

Thomas Macquoid arrived in January 1829 to commence his appointment as Sheriff of the Supreme Court of NSW. In 1830 Macquoid kept sheep on the Tuggeranong plain and in 1835 he purchased both Peter Murdoch's 2000 acres and John McLaren's 2560 acres land grants to establish "Waniassa".

Macquoid's pastoral interests suffered the effects of prolonged drought and depressed economy, factors that contributed to his suicide in 1841. Macquoid's son, Hya Macquoid, assumed management of Waniassa, recovered from debt and succeeded in retrieving the good family name. Macquoid drowned aboard the wreck of the "Dunbar" outside Sydney Heads on his return from England in August 1857.

In 1858, Andrew Cunningham purchased the Waniassa property and it became known as "Tuggeranong."