

# BROKEN DAM BURIAL GROUND

What is now the “Ariah Park Cemetery” is located in the extreme southwestern corner of the “suburban lands” of the proposed village of “Mandamah”, which was surveyed at Broken Dam in 1884. No allotments in the village were ever sold and the cemetery, established in 1897, is our only enduring link with the village’s existence.



Prior to the establishment of the cemetery, people who died locally were either buried where they were eventually found (if lost in the bush), near local homesteads, or here, beside the creek, at Broken Dam.

The first person buried here was John Sanderson, who died in about 1880, after moving here to establish the hotel with his family. The blaze in the Yellow Box tree at this site was cut by his sons to mark his grave. In subsequent years, residents or their infant children, who died at or near the settlement, were laid to rest beside Mr. Sanderson. Upon her death, Mrs. Annie Sanderson was also brought to Broken Dam Burial Ground to be interred beside her husband.

## **Among those believed to rest here are:**

John Sanderson d.c1880

Annie Sanderson d.10.7.1896

Yee Soon d.26.3.1892

An unknown man found beside the Narrandera Road 34 miles from Temora, in 1895.

## **Also infants:**

Caroline Richards d.5.4.1881

Fanny Harrison d.5.1.1887

Martha Harrison d.26.5.1891

Ada May Maunder d.7.12.1895

