

Gymbowen  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> 189?5

Crown Solicitor  
Melbourne

Dear Sir

I regret to state that I cannot pay my rents as it takes all I make to pay my interest & keep my family, the seasons have been so bad, & the low price of produce and the exhorbitant price we have to pay for our goods- I will try & send the first money I get I have to pay 32 pound Interest & it takes all I make to keep the place, hoping you ?are not proceeding against me

I remain

Yours Obediently

Annie Knight

This is a letter from Annie Knight – her first husband died young leaving her with 4 children and the land. Not long after this she married Keeran Buffham who also died young leaving her with another 4 children. Her Knight children and her Buffham children inherited their respective blocks so she must have managed to survive.