

A Real Pioneer - - - -

Mrs. Sarah Archibald is a charming, grey-haired woman, who lives at La Perouse, Sydney. She has many claims to special consideration, not least that her ancestors, the Aboriginal people of Australia, were entitled to regard Captain Cook as an interloper when he set foot at Kurnell, which is within sight of her present home.

We asked Mrs. Archibald to tell us something of her life. She was born at Glen Rock (out from Tamworth), over 60 years ago. Her father was a stockman.

Little Sarah attended school whenever possible. At one time, she used to walk three and a half miles into Walcha, to school.

At the age of 21, she married Frank Archibald. He was alternately labourer, stockman, and for periods at Nymboidia and Lismore worked as a police tracker.

The Archibalds had twelve children, four boys and eight girls. At times the family lived on reserves, at other times on the outskirts of country towns, and Mr. and Mrs. Archibald tried always to give their children the best opportunities.

When war came, this family, like so many others, heard the call to defend their country, and Frank Archibald and his two eldest sons, Frank and Ronnie, joined the Army. In New Guinea, young Frank laid



down his life to defend the land that had belonged to his people since the dawn of time.

Pride of place in Mrs. Archibald's home is a framed letter, which reads :—

“Buckingham Palace.

“The Queen and I offer you our heartfelt sympathy in your great sorrow. We pray that your country's gratitude for a life so nobly given in its service may bring you some measure of consolation.

George R.I.”



When a happy group of ex-Cootamundra girls recently visited Sydney, the Chairman of the Board, Mr. C. J. Buttsworth, pointed out some of the Harbour sights from his office window.