

Kimberley Society

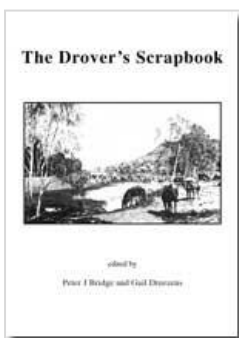
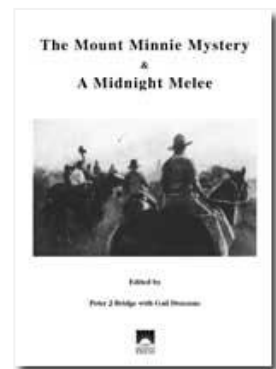
Book Notes



My reports of the Kimberley offerings in the A4 series of historical works published by [Hesperian Press](http://www.hesperianpress.com.au) have lagged badly of late. These brief notes cover four books.

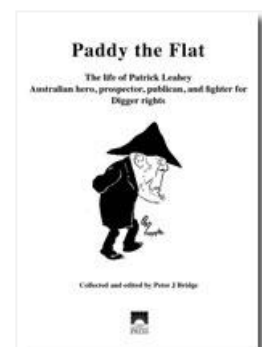
Pioneers of Nor'-West Australia: Pastoral and Pearlring by Lockier Clere Burges senior, originally released as reminiscences in 1911, was reprinted in 2008. Burges went north with the Roebuck Bay Pastoral and Agricultural Association in 1864 and was thus in a position to comment on events that included the deaths Panter, Harding and Goldwyer near Lagrange Bay. The 28-page volume (ISBN 978-0-85905-438-6) is indexed and retails at \$15.00.

In ***The Mount Minnie Mystery & A Midnight Melee***, edited by Peter J Bridge with Gail Dreezens, the second and longer of the two parts is about a 1920 cattle drive from Streeter's station near Broome. It is a contemporary account in which the writer cites witness statements and evidence from a coronial inquest and a trial at which one Kimberley man, Charles Athelstone Park, was found guilty of the wilful murder of another, an Aboriginal drover known as Big Bob. *The Mount Minnie Mystery* is about the disappearance of two men near Onslow in 1925. The 36-page volume (ISBN 978-0-85905-425-6) is indexed and retails at \$22.00.



A third 2008 release was ***The Drover's Scrapbook*** edited by Peter J Bridge and Gail Dreezens. This 127-page volume (ISBN 978-0-85905-428-7) provides an invaluable collection of anecdotes, reports and reminiscences about drovers and their work in WA from the 1880s to the 1950s. It is indexed and illustrated, contains a small map showing stock routes, and retails at \$30.00.

Paddy the Flat: The life of Patrick Leahey Australian hero, prospector, publican, and fighter for Digger rights contains historical and biographical material collected and edited by Peter J Bridge. Paddy Leahey, as well as being a storekeeper at Halls Creek in 1886 and walking 2,764 miles to visit that goldfield again in 1895, was known on goldfields across Australia. The 29-page illustrated volume (ISBN 978-0-85905-065-4) was published in 2010 and retails at \$16.00.



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