

GEORGE EDWARD DENHAM
1809 - 1903

FAMILY SHEETS

CONNECTED FAMILY NAMES from Family Sheets

**CRAIG
DOWLING
DREW
FREEBORN
FRENCH
GEORGE
GUTHRIE
HAYWARD
HYDE
KINNY
JACOBS
LATHAM
MEAD
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PLATT
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WRIGLEY**

04/2012.

GEORGE. EDWARD. DENHAM. 1809 - 1903.

*Whilst this latest information on George is based on the below references, **George up until now, has been very difficult to trace.***

*I have obtained my information from family members, Library microfish records, Newspaper extracts, material belonging to the late Neville Anderson, (a descendent of Bridget Meade), the valuable assistance of Colin Martin, (a descendent of George Alexander Denham, and internet information at;
<http://www.blaxland.com/ozships/members/vessel/P1/6htm>
<http://www.standard.net.au/~jwilliams/crew/crews35.htm>
<http://www.hotkey.net.au/~jwilliams4/>*

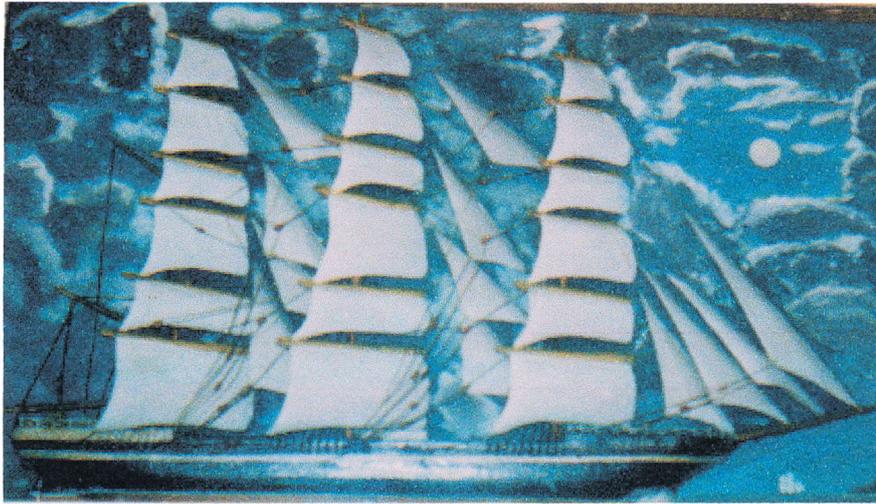
Various books & newspaper reports from the Australian National Museum, Sydney.



George Edward Denham was believed to have been born in Devonshire England in 1809. He married Bridget Anderson (nee Meade) in Sydney sometime around 1840. They had three children, George Alexander Denham born 1841, Caroline Smith Denham born 1843 and Thomas Denham born 1845. Bridget had four children when married to William Anderson (b.1804 – d.1839)

*George told family members that he once was a 'mate' on the sailing ship 'Pearl'. The classification of mate could only be obtained at that time by practical work and written examinations ranging in 8 levels, No1 being assistant Captain to the lowest level 8, being just above an ordinary sailor. Which level George was we don't know.
We can now assume that George spent a lot of time at sea in his youth.*

Contributed by great great grandson (of Wanchope) 11/1/2012



The above is a half model of the sailing ship 'PEARL' in a glass enclosed wooden box made by George Edward Denham. It is in the possession of the author of these notes.

This model is of a 'full rigged three masted ship'.

We can be fairly confident that the model is correct, as it is well known that sailors of this time were meticulous in the accuracy in the rigging of their models.

According to Lloyd's Register of shipping 1841 -42, the Pearl was built and registered at the Port of Bristol in **1833**, by Waite & Co. She was built as a 'fully rigged' ship of 394 tons.

(My enquiries suggest the size would be approx, 150ft long, 35ft width & 20ft draft.)

At a later unknown date, as was common at the time, she was altered to a Barque, increasing her tonnage to 517, by Geo. Hilhouse & Co.

Lloyd's 1841-42 register states that the Pearl left London for New Zealand, in April 1841, under the command of Captain William Burrows. (Australian records list the Pearl on this voyage as a Barque).

The Sydney Morning Herald 18/8/1841 states under shipping arrivals;

"From Plymouth, yesterday, having left the 16th April, the ship, Pearl, Captain Burrows, with 211 emigrants, under the superintendance of Dr. Joseph Brown."

NOTE:

(1).A Fully Rigged Ship is a "full rigged, three or four masted ship'.

(2).A Clipper is also classified as a 'full rigged three or four masted ship'.

(3).A barque is square rigged on the first three or four masts, but with the last mast (jigger mast), fore and aft rigged.

Now if we look at the copy of Lloyd's Register, supplied by the National Maritime Museum we can see that the Pearl was listed as a 'ship' (same as our model) and then later cut down into a 'barque'.

The main reason that a barque rig was fitted to most sailing ships at the time, mid 1800's, was that it took less crewmen to sail them and the tonnage carried was increased by strengthening the hull with steel frames, thus reducing costs enabling them to compete with steam ships.

This proves that as our model is a 'fully rigged 3 masted ship', now we can assume that George, aged in his early twenties, must have sailed in the Pearl when she was new, 1833 -1835.

'Tamar'.

Source 1. Ship departures from the Port of Launceston 1833 - 1837.

Ref. Volume 1. DLADD 214.

Ships departing Launceston, Vol.1. 26/12/1833 - 31/10/1835.

Ships name TAMAR.

Departure date April 10th 1835.

Destination Sydney.

Master. G. Grisdale.

Crew; Simon Mckenzie, 1st Officer. Matthew Green, Steward. John Williams, Cook.

Seamen;

George Alexander, **George Denham**, Duncan Whyte, John Grenville, James Mason

Apprentice John Grimshaw.

The 'Cornwall Chronicle' 11/04/1835 states;

"For Sydney. The well known fine first class Schooner 'TAMAR' Ed.Grisdale, Commander. 177 tons register, will be despatched for the above port on the 8th instant. For freight or passage, apply to James Raven, Owner."

Then later:

" we are required to state that the schooner Tamar is now proceeding down the river on her passage to Sydney, and that she will receive passengers on board from George Town, as late as Tuesday next, provided they are furnished with a customhouse clearance."

Shipping arrivals and departures, Tasmania (Ian Nicholson), Robuck publication) state that the Tamar had arrived from Mauritius on 25/03/1835 under the command of Ed.Drisdale, Mr. J. Raven was a passenger, and Hewitt Gore & Co were the Launceston shipping agents. Of the crew departing Mauritius only the Captain and apprentice remained for the Sydney leg ,a complete new crew signed on (as listed above) for Sydney.

There was also a Government brig of 170 tons called Tamar in Tasmania at this time.

When the Tamar left FROM Sydney in 1836, of the original crew from Tasmania, only the apprentice remained, a new captain and full crew were signed on.

An interesting piece of information is that a George Alexander was listed as a seaman on the Tamar along with George Edward Denham. The name of George Edward's first child was George Alexander Denham.

(Too much of a coincidence I believe!)

On informing my eldest brother of the Tasmanian details he now recalls our grandfather (Norman Ernest Denham) stating at his son's (Jack Denham) funeral that his grandfather came from "down Tasmania way."

Could all this information prove that the George Denham of the Tamar is in fact George Edward Denham?

We know that the Pearl sailed from London to New Zealand, in 1841, could she having been built in 1833 made a previous voyage to New Zealand, (very few NZ records prior to 1838) and then George catching another ship to Tasmania, (shipping was quite common between NZ and Tassie at the time), leaving on the Tamar in 1835 for Sydney?

'Dove.'

Sometime whilst I was compiling these notes I came across a distant family member in Port Macquarie who told me that many years ago she had seen a painting of a little coastal boat called the Dove, and she mentioned that George Edward Denham was once a crew member on it.

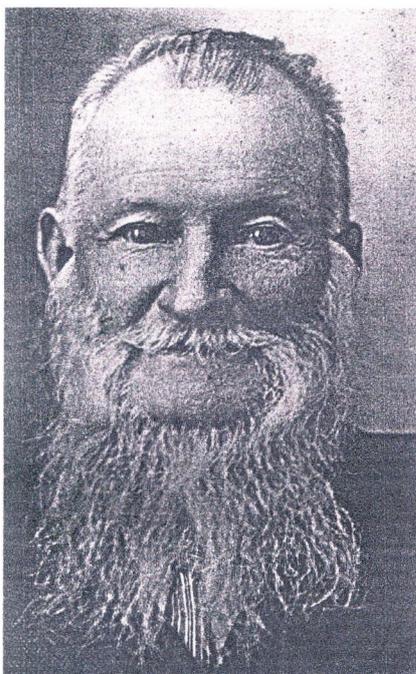
I mentioned this to Ray Cooper, a Wauchope historian and at the time, President of the local Maritime museum. He recollects seeing in some achieves information of a small ship called the Dove plying the coast between the Hastings and Manning Rivers. He believed that the 'Dove' was owned by the politician who was responsible for the blasting of the channel through the rock shelf at the Rawdon Island Bridge on the Hastings River.

However in my searches I came across the Dove, of 13 tons, which sailed coastal cargoes between the Shoalhaven and Hunter rivers between 1844 & 1845. At this time George would have lived in Sydney.

(Could he have sailed on the Dove at this time and not at Port Macquarie?)

It would most likely that the Dove could have been around prior to 1844 as the shipping records that exist are not the best to follow.

Photographs of two of the children of George Edward and Bridget Denham

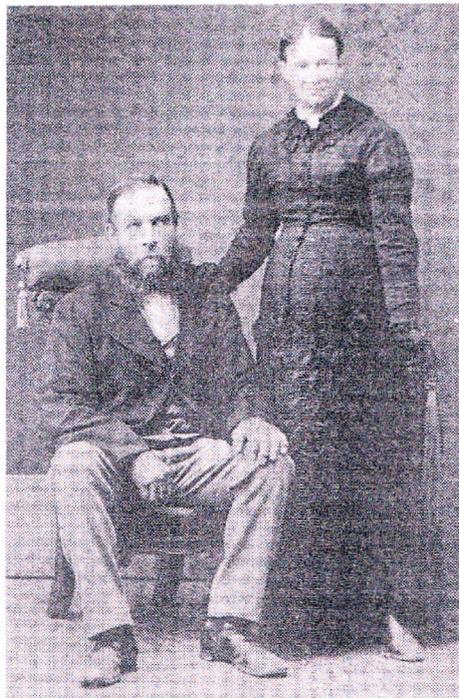


Thomas. Denham 1845-1927.



Fanny Denham.(nee Toft) 1845-1933

Thomas Denham was born in Sydney in 1845. Fanny Toft was born in Port Macquarie on 15/12/1845.



Samuel, Strutt and Caroline. Strutt.(nee Denham) who was born in Sydney 20/06/1843



FAMILY GROUP CHART

Compiled by: *T. BROWN*

Date:

ID Number:

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|---|--|
| Husband: <i>GEORGE EDWARD DENHAM</i> | |
| Birth Date: <i>1809</i> | Place: <i>DEVON DEVONSHIRE ENGLAND</i> |
| Baptism Date: | Place: |
| Marriage Date: | Place: |
| Death Date: <i>9 SEPT 1903</i> | Place: <i>PORT MACQUARIE NSW</i> |
| Burial Date: <i>12 SEPT 1903</i> | Place: <i>PORT MACQUARIE HISTORICAL CEMETERY MCE94</i> |
| Other partners: | wid/div/sep |
| Occupation: | |
| Father: | |
| Mother: | |
| Other: | |

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| Wife: <i>BRIDGET ANDERSON NEE MEADS</i> | |
| Birth Date: <i>c 1812</i> | Place: <i>CO. CORK IRELAND</i> |
| Baptism Date: | Place: |
| Marriage Date: | Place: |
| Death Date: <i>3. MAY 1872</i> | Place: <i>PORT MACQUARIE NSW</i> |
| Burial Date: <i>5. MAY 1872</i> | Place: <i>HISTORICAL CEMETERY P.M.</i> |
| Other partners: <i>WILLIAM ANDERSON</i> | wid/div/sep <i>16-11-1852</i> |
| Occupation: | |
| Father: <i>PHILIP MEAD</i> | |
| Mother: <i>MARGARET KELLY</i> | |
| Other: <i>JAMES EDGAR.</i> | |

| Sex M/F | Children | When Born | Where Born | Married to | When Married | Where Married | When Died | Where Died/Buried |
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| 1 | <i>GEORGE ALEXANDER</i> ^{SMITH} | <i>1841</i> | | <i>SELINA MARY S. DREW</i> | <i>1864</i> | <i>PORT MACQUARIE</i> | <i>3 SEPT 1904</i> <i>12. JAN 1906</i> | <i>AGE 64 P.M. MCE94</i> <i>6/2/1906</i> |
| 2 | <i>THOMAS</i> | <i>c 1848</i> | | <i>FANNY TOFT</i> | <i>1866</i> | <i>PORT MACQUARIE</i> | <i>14-11-1933</i> <i>30.6.1927</i> | <i>AGE 87</i> <i>PORT MACQUARIE 6/2/1933</i> |
| * 3 | <i>CAROLINE SMITH</i> | <i>29.6.1843</i> | <i>SYDNEY NSW</i> | <i>SAMUEL</i> ^{STAVTT} <i>(SMITH)</i> | <i>27.11.1860</i> | <i>PORT MACQUARIE</i> | <i>9.5.1916</i> | <i>AGE 74 c/o P.M. 2/01/20</i> |
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Date:

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|--|--|
| Husband: <i>GEORGE ALEXANDER SMITH DENNAM</i> | |
| Birth Date: <i>1841</i> | Place: <i>SYDNEY NSW</i> |
| Baptism Date: | Place: |
| Marriage Date: <i>1864</i> | Place: <i>PORT MACQUARIE NSW</i> |
| Death Date: <i>12 JAN 1906</i> | Place: <i>PORT MACQUARIE NSW</i> ^{AGE 64} |
| Burial Date: <i>13 JAN 1906</i> | Place: <i>METHODIST CEMETERY P.M.</i> |
| Other partners: wid/div/sep | |
| Occupation: | |
| Father: <i>GEORGE EDWARD DENNAM</i> | |
| Mother: <i>BRIDGET MEADE</i> | |
| Other: | |

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| Wife: <i>SELINA MARY S. DREW.</i> | |
| Birth Date: <i>c 1845</i> | Place: |
| Baptism Date: | Place: |
| Marriage Date: | Place: |
| Death Date: <i>3 SEPT 1909</i> | Place: |
| Burial Date: <i>4 SEPT 1909</i> | Place: <i>METHODIST CEMETERY P.M.</i> |
| Other partners: 6-2-16- wid/div/sep | |
| Occupation: | |
| Father: <i>DREW PETER NORRIS</i> | |
| Mother: <i>DOWELL MARY ANN</i> | |
| Other: | |

| Sex M/F | Children | When Born | Where Born | Married to | When Married | Where Married | When Died | Where Died/Buried |
|---------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1 | <i>ALICE</i> | <i>1865</i> | <i>PORT MACQUARIE</i> | | | | | |
| 2 | <i>MALE</i> | <i>1866</i> | " " | | | | | |
| 3 | <i>HERBERT G.</i> | <i>1868</i> | " " | <i>MARGARET FREEBORN</i> | <i>1903</i> | <i>SYDNEY NSW</i> | | |
| 4 | <i>GEORGE ALEXANDER</i> | <i>1869</i> | " " | <i>FLORENCE M. DOWLING</i> | <i>1900</i> | <i>SYDNEY NSW</i> | <i>1944</i> | <i>PH</i> |
| 5 | <i>PETER NORRIS</i> | <i>1871</i> | " " | <i>LOUISA FREEBORN</i> | <i>1896</i> | <i>SYDNEY NSW</i> | <i>1925</i> | <i>P.M.</i> |
| 6 | <i>GOODENA (CONDINA)</i> | <i>1873</i> | " " | <i>GEORGE MEADE</i> | <i>1893</i> | <i>PORT MACQUARIE</i> | | |
| 7 | <i>JESSIE MEADE</i> | <i>1875</i> | " " | <i>JAMES WRIGLEY</i> | <i>1901</i> | <i>PORT MACQUARIE</i> | <i>5-6-1942</i> <i>18-12-1958</i> | <i>1-8-73</i> <i>C/E PH 1-8-11</i> <i>AGE 70</i> <i>AGE 84</i> |
| * 8 | <i>BELLONA BATSHEBA</i> | <i>1876</i> | " " | <i>JAMES NYCO</i> | <i>13-1 1896</i> | <i>PORT MACQUARIE</i> | <i>3-8-1952</i> <i>11-6-1949</i> | <i>AGE 76</i> <i>AGE 72</i> <i>METHODIST PH</i> <i>6-6-</i> |
| 9 | <i>ALBERT V.M.</i> | <i>1878</i> | " " | <i>SARAH J PLATT</i> | <i>1907</i> | <i>TAREE NSW</i> | | |
| 10 | <i>CAROLINE AMELIA</i> | <i>1880</i> | " " | <i>GEORGE P. HILLIP OCHS.</i> | <i>1901</i> | <i>PORT MACQUARIE</i> | <i>30-5-1969</i> | <i>C/E P.M. 1-3-58</i> <i>AGE 92</i> |
| 11 | <i>EVA IRIS</i> | <i>1883</i> | " " | | | | | |
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| Husband: THOMAS DENHAM | |
| Birth Date: c.1848 | Place: SYDNEY NSW |
| Baptism Date: | Place: |
| Marriage Date: 21-3-1866 | Place: PORT MACQUARIE, NSW |
| Death Date: 30-6-1927 | Place: PORT MACQUARIE NSW |
| Burial Date: 01-7-1927 | Place: METHODIST CEMETERY P.M. |
| Other partners: | 6-2-10 wid/div/sep |
| Occupation: | |
| Father: GEORGE EDWARD DENHAM | |
| Mother: BRIDGET HEADS | |
| Other: | |

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| Wife: FANNY TOFT | |
| Birth Date: 15-9-1845 | Place: PORT MACQUARIE SYDNEY NSW |
| Baptism Date: | Place: |
| Marriage Date: | Place: |
| Death Date: 14-11-1933 | Place: PORT MACQUARIE NSW AGE 87 YEARS |
| Burial Date: 15-11-1933 | Place: METHODIST CEMETERY P.M. 6-2-11 |
| Other partners: | wid/div/sep |
| Occupation: | |
| Father: GEORGE TOFT | |
| Mother: MARY HEGARTHER NEE JOHNSTON | |
| Other: | |

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| 1 | GEORGE EDWARD | 1867 | PORT MACQUARIE | MARGARET BUTHRIS | 1891 | PORT MACQUARIE | 1908 | P.M. |
| 2 | THOMAS | 1869 | " " | GRACE WINNY | 1888 | BELLINGER RIVER | | |
| 3 | MARY | 1870 | " " | ARTHUR F. GEORGE | 1891 | PORT MACQUARIE | | |
| 4 | NORMAN ERNEST | 1872 | " " | EVA PALLACRENS NEE HAYWARD | 1899 | HORUYA, NSW | 10-12-1964 AGE 93 (C/O CEMETERY) 18-10-1962 AGE 90 (P.M. 1-3-33) | D 16 TH |
| 5 | LILY | 1874 | " " | WILLIAM HAYNAM | 1893 | PORT MACQUARIE | 7-11-1947 | R/C P.M. 4-1-19-20 |
| 6 | FANNY CLARA | 1875 | " " | THOMAS CRAIG | 1893 | PORT MACQUARIE | | |
| 7 | ALEXANDER | 1877 | BYRONBA NSW | | | | 1885 | PORT MACQUARIE |
| 8 | CHARLES | 1880 | BYRONBA NSW | | | | | |
| 9 | JESSIE CAROLINE | 1881 | PORT MACQUARIE | FREDERICK GUY HAYWARD | 1916 | PORT MACQUARIE | 22-9-1925 | METHODIST 6-2-8 AGE 44 |
| * 10 | RUBY | 1882 | " " | JACOBS | | | | |
| 11 | RUEBEN | 1884 | " " | ALICE FRENCH | 17-7-1912 | PORT MACQUARIE | 22-10-1921 | PORT MACQUARIE |
| 12 | HABEL | 1886 | SYDNEY NSW | | | | 1886 | PORT MACQUARIE |
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* CHRISTCHURCH NEW ZEALAND

FAMILY GROUP CHART

Compiled by: *Nona Brewster*

Date: *2001*

ID Number:

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| Husband: DENHAM George Alexander Smith | |
| Birth Date: | Place: |
| Baptism Date: | Place: |
| Marriage Date: | 1864 Place: port Macquarie |
| Death Date: | Place: |
| Burial Date: | Place: |
| Other partners: | wid/div/sep |
| Occupation: | |
| Father: | |
| Mother: | |
| Other: | |

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| Wife: DREW Selina ^{Margaret?} Mary S | |
| Birth Date: | Place: |
| Baptism Date: | Place: |
| Marriage Date: | Place: |
| Death Date: | Place: |
| Burial Date: | Place: |
| Other partners: | wid/div/sep |
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| 1 F | Alice | 1865 | Port Macquarie | | | | | |
| 2 M | Male (Thomas) | 1866 | | Grace Kinny | | | | |
| 3 M | Herbert G | 1868 | | | | | | |
| 4 M | George A | 1869 | | | | | | |
| 5 M | peter N | 1871 | | | | | | |
| 6 F | Goodena | 1873 | | | | | | |
| 7 F | Jessie Mead | 1875 | | | | | | |
| 8 F | Bellona B | 1876 | | | | | | |
| 9 M | Albert V | 1878 | | | | | | |
| 10 F | Caroline Amelia | 1880 | | | | | | |
| 11 F | Eva Irene | 1883 | | | | | | |
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Husband: Latham William

Birth Date: 1868 Place:

Baptism Date: Place:

Marriage Date: 1893 Place: Port Macquarie

Death Date: Place:

Burial Date: Place:

Other partners: wid/div/sep

Occupation:

Father:

Mother:

Other:

Wife: Denham Lillian

Birth Date: Place:

Baptism Date: Place:

Marriage Date: Place:

Death Date: Place:

Burial Date: Place:

Other partners: wid/div/sep

Occupation:

Father:

Mother:

Other:

| Sex M/F | Children | When Born | Where Born | Married to | When Married | Where Married | When Died | Where Died/Buried |
|---------|---------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 1M | Stanley | 1893 | Pt. Macq | | | | | |
| 2M | William | 1896 | Pt. Macq | Phillips, Doris | 1928 | Pt. Macq | | |
| 3F | MARY S | 1898 | Pt. Macq | | | | | |
| 4F | Maud | 1900 | Pt. Macq | | | | | |
| 5M | Leslie Victor | 1902 | Pt. Macq | | | | | |
| 6F | Violet | 1905 | Pt. Macq | Bullock Harold | 1929 | Pt. Macq | | |
| 7M | Albert Austin | 1907 | Pt. Macq | Phillips Madge P | 1941 | Pt. Macq | 9.6.1975 | p.m. |
| 8F | Marjorie | 1910 | Pt. Macq | infant death | - | - | .1910 | |
| 9M | James | 1911 | Pt. Macq | Coombes Hilda Jane | 1940 | Pt. Macq | | |
| 10F | Sylvia | | | Tolhurst, Percy | | | | |
| 11F | Eileen | | | Linden | | | | |
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 ME DENHAM
 NAME(S) CAROLINE SMITH
 FEMALE
 YEAR 1860
 SURNAME ~~SMITH~~ STAVTT.
 GIVEN NAME(S) SAMUEL
 SEX MALE
 OF REGISTRATION PORT MACQUARIE
 REFERENCE R
 PRATION YEAR 1860
 PRATION NUMBER 2456

D #8 OF 40
 ME DENHAM
 NAME(S) GEORGE ALEX SMITH
 MALE
 YEAR 1864
 SURNAME DREW
 GIVEN NAME(S) SELINA M. S
 SEX FEMALE
 OF REGISTRATION PORT MACQUARIE
 PRATION YEAR 1864
 PRATION NUMBER 2946

ISSUE ALICE DENHAM 1865/14070 PORT MACQUARIE
 MALE 1866/13867 PORT MACQUARIE
 HERBERT G. DENHAM 1869/15381 PORT MACQUARIE
 GEORGE A. DENHAM 1869/17000 PORT MACQUARIE
 PETER N DENHAM 1871/16333 PORT MACQUARIE
 GOODENA DENHAM 1873/17316 PORT MACQUARIE
 JOSSIE HEAD DENHAM 1875/18765 PORT MACQUARIE
 BELLONA B. DENHAM 1876/18929 PORT MACQUARIE
 ALBERT V. DENHAM 1878/20700 PORT MACQUARIE
 CAROLINE ADELIA DENHAM 1880/22881 PORT MACQUARIE
 EVA IRENE DENHAM 1883/20134 PORT MACQUARIE

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 ME DENHAM
 NAME(S) THOMAS
 MALE
 YEAR 1866
 SURNAME TOFT
 GIVEN NAME(S) FANNY
 SEX FEMALE
 OF REGISTRATION PORT MACQUARIE
 PRATION YEAR 1866
 PRATION NUMBER 2945

DIED 1927/14635 PORT MACQUARIE

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 ME DENHAM
 NAME(S) THOMAS
 MALE
 YEAR 1888
 SURNAME KINNY
 GIVEN NAME(S) GRACE
 SEX FEMALE
 OF REGISTRATION BELLINGER RIVER
 PRATION YEAR 1888
 PRATION NUMBER 5736

ISSUE. THOMAS W. DENHAM 1890/6816 BELLINGER
 WY. R. DENHAM 1892/6866 BELLINGER
 HENRY H. DENHAM 1894/8306 BELLINGER
 SYDNEY D. DENHAM 1898/22316 SYDNEY
 SELINA G. DENHAM 1901/33386 HARRICKVILLE

D #3 OF 84
 ME DENHAM
 NAME(S) MARY
 FEMALE
 YEAR 1891
 SURNAME GEORGE
 GIVEN NAME(S) ARTHUR F
 SEX MALE
 OF REGISTRATION PORT MACQUARIE
 PRATION YEAR 1891
 PRATION NUMBER 6756

ISSUE SYLVIA I. F GEORGE 1891/3228 SYDNEY
 ARTHUR F. GEORGE
 BOAN 1868/14893
 WILLIAM & SARAH A GEORGE

RECORD #4 OF 84

SURNAME DENHAM
 GIVEN NAME(S) GEORGE E
 SEX MALE
 INDEX YEAR 1891
 SPOUSE SURNAME GUTHRIE
 SPOUSE GIVEN NAME(S) MARGARET
 SPOUSE SEX FEMALE
 PLACE OF REGISTRATION PORT MACQUARIE
 REGISTRATION YEAR 1891
 REGISTRATION NUMBER 6762

ISSUE MARY B DENHAM 1891/29442 PORT MACQUARIE
 JOHN V. DENHAM 1894/27840 PORT MACQUARIE DIED 1919/1990
 WILLIAM N DENHAM 1894/24784 PORT MACQUARIE
 MARGARET E DENHAM 1900/25503 PORT MACQUARIE

RECORD #8 OF 84

SURNAME DENHAM
 GIVEN NAME(S) FANNY C
 SEX FEMALE
 INDEX YEAR 1893
 SPOUSE SURNAME CRAIG
 SPOUSE GIVEN NAME(S) THOMAS
 SPOUSE SEX MALE
 PLACE OF REGISTRATION PORT MACQUARIE
 REGISTRATION YEAR 1893
 REGISTRATION NUMBER 6122

ISSUE ALEXANDER CRAIG 1893/30110 PORT MACQUARIE

RECORD #9 OF 84

SURNAME DENHAM
 GIVEN NAME(S) LILLY
 SEX FEMALE
 INDEX YEAR 1893
 SPOUSE SURNAME LATHAM
 SPOUSE GIVEN NAME(S) WILLIAM
 SPOUSE SEX MALE
 PLACE OF REGISTRATION PORT MACQUARIE
 REGISTRATION YEAR 1893
 REGISTRATION NUMBER 6126

ISSUE WILLIAM V LATHAM 1896/15621 PORT MACQUARIE
 STANLEY LATHAM 1893/30074 PORT MACQUARIE
 MAUD E. LATHAM 1900/34618 PORT MACQUARIE
~~MARY E. LATHAM 1904/30021 PORT MACQUARIE~~
 VIOLET M. LATHAM 1905/6583 PORT MACQUARIE
 ALBERT A LATHAM 1907/28246 PORT MACQUARIE
 MARJORIE J LATHAM 1910/30923 PORT MACQUARIE

RECORD #21 OF 84

SURNAME DENHAM
 GIVEN NAME(S) NORMAN E
 SEX MALE
 INDEX YEAR 1899
 SPOUSE SURNAME PILLAGREENE
 SPOUSE GIVEN NAME(S) EVA
 SPOUSE SEX FEMALE
 PLACE OF REGISTRATION MORUYA
 REGISTRATION YEAR 1899

ISSUE MRS H J HAYWARD
 RUBY E. DENHAM 1899/32412 MORUYA NSW
 ELINE J. DENHAM 1901/33573 MORUYA NSW
 ELSIE A DENHAM 1904/35919 PORT MACQUARIE
 HENRY E DENHAM 1906/27912 PORT MACQUARIE
 ERIC E. DENHAM 1908/39684 PORT MACQUARIE
 EVA M. DENHAM 1911/8443 PORT MACQUARIE
 NORMAN J. DENHAM 1912/48363 PORT MACQUARIE
 JAMES DENHAM 1915
 REGINALD DENHAM 1915

REGISTRATION NUMBER 6171

CORD #53 OF 84

SURNAME DENHAM
 GIVEN NAME(S) REUBEN
 SEX MALE
 BIRTH YEAR 1912
 HOUSE SURNAME FRENCH
 HOUSE GIVEN NAME(S) ALICE DIED 1921/18225 Port Macquarie
 HOUSE SEX FEMALE
 PLACE OF REGISTRATION PORT MACQUARIE
 REGISTRATION YEAR 1912
 REGISTRATION NUMBER 11078

ISSUED

THOMAS J. DENHAM 1913/16896 Port Macquarie
 JOHN L. DENHAM 1914/34802 Port Macquarie
 DOROTHY MARRIED LILLIE M HAMMETT 1932/15053 1921

CORD #76 OF 84

SURNAME DENHAM
 GIVEN NAME(S) JESSIE CAROLINE
 SEX FEMALE
 BIRTH YEAR 1916
 HOUSE SURNAME HAYWARD
 HOUSE GIVEN NAME(S) FREDERICK GUY
 HOUSE SEX MALE
 PLACE OF REGISTRATION PORT MACQUARIE
 REGISTRATION YEAR 1916
 REGISTRATION NUMBER 16091

DIED 20.11.1977 age 64

WILLIAM
 CHINE W. DENHAM 1912/48364 Port Macquarie
 UNMARRIED FEMALE 1916/51016 Port Macquarie
 CHARLES F 1918/38164 (Portland)

BORN 1879/21775
 PORT MACQUARIE NSW
 FREDERICK + CAROLINE SUSANNA HAYWARD

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Dear Kay,

RE: DENHAM & RELATED FAMILIES

This letter is somewhat later than I had intended after I spoke to you and Terry at the Newcastle FHS Conference earlier this month, but I came back to a more pressing "BAS" requirement. Like a large number of other small business people I feel this is really something we could do without.

Now, it's back to business and a catch-up on correspondence.

As I briefly outlined, my client's family are the DENHAMs:

George Edward DENHAM married Bridget MEADE (circa 1840 in Sydney - it is presumed as no actual record can be found). Bridget was a widow of William ANDERSON, shipwright and publican with 2 sons (William & David) and 1 daughter (Jessie). Another daughter (Jane) had died aged 9-10 months. George and Bridget had two sons (George Alexander Smith & Thomas) and a daughter (Caroline Smith). All three children were born in Sydney prior to the family all moving to Port Macquarie although a baptism for Thomas (thought to have been born around 1848) cannot be found.

My client and another in her family have been assisted by the Port Macquarie Historical Society (and possibly the Port Macquarie & District FHS who may have provided local information from Church records & perhaps Society holdings, but I cannot be certain), who have provided various pieces of information. Unfortunately, hand written notes have not named their source and so I have been unable to verify the details.

I am particularly interested in obtain obituaries or marriage notices/reports from any local publications which may be available. I am including brief details on the particular persons as it sometimes makes that clue a little easier to locate. All **'bold'** print events occurred in Port Macquarie.

George Edward DENHAM (1809 - **9 Sep 1903**) - believed to have been a 'prominent citizen' of Port Macquarie and he was said to be 94 years of age when he died. Occupation at various times: Sailor, boatman, mariner, carpenter.

- ◆ Presumably an obituary would have appeared in the local paper for such a person and that would give an indication of how he had been involved in the life of the community.
- ◆ A member of the DENHAM family is believed to have owned the land on which the Hospital was built (it is not known which Hospital and no time is known), but as there were a number of sites over the years on which a Hospital stood, locating this information may be beyond normal reach.

Bridget DENHAM (nee MEADE) (1812 - **3 May 1872**)^{1976/248} - came from Co. Cork on the "Red Rover" in 1831 as a free (but assisted) passenger as part of a scheme to bring single young women from the orphanages of Dublin and Cork. It was later discovered that not all the young 'ladies' were legitimately from orphanages. However, that aside, Bridget went to work for a minister of religion in Sydney and married William ANDERSON about 3 months later.

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- ◆ Unlikely that there would be an obituary, but, if George was considered a 'prominent' member of the community at that time, then the passing of his wife could be mentioned in the press.

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Thomas DENHAM (1848 - **30 Jun 1927**) - Thomas did not always live in Port M. but he only left for a short while. Occupations: Boatman, baker, livery stable proprietor.

- ◆ **Married Fanny TOFT on 21 Mar 1866** (15 Sep 1845 - 14 Nov 1933) daughter of George TOFT (convict) and Mary McGRUTHER (nee JOHNSTON).

George TOFT (1818 - **6 Feb 1882**) - married Mary MCGRUTHER (1809 - **31 Dec 1898**) on 4 May 1846 (she was the widow of Robert MCGRUTHER who died (1844 at Rollands Plains) as a result of an accident while felling trees.) The McGruther's had come to Sydney on the "Lady Kennaway" and gone to Port Mac. to work for Major Innes.

- ◆ I would be interest in knowing if, considering the Major's prominence in the area, if you are aware of any publications which might include information on the Major's properties in the 1840's.
- ◆ It is not known how Mary McGruther survived during the next couple of years, but she had 5 daughters aged from 13 down to 3 to feed and shelter. She fell on even harder times when as a pauper she was admitted to hospital on 2 occasions in June 1845 on an application by the Police. The reason is not given in the Police record.
- ◆ George and Mary TOFT were living in Horton Street (1866) when their daughter Fanny married Thomas DENHAM, and the married took place at the residence.

Reubin Joseph DENHAM (9 Sep 1884 at Horton Street - 1962) m. Alice FRENCH (1887 - 4 Oct 1921) ✓

- ◆ on 17 Jul 1912 at home of T. DENHAM, Horton Street. ✓

If possible, I would appreciate photocopies of reports an any of the highlighted events and any information you might have on the acquisition of land on which a past (or present) hospital was situated.

Please advise any time or copying charges either by post, fax or email and I will post a cheque promptly.

If you have any questions I can be contacted on the addresses below.

Thank you for your time and assistance.
Kind regards,

Vicki

Vicki Eldridge

THOMAS + FANNY DENHAM FAMILY
 MABEL 1886/23-151 SYDNEY NSW DIED 1896 PM
 GEORGE E. 1867/15054 PM DIED 1903 PM
 THOMAS 1869/16939 PM
 MARY 1870/15931 PM
 NORMAN E 1872/16349 PM
 LILLY 1874/17826 PM
 FANNY CLARA 1875/18305 PM
 ALICE 1877/9612 BURROWA. DIED 1885 PM
 CHARLES 1880/11517 BURROWA
 JESSIE CAROLINE 1881/17771 PM
 RUBY 1882/18562 PM
 RUBEN 1884/21867 PM

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 SURNAME
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DENHAM
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GONDINA DENHAM MARRIED GEORGE MEAT 1893/6/31 PORT MACQUARIE
 PETER N DENHAM MARRIED KOVISA HABBORN 1896/6/26 SYDNEY
 BELONA B DENHAM MARRIED JAMES HYDE 1897/1/78 PORT MACQUARIE
 GEORGE ALEXANDER DENHAM MARRIED FLORENCE H. DOWLING 1900/4/24 SYDNEY
 CAROLINE ARLIA DENHAM MARRIED GEORGE J. OCHS 1901/12/76 PORT MACQUARIE
 JESSIE MARY DENHAM MARRIED JAMES WICKLEY 1901/4/36 PORT MACQUARIE
 HERBERT C. DENHAM MARRIED MARGARET FRIBORN 1903/4/24 SYDNEY
 ALBERT V.H. DENHAM MARRIED SARAH J. PLATT 1907/1/25 SYDNEY

George Edward Denham

B. Devonshire England

1809 Died 9 Sept 1903

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Age 94 years

Husband of

Bridget Anderson

1899



Could Be Relative of

Bellanda Bulsheba Denham



After a full and useful lifetime of ninety years, Port Macquarie's oldest native-born gentleman, Mr. Norman Ernest Denham, passed peacefully to his last rest at his home in Horton Street, on Tuesday, October 16th.

Amongst many other distinctions, the late Mr. Norman Denham was the oldest man who was born here living in Port Macquarie.

His father, the late Mr. Thomas Denham, came from Sydney, but his mother — formerly Miss Fanny Toft—was also born here. Their's was a family of 11, and Mr. Norman Denham was the last survivor.

The late Mr. Denham knew much of the early history of Port Macquarie, and his reminiscences were always interesting.

In this regard he endeared himself to many thousands of people during his 15 year period as caretaker at the historic Church of St. Thomas.

In inimitable style he recounted the trials and tribulations of convicts during the period the Church was built, and his convincing and descriptive manner left many visitors with shudders thrilling their spines.

Deceased went to school here, and as a young man took himself to Tomakin on the South Coast to marry Miss Eva Pellagreen, of Bateman's Bay.

It wasn't long before they returned to Port Macquarie, and as an engineer the late Mr. Denham worked at the butter factory (the old building still stands) then operating in West Port Macquarie.

For some time he was also an engineer on various river droghers, carrying timber for the steamers.

In later years he became well and popularly known as the town's best handyman, and no small job was beyond him.

He was in his eighties when a strained back forced him to end his working days.

Citizens of the late Mr. Denham's type can never be replaced; they knew at first hand something of the early town, and they also knew that for survival they were dependent on none but themselves, so it is that their loss is a great one.

A hale 83, Mrs. Denham survives her husband, left with loving thoughts of a kind and home-loving life's-partner.

Two of their family, Harry and Jack Denham, predeceased their parents. It was a tragic loss to

the late Mr. Denham when his favourite son—Jack—was killed in a car accident a little over three years ago.

Surviving members of the family are Ruby (Mrs. H. J. Hayward), Clive, Elsie, Eric, Mavis (Mrs. Joe White), Jim, and Reg.

All live at Port Macquarie with the exception of Mrs. White, of Albion Park.

Members of the family —Reg and Jim (sons), Mr. Max Hayward (grandson), Mr. Joe White (son-in-law), Eric and "Bill" Denham (grandsons) were pallbearers when the interment was made in the Church of England portion of Port Macquarie cemetery, following a service in the Church of England portion of Port Macquarie cemetery, following a service in the Church of St. Thomas—the edifice he loved and toiled for, for many years. Messrs. Harry B. Walker & Sons handled the funeral arrangements.

Weddings.

DENHAM—FRENCH.

A VERY pretty wedding took place in Port Macquarie on Wednesday, July 17th, when Reuben ("Sonny"), youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Denham, very old residents of the town, was united in matrimony to Alice, third daughter of Mr. James French, caretaker of the New Zealand Metropolitan Grounds, Christchurch, where the bride was born. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bridegroom's parents in Horton-street, Rev. L. J. Wilson officiating. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very pretty in a dress of cream silk voile, daintily trimmed with silk insertion. She wore the usual veil and wreath of orange blossoms, and a beautiful gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. Miss Ruby Denham, niece of the bridegroom, was bridesmaid, and was becomingly attired, and wore a gold bracelet, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. Charles Denham (brother), acted as best man. Among those present were the bride's mother, Mrs. French, attired in a dress of black glace silk; her aunt, Mrs. Chappell, in figured merv; and Mrs. Denham (mother of the bridegroom), in black brocaded satin. There were also present a large number of relatives and a few intimate friends of the bridegroom. After the ceremony, the wedding breakfast was partaken of, and the bridal party subsequently photographed by Mr. Rickerby. The bride received numerous presents, including a purse of sovereigns from her father. During the evening many friends were entertained, and songs and recitations were indulged in. Mr. and Mrs. Denham and Mrs. Chappell came specially from New Zealand to attend the ceremony. We wish the young couple a long and happy married life.

DONKIN—YOUNG.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. Paul's Chatswood, on Monday, July 23rd, when Eva Young, youngest daughter of the late Hon. J. H. Young and Mrs. Young, of "Devonia," Archer-street, was married to Mr. Francis Donkin, son of the late Mr. W. T. Donkin, and Mrs. Donkin, of Kye Hill, Wingham, Manning River. [The late Hon. J. H. Young was formerly Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, and represented the electorate of the Hastings and Macleay]. The church was beautifully decorated with palms and white flowers, a feature being two arches covered with greenery, and intermingled were white lilies and the initials of the bride and bridegroom. A large white bell was placed between the bride and bridegroom's heads. The decorations were carried out by the choir, of whom the bride was a member, and also by personal friends. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. William Knox. As the bride walked up the aisle, the hymns "The Voice that Breathed O'er Eden" and "Oh, Perfect Love" were rendered, and when the register was being signed Mr. H. A. Young sang the song "Because." The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. A. Young, and wore a lovely gown of ivory charmeuse, draped with Limerick lace, and embroidered with seed pearls. The long court train which hung from the shoulders was trimmed

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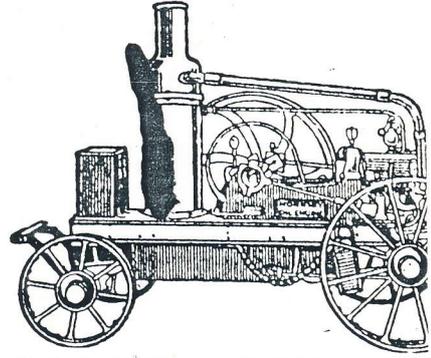
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RELIGIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—Lower Plains 11 a.m., Telegraph Point 3 p.m., Port 7-15 p.m., Rev. C. M. Thomas.
ROMAN CATHOLIC—Saturday, Sept. 12th, and 3 following days, Port Macquarie, Rev. F. Henry, Missioner, M.S.H. Sept. 20—Telegraph Point 8 a.m. (H.C.), Hamilton School of Arts 11 a.m., and 3 p.m., Rev. P. M. Ryan.
PRESBYTERIAN—Huntingdon 11, Wauchops 3, Port 7-15, Rev. G. M. Torbett, M.A. Also on Sept. 20—Upper Camden Haven 11, Mantell 3, and 7-15, Rev. G. M. Torbett, M.A.
METHODIST CHURCH—Port 11, 3 (Children's Service), and 7-15 (Anniversary Services), Rev. T. F. Rudd; Ennis 2-30, Mr. A. Muscol, Hayton 11, Blackman's Point 3, Mr. J. White. Also on Sept. 20—Beechwood 11, Ennis 2-30, Port 7-15, Rev. T. F. Rudd; Port 11, Blackman's Point 3, Mr. R. Woodlands.

The Port Macquarie News

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1903.

Death of Mr. G. Denham, Senr.

AN OLD IDENTITY.

ON Wednesday last, after a comparatively short illness, there passed away to his last rest Mr. Geo. Denham, senr., perhaps one of the oldest identities of this district, at the ripe old age of 94 years. For many years he has been a familiar figure in the town, and many are the tales he could tell of days long since dead. Death was due to old age.

The funeral took place on Thursday, and was very largely attended. The Rev. C. M. Thomas officiated.

Deceased leaves behind two sons and four daughters, 60 grandchildren, and about 50 great-grandchildren.

His has been an interesting life, a life bound up in the early struggles of this State, and space will not permit of a detailed account this week. We close this report with sympathy for those bereaved.

THE LATE MRS. E. MANNING.

The body of the late Mrs. E. Manning was brought from Sydney on Wednesday by the s.s. Pymont, and then conveyed to the Wesleyan Church, of which deceased was a member. The funeral took place the same afternoon. Prior to the cortege leaving the Church, the Rev. T. F. Rudd conducted service. The funeral was attended by persons from all parts of the district, the deceased being widely known and beloved by all who knew her. From every where expressions of intense sympathy were received by the bereaved Lockton family, and we again tender our own sympathy in their sore affliction.

A LITTLE music discoursed about the town on Saturday nights, or when there is anything special on, is very nice; but if the local band does not receive more hearty support from the public than it has of late, we are led to believe that it will soon be a thing of the past. The Band is a very deserving institution, and we trust that the public will do their utmost to keep it afloat.

For Painless Extractions go to the Only Richard Ayres, Registered Dental

this week, causing a set-back to vegetation. A MEETING was held at the Commercial Hotel last Wednesday, to revive the Port Macquarie Cricket Club. The Club was re-started with the following officers:—Patron, R. Davidson, Esq., M.P.; President, Mr. Spence; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Harris, and Baird; Secretary, Mr. Sargeant; Treasurer, Mr. O'Connor; Committee, Messrs. Anderson, Willans, and Bixon; Union Delegates, Messrs. Woolford, Sargeant, and O'Connor; Selection Committee, Messrs. Harris, W. Anderson and Sargeant. Tuesdays and Thursdays were fixed as practice days.

Prices at ORR'S Pharmacy—Dudley Root Pills 10d, Cuticura Soap 11d, and Beecham's Pills 1s.

The Committee of the Agricultural Society met at Wauchops on Wednesday, and a full account of the meeting will appear next week. There seems to be every prospect of the Society holding a record show this year. The Government have given the Society the use of the old Gaol grounds, which is a valuable addition, as it will permit of the grounds and the ring being enlarged. The special prize list is already showing considerable magnitude, there being about £40 promised to date. The special prize list has been the success of the Shows for the past few years, and we trust that the hitherto liberal support in this regard will be continued this year, thus making our annual Show to be, as visitors pronounce it—one of the best on the North Coast.

At the usual fortnightly meeting of the Star of Ennis Lodge, which was held in the Temperance Hall, Wauchops, on September 4th, there was a large attendance of members—Bro. S. R. Andrews, C.T., presiding. A visitor was present, Sia. Myers, from the 'Harbor of Safety' Lodge, Kempsey, and received a hearty welcome. After the usual business of the meeting, the brothers entertained with a nice display of fruit. The following brothers also contributed to harmony—Song, Bro. Hanney; recitation, Bro. L. Wallace; recitation, Bro. Parker; song, Bro. Williams; song, Bro. A. D. Suters. The Lodge then closed in the usual way.

NOTHING EQUAL TO AYRES' TAMAR ELIXIR, for Coughs, Colds, and all Affections of the Chest and Lungs. 1s 6d per bottle. Mr. Fred. Joyce, Storekeeper, Rollands Plains, has been appointed Agent for that district.

INTERESTED,—We do not undertake to give our individual opinion; we might mention that in connection with other School of Arts a chess and draught club or a ping-pong party is formed by members, who are allowed the free use of the hall, material and light when the same are not otherwise required. In other parts, such clubs as we have mentioned have caused interest to be maintained in the institution, and even brought about an increased membership. However, the matter is to be discussed at a general meeting of members next Monday night, and we advise you to attend and discuss the matter.

The hospital gifts for August will appear next week.

A MEETING is to be held at Wauchops tonight (Saturday) to protest against the placing of the proposed Wauchops ferry at the "Rocks" instead of at the wharf.

The registration of the Hastings District Co-operative Dairy Company is now being proceeded with, the required number of shares having been subscribed. We direct the attention of shareholders to the advt. appearing elsewhere in reference to the share certificate. Applications are being in-

paper from the Municipal Council. Ald. Baird moved, seconded, that the report from John Johnson, his residence on the road. Ald. Woodlands motioned, seconded, that the letter in the hands of the W. with. Carried. From the Department stating that the sum of had been issued to the Received on the motion of Stewart.

From the assessors (Bridson) asking for the Mayor's report on their term was not From Mr. W. O.

stating that he saw negotiations between the Council which gave him a right streets in question, in oil. The agreement is too indefinite to be for purpose. It merely pe earth from the street, long, nor to what extent consideration stated. Un it merely amounted to might be revoked at

Ald. Baird moved, seconded, that the Council stand over till orders

Works Committee. The Works Committee Baldwin's contract is Baldwin was engaged out water-table drain the work is now com

Received and adopted Ald. Woodlands, sec

Finance Committee. The Finance Committee received £2 0s 6d in and a credit balance 2d.

Received and adopted Ald. Hayward, sec

Quarrying Committee. Ald. Hayward directed Tree-planting Committee in Horton Street, at pruning them.

Ald. Hayward's whose authority a Taylor about the same

The Mayor said that authority.

Ald. Baird: Did of the citizens to see

The Mayor: As citizens I had the permission. Taylor on sending Hastings.

Orders

Ald. Woodlands remove a tree-guard

Ald. Newell directed state of a culvert at

Ald. Woodlands of the Government Gordon Street.

The Mayor said himself.

The Mayor said a special meeting of

ed, and he was employed by the Red Hill Mr. Melville's letter

A letter was received stating that they had

Church this Sunday.

October 30.—Beechwood 11 a.m., Wauchope 2.30 p.m., Port Macquarie 7.30 p.m., Rev. H. L. Redman. Comboyne 11 a.m., Union Hall 7.30 p.m., Mr. J. Thompson.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

October 23.—Beechwood 11 a.m., Wauchope 2.30 p.m., Port Macquarie 7.30 p.m.

October 30.—Maris River 11 a.m., Blackman's Point 3 p.m., Wauchope 7.30 p.m.

Rev. J. Davies.

FREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA.

October 23.—Wauchope 11 a.m., Upper Rollands Plains 7 p.m.

October 30.—Kindee (McKinnon's) 11 a.m., Wauchope 7 p.m.

Rev. M. C. Ramsay, M.A.

Marriage.

GUSTAFSON—NORMOYLE.—At Holy Trinity Church, Granville, Otto W., only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. A. W. Gustafson, of Port Macquarie, to Mona, eldest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Thos. Normoyle, of Bathurst and Inverell.

THE

Port Macquarie News.

SATURDAY, OCT. 22, 1921.

Local and General News.

Held Over.

WEDDING report (McFarlane-Lindman), balance-sheet of Telegraph Point Presbyterian bazaar, local news, held over for next issue.

Factory Pay.

THE Directors of the Hastings District Co-operative Dairy Company, Ltd., Port Macquarie, met at the Company's office on Tuesday. The pay for the month of September was fixed at 1s 6d and 1s 4d per lb. respectively for choicest and second grade butter.

To Plead Guilty.

THE Attorney General has refused to file a bill against Thomas William Spray Moore, who with Edward George Humphreys and Robert Charles Cole, was committed for trial at the Port Macquarie Police Court on 28th ult., on a charge of breaking, entering, and stealing, in company, from the residence of Alexander Kennedy, of Bevois Mount. Cole and Humphreys have signified their intention of pleading guilty to the charge.

Additions.

ANOTHER room has been added to the business premises occupied by Messrs. Sawtell & Conoli, in Horton-street, Port Macquarie, to make room for a better display of Christmas and other goods. A music room has been provided for, where Mr. E. H. McKee will conduct a school of music, and pupils may now be enrolled for tuition on the piano, violin, etc.

Value in Stamps.

THE sale of the celebrated Ferari collection of postage stamps has been concluded at Paris. It yielded 3,271,937 francs (normally £130,877). The highest price obtained was 113,000 francs for an unused block of six 1843 double Genevas.

Bicycle Race.

A good deal of interest was manifested in the bicycle road race promoted by Mr. J. H. Staples, which was run off last Saturday. The distance was five miles, to Hamilton and back again, and 16 competitors faced the starter. The winner was R. E. Kuhn (3 min.), B. Sole (2 min. 20 secs.) securing second place. E. Tunbridge (scr.) put up the fastest time, covering the distance in 16 min. 39 secs. It is the intention of the promoter to hold further races in the near future, and a meeting is to be held shortly with a view to forming a bicycle club.

Cubes of Milk.

MILK is now put up and sold in solid form

for many years following farming pursuits at Koroee Island, but before retiring was for a long period engaged in the dairying industry at King Creek. He took no keen interest in public affairs, being content to live more for and with his family.

The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, the remains being interred in the Presbyterian section of the Cross Roads Cemetery in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The Rev. M. C. Ramsay, M.A., of the Free Presbyterian Church (Wauchope), assisted by the Rev. J. Davies (Presbyterian), performed the last sad rites.

We extend our sympathy to the bereaved widow and family.

MRS. B. DENHAM.

A very sad death occurred on Friday last when Mrs. R. Denham passed away in the Hastings District Hospital after a brief illness. The deceased was only admitted as a patient to the institution the previous Tuesday suffering from pneumonia, and appeared to be doing well, but the complaint rapidly developed on the day of her death with fatal results. The late Mrs. Denham was the third daughter of Mr. J. French, of Christchurch, New Zealand, where she was born 34 years ago. She was married at Port Macquarie nine years ago. Of the union there were three children—two boys, Jos. and Tom., and a daughter, Dorothy, seven weeks old. To the bereaved husband and family we extend our sympathy in their time of sorrow.

The remains were interred in the Methodist portion of the West Port Macquarie Cemetery on Sunday afternoon last in the presence of a large concourse of people. Owing to the illness of the Rev. H. L. Redman, Mr. R. Davidson read the burial service.

Hastings River J. C. Races:

THE following are the weights for the October Meeting of the Hastings River Jockey Club to be held on the local course to-day (Saturday):—

| Flying Handicap.—6f. | | |
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| | st lb | st lb |
| Oniral | 9 8 | Satinite ... 8 0 |
| Stratire | 9 6 | Red Mimer... 8 0 |
| Tony White | 9 4 | Laney Boy ... 7 10 |
| Hautility | 8 12 | Dispel ... 7 10 |
| Chalons | 8 0 | Goodfield ... 7 9 |
| Novice Handicap.—8f. | | |
| Mostyn Maid | 9 9 | Beechgrove... 7 7 |
| Agility | 9 0 | G.L.T. ... 7 7 |
| Oriental | 8 7 | Milo... 7 7 |
| Lictor | 8 2 | Masilva ... 7 7 |
| River King | 7 12 | Lady Luocra 7 7 |
| Toresador | 7 7 | Clookwork ... 7 7 |
| Club Handicap.—1m. | | |
| Oniral | 9 5 | Purdy ... 8 0 |
| Stratire | 9 5 | Laney Boy ... 7 9 |
| Tony White | 9 3 | Goodfield ... 7 7 |
| Bulow | 8 5 | |
| Flutter Handicap.—5f. | | |
| Hautility | 9 9 | Alanario ... 7 7 |
| Chalons | 8 7 | Beechgrove... 7 0 |
| Satinite | 8 7 | Lady Luocra 7 0 |
| Red Mimer | 8 7 | Milo... 7 0 |
| Laney Boy | 8 3 | Masilva ... 7 0 |
| Dispel | 8 3 | Adnaw ... 7 0 |
| Bill Paddington | 7 8 | Portfield ... 7 0 |
| Lictor | 7 7 | |
| Farewell Handicap.—7½f. | | |
| Oniral | 9 5 | Purdy ... 8 2 |
| Tony White | 9 3 | Chalons ... 7 12 |
| Hautility | 8 10 | Dispel ... 7 8 |
| Bulow | 8 5 | Mostyn Maid 7 7 |

Police Court.

PORT MACQUARIE, THURSDAY, Oct. 20. (Before D. Stewart and L. Kenny, J's.P.) J. GUTHRIE, charged with using indecent language, pleaded guilty and was fined £1, with 8s costs of court, in default seven days hard labor; 24 hours were allowed for payment.

Mr. H. G. Cross' application for payment for footpath, Cameron-street, Wauchope.—The cost of 1 in 5 Portland cement concrete under present conditions and wages is about £3 per cubic yard in place. This works out at 8s per square yard for the concrete inclusive of the richer surface dressing. There is in addition the excavation and levelling, barricading and watering, &c., worth another 1s 3d to 1s 6d a square yard, making a total of say 9s 3d. The total area of concrete footpath put down by Mr. Cross is 129 square yards, and its value at above estimate is £59 13s 3d.—To be informed Council is not in a position to undertake such liabilities at present, Cr. Suters voting against.

Main Road Contract No. 39-20 at Camden Haven.—A tender for this work was accepted in February last, and ten weeks were allowed for completion. The time has now been exceeded by 25 weeks, and since July last six heaps of gravel have been standing on the road much to the inconvenience of the travelling public. The work was visited twice for the purpose of measuring this gravel, and on both occasions I found it of a very excessive gauge on opening up the interior of the heaps, although it looked fine from the outside. As no application has been made for extension of time I have to ask if any penalty will be imposed for delay in completion and other irregularities.—To be given 14 days notice to complete.

Taking Point road.—In my report for August last the urgency for some improvements to this road was indicated, and Council decided to ascertain in the first instance whether the Port Macquarie Council would contribute half the cost. I shall be glad to know whether the work can now proceed.—To stand over for the present.

The Shire was visited during the month by the District Works Officer in connection with an application for a grant for flood and storm damages. I understood that he would recommend a grant of £1000; but it does not follow from this that it will be forthcoming. Peradventure we may get some.—Received and action endorsed.

ALEX. ADAMS.

CLERK'S REPORT.

Gentlemen,—After to-day's payments and adjustments the respective bank balances will be as follows, viz. general fund, £134 15s 3d; sanitary fund, £280 13s 3d; trust fund, £1093 16s.

F. H. SIMPSON, Shire Clerk.

Received and adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Edgley and Vine Hall, solicitors, re road through Walbridge's property at Telegraph Point. Received, and to stand over.

From R. Oates, application for public gate. Received, and application to be granted.

From C. H. Garrett, complaining of the condition of the crossing at Narrow Gut, and stating residents would assist with improvements. Received, and Council to expend £5.

From W. J. Ragen, asking for consideration of his claim under contract No. 8-20. Received.

From L. Willard, claiming £8 for clearing timber from the road to New England. Received, and the Engineer to inspect the work.

From D. J. Flynn, asking Council to establish an outlet road for him in Parish Walibree. Received, and Engineer to report.

From the Board of Health, two letters re complaint made by Rev. E. S. Robinson. Received, and the Clerk's action in replying was endorsed.

From W. Avery, objecting to the site of Tarrant's public gate. Received.

From the Board of Health, re N. H. Spence's complaint respecting the old shed near wharf at Wauchope. Received, and the Clerk's action in replying thereto was endorsed.

From the Upper Pappinbarra Progress Association, asking that a maintenance man be put on the Upper Pappinbarra Road for two months. Received, and to be informed Council cannot undertake such an expenditure.

From H. J. Everingham, in reference to the Cemetery Hill deviation. Received. Franklin to be given notice to remove the obstruction there.

From A. J. McPhee, on the same subject. Received.

From Albert Berry, re road closure application. Received, and Clerk's action in replying endorsed.

From R. Jones, Comboyne, objecting to a culvert being erected opposite his sayards. Received, and Engineer to notify the contractor to omit the culvert from the

by the reason of the Health Inspector to brand off all dead animal future.

From W. J. Ragen contract No. 44-21. R asked for a quotation for

From Secretary H. D. asking for use of Council showground ring. Re granted conditionally.

DEPARTS.

Maintenance-man R Council in reference to and cart on the roads the Council through a just recently had a horse, at considerable work. Now that the put off he had them on to consider the matter.

Maintenance-man S Council in regard to him to pay half the telegraph line at John damaged by a tree across it. He had had none, and never for a tree would go back that sprang up help back. The cost for thought excessive.

Cr. McLaughlin said site and thought the gross negligence on the should have to bear the line and not the

The President and that apparently Smith due care in falling trees and wedge trees on direction desired.

Mr. Smith, in reply tend to pay the amount would have to sue him

Mr. J. Asimus, of Council in regard to residents there to as of a bridge over John wanted more conven help represented £5 (£20) worth of timber. could meet their re offer made.

The President explained had been Council would do to help them with such

Mr. C. Swanson consider a month's Comboyne after he a to his own disadva leave the question might feel disposed Council's hands.

To stand over till from Cr. Warrall.

Cr. McLaughlin Cook, of John's Riv Smith made a very certain figure for tin Less than the amount Mr. Cook by Court accept. He (the Cook that Smith has such arrangement v the Engineer. Mr pared to accept C timber used.

Council agreed to pay accordingly.

A deputation of Lee, C. E. Wright, say, and E. Kenned oil in reference to properties in Wauchope spokesman said they of a notification re in regard to their something should ing how to act owin by Council through cally controlled traversed the actor drain complained of had entered the la tain state. They drain and were pre put in a pipe drain chase the pipes. should meet them put the drain in worse state than Council had ever the drain in but th They would like to to the state it w entry thereon. Th to do their share them a great deal.

Mr. G. Lee said done properly as t state.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

BAND PROGRAMME.

The Wauchope Town Band, conducted by Mr. Eddie McKee, will render a programme of music, including sacred items, in the Rotunda on Sunday night next, at 8.30 p.m.

BEECHWOOD RACES.

The postponed Beechwood races are now set down for the 25th November, and the Secretary, Mr. O'Leary, hopes to have thousands present at the meeting.

ARMISTICE DAY.

Armistice Day, 11th November, passed off quietly at Port Macquarie. The Ladies Auxiliary of the local branch of the R. S. & S. I. L. A. had a street stall, and girls were selling poppies and suitable emblems of the occasion. The response was very good.

WAUCHOPE—PORT MACQUARIE SURF CARNIVAL.

Wet weather caused a postponement of the above carnival last weekend, but arrangements have been made to stage the event this Sunday, November 19. There are to be beach and water events—sufficient to hold the interest of anyone attending.

SHIPPING DELAYED.

The Kinchela was unable to keep to her regular time of departure on Saturday, owing to the state of the bar and the small tides, there being not sufficient water. She sailed for Sydney on Tuesday morning. The Maianbar was also prevented from crossing in for cargo on Saturday for similar reasons.

CARS COLLIDE.

Whilst on the side of the Hamilton punt turn-off about 11.30 on Saturday night, Mr. J. Bullock was lifting the rear of his Hudson, which was over the ballast log, the front being on the road. Mr. S. Smith, in his Ford delivery van, was returning to Blackman's Point, in the rain, and struck the car, damaging the front part a good deal and cracking the casing of the engine. The Ford did not suffer so much, and no one was hurt.

deemed essential in the future.

Ald. Mowle informed the Council on Monday of his intention to move in the matter of municipal control at next meeting, and so consolidate the sporting areas, also to give the Aldermen an opportunity to consider the matter. There may be difficulties to overcome, but from the Council and Golf Club point of view we think the idea very worthy of consideration as a progressive move.

OBITUARY.

MRS. F. DENHAM.

We regret to record the death of the oldest native of Port Macquarie, in the person of Mrs. Fanny Denham, which occurred at her home at 11 a.m., on 14th inst., at the age of 87 years and 11 months. Mrs. Denham was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Toft, being born at Port Macquarie on 15th December, 1845. She was married to Mr. T. Denham, who predeceased her in June, 1927.

With the exception of two small breaks the late Mrs. Denham had resided here all her life. About 40 years ago she and her husband went to Burrowa for five years, and in 1905 to New Zealand for three years.

There were twelve children, nine of whom survive, viz.: Messrs. George (Urunga), Tom. (Brisbane), Norman, Charles, and Reuben (Port Macquarie), Mesdames George (Bathurst), W. Latham (Port Macquarie), T. Craig (Bellingen), Jacobs (Christchurch, New Zealand).

There are 41 grand-children, 27 great-grand-children, and one great-grand-child.

The late Mrs. Denham was of a kindly and homely nature, and, in years gone by did splendid service at Port Macquarie as a nurse. She enjoyed reasonably good health. On Friday evening of last week she had a fall at her home, tripping over a rocker, and from that time gradually failed in health.

The funeral on Wednesday afternoon was largely attended, and relatives and friends had forwarded a wealth of floral tributes. After a short service at the home, the remains were interred in the Methodist portion of the Port Macquarie Cemetery, the Rev. M. Walker conducting the services, and making appropriate reference to the deceased lady. The pall-bearers were four sons, Messrs. George, Norman, Charles, and Reuben, assisted by four grandsons, Messrs. Stanley, Victor, Leslie, and Albert ("Mick") Latham.

Over half of the cost had been met by the property owners, and a good job had been done. There was no doubt that in this case the property owners would have to put their hands in their pockets too.

Ald. Mowle said it would be necessary to get levels, etc.

The Mayor: These have been tried. It would be necessary to drain down through the middle of the land, before the water could be taken away to the river.

G. Quast, stating, in regard to the inquiry as to the number of units of electricity consumed per month, that it was hard to arrive at owing to quarterly meter reading only being made. From these an estimate of the September consumption would be close to 2607 units. In regard to the erection of the electric light pole at the corner of Clarence and Short Streets, this had been delayed owing to wet weather, as it was impossible to put the necessary toe-hold on the bottom of the pole whilst the water was present. The pole in question was safe.—Received.

Miss P. Drum, stating she received the shock of her life a few nights ago on taking a short cut around Mr. Sawtell's corner to find an insignificant by-lane handsomely decorated with pretentious tree guards, and freshly planted trees in galore getting in readiness to beautify on one side stables leased by Mr. Allan Cumming, and the other side back yards owned by Mr. Percy Hayward. Such a comedy farce is only typical with what can only be expected from Port's Council, and an important street, such as Clarence Street, adorned by one (1) single tree, from the Post Office down to the water frontage, and Short Street, instead of trees, converted into a sports ground. We have the senior football club, junior football club, surf club and hockey club, and possibly, in the near future, the cricket club will be added to the number seeking a game. Recently the ball was kicked on to my roof twice in succession, bouncing off again into the back yard, and countless times the ball has been kicked into my front garden and vegetable garden, necessitating the footballers climbing across my fence, and, needless to say, depreciating the newly-painted pickets in the process. You, Councillors, will be brought to your sense, and realise the wisdom and sanity of your idiosyncratic stunt when you receive a few bills claiming damages incurred by this menacing nuisance. But it is quite understandable why Short Street ratepayers get such a rotten spin,

rates will be paid and consider your in getting them circumstances. But I'll give you Coun before submitting this menacing nuisance court proceedings lished fact, and for seek Parliament a or magistrate rec lan Park" would give a verdict in f cil under the rot tions. I had a si a far worse one, so whilst living in "Edinburgh House ence Street was b Council to the out sters as a dumping ous logs, damagin, extent of nearly d gether. Mrs. Davi was staying with n on one occasion, of a huge log bein came quite panics- swayed, and dow ments of plaster, t to be more expli and damaging my l recognition. I ru worthy Mayor (Mr occupying the May time. He promise rust promises, and othing, till I was outside counsel, in Hardiman, and he and shifted the w of the street, but cost me over £100 the damage incurr scrupulous bushran had a providential e substantial damage sons held me back, calamity present i take all the devils i back. You Coun your own generosi own property for t how long you wou will wager a pound you wouldn't put up ing condition for r I am simply fed up impositions that a wherever I go. A receive for exorbit rates are bricks ins so I am returning pliments.—Received.

Same, enclosing rates owing. Con lucky in getting th warding the money expected, and pract

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HER STORY

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Thank you to Josie & Linda Denham for the telling of their story
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HER STORY

Josie Denham tells her story

I was born at the Kempsey hospital, and lived with my parents at Telegraph Point. I can remember back to the age of about 3 years of age. We lived up the road near our grandparents Alice & William Cutler. It was all bush then. Four sisters married Four brothers. All had farms interlocking each other, from Telegraph Point School up to all but one farm to Ballengarra Bridge. They were dairy farmers & grew peas & beans & all sorts of other things, they lived off what they grew from the land and orchard they also killed their own beef, and made their own butter.

At the age of 3 years I used to walk down to my grandparents farm to get the milk. My mother could watch me go. I would take a billycan, jars or bottles. We used to get the milk morning and night. I was very independent when I was young.

My father was a mill worker at Telegraph Point. Gidge Munday had the mill on the Port Macquarie side of the bridge.

My father was not a farmer, his people had a farm at Kundabung. Both my grandparents had bullock teams, another thing they survived on was timber. They used to sell the timber and cut and make sleepers for the railway. My father used to help out on weekends, because he worked at the mill on a basic wage. It was very very hard and a very tough life for me, compared to the kids of today.

I have two sisters and two brothers, I was the 2nd eldest.

We washed the clothes in the creek when there had been no rain, we would carry a copper down to the creek and get the water out of the creek to boil all the clothes. We thought it was great fun lighting the fire. Mum carried the clothes back up to the clothes line all the kids would help wring them out and make it a fun time. It was a hard life but a good life, I had strict parents, and never regretted them being strict with us.

Josie Denham tells her story

I found a Sugar-glider once in the Peas. We were a happy group, and would just go on with our work, there wasn't much socializing as we knew we would have to come back to work the next day.

Dances were held on a Friday night dad would take us , we all danced, when we got there it was nearly all families and relatives, a lot of people came from Port as well.

Sometimes there was a Ball held at the local hall. Every one took a plate for supper. The Balls were usually organized by the CWA or the Church Guild.

On the other side of the bridge there was a Grocery shop, a Butcher and the Post Office. My mother would write out an order and my father would take it along to the Grocery shop, they would pack the order up for my dad to pickup later.

We walked every where even up to our Grandparents to spend the week-end, it was about five miles away.

I remember I was a Miss hand-me-down, I had clothes from everybody else.

The Grocery shop sold material and cottons other than that you bought from catalogues.

We had a lovely old Auntie, who was a good seamstress and she made my frocks, her name was Eva Farrawell she was married to my Grandmothers brother. She just lived a few doors away. She was a dear old sole, my mother tried to sew but she wasn't much good. If we wanted anything made special, aunty would make it for us, all my aunties could sew and knit, and play the piano, my mum could also play. My youngest auntie was only six years older than myself. There would have been about one hundred of our family members we all grew up together.

I think the Rosenbaums (my maiden name) arrived in Port Macquarie about 1854 and the Cutler's came about the same time from England and dads family were German Jews, there were no convicts in the family.

My Great Grand Father had Pearling boats up around Broom and on the Rosenbaum side of the family they were builders in town. Grandfather Cutler wanted to be a doctor, he was very bright, but his parents couldn't afford to send him to study as he came from a large family. He would read medical books and would find all the old remedies, he would have an answer for everything.

I went to school at Telegraph Point until I went to High School. When I first started school I attended the old school which was built about 1880, it was like the old buildings with a veranda all around. The Headmaster had his own house and there was a church next to that, which fell down, the old school was later removed. I was one of the first pupils at the new school, I was in 5th or 6th class when I moved into that school. The Headmaster at High School couldn't understand why I repeated 6th class, because my pass was good enough to come to High School. I told him, if a teacher didn't turn up to teach the infants, we had to teach them, because the other teachers lived in Port Macquarie and couldn't always get to the school for what ever reason, like floods or punt break down.

Josie Denham tells her story

We taught the younger children reading and other work (a non paid school teacher at the age of twelve years) I would catch the bus from Telegraph Point to High School in Port Macquarie

The High school was where East Port Primary School is now. I don't know if the buildings are still there. I think It should have been heritage listed, I did three years there, learning Home Science. Mrs Grimmond taught cooking to me and the sewing teacher was Miss Browning, Mr Condon was the Headmaster he was a great teacher, he was really good.

Mr Rogers taught us Science, Mr Barry taught me Biology, I was really good at science and maths. When we got to second year we didn't have to take science if we didn't want to, so I took biology, I enjoyed that, I passed with 96%

I couldn't see science being any help to me as I wanted to be a nurse and wanted to learn all about the body.

Mr Condon taught us maths, I really looked up to him, he died a couple of years ago.

We had school socials in the hall opposite where the Police Station is now, it was called the School of Arts Hall, there were a couple held yearly, I couldn't always get there as I lived at Tele Point, if I did go to a special function, I would stay at a friends place over night June Windfield. I only stayed once or twice as mum would need us at home and I didn't like being away in those days. We moved into town when I was about sixteen and lived where the X-ray place is now in Hollingsworth Street.

During the school holidays I worked at Crisps Furniture Store near the Dulhunty arcade Port Macquarie. Then I started a little job at Casamaty Motel the locals called it the Palace Motel which was in Hay Street near where Port Central is now. The Motel was knocked down and the Council Chambers of the day replaced it. I worked on the tables and in the kitchen.

I worked till I was old enough to go nursing at the age of sixteen and ten months.

I started work at the old Hastings Hospital in Morton Street.

At that time there were two doctors in town, there was Doctor McLaren and Doctor Murphy. Doctors Brien and Doctor Morton came later.

There were two Policeman in town Sargent Clifford and Constable Randall.

The butcher was Andersons, the population was about 4000 people in Port Macquarie at the time of 1958.

For entertainment we went to the movies and the odd Balls I remember one time I went to a Ball and was asked to draw the raffle, and drew my own ticket as the winner, the prize was a Christmas Cake. There were Dances and Balls in town at what was called the Civic Hall, it was at the end of the street across from St Agnes's Church in Horton Street, they showed movies there but that was before my time, the first movies I went to were at the Ritz Movie House. The same people who owned the Ritz owned Monterey Cafe.

Josie Denham tells her story

I nursed for five years, it wasn't a training hospital at Port Macquarie, so we were trained as assistant nurses, we did everything, the girls of today don't know what work is. After I married, I worked at the Picture Theatre for a while as an usherette, then worked at the TAB and still work there on Melbourne Cup days, that would be 35 years I have worked there and still love working there, I look forward to the local people coming in, they are so friendly, it's just like a big family.

When I first met my husband he worked at the Macleay Co-op, it was there where the Peachtree Arcade is now. When they closed, Woolworths opened there. When we married he worked for the Rural Co-op. We lived in my mother in-laws flat, when Garth and I first were married which was directly behind where Blair's Newsagents is now. We lived there for five years, we had bought a block of land within six months of being married, we paid 500.00 pound for the land, and sold it three years later for 3000.00 pound, it was in Lake Road, after five years we saved a bit and bought a house in Hill Street, it cost about \$9000.00 that was about 1968. When we sold that house we built a house in Hollingsworth Street we lived there for twenty years. Then we built a house in Mermaid Crescent that was 1992 from there we moved to The Jib and stayed there for seven years.

I had two daughters, Vanessa and Anne. Both girls were born in the Hastings Districts Hospital.

My mother and mother in-law would mind the girls when I went to work, they were wonderful and a big help to me. I did a lot of sewing and knitting for the children, until they got older. I started playing tennis later on in life working my way up from the lowest grade to the top grade, and I still play, winning the ladies tournament in 2003.

I remember when I was a girl we had fun with picnics on the river bank at Telegraph Point, playing cricket and swimming in the Wilson River, it was beautiful, that was where I learnt to swim. I have had a good life.

HER STORY

LINDA DENHAM

Linda Denham tells her story

Linda Denham interviewed at Lourdes Nursing Home Port Macquarie

Linda was born Jubilee Lane Kempsey NSW 1914 her father William H Murphy and mother Violet Woodland a Midwife came to the home to help with the birth. My mother had very big babies each weighed about 15lbs or 16lbs, at the time Tommy my brother was the biggest baby born at Port Macquarie.

Linda was living at Kempsey till the age of three, when her parents came to Port Macquarie for her father to manage the Marchant Cordial Factory which was in Hay Street, opposite where the Police Station is and where the Sheraton Hotel is now. The house we lived in was part of the Cordial Factory

My mother's maiden name was Woodlands, the family lived at Wauchope and still today there are a lot of people with this name still living there.

I attended the Convent school St Agnes at Port Macquarie, there were about five Nuns teaching at that time, I remember Sister Pious, Sister Antonidis and Sister Dorothy and Father Phili-du who came from the Islands.

We moved from Hay Street to William Street and I walked to school, there were three Terrace Houses in William Street then. The main street in Port Macquarie was Horton Street and it was a dirt road at that time. There wasn't any Green Grocer in town, people grew their own vegetables or bought them from the farmers. We shopped at Cummins for other things, the butcher was old Mr Anderson, he was the father of Neville. We went to the butcher every day for our meat, as there wasn't any ice chest at home. My parents had chooks and they ran all over the place.

Mother died when Willie, my brother was ten years old, I wasn't at school then so I cared for him and the others because my father went to Sydney to work. As a teenager, I worked at the Guest House Tregoney in William Street Port Macquarie, Mr & Mrs MacGeorge were the managers and owners at that time. It was a two-storey building and very nice, it had some permanent guests but mostly holiday people, Mrs MacGeorge's brother had a bus run from Armidale to Port Macquarie so holidaymakers could travel by this bus. I worked by making beds, doing the housework, and waiting on tables. Dorrie Whitten was my friend and co-worker. When the MacGeorge's sold the Boarding House I went to work at the Royal Hotel, which was owned by Mr & Mrs Stanfield, I worked as an upstairs maid. My father would do odd jobs around the hotel at the same time that I worked there.

Linda's love affair with her to be husband

Clive lived in the Terrace House next door, there was a hole in the Kitchen wall, and one day I put my eye to the hole to see what was on the other side, I was surprised to find Clive looking back at me. From that day we started going out together. We often went to the movies, a German fellow ran the theatre and later on the Keena family.

Linda Denham tells her story

Linda and Clive were married 1938 in the Sacristy behind the Alter of the Catholic Church Port Macquarie. Clive's cousin Elsie Denham lived in Hayward House she made her living by sewing. She made Linda's wedding frock, and did the sewing for the family, even the mending up till the day she died.

To do the washing Linda would go to the well down the back yard for water and from there she would carry it to the cooper for boiling the wash. The boys chopped the wood for the fire. I didn't like to use green wood, Linda said, sometimes we would buy wood from the Timber Mill.

To iron the clothes we had a Benzine Iron as well as a Flat Iron that was put onto the stove to heat. As Monday was washing day Tuesday was ironing day.

I remember my father Bill Murphy working as the Bailiff at the Port Macquarie Court House as well as lighting the Gas Lamps around town, there were about Six or Seven lamps to light, out as far as the hospital, everywhere was dark in town and the cattle walked the streets, even the chooks, dogs and cats ran all over. The Tom Cats would be going from dusk till dawn making a lot of noise. Hay Street where Port Central is now was a cow paddock.

Going back to the Terrace house we lived in, there were five rooms, three were bedrooms with the kitchen detached with a covered walkway. The kitchen being nice and big about ten feet, everything happened in the kitchen, as it was the warmest spot in the house, the kitchen had no sink, we washed-up in a dish and used a tray to stand the plates on. The table was wooden and would be scrubbed with sandstone each day. The toilet was right down the back yard in the outhouse. The night man would come to empty the toilet pan. In those days the newspaper was used in the outhouse.

Linda's brother Tommy played Front-row-forward for the Sharks football team, he was also the goal kicker. Patsy played footie as well.

Linda going back in time again, tells of the times her parents would go to Kempsey at Show time to visit her Grandparents, going by horse & buggy, and camping at Kundabung. It would take two days to go from Port Macquarie. We would return home loaded with fruit and vegetables from my Grandfathers farm.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Linda Denham for her story.
Linda is the Mother-in-law of Josie Denham wife of Garth Denham