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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

TELEPHONE: ~~XXXXXX~~ MB 5451.

IN REPLY ADDRESS
COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL OFFICER
FOR THE STATE OF VICTORIA
MELBOURNE,
AND QUOTE THIS NUMBER:

No.

COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL OFFICE FOR VICTORIA,

~~85 COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE, C.1.~~
301 FLINDERS LANE, MELBOURNE C.1.

4th July, 1955.

Mrs. H. Coulson,
Shire Historian,
21 Baillie Street,
HORSHAM.

Dear Madam,

Further to my letter dated 29th June, 1955, relative to the history of the Shire of Ferntree Gully, I desire to advise as follows:-

First Election held after Federation - 16th December, 1903.

Electoral Division - Mernda.

Headquarters of Mernda Division - Seymour.

Names of Candidates - Division Mernda - 16th December, 1903 -

No. of Electors enrolled - 21,969

HARPER, Robert 5178

HICKFORD, Frederick
Thomas 2807

HODGES, Edward
Frederick Goodall 1776

Informal 166
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I am unable to state whether the Division of Mernda embraced the whole of the Shire of Ferntree Gully but the attached list of polling places prescribed for that Division (vide Commonwealth Gazette 24th October, 1903) may assist you to determine if all of the Shire of what portion thereof, was included in the Division of Mernda. It will be noted that Ferntree Gully appears on the polling place list.

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Handbook contains information relating to Members of the House of Representatives and Senators. This publication could, no doubt, be perused at the Public Library in Melbourne.

Yours faithfully,

R. C. Nance

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Commonwealth Electoral Officer.