

Witta Land Selection

At Brisbane's Dept of Lands on 17 October 1887, thirteen Germans from the Logan District each applied for 160 acres of unsurveyed land in the area now known as Witta. Their applications were accepted, fees were paid. Only when the land was surveyed did they discover how difficult it was. As Carl Martin Nothling wrote, "The land is too rough for farming purpose. The land is so rough that hardly a man can walk along the boundaries." Nine out of the thirteen walked away, four would eventually receive a land deed:

Albert Baumann (forfeited), Ludwig Bergann (land deed), Christian Kriesch (forfeited), Gottfried Kriesch (forfeited), Martin Julius Nothling (application cancelled), Carl Martin Nothling (application cancelled), Christian Sempf (surrendered), Friedrich Sempf (surrendered), Wilhelm Sommer (land deed), Carl Steffan (surrendered), Friedrich Vandreike (land deed), Hermann Vandreike (land deed) and Wilhelm Wendland (forfeited).

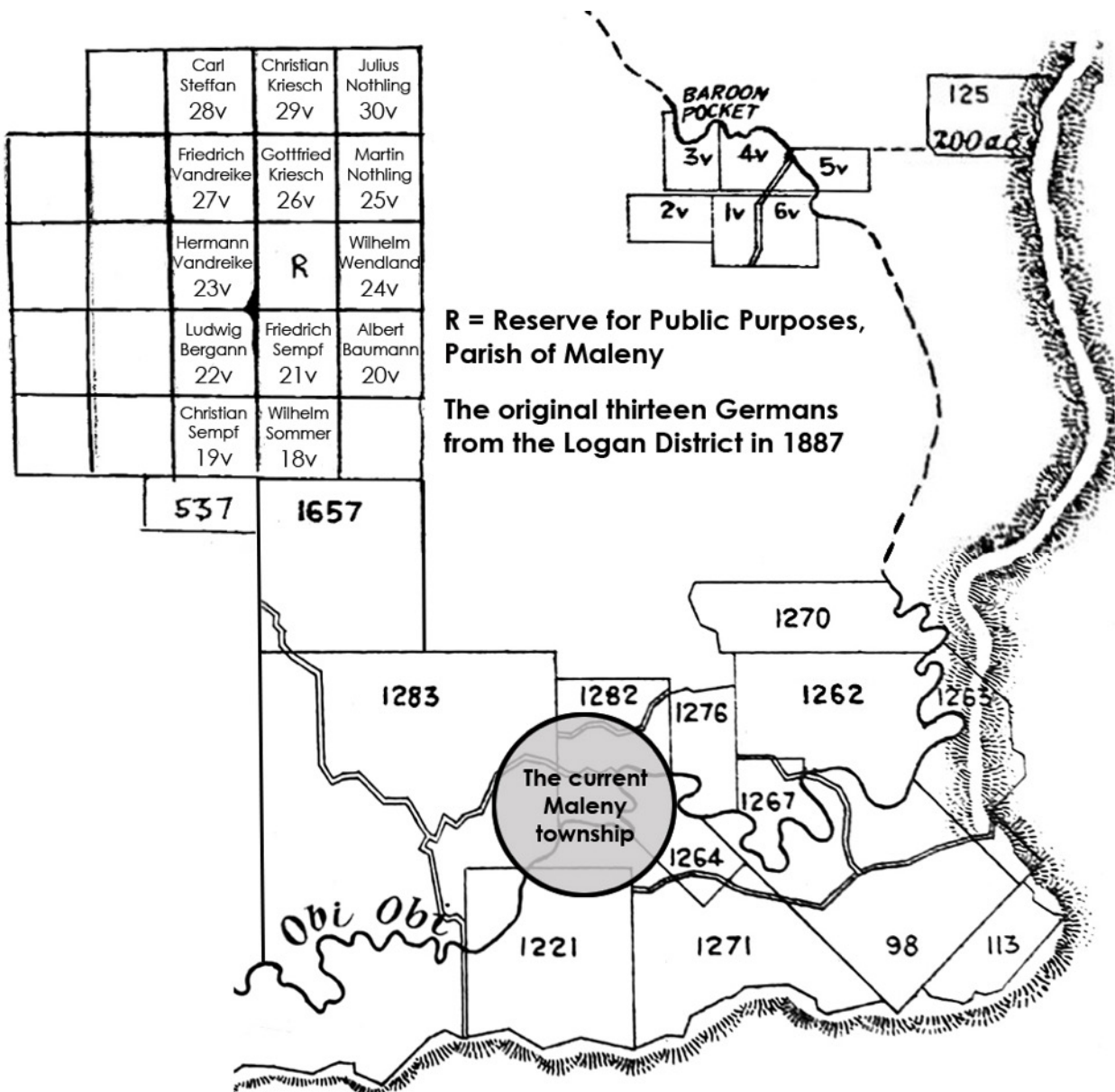




Figure 2: Blackall Ranges in the 1890s

