

Memorial to rice pioneer

A MEMORIAL to Donald Grant of Ghriamachary, Sutherland, the pioneer who introduced the growing of rice to Australia, and his family, has been erected in New South Wales by a family friend Mrs Pat Brennan.

Donald Grant was born in 1846 and died in New South Wales in 1948. He went to

Australia in 1881 and was soon manager of a large sheep station, becoming one of the privileged few.

But after the failure of Australian banks he and his family suffered years of hardship.

He failed to get another station but acquired a section of the new Leeton Irrigation Area in New South Wales. He tried several crops before pioneering rice.

It was a success and his family followed him as leaders of the rice community.

His grand-nephew Mr Donald Grant, London, also a Sutherland man, has passed on to me the news of the memorial.

Mr Grant has passed on to a printer his "Personal Memories of the Royal Dornoch Golf Club 1900-25" and the volume should be published in approximately two months.