

Appendix E
Sheep Grazing in the Snow Country as Recorded in the Oral History (Appendix F)

Locality	Date	Grazier	Number of sheep	Source
Bogong High Plains	1880s	T.M Hamilton gave agistment	15,000	Jim Commins
Bogong High Plains	Before 1903?	Samuel McCaughey of Big Yanko station, NSW. Licensed a run	Lost 3000 in a blizzard	B Fitzgerald
Bogong High Plains, Rocky Valley	1902	Sir Thomas Blamey's father #	4000 sheep, 1300 died in a blizzard	J Edmondson B Fitzgerald
Bogong High Plains	1902/03	Patrick Duane, Kiewa	Had a mob on Mt Fainter; 30 died	J Edmondson
Bogong High Plains	1902		Buchannan took in cattle from Tallangatta during droughts; also took cattle from stations in NSW. A mob of 30,000 sheep came up the Kiewa; and other mobs of more than 5000 & 6000. 100,000 were take up the Ovens & a lot died	Ross Blair
Bogong High Plains	1902		An estimated 100,000 sheep on the BHPs	Jim Edmondson
Native Dog Plain	1902	F.E Whitehead (Urana)	4000	Bill Hollonds
Bogong High Plains	1914	J Scott of Hinnomunjie	All their sheep	Colin Scott
Bogong High Plains	1914	Robert Scott	2000	
Hotham & Little Plains	1914	Whitehead	1000s of sheep. Whitehead's never came back again this way. Their sheep were dying on the way up, very hungry. For weeks afterwards blokes where riding about looking for scalps to count their losses	Tom Bibby

Bogong High Plains	??	J S McCulloch, Rudds Point, NSW	Brought sheep to the H Ps	D Fitzgerald
Bogong High Plains	1914	J S McCulloch	Also took up starving cattle Had Middle Creek run but didn't know its boundaries, took up 500-600 head cattle	Jack Maddison D Fitzgerald
Bogong High Plains	1914	F E Whitehead McCulloch	Run holders forced to take in starving stock. 3000 sheep owned by Whitehead were snowed in at Xmas. Also took up starving cattle	A Dibbin
Bogong High Plains, Fitzgerald's run / Mt Nelse	1908 – 1948	Johnson's (Tongio station)	took sheep practically every year, excepting good years	W Hodgkin D Fitzgerald W Ryder
Bogong High Plains		Jack Condon	had sheep on BHPs in drought	Charlie McNamara
Bogong High Plains			Sheep were there in 1919	Charlie McNamara
Bogong High Plains			A lot of sheep, cattle & horses taken to the HPs in drought years, especially by big graziers & dealers trying to profiteer.	Sid Ryder
Bogong High Plains			in droughts sheep men picked up runs on the slopes beneath the HPs and then put their stock on the plains	B Fitzgerald
Bogong High Plains	1920s + - dry yrs	MacNamara's	Up till 1945 took up sheep in dry summers only	A Dibbin
Bogong High Plains	1920s		Sheep on Batty's run	W Hodgkin
Bogong High Plains	after WW1, in 1920s	Whitehead and others	starving sheep came through Harrietville from NSW; 2 – 3 lots, & went across to the BHPs. That was before 1939	Jack Keating

Mt Feathertop		Jack Lawler	took up sheep to Feathertop, up Bungalow spur, but only for a few years as he then lost the run	Jack Keating
Bogong High Plains		Lindsay Rowe	Sheep were only put on the HPs in drought. Lindsay Rowe from Omeo was one; JH helped him get the sheep across. Also McNamara's. 'there where thousands of sheep on the HPs before my time'.	Bill Howard
		McNamara's, et al		
Bogong High Plains	1930s & '40s	Naughton brothers; Also others	Naughton's had 6 or 7 stations as far away as Queensland, & Cobungra was the smallest. They brought sheep & cattle from interstate & put them on the HPs. Sheep were always accompanied by a shepherd while on the HPs to protect against dingoes Others also had sheep but he couldn't say who.	Roy Gow
Dargo High Plains	c. 1936	Jack & Jim Treasure	tried sheep once on DHPs – about 300 around 1936. They ran on the Omeo plain	Tom Bibby
Dargo High Plains		Treasure's	There have been almost no sheep on the DHPs since 1914. Treasures took some up one year but it was too much trouble. Even before 1914 sheep were only there in droughts	Jim Treasure

Feathertop – Razorback	c. 1936		A few sheep were taken to the Razorback around 1936 – went up Bon Accord Spur – for about 6 years	Tom Bibby
Bogong High Plains	2 occasions up to late '30s	McCulloch's, cattle dealers from Carrathool, NSW	Cattle	W Ryder
Bogong High Plains, at Campbell's Yards, Rocky Valley, out from Wallace's hut	1930s		Sheep	W Ryder
Bogong High Plains	1 yr only	Harry Smith	Sheep	Ernie Foster
Bogong High Plains	1921	McCulloch's from NSW	had sheep on the HPs; not aware of any NSW mobs going up since then.	Ernie Foster
	1920s	Ensay station	Also took up sheep; was only one or two who did it.	
Hotham - The Razorback / Mt Feathertop	1930 – 1940 (about 6 years)		Few hundred	
Bogong High Plains	Late 1930s – early '40s	Sheep regularly taken up from Omeo side		W Ryder
Bogong High Plains	1928	D'arcy Fitzgerald & Jack Hallett	2000	D Fitzgerald
Bogong High Plains, Rocky Hills run	1920s/'30s 1 yr only	Pat Healy	Stocked only sheep	D Fitzgerald
Hotham	Mid 1940s	Lindsay Rowe of Dederang	Only had sheep Lost hundreds in the 1939 fires	W Ryder
Baw Baw Plateau	1928 – 1936	Jans, Sparke & Freeman	2500 – 3000	Harry Rawson Norman Jans
Hotham	1940s (1 year ?)	Lindsay Rowe of Dederang	800 possibly - Lost hundreds on Hotham	
Mt Buller	1905 – 1918	Franz Klingsporn & sons	500 maximum	Jack Klingsporn Jack McCormack
King Billy	c.1918-22	Jack Klingsporn snr		Mrs Kelly

Mt Buller (Long Spur)	Till 1945	Bob Klingsporn	?	Jack Klingsporn
Mt Koonika	1919 - 1920	Klingsporn brothers	?	Jack Klingsporn
Moroka	1914	McDonald	Sheep were in Moroka before my time; there were a few skeletons there when I first went out. You would have to have lived out there with them; most of them died.	Rex Miller
Mt Skene & Mt Sunday		Geo Hoskin & Dick Dale	Years ago dad & Dick Dale tried sheep (wethers) on the tops, but the snow came early & they got caught. This was a dry year; they went out pretty frequently to watch them; the dingoes were not a problem at that time.	George W Hoskin
Bull Plain		Sweetapple	Sweetapple's regularly had sheep on Bull Plain	Norman Chester
Nunniong Plateau	1914 approx	McCoy	1300	Reg Johnson
Nunniong Plateau	1933	McCoy	1900	Reg Johnson
Nunniong Plateau	1 dry year	Cleary	?	Reg Johnson
Nunniong Plateau; Lake Hill to Timbarra Flats & the Wheatfields	1939 (6 weeks)	Duke & Commins	3900 Yards at Quinn's Plain & the Wheatfields	Doug Duke Jim Commins
The Springs	1890s – 1915?	Alex Smith of Matlock		

Thomas Blamey's father was a contract drover and was 58 years of age in 1902