

Shortem's Shanty

c.1864 - 1866

Situated along McEvoy's Track near the junction of the old track to Walhalla, Benjamin (also known as Bob) Shortem operated an accommodation house with his wife and children. Irish-born Shortem was formerly occupied in farming but is also known to have worked as a carrier and bullock driver. Shortem returned to his former profession after acquiring good agricultural land selections between Toongabbie and Heyfield, fronting the Thomson River.



Source: 'McEvoy's Track- Gateway to the Gippsland Goldfields' by Jeanette & Rudi Paoletti, 2013

A typical shanty c. late 1800's

Note: Benjamin (Bob) Shortem is also referred to in some historical material as 'Shorten'.