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<i>Date, Paper, Article, etc.</i>	<i>Brooman</i>	<i>Pigeon House</i>
SMH - 3 rd October 1867 <i>New Diggings on the Clyde River</i>	18 miles from Nelligen, 12 by water and six by good dray road - 4 oz. nugget	
SMH - 14 th October 1867 <i>The Clyde Diggings</i>	30 oz nugget found	
SMH - 15 th October 1867 <i>The New Diggings on the Clyde River</i>	...a tributary of a larger creek flowing into the Clyde...twenty miles from Nelligen, and a little higher up than Mr. Condon's . The main creek has to be followed up for about six or seven miles...the creek not running more than a mile and a half from its confluence with the main creek to its source, and that it is very narrow.	
Shoalhaven News - 16 th October 1867 <i>The Broomin Diggings at the Clyde</i> (Milton Ulladulla from the Illawarra Mercury)	...Mr. Charles Thomas , who arrived from there yesterday, reports the finding of a nugget weighing 31 oz., the lucky finders were Messrs. Faulks and and Company, of Woodburn. Also Mr. Edward Brooks who arrived here yesterday from the diggings, reports the finding of the above nugget...	
SMH - 18 th October 1867 <i>Reported Discovery of a Gold Field</i>		News has been received from Ulladulla of the discovery of gold in the Pigeon-house Mountains. It is reported that one person, Mr. William Faulks , has found a nugget, weighing 28 ounces.
Illawarra Mercury - 22 nd October 1867 <i>Shoalhaven Correspondent</i>		I have been informed on good authority that a gold field has been discovered near

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		the Pigeon House, about eighteen miles from Milton, in the Ulladulla district. One party consisting of Messrs, Thistleton , Faulks , and others, procured a nugget that weighed two pounds...rush from Ulladulla, so that ere this field is pretty well occupied...The locality appears to be between the Sassafras Range and the Pidgeon [sic] House; the head of the Endrick River cannot be far from this El Dorado...
Shoalhaven News - 23 rd October 1867 <i>The Clyde River Diggings</i> Letter to the Editor from W. Marks of Milton; dated 21 st October 1867.	An old Turon digger is now sinking on the top of Nuggety Hill...	
Illawarra Mercury - 25 th October 1867 <i>Clyde River Diggings</i>	...Deep sinking is now being tried...	
SMH - 26 th October 1867 (Taken from the Illawarra Express)	...the newly discovered gold-field at the Clyde River has turned out what diggers term a “rank duffer,”...The Pigeon House is not much better...	...the newly discovered gold-field at the Clyde River has turned out what diggers term a “rank duffer,”...The Pigeon House is not much better...
SMH - 29 th October 1867 <i>The Brooman Diggings</i> (From the Moruya Examiner)		Very considerable excitement is still alive...as to the country in the neighbourhood of the Pigeon house rock. The country, though near the coast, is very little known, and Mr. Manning has taken the initiative in prospecting for kerosene shale in the neighbourhood. A borer has

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		<p>been at work in aid of this idea, and shale has been found, but not yet...in a sufficiently extensive bed...The mineralogical character of the country seems to be very promising as signs of copper, kerosene shale, and gold quartz reefs abound...the rich nugget found a fortnight back. This nugget has been proved to contain 18 ounces of gold. The gold sells at £3 18s...Another goldbearing gully has been found...</p>
<p>Illawarra Mercury - 29th October 1867 <i>The Broomin Diggings</i> (From Our Special Correspondent)</p>	<p>I visited this new Gold Field on the 19th instant...is known by the name of "Tea Kettle Creek"...William M'Mellon took a shovel...dug a little hole...picked out a small nugget of gold...Tea Kettle Creek is a very small gully, very steep and rugged at both ends, but slightly wider in the middle. It is about two miles long from its source to its termination, and about three miles above the old Broomin station. The road [see below] from Broomin to Ulladulla crosses it nearly in the middle, and that was where the gold was first found...Mr. Edward Brooks tried several several dishes of the stuff along the bank of the [Clyde] river...Where Messrs. Faulks and Co. found the large nugget found the large nugget is</p>	

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	<p>about seven yards below where Mr. M'Mellon is doing so well...Mr. Cashman and party have commenced to wash everything as it comes...Several parties have have commenced sinking on the hill at the head of the creek...I was down in one shaft...which was 18 feet deep...Each party send a man out prospecting daily,, and on Saturday gold was found in payable quantities in a gully about three miles up the river...Messrs. Marks and Spurgeon have gone to prospect Murramarang Island...</p>	
<p>SMH - 2nd November 1867 <i>Letter to the Editor</i> From M. Evans</p>	<p>...as to the nugget found at the Clyde...was turned up (in a disused claim) by Mr. Sowerby Thistleton (my nephew), in the bed of Soldier's Creek, which runs into the Clyde...gross weight...26 oz. 4 dwts...estimated weight of gold is about 18 oz...</p>	
<p>Shoalhaven News - 2nd November 1867 (Ulladulla; From a Correspondent)</p>	<p>On the 25th instant, as a man named Sharp, a splitter, of Broughton Creek, was on his way to the diggings, and got about 14 miles from Ulladulla, and three from McMahon's station, Woodburn, he found the dead body of a man lying on the track...he came back...gave information to Mr. McMahon...[who] sent for...Wareham</p>	

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	<p>C.P.S., and then held a magisterial inquiry on the body...died from overexertion, exposure to excessive heat, while in a state of debility. There is no reason [for suspecting foul play] Mr. McMahon and Wareham, expressed their regret...they could not send for constable Beatty before they buried the body [Their excuse was] if they waited to send word, they could not have the body buried by night, however the people here are saying agood deal about the steps taken...[The deceased from Sydney]...came up by steamer on the 21st and went to the diggings, and was on his way back...</p> <p>£2 6s 1d found on body, of which 6s 1d was paid to the coffin maker; leaving £2 in cash. Silver watch missing.</p>	
<p>SMH - 2nd November 1867 <i>Found Dead</i> <i>(Taken from the Shoalhaven News)</i></p>	<p>On Saturday last the body of a man was found in a sitting posture, dead, upon the Ulladulla road, about ten miles from Milton. [<i>This would place the spot NORTH of Milton</i>] The man, our informant states, was a returning digger from the new rush near the Clyde River...had upwards of £10, besides a silver watch on his person, but when found neither the money or watch was in his possession...</p>	

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<p>Ilawarra Mercury - 8th November 1867</p>	<p>The Man found dead on the road to the Broomin diggings was buried where he lay...left the diggings in company with several of the Woodburn settlers...sat down to rest, and these very humane people went on and left him...to perish...these kind individuals were examined by on of our newest J.P.'s...bundled into a rudely constructed coffin, and buried on the spot...disgraceful...buried like a dog...£2 on his person...</p> <p>Broomin diggings...Mr Edward Brooks brought in a nugget worth £10, and a first rate prospect of fine gold was got in the same hole, which had just been bottomed in another gully not very far away...</p>	
<p>SMH - 17th November 1867 <i>Death in the Bush</i> (Shoalhaven Correspondent of the Monaro Mercury)</p>		<p>...the remains of a man (name unknown) were found last week in the bush, and upon an inquiry being held it was found the poor fellow died from exposure; he had £2 on his person...After the inquest the body was recognised...of a man...who had come from Sydney, had been to the alleged rich diggings at the Pigeon-holes [sic] Mountain, and had left to return home.</p>
<p>Australian Town & Country - 6th October 1877 (From the Ulladulla Correspondent; writing</p>	<p>[Whilst a dray road existed it was not until now that a surveyed road was deemed necessary]</p>	

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<p>2nd October)</p>	<p>...road via Brooman from Braidwood to Ulladulla...it will open out a new country with many thousands of acres for selection; and in and about the gullies at Brooman has, from time to time, yielded considerable quantities of gold...</p>	
<p>Ann. Report 1887, p. 76 Milton Div. Jno. T. Hobbes M.R.</p>	<p>The only movements that have taken place are, first, at Spur Gulley, near Brooman, where a few years since alluvial gold was found in payable quantities...</p>	
<p>Ann. Report 1889, pp. 233 - 234 <i>Report on a New Gold discovery, County of St. Vincent.</i> George A. Stonier, Assistant Geological Surveyor.</p>	<p>(2) <i>Coal Measures.</i> - These are met at Coe's turn-off, and extend for some 7 miles towards Burroman. They consist of massive clayey sandstones with occasional beds of shale... (5) <i>Alluvial - Recent.</i> - ...In Fenian Gully the sinking was 8 feet and the wash 2 inches....Several nuggets are said to have been found, the largest coming from Spur Gully.</p>	