



Lithographed map, with contemporary hand-colour in outline.

9D. FOR A GIG DRAWN BY TWO HORSES TO 1/4D. FOR A SHEEP, PIG OR GOAT

A Plan of Sydney and its Environs Showing the Bridges and Roads to be constructed by The Pyrmont Bridge Company. N.B. This Plan shows the line recommended by the Engineer and adopted by the Directors but alterations or amendments may hereafter be made. E.O. Moriarty C.E.

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Dimensions

419 by 478mm (16.5 by 18.75 inches).

Notes

This early map extends from the city of Sydney west to Leichhardt, showing the location of the

proposed first Pymont Bridge, as well as the proposed route from the City to Parramatta Road “(roughly the route of the current Pymont Bridge Road) including a proposed viaduct at Black Wattle Swamp (the current site of Wentworth Park), with an offshoot route (probably about Ross Street) to Balmain Road in Leichhardt. By the 1850s, the population of the Pymont area had grown, and residents demanded better access to the area, so in 1853 the Pymont Bridge Company was incorporated to build the bridge and associated roads. The Bridge was opened on 17 March 1857, and carried an unpopular toll until 1884, when the bridge was sold to the government for £52,500. Tolls ranged from 9d. for a gig drawn by two horses to 1/4d. for a sheep, pig or goat. The bridge was a wooden pile structure with an iron centre “swing panel” to allow ships to pass. It was replaced in 1902 with a new steel bridge, as exists today” (Brown).

Other points of interest include the location of Grose Farm, now site of Sydney University, and the polluting White Bay Abattoirs.

Edward Moriarty (1825-1896) was born in Ireland and emigrated to New South Wales in 1848. In 1852 he opened his own private engineering practice in Sydney, and worked on many major projects thereafter.

Bibliography

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