

# **THE SUTERS FAMILY**

## **FAMILY SHEETS**

**[For detailed information refer to  
The First Three Generations of the Suters Family, by H. Rae Young]**

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# The First Three Generations of the SUTERS family

By Mrs. H. Rae Young, a 5th generation Australian descendant  
of Philadelphia and John Suters.



The family of Thomas Suters Snr. 7 sons and 2 daughters. Left to right (back): Albert, William, John, Edwin, Samuel, Thomas W.; (front) George, Elizabeth, Thomas Suters Snr., Emily.



Thomas Suters Snr. and some of his descendants moving from Wauchope to Tacking Point with their household possessions. (Circa) 1906.

## CONNECTED FAMILY NAMES from Family Sheets

ANDREWS  
BARDON  
BOWD  
BROOKER  
DODD  
DOWNS  
DOWSETT  
GRAHAM  
HAYWARD  
KENNARD

KING  
KLUMPP  
LOCKTON  
MAHON  
MARTIN  
MYERS  
NOAKES  
PEAD  
SCALA  
SUMMERVILLE

TARRANT  
TROTTER  
TURNER  
WALKER  
WALLER  
WALTON  
WATSON  
WAY  
WOODLANDS  
YOUNG

NO 1 ON THIS CHART IS  
THE SAME PERSON AS NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
ON CHART NO. \_\_\_\_\_

VERLIE EMILY SUTERS.

BORN 1917  
WHERE PORT MACQUARIE  
WHEN MARRIED 1941 PORT MACQUARIE  
DIED  
WHERE  
RAYMOND JACK KEFT  
NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

2 WILLIAM SUTERS

BORN 1886/23425  
WHERE PORT MACQUARIE NSW  
WHEN MARRIED 1915/17211 PORT MACQUARIE  
DIED  
WHERE

3 BERYL DORIS WALLER.

BORN  
WHERE  
DIED  
WHERE

4 THOMAS WILLIAM SUTERS

BORN 1856/8731  
WHERE HAITLAND NSW  
WHEN MARRIED 1881/4266 PORT MACQUARIE  
DIED 15 MARCH 1937 #5190  
WHERE WAUCHOPE NSW  
UNITED/METHODIST  
SECTION H.A.42

5 MARY JANE MARTIN

BORN 3-10-1863  
WHERE AUSTRALIA  
DIED 31 MARCH 1940 #11406  
WHERE WAUCHOPE NSW  
UNITED/METHODIST  
SECTION H.A.41

6  
BORN  
WHERE  
WHEN MARRIED  
DIED  
WHERE

7  
BORN  
WHERE  
DIED  
WHERE

8 ELIZABETH SUTERS 1799  
BORN 1829  
WHERE PHILADELPHIA  
WHEN MARRIED 1854/42/418 SPANISH 98 1807  
DIED 26 SEPT 1917/12382 54084 NY  
WHERE PORT MACQUARIE 6-28-59

9 ELIZA HAYDON  
BORN 1834  
WHERE  
DIED 21 AUG. 1880  
WHERE PORT MACQUARIE NSW  
6-28-58

10 CHARLES MARTIN  
BORN 1850  
WHERE FOLKSTONE KENT UK  
WHEN MARRIED 1856 SUSSEX UK

11 ELIZABETH WATSON  
DIED 24-6-1865  
WHERE C/O COMPANY NEWCASTON NSW

12 JAN 1835  
BORN  
WHERE AYE SVSSEX UK  
DIED  
WHERE

13  
BORN  
WHERE  
WHEN MARRIED  
DIED  
WHERE

14  
BORN  
WHERE  
WHEN MARRIED  
DIED  
WHERE

15  
BORN  
WHERE  
DIED  
WHERE

16  
BORN  
WHERE  
DIED  
WHERE

20 GEORGE MARTIN

ELIZABETH BARDON

CONT



# FAMILY GROUP CHART

Compiled by:

Date:

ID Number:

**Husband:** SUTERS WILLIAM  
**Birth Date:** 29 JUN 1826 **Place:** HASTINGS SUSSEX ENGLAND  
**Baptism Date:** **Place:**  
**Marriage Date:** 18.10.1857 **Place:** TUMUT NSW E-VICT. NO 20  
**Death Date:** 1910 **Place:** PORT MACQUARIE NSW  
**Burial Date:** **Place:**  
**Other partners:** wid/div/sep  
**Occupation:**  
**Father:** SUTERS JOHN  
**Mother:** KENNARD PHELLOPHIA  
**Other:** "ARRIVED 1.4.1839 Argyle"

**Wife:** COLLINS-DOWNS CATHERINE  
**Birth Date:** c 1836 **Place:** COUNTY CLARE IRELAND  
**Baptism Date:** **Place:**  
**Marriage Date:** **Place:** 15127  
**Death Date:** 4.10.1908 **Place:** PORT MACQUARIE  
**Burial Date:** **Place:**  
**Other partners:** wid/div/sep  
**Occupation:**  
**Father:** COLLINS JAMES  
**Mother:** REIDY MARGARET  
**Other:**

Sex MF	Children	When Born	Where Born	Married to	When Married	Where Married	When Died	Where Died/Buried
1 F	MARY KATHY	26.8.1858		CAROLACUS PAYNE	1883	PORT MACQUARIE #517		
2 M	JOHN	16.12.1859					1943	PORT MACQUARIE #3047
3 F	JANE	3.7.1867		STEPHEN MARTIN MARSHALL ANDREWS	1888	#534		
4 M	THOMAS	19.10.1864		MARTIN ANDREWS	1888	536	1941	PORT MACQUARIE NSW #1166
5 M	JAMES	1865		Sarah Laurie	1903	Walcha	22.1.1939 26.3.1946	KILLED #366.1 PORT MACQUARIE
6 F	MENORING	8.10.1866						
7 F	ELIZA	4.5.1868		ALFRED A. NORRIS	1889	#5629 TARALE NSW	23.2.1952	WAVENOUGH NSW 1-X-77 #683
8 M	WILLIAM	7.8.1869					3.1.1938	PORT MACQUARIE #668
9 M	GEORGE CHARLES	21.5.1872					15.2.1940	WAVENOUGH #433 112 PORT MACQUARIE #687
10 M	HENRY	19.8.1874		SARAH M. FLEWNER	1911	PORT MACQUARIE #517	4.8.1962 15.3.1969	WAVENOUGH NSW 6. A. 106/107 #683 #684
11 F	ANNIE	5.9.1877	HOUSMAN HUT AVOCASIAN KARA KARA	N. M.			1.12.1961	WAVENOUGH NSW F-X-1A #685
12								
13	NORAH	1871						

**Sources**

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NO 10 -

HENRY & SARAH M. SWPER

ISSUE - GWENYTH N. 1912/20969 P/M (m) Peter GARRROW No children

BERYL ENID 1914/9759 P/M  
MARRIED EDWARD ALBERT SHEARER 1938/9929 - Children

BRIAN HENRY 1917/25889 P/M P/M

VALERIE ELLIS MUNCIE 1944/24912 PETERSHAM, NH

Adrienne SHEARER  
Lynette "  
Richard "  
Daphne ..

→ Phone 02 49529698



# FAMILY RECORD SHEET

**HUSBAND:** SUTERS GEORGE Occupations: \_\_\_\_\_

Born/Chr.: 19.11.1854 Place: BALLARAT VICTORIA

Marr: 8-3-1881 Place: BLACKMAN POINT

Death date: 19 FEB 1947 Place: PORT MACQUARIE NSW

Burial date: 19 FEB 1947 Place: PORT MACQUARIE METHODIST SECTION 6.D.18 AGE 93.

Husband's father: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's other wives: \_\_\_\_\_

**WIFE:** HENRIETTA EMMA LOCKTON Occupations: \_\_\_\_\_

Born/Chr.: 12.4.1862 Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Death date: JAN. 1944 Place: PORT MACQUARIE NSW

Burial date: 12 JAN 1944 Place: PORT MACQUARIE NSW METHODIST SECTION 6.D.19 AGE 82

Wife's father: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's other husbands: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex M F	Children		When Born/Chr.			Where born		Date of Marriage	Spouse's name	Date of death	Place of death	Notes
	Given Names	Surname	Day	Month	Year	Town						
✓	THOMAS CHARLES <del>ELIZA EMMA</del>		23	MAY	1885	PORT MACQUARIE		WILLIAM H. LEAD	29-6-1968 27-3-1969 28-6-1956	WAVEHOPES WAVEHOPES	AGE 89 4-A 44/45 AGE 74	
✓	LILY (LILLIE)		5	JUNE	1887	PORT MACQUARIE		THOMAS HAYWARD				
✓	LUCY		3	DEC.	1888	PORT MACQUARIE		N.A.	1947			
✓	GEORGE GOWRIE		14	JUNE	1890	PORT MACQUARIE						
✓	ETTIE		3	SEPT	1892	PORT MACQUARIE		PHILIP J. FALLICK	30.12.1969			
✓	ELIZABETH ANNE		1	APRIL	1895	PORT MACQUARIE		JAMES HIGGINS	4.1950	Port Macquarie		
✓	PERCY H.		16	JUNE	1896	PORT MACQUARIE		ADA I GALLOWAY	11.10.1980			
✓	SIDNEY A. S.		18	SEPT	1899	WAVEHOPES?						
✓	OLIVER ROY CLARENCE		20	JULY	1904	PORT MACQUARIE		IRENE MURIEL DOWSETT				
✓	EMILY MAY		22	MARCH	1892			LIONEL HUBERT LEE NOAKES.	23-11-1960 18-11-1957	WAVEHOPES WAVEHOPES	4-B-36	
✓	NORMAN DALLMS		7	JUNE	1908			MAVIS.	28-1-1998	P.H.	AGE 87 Row 13.7-B8	
											ISSUE NOEL FERRY JOHN	



# FAMILY RECORD SHEET

**HUSBAND:** SUTERS JOHN [JACK] Occupations: \_\_\_\_\_

Born/Chr: 22-4-1860/11299 Place PORT MACQUARIE NSW

Mar: 6-7-1887 Place WAUCHOPE NSW

Death date: 6 JUNE 1950 Place WAUCHOPE NSW

Burial date: 5-JUNE-1950 Place UNITED METHODIST WAUCHOPE CEMETERY 4898 AGE 90

Husband's father: SUTERS THOMAS Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's mother: MAHON ELIZA

Husband's other wives: MAUD, PEARL. DEATH 19-AUG 1920 AGE 60 YEARS

**WIFE:** REBEKAH CORDELIA MARTIN Occupations: \_\_\_\_\_

Born/Chr: 5-1-1866 Place WAUCHOPE NSW

Death date: NOV 1902 Place PORT MACQUARIE NSW

Burial date: 11-NOV-1902 Place PORT MACQUARIE NSW METHODIST SECTION 6-2-67 AGE 36

Wife's father: CHARLES MARTIN Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's mother: ELIZABETH WATSON

Wife's other husbands: REINHARD NEHRISCH THOMAS EGGERT  
20-MAY 1869 AGE 99 DIED 1934

Sex M F	Children		When Born/Chr.			Where born:		Date of Marriage	Spouse's name	Date of death	Place of death	Notes
	Given Names	Surname	Day	Month	Year	Town						
①	ELIZABETH	E.			1888	PORT MACQUARIE	1910	STANLEY WOODLANDS				ISSUE 5
②	EVA	WOLST			1890	PORT MACQUARIE	1914 PM	(Jack) JOHN GRAHAM	30.10.1959	WAUCHOPE	AGE 74	ISSUE 6 AGE 93. PRESBYTERIAN BORN 3/82
③	DORIS	MAHALA JANE	17	12	1892	PORT MACQUARIE	1919 PM	HENRY KLUMPP				ISSUE 9
④	[MILLCENT REBECCA] MILLY	R.			1896	PORT MACQUARIE	1923 PM	ROY BOND	19.9.1954	WAUCHOPE	AGE 58	
⑤	JOHN	DOUGLAS THOMAS			1898	PORT MACQUARIE	1931 PM	GRACE STARKEY	5.9.1958	WAUCHOPE	AGE 59	ISSUE 1 UNITED/METHODIST SECTION 4/88
⑥	MONA	BEATRICE	27	11	1900	PORT MACQUARIE	1923 PM	(LLOYD) LAURIE JEFFREY	5.9.1960	WAUCHOPE	AGE 63	ISSUE 1-1A LORIAN JOHN CHARLES GREEN
⑦	CHARLES	MARTIN					1924	BERNICE EMMELINE TANNER				ISSUE 9
8												
9												
10												
11												
12												

PM MIDDY 30 June 1950 P4 C5  
\* The death occurred at Bago Road, Wauchope, on 4th June, of Mr. John SUTERS, aged 90 years. The deceased was a native of Wauchope. A family of five daughters and two sons, Messrs. Charles and John D. Suters survive.

DAUGHTER  
- H. RAE GRAHAM MARRIED

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# FAMILY RECORD SHEET

**HUSBAND:** SUTERS EDWIN. B. Occupations: \_\_\_\_\_

Born/Chr.: 5-5-1864/1263 Place PORT MACQUARIE NSW

Mar.: 22-3-1883/5156 Place PORT MACQUARIE NSW

Death date: 13-MAY 1947 Place HAVENOPÉ NSW

Burial date: 14-MAY 1947 Place WAVENOPÉ UNITED/METHODIST SECTION 4-D-35 AGE 84

Husband's father: SUTERS THOMAS Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's mother: MANN ELIZA

Husband's other wives: \_\_\_\_\_

**WIFE:** ANDREWS CORDELIA Occupations: \_\_\_\_\_

Born/Chr.: 1863/9151 Place MANNING RIVER NSW

Death date: 1941/23824 Place PORT MACQUARIE NSW

Burial date: 28 SEP 1941 Place WAVENOPÉ UNITED/METHODIST SECTION 4/B-34 AGE 78

Wife's father: ANDREWS SAMUEL Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's mother: MARSH JANE MARRIED 1860/2773 MINGHAM NSW

Wife's other husbands: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex M F	Children List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth Given Names Surname	When Born/Chr.			Where born Town	Date of Marriage	Spouse's name	Date of death	Place of death	Notes
		Day	Month	Year						
1	EDWIN STANLEY			1884	PORT MACQUARIE NSW	1910 PM	ACREAY LOTTIE M. PISCOTT	1-11-1961	WAVENOPÉ	ISSUE - MURIEL 1915-3815 PM PHYLLIS C. 1916-1932 PM ROONEY 03-12-1964
2	OLIVE MAY			1885	PORT MACQUARIE NSW	1914 PM	WILLIAM ALFRED W. WATY	11-9-1973	WAVENOPÉ BEECHWOOD	ISSUE LESLEY M. 1915-28095 PM ERROL N. 1916-7422 PM ELSIE C. 1917-25044 PM
3	ISABELLA JEAN			1887	PORT MACQUARIE NSW	1910 PM	FRANZ S. TARRANT		BEECHWOOD	ISSUE REUGEN E 1911-15679 GANNING NSW
4	LILY			1889	PORT MACQUARIE NSW	1815 #15369 1916 KENNEDY	WILLIAM H. TROTTER THOMAS W. HARRARD	18-4-1972	WAVENOPÉ	1848 AGE 81 AGE 86
5	ALBERT R.			1891	PORT MACQUARIE NSW			1891	PORT MACQUARIE	
6	ERROLL VICTOR			1893	PORT MACQUARIE NSW	1920 KENNEDY	SARAH I. M. MANNING	20-7-1971	WAVENOPÉ	ISSUE - BOTH - COMM.
7	AUBREY R.			1896	PORT MACQUARIE NSW	1926 CHATSWOOD	ELEANOR A. BOWEN	16-3-1963	WAVENOPÉ	ISSUE - SHIRLEY WARREN
8	JAMES LIONEL			1898	PORT MACQUARIE NSW		ETHEL IRENE	1986	WAVENOPÉ	
9	CONSTANCE ANN			1905	PORT MACQUARIE NSW	1926 PM	JAMES HONKLEY		BEECHWOOD	
10	HARVEY W. WAVENOPÉ			1906	PORT MACQUARIE NSW	1936/10068	HARRICKING MAGGIE FLORENCE DODD	18-2-1955	WAVENOPÉ ROOKWOOD	ISSUE WAVENOPÉ 4-2-34 AGE 81
11	CEDRIC HASTINGS			1909	PORT MACQUARIE NSW	1933/10100	CROSSNOCK MARGORIE SCALA	27-2-1989	WAVENOPÉ	AGE 57
2									WAVENOPÉ	AGE 86



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# FAMILY RECORD SHEET

**HUSBAND** HENRY KLUMPP Occupations: \_\_\_\_\_

Born/Chr.: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Marr: 1919 Place: PORT MACQUARIE NSW

Death date: 1972 Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Burial date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: CREMATED ASHES SEATTLE

Husband's father: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupations: \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's other wives: \_\_\_\_\_

**WIFE** ODDIS JANE MAHALA SUTERS Occupations: \_\_\_\_\_

Born/Chr.: 17-12-1891 Place: PORT MACQUARIE NSW

Death date: 1992 Place: PORT MACQUARIE NSW

Burial date: 1992 Place: CREMATED INNES GARDENS MEMORIAL PARK.

Wife's father: JOHN SUTERS Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's mother: REBEKAH CORDELIA MARTIN

Wife's other husbands: \_\_\_\_\_

### SHIPPING RECORDS

Husband:

Arrival date in Australia: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of ship: \_\_\_\_\_

Port of Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife:

Arrival date in Australia: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of ship: \_\_\_\_\_

Port of Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_

Family also on board: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Sex M F	Children		When Born/Chr.			Where born or christened			Date of death	Place of death	Date of Marriage	Spouse's name
	Given Names	Surname	Day	Month	Year	Town	State or County	Country				
1	LINCOLN HENRY											
2	JOHN CHARLES											
3	LINDSAY WATSON					BETTY						
4	BARRY MARTIN										DEC	
5	DOUBLES ARTHUR											
6	ROBERT RICHARD											
7	PAULINE ROBERTA											
8	JUDITH ELIZABETH DIANNE											
9	JANICE JOANNE											
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By Mrs. H. Rae Young, a 5th generation Australian descendant  
of Philadelphia and John Suters.



The family of Thomas Suters Snr. 7 sons and 2 daughters. Left to right (back): Albert, William, John, Edwin, Samuel, Thomas W.; (front) George, Elizabeth, Thomas Suters Snr., Emily.



Thomas Suters Snr. and some of his descendants moving from Wauchope to Tacking Point with their household possessions — (Circa) 1906

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FOR  
LOAN

The first members of the SUTERS family to arrive in Australia were the parents of THOMAS SUTERS (grandfather of JOHN ("JACK") SUTERS, of Macchope, Hastings River.)

#### GENERATION I

They were JOHN SUTERS and his wife PHILADELPHIA (nee Kennard).

They arrived April 1, 1838, by the ship "Argyle", as assisted immigrants. The "Argyle" was a bounty ship.

The following information is from Assisted Immigrants inwards to Sydney 1828-1842 from the Archives Office of N.S.W.

"JOHN SUTERS a married male immigrant, arrived by the ship "Argyle" which was brought out by Mr. Marshall.

JOHN SUTERS was a native of Guestling in Sussex, England, and a son of THOMAS SUTERS, Wheelwright, and SARAH, his wife.

Calling: Farm Labourer

Age on Embarkation: Thirty Nine (39) on 17th June, 1838.

Person certifying registry of baptism: 12th July, 1799.  
Certified by J. Ashburnham (?SP) Rector of \*Gestling

Character and Person certifying same: Very good. A. Benfield  
Farmer, \*Gestling.

State of Bodily Health, strength and probable usefulness:  
In good health.

Religion: Church of England.

Remarks: Can read. Cannot write. Content with treatment  
on passage.

PHILADELPHIA SUTERS was also a native of Guestling in Sussex. She was a daughter of James Kennard, labourer and Elizabeth his wife. Philadelphia was used to doing dairy and farm work in England.

Age: Thirty One (31) on 31st May 1838

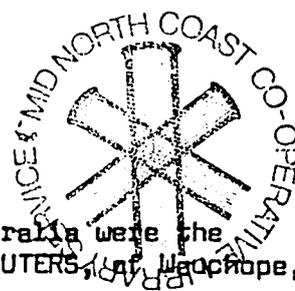
Person certifying Registry of Baptism: No entry

Character and Person certifying same: Very good. A. Benfield,  
Farmer, Guestling.

State of bodily health strength and probable usefulness: In good  
health.

Religion: Church of England.

Remarks: Can read and write.



ISSUE OF JOHN & PHILADELPHIA SUTERS (GENERATION II. But Generation I  
in Aust.)

Male children, exceeding 1 and under 18:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Person certifying registry of baptism</u>
William	13	On 29th June 1838
Thomas	11	10th March 1839
George	9	2nd July 1838 Incorrect? (10th July 1831 or 1832 surely?)

Female children exceeding one and under fifteen

Mahala	5	On 5th December 1838 (2nd February 1834)
Emily	2	On 21st September 1838 (20th November 1836) Certified (illegible) Rector of *Guestling

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Thus we learn (1) That Philadelphia (nee Kennard) was born in 1807  
(2) that their son WILLIAM was born on June 29, 1825  
(3) " " " \*THOMAS " " " March 10, 1828  
(4) " " " GEORGE " " " July 2, 1829

\*It is suggested the discrepancy in these dates and those mentioned in other parts of this biography may be explained (in the case of Thomas and George) by incorrect information given by their descendants at the time of death in Australia.

\*The spelling of Guestling/Gestling is copied exactly as written in original documents - HRY.

From the foregoing details we learn that JOHN SUTERS was born in 1799 to THOMAS and SARAH SUTERS in England.

GENERATION I were THOMAS and SARAH SUTERS (in England)  
GENERATION II " JOHN and PHILADELPHIA SUTERS (immigrants to  
Australia in 1838)  
GENERATION III " THOMAS and ELIZA SUTERS  
GENERATION IV (but the Third Generation in Australia)  
were JOHN ("JACK") and REBECCA CORDELIA SUTERS

It is interesting to note also that WILLIAM, son of John and Philadelphia was the grandfather of Mrs. Gwen Garrow, of Avondale Street, Wauchope, NSW; Thomas, the grandfather of Mrs. Eva V. Graham of Avondale Street, Wauchope; and George was the grandfather of Miss Sylvia Suters of Large, Maitland, NSW.

It would seem that on reaching manhood William, after at first living in Victoria, moved to NSW. William and Thomas settled at Wauchope, NSW, and George at Maitland (or respectively, the Hastings River and the Hunter River). Some of their descendants still live in these same areas.

In checking for further information concerning the brother of Thomas Suters - the brother from Victoria - William, I was grateful to be able to copy the following details from documents in the possession of Mrs Gwen Garrow, Avondale Street, Wauchope.

"JOHN SUTERS, born June 17, 1799, married Philadelphia (surname not stated). Philadelphia was born May 31, 1803, and died on April 24, 1842, aged 39 years.

The children of John and Philadelphia Suters were:

Ann Suters	born November 13, 1824		
William Suters	" June 29, 1826 (grandfather of Mrs. G. Garrow)		
	at Hastings, Engl.		
Thomas Suters	" March 10, 1829 ( "	" Mrs. Eva. V. Graham)	
	at Hastings, Engl.		
George Suters	" June 2, 1832 ( "	" Miss S. Suters)	
Mahala Suters	" December 5, 1833		
Emily Suters	" September 21, 1836		
Ann Suters (see above)	died September 30, 1825, aged 10 months.		

When William Suters' children, Henry, James and Emily, came to NSW from Victoria, they were the first members of his family to do so. They came to NSW because THOMAS Suters, William's brother, was at that time (1885) living at King Creek, Hastings River, on a portion of the estate of Mr. J.R. Andrews, of "Wauchope House", Wauchope.

"WILLIAM SUTERS born June 29, 1826, was married to CATHERINE DOWNS on October 18th, 1857.

Their children were as follows:

Mary Emely Sutters (note spelling)	b. August 26, 1858	
John	B. December 16, 1859	
Jane	b. July 3, 1861	
*Thomas	b. October 19, 1864	
*James	b. 1865	
Catherine	b. October 8, 1866	
Eliza	b. May 4, 1868	
William	b. August 7, 1869	
George	b. May 31, 1872	(Cont'd.)

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Henry (father of Mrs G. Garrow)

b. August 19, 1874

Annie

b. September 5, 1877

\*James (above) killed 26/3/1926

\*Thomas (above) married Martha Andrews ("Matt")

The following is a copy of the marriage certificate of William and Catherine Sutter (main points of the certificate)

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE SCHEDULE E 19 Vict No 30

Michael McIlroy, Catholic Clergyman Gaf?

do hereby certify that I have this day at Tumut Courthouse duly celebrated marriage between

WILLIAM SUTTER Bachelor, Labourer, Adelong Creek

CATHERINE DOWNS Servant, Adelong Creek

After declaration duly made by law required dated this eighteenth day of October 1857. Signature of parties to marriage: William Sutter and X Catherine Downs (her mark)

Signatures of witnesses: Mark Lee X his mark. Sarah Tresulian? X her mark.

The following is a copy of the main points from the Birth Certificate of the late Miss Annie Suters, of Bruxner Avenue, Wauchope. (This document is in the possession of Mrs G. Garrow, Avondale Street, Wauchope.)

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS & DEATHS. Statute 28 Vict 246

Certificate signed: Christopher Hale, Amphitheatre

(Hours of attendance from 12 to 1 and 5 to 7 p.m.)

BIRTH - Born on 5th day of September, 1876, at Mountain

Hut Avocashire County Kara Kara

Christian name: ANNIE female

Father: WILLIAM SUTTERS farmer age 50  
born at Sydney NSW

Married: 18th October 1857

Where Married: Tumut NSW

Age of those living

<u>Issue</u> in order of birth :	Mary Emily	18 years
	John	15
	Jane	15
	Thomas	13
	James	12
	Catherine	10
	Eliza	8
	William	7
	NORAH	DECEASED
	CHARLES GEORGE	4
	HENRY	2.

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MOTHER CATHERINE DOWNS 18570 SOAN COUNTY CLARK HIGHLAND

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SUTERS FAMILY

With special reference to those who settled in the  
Hastings River District.

The first three generations of SUTERS family in Australia were:

- Generation I     JOHN and PHILADELPHIA    nee Kennard
- "     II     THOMAS and ELIZA            nee Mahon
- "     III     THEIR SONS and DAUGHTERS

The information in the pages below is all of that which  
is known at the time of writing (October, 1982).

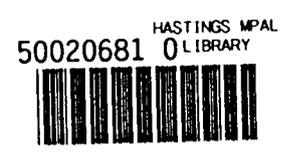
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- a great great grand-daughter  
of John and Philadelphia  
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WAUCHOPE NEWS

DEATH OF MRS. L. NOAKES

It is my very sad duty this week to record the passing of Mrs. L. Noakes, of Yeppon Creek, Beechwood Road, at the age of 75, which occurred in the early hours of Monday morning.

It is nearly 10 years since Mrs Noakes has been able to do any housework and of recent months has been confined to the home, lovingly tendered by her devoted husband, who himself is anything but robust.

The large and representative cortege moved from the Methodist Church after a service at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. E. Bate, who also officiated at the graveside.

Mrs. Noakes was the eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Suters, of Port Macquarie. Deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved husband and brothers and sisters of deceased.

Mr. J. M. Glass recently paid a visit to the local hospital to have a certain part of his anatomy, to wit, appendix removed with satisfactory results.

The tragic fatality at Cross-

lands near Bains Bridge on Sunday week last shocked the district when a small son, aged 3, of Mr. and Mrs. Bedson was killed instantly by a tractor overturning. Another boy, 4½ was thrown clear and Mr. Bedson, who was pinned under the tractor suffered severe injuries, but has since recovered.

Mrs. Bedson, who became alarmed at the delay of Mr. Bedson and the two boys went to investigate and made the gruesome discovery of her husband and dead son under the tractor. A neighbour, Mr. Les Pead was quickly on the scene and with Ambulance officer Mr. Les Fawcett lifted the tractor and freed Mr. Bedson and the child's body. This is indeed a sad case as these folk have only recently come to the district from Sydney.

The district generally joins in the welcome home of little Heather Shoemith, who has been at the Far West Children's Home since March last and returns with an artificial leg. Heather lost her mother and baby brother in a tragic occurrence at Byabarra in 1949. Heather is now living at Bellangry with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Toby Blanch.

The Carnival at the Show-ground on Saturday last in spite of the very sultry conditions, was a very successful function. The attendance at day was not large, but quite a goodly number turned out at night after the oppressive day.

During the day the Polocrosse exhibition match was much appreciated. The dance at night was well patronised and the extras of the High-

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WEDDING.—St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Port Macquarie, was the scene of a pretty little wedding, which took place on 14th February at 2 o'clock. The contracting parties were Mr. John Suters of Wauchope and Miss Maud Powell, late of Sydney. The bride, in the absence of her father, was given away by Mr. J. R. Andrews of Wauchope, House, and as she entered the Church on that gentleman's arm looked very nice indeed, being attired in a stylish dress of pale blue grey luster, trimmed with gathered héris ribbon and front of accordion pleated chiffon; the sleeves also were covered with ruffled chiffon, which, with the usual wreath and veil, completed a very pleasing picture. The bride was attended by Miss Annie Suters, sister of the bridegroom, who looked well in a dress of fawn cashmere with full front and epaulettes of shot silk and pretty green moiré sash, wearing also a fawn hat with trimmings to match. The bridegroom was supported by his brother, as best man. The day was bright and sunny and all went well and everyone looked happy on this auspicious occasion. We join in wishing the young folks much happiness in their new life.

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REBECCA CORDELIA - 1866-1902

# "A Song In Her Heart"



MONA BEATRICE - Born 1900

**"THIS IS HER LIFE STORY"**

Written by H. Rae Young (Neé Graham)

*on her 90th Birthday*



# SUTERS FAMILY TREE

## IN AUSTRALIA

John SUTERS and his wife Philadelphia Ann SUTERS (Nee KENNARD)

With their five living children

William SUTERS

Thomas SUTERS

George SUTERS

Mahala SUTERS

Emily SUTERS

Came to Australia from Guestling – Sussex- England

They arrived in Australia on the Ship “Argyle”

Arriving in Sydney 1-4-1839

SUTERS: John            Born: 17-6-1795 Guestling Sussex England  
 Baptised: 12-7-1795 Guestling  
 Died: 3-11-1873 Woodville NSW Australia  
 Buried: Morpeth Cemetery NSW – Methodist Section - HS 5            (Have photo)  
 Occupation: Sawyer = When coming to Australia - then farmer  
 Married: 1) Philadelphia Ann KENNARD 23-10-1824 Guestling by Banns,  
 Born: 31-5-1803<sup>2?</sup>..... Sussex, ENGLAND should be Guestling  
 Birth date should be 31-5-1802  
 Died: 24-4-1842 Sydney 39 years    V1842403 26B  
 Buried: 27-4-1842 at.....

Church records in Guestling - Shows Baptism = 18 June 1802 Philadelphia KENNARD natural  
 Daughter of Elizabeth KENNARD - Guestling Burials: Elizabeth KENNARD Died: 10 July 1802  
 Elizabeth KENNARD daughter of James and Elizabeth KENNARD  
 Philadelphia was actually reared by her grandparents (James KENNARD & Elizabeth ) as her  
 mother would have died when she was 6 weeks old

They came to Australia on ship "Argyle" it arrived in Sydney 1-4-1839  
 They lived at Botany Rd Sydney when Philadelphia died, her husband was a labourer  
 On coming to Australia Native place for both was Guestling, Religion shown as C of E

HEADSTONE OF JOHN SUTERS at  
 Methodist Section – Morpeth Cemetery near Maitland  
 READS:

JOHN SUTERS  
 Who Died 3 November 1873 Aged 79 years

Born in the County of Sussex England

THEREFORE BE YE ALSO READY  
 FOR IN SUCH AN HOUR AS YE THINK  
 NOT THE SON OF MAN COMETH

Married: 2) Sarah WELLS in Sydney NSW 1857 Reg. 282            No Children  
 Born: .....  
 Died: .....1898 Maitland West 14573  
 Buried: .....  
 Her parents: Henry & Mary .....  
 No children to marriage

Children of John & Philadelphia Ann SUTERS are:

SUTERS: Ann	Born: 13-11-1824	Baptised 28-11-1824
SUTERS: William	Born: .....	Baptised 29-6-1825
SUTERS: Thomas	Born: .....	Baptised 10-3-1828
SUTERS: George	Born: 2-6-1831	Baptised 10-7-1831
SUTERS: Mahala	Born: 5-12-1833	Baptised 2-2-1834
SUTERS: Emily	Born: 21-9-1836	Baptised 20-11-1836

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*Children & their families of John & Philadelphia SUTERS are:*

SUTERS: Ann                      Born: 13-11-1824    Baptised: 28-11-1824    Guestling  
 Died: 30-9-1825    at.....10 months old  
 Buried: .....

SUTERS: William  
 Baptised: 29-6-1825    Guestling  
 Born: 29 June 1826    Guestling Sussex England    (year must be wrong)  
 Died: 18-11-1910    Wauchope    Reg. 15091  
 Buried: In same grave as his wife details not added to her headstone Catholic Section  
 Occupation: Farmer    (Bought King Creek Property 1883)  
 Married: Catherine (Known as DOWNS) on 18 October 1857 at Tumut NSW  
 Born: as Catherine or Catherina COLLINS  
 Born: ..... 1835? County Clare, Ireland  
 Died: 4-10-1908    at Wauchope                      Reg. 15127 Port Macquarie  
 Buried: Catholic Section Beechwood Cemetery                      Have photo

Births were not recorded at this time and she was unable to get a birth certificate when she tried to years later. Her mother was still alive at this stage

Her Parents: James COLLINS and Margaret REIDY

Catherina had one brother Patrick COLLINS Who was Baptised: 26-2-1840 at Mount Scott.  
 (Mount Scott is a farming area on the left hand side as you go into Miltown Malbay from Ennis in County Clare) He went to America where all of his children were born

There is a lot of variations in spellings of names as Catherine couldn't read or write. My mother was told that Catherine lived for some of her young years with the family of Downs – they were part of the immediate family – possibly - her grandparents (Grandmother having a 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage to Mr Downs ?) This would explain why she married as Downs

Their children are:

SUTERS: Mary Emily	Born: 26-8-1858
SUTERS: John	Born: 15-12-1859
SUTERS: Jane	Born: 3-7-1861
SUTERS: Thomas	Born: 14-3-1863
SUTERS: James	Born: 19-10-1864
SUTERS: Catherine "Kate"	Born: 8-10-1866
SUTERS: Eliza	Born: 4-5-1868
SUTERS: William	Born: 7-8-1869
SUTERS: Norah	Born: ....1871
SUTERS: Charles George	Born: 30-31 May 1872
SUTERS: Henry	Born: 19-8-1874
SUTERS: Annie	Born: 5-9-1876

SUTERS: Thomas (Will be seen also as SUTOR)  
 Born: 10-3-1829 Hastings, England - off Death Certificate - could be 1828?  
 Died: 21-9-1917 or 26<sup>th</sup> RE CHECK Wauchope Register - 12382 88 Years  
 Buried: 27-9-1917 Methodist Cemetery Port Macquarie - Block Z with his wife  
 Occupation: Farmer  
 Parents: John SUTERS & Philadelphia Ann KENNARD  
 Married: Eliza MAHON 9-1-1854 St. Phillips Sydney  
 Born: .....1835 Co. Carlow, IRELAND She was a Irish Orphan  
 Died: 21-8-1880 Hastings River (As Eliza SUTOR Reg. Port Macquarie 9716)  
 45 years old  
 Buried: Methodist Cemetery Port Macquarie - Block Z  
 Parents: .....  
 Eliza came to Australia on ship "LADY PEEL" about 1842 she was 15 years old  
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*Their children are:*

SUTERS: George	1854	Ballarat Vic
SUTERS: Emily	1856	Ballarat Vic
SUTERS: Thomas W.	1858	
SUTERS: John	1860	
SUTERS: Edwin	1862	
SUTERS: Elizabeth	1864	
SUTERS: William	1867	
SUTERS: Albert Davis	1870	
SUTERS: Anabella	1872	
SUTERS: Samuel	1876	

ALSO SHOWN IN RECORDS AS SUTTERS

SUTERS: George

Born: 2-6-1831 SUSSEX ENGLAND

CHRISTENED = 10-7-1831 GUESTLING SUSSEX ENGLAND

DIED = 27-6-1904 LARGS - MAITLAND REG. 6127 MORPETH 72 YEARS

BURIED = METHODIST SECTION EAST MAITLAND BRI SECTION B GRAVE 34

PARENTS = JOHN SUTERS & PHILADELPHIA ANN KENNARD

OCCUPATION = FARMER

CAME TO AUSTRALIA WITH PARENTS JOHN & PHILADELPHIA ANN SUTERS BROTHERS

THOMAS & WILLIAM, SISTERS MAHALA & EMILY 1839

**Married:** Ellen KING 18-5-1858 EAST MAITLAND

REG. 2054 MAITLAND

BORN = 3-2-1840 RAYMOND TERRACE (PENITENT MA V18401606 24A

CHRISTENED = 19-4-1840 AT.....

DIED = 5-9-1908 LARGS REG. 10122 MAITLAND WEST 68 YEARS

BURIED = METHODIST SECTION - EAST MAITLAND CEMETERY SECTION B GRAVE 34

PARENTS = EDWARD KING & HARRIET GILL - EDWARD WAS A SETTLER -FARMER

THEY MIGRATED FROM, BECKLEY SUSSEX ENGLAND

THEIR CHILDREN ARE =

SUTERS: Harriet

Born: 2-4-1859

SUTERS: Sarah Emily

Born: 1861

SUTERS: Lillie Philadelphia

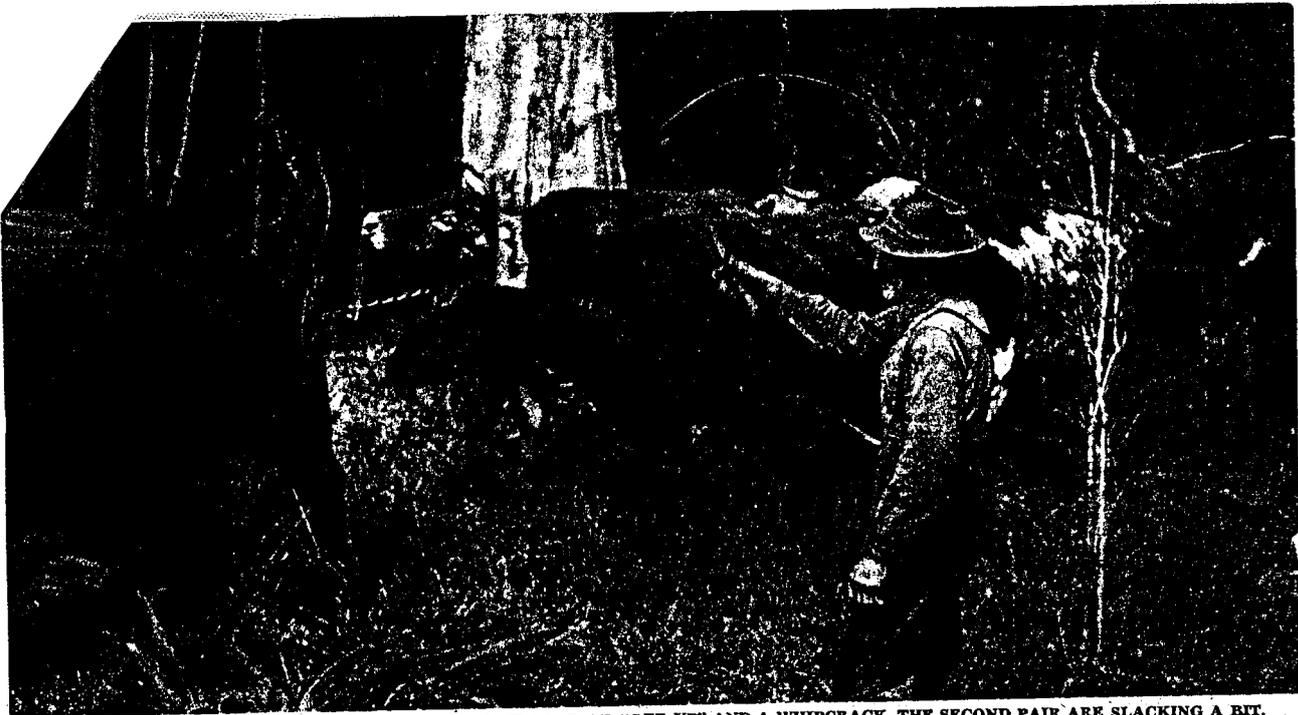
Born: 16-10-1866

SUTERS: Thomas William

Born: 18-1-1869

SUTERS: George

Born: 24-11-1871



HARRY SUTERS URGES THE TEAM FORWARD WITH THE CALL OF "GEE-UP" AND A WHIPCRACK. THE SECOND PAIR ARE SLACKING A BIT.

# THE GENTLE BULLOCKY



Although 82 years old, Suters sits his horse firmly. He says bullocks are better workers than the horses and much cheaper than tractors.

**Harry Suters won't swear at his teams but he swears by them**

By JEFF CARTER

**G**REY-HEADED, gentle-voiced Harry Suters has worked bullock teams in the Wauchope, NSW, district for 60 of his 82 years, and he neither swears nor shouts at his animals.

He says the belief that all teamsters are experts at shouting and swearing is just one of those bush stories thought up by city folk who don't know the facts.

"Swearing and shouting just confuse the animals. Bullocks understand what you say to them and do what they are told," Suters says.

"We are never called 'bullockies', either, except by those flash city people. 'Teamsters' is the correct term, or 'drivers'. Some teamsters liked to be called 'oxen conductors', but there aren't many like that now."

One of the few remaining full-time bullock drivers in Australia, Harry Suters is almost certainly the oldest teamster still working.

With his son Brian, he is felling and snigging logs in dense forest on his 1200-acre Wauchope farm. The timber, mainly bloodwood, red mahogany and stringybark, is used for pit props in mines at Broken Hill.

Using axes and a portable power saw, and to the accompaniment of music from a brightly-colored portable radio, Harry and Brian fell their

trees, then use a team of 14 bullocks to snig the logs to a pick-up point where trucks take over.

On a good day, the team can snig up to 6000 super feet of logs out of steep gullies and drag them a quarter mile.

When Suters first learned to work a team, back in the 1890s, bullocks were used for all types of farm work. They did all the carting work, on the farms and on the roads, and ploughing.

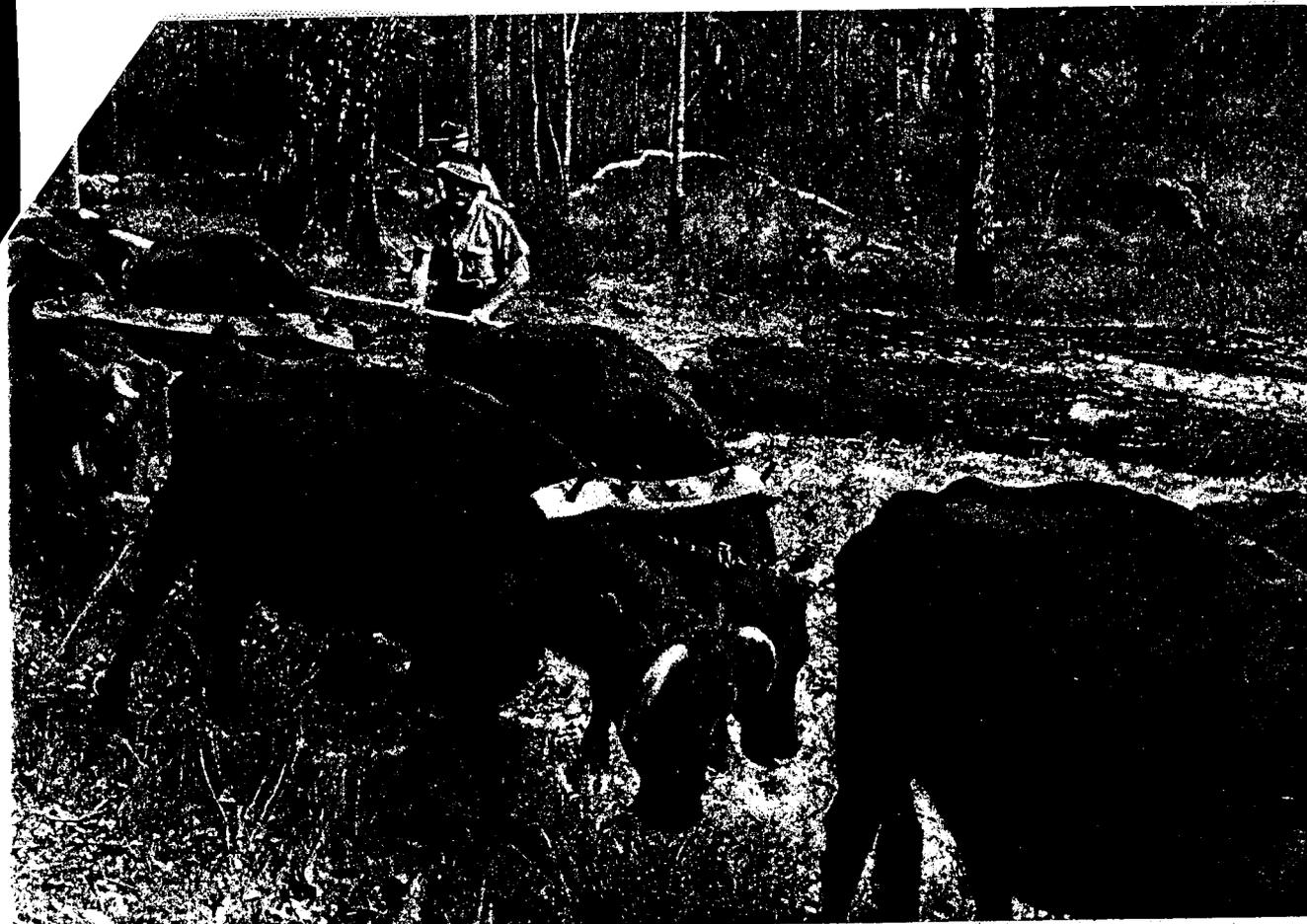
"One of the first things I remember about bullocks was watching a young feller called 'Joss' Andrews ploughing near my home.

## He made quite a splash

"He was in a paddock on the other side of the creek from us, using a big, long-handled plough. 'Joss' was only a bit older than I was and he had his hands full. When he was turning around on the bank of the creek the animals wouldn't 'whoa-back' enough and he swung out on the long-handles over the water.

"Then they wouldn't start and 'Joss' got tired and had to let go in the end. . . he made quite a splash in the creek. It might have been him who started the story about teamsters swearing."

Bullocks were used in preference to horses in those days because they



BRIAN SUTERS ADDS HIS VOICE AND HIS WHIP TO HIS FATHER'S EFFORTS TO GET THE TEAM'S "JEWELKEY" (CHAINS) RATTLING

"I'm not saying we never hit the animals, though. A woman asked me once how I ever got the animals to obey so well. I just asked her how her mother got her to do anything when she was young."

When he talks about whips, Suters' alert eyes twinkle. "That reminds me," he says. "I did see one of those great big whips cracked once. It was at a show in Kempsey, and the owner took a few bets with teamsters that he could crack it. The whip was as thick as a man's arm and about 30 feet long. Of course, the teamsters knew it was impossible to crack it. But the showman just picked up the last few feet of it and cracked the end, so the teamsters lost their money!"

#### Yokes are homemade

Suters, known all around the timber country as Harry, was christened Henry, 82 years ago, at Avoca, in Victoria, and came to Wauchope with his family when he was 10. He was the youngest of six boys, and had five sisters.

While the property was being cleared for maize growing, Harry learned to work bullocks — snagging logs; drawing trucks, ploughs and other farm implements.

"We made all our own yokes, usually out of brush box, because it is very smooth. The yokes are shaped from a piece of timber five inches square at the end and 4ft 6in or 4ft 8in long. The curve that fits over the animal's neck should be five inches wide, though some are only

four inches. We usually got the local blacksmith to make up the iron bows. They go under the animal's neck and slip into the yoke through two holes. Little metal keys fit into slots in the ends of them and hold them in place. But we still mostly make our own yokes when we need a replacement."

When their bullocks are not required for work, Harry and Brian Suters let them roam the vast State forest behind their property. Each animal has a metal bell tied to a thong around its neck and the sound of the bells helps the teamsters find the animals when they go on horseback to round them up in the scrub-choked forest.

"We'd never find them but for the bells," Suters says. "When a strong wind blows the sound away it takes us days to muster the team into a paddock for yoking."

Once the bullocks have been rounded up they group themselves close to the familiar fence where the yokes and chains are already laid out. The animals are then called by name, in pairs, for yoking, and they respond immediately.

Heavy "body" chains are used to link the yokes together. No other harnessware is used. From the last yoke trails the tail chain, on the end of which, several feet behind the hind legs of the last pair of bullocks, drags the heavy bite hook. This is used to connect the tail chain with the snig chain attached to the log.

Suters prefers bullocks to the modern tractors for timber hauling. "I suppose it's because I've always had bullocks. You get used to them. They

don't cost so much as a tractor and there aren't any running costs. They find their own feed, except in winter, when we give them corn on the cob," he says.

Harry's son Brian learned to drive tractors while in the army and is not so loyal to the ancient profession his father taught him. "I'd rather have a tractor or a blitz wagon," he says, leaning on his long whip handle. "I've seen what they can do, and it's a lot easier driving tractors than bullocks," he says as he picks up his axe and returns to the tree he is felling.

#### Music while he works

But before he starts swinging his axe he turns up the volume control on the portable radio balanced on a nearby stump. To a remark that bush work has changed a lot in recent years, he replies. "And so it should. It's hard enough now, even with that . . ." He nods toward the modern portable power saw lying nearby. Then he grins and says, "But it'll do me."

Mrs. Suters appears soon after with lunch and pauses to watch her 82-year-old husband leap nimbly over a log as he runs from one end of his bullock team to the other, cracking his whip and urging the animals to greater efforts. "He's a wonderful man for his age," she says admiringly.

Apart from his daily work with his bullock team, Suters is a keen apiarist and has taken many show prizes with his honey and beeswax in recent years. He is also a member of the recently-formed Hastings District Historical

Society and, with other old local identities, is helping to supply information for a book on the early history of the district.

"A lot of people wonder why Wauchope is spelt with a 'C,'" Suters says, giving an example of how he is helping in this project. "Well, that was just a mistake. It used to be Waughope and before that Waugh's Hope House. The name got into the PMG's official lists years ago with the letter 'C' and nobody bothered to do anything about it.

"In the early days Captain Waugh was given a big grant of land in this district and plenty of assigned servants (convicts) to work it. He built a big fancy home with a great ballroom and decorated with fancy posts. It was called Hope House. That was in the days when everyone was paid in rum, instead of money."

Suters says he also supplied authoress Kylie Tennant with information on beekeeping and local history for her novel *The Honey Flow*. "I told her about the sly-groggers who used to make liquor on an island in the Manning River near Taree and run it out to sea in kegs screwed to the outside of the hull below water.

"Fishing boats used to take it from there down to Sydney. I haven't seen the book so I don't know if she used the information in it."

Father and son have many friendly arguments on the merits or otherwise of tractors as compared with bullocks.

"Tractors are all right, I suppose," Harry Suters says. "I've never driven one. But I know bullocks and they'll do me." #

## Sometimes he uses a whip to tickle up the loafers

...e willing workers. "Horses are better," Suters explains. "Their fit better and they can get their into it—but they won't stick bullocks. Horses are all right once they're started, but if something stops them, they won't go again. Horses only throw their weight into a standing pull once, and if they don't shift it they give up. Bullocks will keep on trying and trying."

In Suters' early driving days the bullocks were generally heavier than those used today. They were mostly beef breeds, Durhams and Devons. Some of the teams used to draw wagons on the roads numbered as many as 24 animals, which shifted some large loads. Using 16 bullocks, one local teamster, Tom Coyle, brought 3000 super feet of logs on a truck about 14 miles from Laurieton to Wauchope.

### Lifted off their feet

In the forest up to 18 animals were used in teams, but the usual number has always been 12 or 14. Suters says large teams can't be used in rough country because when crossing gullies, animals in the middle of the team are lifted off their feet and are unable to pull, while on hill crests the centre animals are forced down against the earth, thus decreasing the pulling power of the team.

The team of 14 animals being used today by Suters can shift logs of up to 1200 super feet in the bush. They are nearly all dairy breeds and include Jerseys, Guernseys, Ayrshires and milking Durhams. Each animal averages about 800lb, but they still cost

about £35, untrained. "You might pick up trained animals for £25, but they'd be old and just about finished. Trained leaders cost a lot," Suters says.

Leaders understand and follow orders with accuracy and an alacrity that would surprise city dwellers who have never seen a team in action. Suters paid £84 recently for a pair of leaders and considers the money well spent.

Bullocks need to be five years old before their training starts. They have a useful working life of something like 10 to 12 years.

The first lesson a young bullock learns is to walk beside another animal. It is linked to the trained animal with swivelled coupling chains which are attached to a rope around the older bullock's neck. The other end of the rope is tied to the learner's horns.

The animals are left to walk around together for several days and the youngster soon learns to go with the older animal.

"Some of them are stubborn, though. Usually the quiet ones. I've had them lie down for days when they're coupled, but they get up when they're hungry enough," Suters says.

"The wild ones are usually best, once you get them quiet. I've had some of those flash station-bred ones that couldn't be handled for a start. But after coupling, when they're yoked up in the team, they pull right from the start," he says.

After learning to walk beside another animal, the young bullock is yoked alongside an experienced animal and puf in the team. Only one

or two new animals are introduced into the team at the one time, because they seldom pull well at first and if there are too many in a team it is weakened and the rest lose heart.

It usually takes a fortnight for a young animal to learn to go with the team and about a month before it becomes staunch — willing to throw its weight into a standing pull.

"As with any animal, kindness is the main thing. We feed the old ones and the youngsters soon lose their fear of humans and come around. Then they learn their name and how to follow orders," Suters says.

Bullock teamsters always drive from the nearside of their team and use only four basic orders to manoeuvre the animals in the dense forest where they usually operate.

### Right or left turns

The orders, "gee-up!" and "whoa-back!" usually accompanied by a crack of the whip, are the only instructions given to the whole team. The other two orders, "come-in" and "gee-back", are given only to a particular animal, whose name is appended to the instruction.

"Come-in" means turn left, and is always addressed to the offside animal of any pair. "Gee-back" means turn right, and always applies to a nearside animal. The turning instructions are usually given after the team has been halted by the general order to "whoa-back".

When the animals have stopped, the teamster turns them left or right by calling instructions to each animal on the near or off side, beginning with the leader.

For a left turn, he calls to the offside animals: "come-in, Nimble; come-in, Paddy; come-in, Nelson", and so on. For a right turn, he calls orders to the nearside animals — "gee-back, Lively; gee-back, Spark; gee-back, Drummer".

In the forest, turns are usually made by calling the animals back toward the log they are hauling, then sending them off on a straight pull at the required angle. "Gee-back" and "come-in" are the only orders used to accomplish this manoeuvre, the leaders turning as far as they can, then walking back toward the teamster beside their team-mates. The action of the whole team resembles a snake turning back on itself.

### Few carts are used now

In the old days, when roads were narrow and carts were used a lot, the teamsters often called out turning orders to different animals while the team was moving.

Carts are seldom used behind bullocks these days, and roads are wide, so the practice of turning animals on the move has almost died.

Bullock carts could be dangerous in hilly country, according to Suters, but he used them almost continuously for some 40 years without mishap.

When a team reached the top of a hill, the teamster would halt the animals and fasten on chain brakes that locked the wheels for the downhill run. Others fixed metal shoes under the wheels, to save wear and tear on the iron tyres during the long skid down.

But sometimes the bullocks were slow in stopping, or the teamster called "whoa-back!" too late, and wouldn't have time to fix the brakes. Then the cart and its heavy load of logs would gain momentum and thun-



The bullocks come to be yoked up when their names are called. The pair shown here are leaders, the most valuable members of the team.

der down the hill, the bullocks, maddened with fear, galloping frenziedly in front of it. Animals were occasionally crushed and maimed in this manner and carts, chains and yokes smashed.

Suters has had his share of excitement while working bullocks, usually during thunderstorms in big forests. "Thunderstorms are the worst experience a teamster can have," he says. "You can't leave the animals in the timber — you've got to get your team out, and they're hard to shift."

"Once lightning struck a tree just in front of my leaders and the whole team just fell back in a heap as if they were dead. It was a frightening sight."

He also recalls another time when he was trying to bring a team out of the timber during a sudden thunderstorm when lightning seemed to hit the animals.

"I could see it playing all along their chains, bright blue and shimmering, like it was alive . . ."

Another myth about bullock driving that is all wrong, according to Suters, concerns the size of the whips used by teamsters.

"Those great big whips you see in pictures and read about, must've been just for show," he says. "You couldn't swing them in the sort of thick country where bullocks are used. We just use ordinary light stockwhips on a bit of a stick about as thick as your thumb and six feet long. And we don't hit the animals much with them, either. Just tickle up the loafers occasionally. Mostly they're just used for cracking."

The family of Jack Suters and their friends and neighbours.

Speaking of his memories of the farmhouse his father's family occupied at Tacking Point Mr C.M.Suters said:

"My father (John Suters) moved there with his family about 1907, I think, and we lived there about three years before moving to Redbank. When we lived there (Tacking Point) those Bamboo trees looked the same as they do now (in other words, they were well grown at that time).

The house was situated closer to the Norfolk Pine tree than to the Bamboos, and a cherry tree also grew at the back of the house.

There was a vineyard between the house and the sea and a wine-making shed stood between the house and the bamboo trees. A cow-yard stood where the Golf Club house is now. The house was built of some kind of softwood."

Mr C.M.Suters remembers Mr Jonah Absolan and said:

"Mr Absolan's wife was a good swimmer. They had three daughters and one of their sons was called Phillip Haines Absolan. ("Thil"). He later went to work for the Suters family for about two years when they moved to Redbank, across the river from the township of Wauchope.

When the Suters occupied the farmhouse at Tacking Point it belonged to Mr John Hibbard, who also owned a shop and a timber mill at the place now known as Hibbard. The old house there (later known as the Welshford House, about 1904) belonged to Mr Hibbard, too.

While the Suters lived on Hibbard's farm they had to purchase all their supplies, groceries etc., from Mr Hibbard's Store. They would go for these things in a sulky, bringing back the supplies for the house and food for the animals on the farm.

"There was no wine-making going on then", Mr Suters said.

"But there were some vats and some casks in the shed.... there were plenty of grape-vines and they were loaded with fruit. There was a good spring of water down from the Norfolk Pine Tree and there was a well there, too. We made a garden around the well," he said.

The Light-housekeeper, their neighbour, was Mr Quinn. He was killed when a sulky overturned on the Light-house Road in about 1911. His son, Jim Quinn, was at that time staying with his friend (Charlie Suters) whose family had, by then, moved to Redbank.

There were five girls and two boys in the Quinn family.

Mr C.M.Suters' sister, Eva (now Mrs Eva V.Graham, Wauchope) was the first teacher appointed to the Provisional School at Tacking Point. She was about seventeen years old then. That school was conducted in the front room of the Cuning's house. (This house still stands, recently renovated, at the bend in the road turning left from the Port Macquarie Golf links toward the town.)

The Quinn, Suters and Cuning children attended the school in those years (approx. 1907-1910).

Mr C.M.Suters thinks "that the Absolan or McInherney families lived in the farmhouse before John Suters and his family. He remembers that the Absolans were interested in the vineyard and that "Mr Joseph Absolan played the violin very well".....Mrs Hibbard was Jack McInherney's sister and another sister was Mrs Corrigan; and Mrs Cuning was a Welsh.".....and that "Mr Walter Cuning often rode about there.".....the Suters used to "hunt where Marbuk Park is now."

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A member of Wauchope Chapter brought in a photograph depicting the signing of the Peace at Kimbriki in 1918. Mrs C. Garlick, the mother of Mrs George Waldron, Doris Allan, Mrs G. Allan, Mrs W. Allan, Janet Allan in the cap with "Fouca" embroidered on it are in the photograph. Also there are T. Lambert, Nerida Richardson, Doreen Richardson (now Mrs Weller of Nahiack) and Sorrye Richardson, the two Cox boys, the teacher, Mr E. Kenny, Mrs Kenny and Kathleen and Ernie, Scott Beattie, Hugh Murray and - Weekes.

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The following is included in 'MEN OF MARK' :

THOMAS SUTERS SNR., ESQ. -

"The early pioneers of settlement in the country districts of NSW have, most of them, been successful in making their way to wealth and position. The careers of some of these men are worthy of note. Their lives are full of hard work and toil, and they will be found to have kept up a brave heart and to have fought boldly against all obstacles.

Thomas Suters Snr., was born in Sussex, England, in 1829, and while still a child he came to NSW with his parents who immigrated here in 1838.

For three years after landing in Australia, Mr Suters remained in Sydney, receiving his education there. At the expiration of that period he accompanied his father to near where Murrurundi is now built.

His father left him at that place with an uncle who was engaged in farming and with whom he remained for four years. Being ill-treated, Mr Suters left his uncle and went to the Hunter River District. Possessing a disposition that needed employment for its contentment he determined to try his fortunes at farming in the district where he stayed for a time until he was attracted to the diggings, whither wo many were then flocking.

For some years he was most successful as a digger and managed to save a good amount of money, with which he returned to the Hunter and again to work at farming, but as rents were abnormally high, and the floods so destructive, he determined to seek a place for himself.

Casting about for a pleasing district where he could engage in farming, and in which he would like to remain for the rest of his life he heard of a farm of 180 acres of land for sale at Wauchope on the Hastings River, with a deep water frontage, which he purchased.\*

There were but four families in the district at the time he settled there, so that Mr Suters may be looked upon as one of the pioneers of the place.

The country was covered with bush and scrub, nor were there yards, bridges or any of the conveniences of civilisation.

here.

The hardships that he had to contend with were very great, but he carried safely through all and worked out to the end - to a position of ease and honour.

The crops he grows are chiefly maize and grass and in all the things he is most active when the welfare of the district is concerned. He is a member of the Committee of the Agricultural Society, and also of the Progress Association, and in politics he is a protectionist. It may be mentioned as a matter of interest that Mr Suters was in Ballarat at the time of the Eureka riots in 1854, and saw the stockade taken by assault. He was not one of the rioters, but merely a spectator."

Please note: \*The farm mentioned was the one situated on the bank of King Creek - since occupied by Mr W.H.Louis in recent times. The owner at the time of the purchase by Thomas Suters was Mr Pountney Snr.

Mr Thomas Suters Snr., sold some of his land to Mr Thomas Wallace when the latter set up a General business at the river-end of Cameron Street, Wauchope, as the township began to "boom" in the 1880's. Mr C.M.Suters and his sisters, Mesdames E.V.Graham, M.Jeffery and M.Klump are the grandchildren of Mr Thomas Suters Snr.

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COMMENTS CONCERNING WAUCHOPE'S COLONIAL WEEK PROMOTION...1977.

A quick check through the business houses of Wauchope last week confirmed that there is a tremendous enthusiasm, especially among the ladies, for "going Colonial" from August 28 to September 9. Members of the Wauchope Chapter's Committee have received many requests for guidance on "what to wear" for these celebrations.

The local stores are discussing special window-displays for the occasion and staff-members are purchasing suitable fabrics for their garments to be worn during Colonial Week. It is well to remember that the very popular (and modern adaptation) of the Colonial shirt-style for men is available now - called the "Grandpa" shirt. Not only will it be exactly right to wear during Colonial Week but it will be an important item in your wardrobe this summer!

The ladies have a large range to choose from too - styles that are simple to sew or to adapt. They're eminently wearable! Let's hope that members of the general public will enter fully into the spirit of colonial week celebrations by dressing in colonial style when they go to town to do their marketing.

The Wauchope Chamber of Commerce are to be congratulated on devising the whole idea...it should be a brilliant success. Get behind it everybody....it's YOUR town you know!

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Recently the President of Wauchope Chapter (Mrs H.Rae Young) was taken to the site of a property known to some of the pioneer families in Wauchope as "The Selection". It is a farm which was, before the turn of the century, occupied by Mr Horace Eggert and his sister, Miss Dora Eggert.

A great deal of damage was caused to the place by the severe drought conditions and the disastrous bushfires of 1905.

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Together with my good friend Jean MacDonald I joined the W.A.A.A.F. in June 1942 and was posted to Robertson for recruit training. After 4 weeks I was posted to Wagga Wagga in the equipment store.

After a few weeks and because the Air Force were short of signals operators I was informed I was to go to Sydney and be trained as a signals operator. Following training I was posted to a Signals Unit at Townsville. To me this seemed the other side of the world as the only times I had previously left Wauchope was to play hockey in the country carnivals in Sydney.

During the 12 months I was in Townsville, many hours sleep was lost on account of Japanese aeroplanes making reconnaissance flights over the town. Although no bombs were dropped in our area we had to take shelter in slit trenches as at that time we did not know that bombs would not be dropped. Most of such flights were at night.

We were quartered in the Catholic Convent situated right on The Strand. I think this was St Helen's. The other convent in the town itself was St Anne's and I also spent a few weeks there when I first went to Townsville. Both convents had been acquired by the R.A.A.F. for quarters for the airforce women.

It was while at Townsville I met my husband Bob Watson and we were married on the 27th September 1943. The W.A.A.A.F. officers together with the Salvation Army officer attached to our barracks made all the arrangements for our wedding. We had a lovely reception in the barracks mess and they also booked accommodation for our honeymoon which was spent at Ayr.

Bob had just been rejected from air-crew training and shortly after our marriage he was

posted to Melbourne and I followed shortly after. I was employed at the R.A.A.F. Stores Depot at Port Melbourne and many times I returned to the flat we had rented as tired as could be because we would rise at 5:30am and not get home until 6:30pm and the work at the Stores Depot involved quite a lot of heavy lifting of cases, crates, boxes, etc. We would then have to have our evening meal, showers, etc. so it would be going on for 10 o'clock before we got to bed.

When Bob was posted to a Radar Station in South Australia I requested a discharge which was granted in March 1944. I then returned to Wauchope and lived with my mother and three sisters, two of whom had husbands in the A.I.F.

When the war finished I moved to Adelaide to be with my husband and stayed there for about 40 years before returning to live in Wauchope in 1986.



## 28477 *Flight Sergeant R.N. (Bob) Watson*

Bob

On my 18th birthday I went to the Adelaide Recruiting centre to try and enlist in the Air Force as I had an elder brother already serving in that force. I had to wait 7 months before I was called up and at the time that seemed like eternity.

On the 28th January 1941 one hundred and twenty eight of us left on the Melbourne Express from Adelaide bound for Laverton. We spent four weeks there on recruit training and I was posted then to No.1 Engineering School at Ascot Vale and was there for 12 months.

Immediately following Pearl Harbour, together with hundreds of others I was placed on 24 hours notice of "a tropical posting". In January of 1942 I was posted to No.24 Squadron at Rabaul in New Britain but by the time I arrived in Townsville on the way there the Japanese had landed at Rabaul so I had a fortnight or so waiting for further orders and on Friday 13th February I departed for Port Moresby in a Sunderland Flying Boat to join the members of 24 Squadron who had made their way to the 7 mile strip at Port Moresby.

Although it was against regulations to do so, I kept a diary for the time I was in New Guinea also at Horn Island and today it makes interesting reading. Mention is made that in a three week period early in 1942 there was not one serviceable aircraft available for any action and had the Japanese known this they no doubt would have tried to invade at the time and not later as happened.

While at the 7 mile strip No.32 squadron was formed from the remains of 24 squadron together with a flight from both 6 and 23 squadrons. It was with 32 squadron that I spent the next nine months both at Port Moresby and also Horn Island. Interestingly enough Wauchope RSL Sub-Branch Secretary Stan Harris also served with 32 squadron, but at that time we did not know each other as he joined at the time I was posted out.

32 squadron was and still is well respected in the R.A.A.F. as it was a pilot from the squadron who first sighted the Japanese naval force sailing south to what eventuated as the Battle of the Coral Sea which saved Australia from enemy invasion. The first three Distinguished Flying Crosses awarded in the South Pacific went to pilots from that squadron. Because of the dangerous reconnaissance flights undertaken and low level bombing raids on enemy shipping and shore positions 54 members were killed or missing during the period February to September 1942.

After moving south to Camden to reform I was again posted to Townsville and during the 12 months there I met my wife Heather (nee Suters) who was serving in the same unit. We were married at Townsville and as I had just been rejected from air-crew training at Kingaroy I was posted to Laverton in Victoria. Heather joined me in Melbourne shortly after and she was at the R.A.A.F. Stores Depot at Port Melbourne.

Several months later I was posted to a Radar Station on a remote island off the coast of South Australia near Port Lincoln. Heather then requested discharge which was granted and she returned to Wauchope. After 9 months at the Radar Station I was posted to R.A.A.F. Headquarters. The war appeared to be ending and because of my accounting training I was given a squad which travelled extensively in N.S.W., Queensland, Victoria and South Australia closing down establishments no longer required. I remained at that until my discharge in May of 1946.

I returned to Adelaide where Heather joined me and I gained employment with B.P. Australia Ltd. (then Commonwealth Oil Refiners Ltd) and stayed with that firm until I retired. Several years after retirement we took up residence in Wauchope and have since remained there.

This is not my history for power

The names in the museum

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> 1943

Had a raid today. It was the first for a week. 10 Kitties took off about half past ten & we thought something was on. We took our rifles & ammunition over to the trenches & went back to work. There was 6 of us down there & about 10 minutes later Russ Atkins said "They're not ours," & they weren't. We ran to the trenches as 5 of them were practically overhead & we got down in it & a few seconds later they let them all go. They missed the runway & were all over the other side of the 'drome. Two chaps who were not in trenches got hit & only one is expected to live. They both got hit in the legs with shrapnel. The Yanks were in their kites down on the 'drome, so they were lucky. They went over looking for signs

of shrapnel & one chap saw a best near a crater, so kicked it & he nearly fell over for there was a foot inside it. It was probably the chap they don't expect to live. The other chap will also lose his leg. The Kitties intercepted another flight of 8 bombers & brought down 2 of them besides one Zero. They never reached here & all our Kitties returned safely.

Another 20 chaps left tonight for How Island. We got a Comfort's Fund issue of one bottle of Lemon Cordial tonight & it is real good. The chocolate ran out last night, so we all without that tonight.

A ship came in this afternoon with 1000, 44 gallons of 100 octane fuel for American aircraft, so that relieves the situation.