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# SASSAFRAS CREEK GRAVES (SASSAFRAS CEMETERY)

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## Location

BENAMBRA-CORRYONG ROAD NARIEL VALLEY, TOWONG SHIRE

## Municipality

TOWONG SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8424-0024

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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## History

The Sassafras Creek gold diggings were opened with a rush in 1868, when some 150 diggers were camped on Sassafras & Saltpetre Creeks. A small settlement boasting an hotel grew up adjacent to where the cemetery now stands. Known as Sunny Point, it was occupied intermittently until the 1930's. Another rush took place in 1878. The monument and plaque were erected by the Omeo and Upper Murray Historical Societies. The plaque has 6 names - John Smith Miller died 29.6.1869, William Miller died 1.9.1874, Charlie Blevin (An American Red Indian), John Brown, Mrs Lawrence and her infant, Simeon (Simmie) Davies died March 1896.

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