

from PRINGLES OF THE VALLEYS ,1957, by Eric, Mark and John Pringle.

p.29. (On the farm now known as Clifton).

"The next day, July 2nd (1820) was our first Sunday on our own grounds. Feeling deeply the importance of maintaining the suitable observance of this day of sacred rest, it was unanimously resolved that we should strictly abstain from all secular employment not sanctioned by absolute necessity; and at the same time commence such a system of religious services as might be with propriety maintained in the absence of a clergyman or minister. The whole party were accordingly assembled after breakfast under a venerable acacia tree, on the margin of a little stream which murmured around our camp.

It was, indeed, an affecting sight to look round on our little band of Scottish emigrants, thus congregated for the first time to worship God in the wild glen allotted for their future home and the heritage of their offspring".

An inspection in 1956 established this spot with some certainty is just south of the present Craig Rennie homestead.