably from a combination of inadequate diet, lack of available medical care, and insanitary living conditions.

This is also the story of the other children, the four who survived the rigors of childhood; of their lives and times; and of their children in turn, the grand-children of John and Harriett.

From the early 1800's to the 1940's, this is the Family History of the Baskerville's. In carving their own niche in Westralian history, the Baskerville's have not so much created an individual chapter of their times; but are rather a mirror of the great many other families that struggled for survival in the isolated Colony of Western Australia. Yagan, James Stirling, Grace Bussell, John Forrest, Edith Cowan - these are the names that our Westralian history books abound in, but ultimately the 'spirit' that motivated our Ancestors, and that still motivates many of us now can be found within the pages of our own personalized histories, our Family History.

I hope that You, the reader, get as much out of this as I did researching and writing what I have come to think of as my own 'memorial' to John and Harriett Baskerville, only one of the many virtually unknown pioneering families of our Nation that "History Books" have yet to learn of:

Bruce Baskerville.

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