

THE GREGORY TREE

The initial exploration of the Boyup Brook area (then known as the 'Upper Blackwood') was marked by a surveyor's bench-mark cut on this tree by Assistant Surveyor A. C. Gregory(1819-1905) during his first jou



Much discussion and debate has claimed the attention of local historians and organisations interested in the actual date that Gregory travelled through the area and marked the tree.

Information received from the Surveyor General and various other official sources indicate that there can be little doubt that this tree was blazed by A. C. Gregory in May 1845, during one of his surveying trips to the South West.



Whole tree

This bench-mark was found by H. S. Ranford during surveys 32 years later in May 1877. Despite the tree being a Jarrah, the blaze had already begun to deteriorate, leading Ranford to record it as "AG over 1843", though he queried the '3'. In the many years following the finding by H.S. Ranford the tree has died and suffered much deterioration, including fire damage resulting in the last two numerals being indecipherable.

The stump now



Information box

Bronze plaque

Bench-mark



From details gathered, during the course of investigations, we can now assume with reasonable confidence that the date on the blaze can only have been '1845'.

Further information on the life of A. C. Gregory is available on World Wide Web pages



The stump under its shelter



