

- 1901 The first meeting of the Railway League was held on May 25, 1901. This League was active in pushing-on towards the construction of the North Coast Railway. The following representatives were included in the Railway League membership: Dairying (W.S. Lindsay), Agriculture (D. Bain), Mining (R.E. Andrews), Timber (V.P. O'Neill), Pastoral (J.H. Hill and Jas. Lyon), Pigs and Poultry (P.J. O'Neill and J. McLennan), Commerce (H.B. Nicoll), Land Settlement (J. Jones).
- 1901 It was on September 28 that Nicholas Cain launched "The Hastings".
- 1901 December 21: An area of 5 acres 19½ perches was purchased from the Bain Estate by public donation for the establishment of a Public park at Wauchope. Trustees were: Messrs. T.W. Suters, H.T. Eggert, C.E. Wright, L.C. Dawes, N.J. Lindsay and H. Bridgen (secretary). A collection was made in 1898 resulting in £48 being collected.
- 1902 On April 9, the Telegraph Point Bridge was officially opened by Rev. R. Davidson, M.L.A. The daytime programme included demonstrations, a procession, the Official Opening Ceremony, a banquet, sports, and a grand ball in the evening with dancing on the bridge. Over 200 attended.
- 1902 Scratch-pull Competitions were held frequently.
- 1902 Local builders at Wauchope were J. Baxter and Sons, A.W.S. Mackay, and Robert Andrews.
- 1902 Mr. A.D. Suters was appointed as a Scalp Collector.
- 1902 The following Justices of the Peace were appointed: Messrs. J. Summerville, Duncan Bain and Angus Kennedy.
- 1902 "The Travellers' Rest Hotel" was opened at Long Flat. ~~It remained in the Henry Family's name until sold in 1978.~~
- 1902 Mr. Trim started a business in Wauchope - a Saddlery.
- 1902 Henry Eggert built a cottage on land purchased from Mr. Duncan Bain (approximately where the Roman Catholic Units are now). Mr. R. Maxwell was the builder. The streets of Wauchope were not surveyed at that time.
- 1902 A bullock team could be purchased for £140. There were over 20 teams engaged in drawing timber for the railway girders etc.
- 1902 The British and Australian Timber Company employed as Agents: A.G. Parker and Jack Pead. Robert Bell was manager of the North Coast Steam Navigation Company.
- 1902 January 18: Constable H.G. Wilson (the policeman) was transferred after being at Wauchope for 13 years. (Police Station was in Cameron Street.)
- 1902 Regular cricket matches were played and the Wauchope team included four Suters brothers (sons of Thomas Suters Snr.), George Steel, Sam Andrews, J. Jones - McInnes, - Mitchell.
- 1902 Ellenborough Falls were mooted as a tourist attraction.

- 1902 July 14th. The Police Station and Court House was opened by Mr. Pery, Police Magistrate. This building is now the residence of the Railway Station Master in Randall Street, Wauchope. It was occupied as the Court House and Police Station from 1902 to 1915.
- 1902 The existing Stock Board, Land Board, Pastures & Stock Board were formed with Dr. Casement as president. Members included: Messrs. D. Bain, - Clarke, Sullivan, O'Mara, McKay and Daniher.
- 1902 A Government grant of £50 was given for the improvement of Bain Park... "It was stumped, cleared, fenced, ploughed, harrowed, sewn and rolled and two gates were added for the price."
1902. Graduates of University of Sydney from the Hastings District were: Messrs. Robert Davidson, Des Flynn and Roy Kerle.
- 1902 Croker sold the Hastings Hotel to George Neal. Croker then purchased a farm at Gowrie.
- 1902 Mr. P.H. Secombe moved from the house he'd lived in for 40 years (approx. 1863) and moved to Ruthven Hill at Redbank.
- 1903 Collectors for the Port Macquarie (Cottage) Hospital were: Messrs. Robert Andrews, Nicholas Cain and Duncan Bain.
- 1903 Beechwood Roman Catholic Church was opened.
- 1903 A popular form of entertainment at this time were the Gas-light footraces.
- 1903 Fire destroyed the Butter Factory and all cream was then sent to Port Macquarie for processing. This factory was built by the Australian Dairying Company and later sold to the Hastings District Dairying Company. Transport was mainly by river launch which led to a big percentage of the cream being downgraded on arrival at Port factory.
- from the Butter Factory history.
- 1903-41 At this time the crossing at Cameron's Falls was not usable because continuous floods in the Hastings River had washed them out. Travellers had to go another seven miles to cross the river at McLennan's Crossing.
- 1903 An Aborigine Mission House and school was opened in Wauchope (near to the present corner of Bain and Hastings Streets).
- 1903 Mr. N.J. Lindsay built a Blacksmith shop for Mr. Norman Wilson of Port Macquarie (situated next to the present cottage occupied by Mrs. L. Wright, in Cameron Street).
- 1903 Mrs. Browning built a billiard room on opposite side of the street (next door to where the present home of Mr. Neils Brown is in Cameron Street).
- 1903 The Good Templar's Hall was moved from Ennis to Wauchope and placed on land given by Duncan Bain. (At rear of present Church of England). Levick was the builder to re-erect the hall.
- 1903 Mr. E.A. Kennedy opened a Barber's shop in Wauchope (where Mrs. L. Wright lives to-day).
- 1903 Mr. James Suters opened a butcher-shop in Cameron Street, next door to the first police-station. The business was purchased from Mr. C. Everingham.

- 1904 Dawes built a store in Cameron Street for occupation by Mr. Saber. It was opened with a social and dance.
- 1904 Over 50 runners took part in a foot-race held at Beechwood.
- 1904 Mr. Arthur Christy became the Postmaster at Wauchope.
- 1904 Mr. E. Morcom had the mail run to Yarras.
- 1904 Nicholas Cain had a store at Sancrox managed by his nephew, George Smith. Cain also purchased the mill from Mr. Johnstone.
- 1904 Mr. Johnstone died and his is the only grave in the Sancrox Cemetery.
- 1904 Mr. C.J. Blythe was the photographer at Wauchope at that time. Many of his photographs (still in good condition) may be seen in the photograph collection at the Wauchope Chapter of the Hastings District Historical Society.
- 1904 The building of a new Butter Factory was commenced. The guarantors of the old building were called upon to pay the debt of £600, after the butter factory had been destroyed by fire. Mrs. Bain, the widow of the Chairman of Directors, undertook to discharge this debt. She eventually managed to do this before her death in 1916.
- 1904 At this time £2/-/- would purchase: 70 lb sugar, 10 lb Tea, 5lb currants, 5lb raisins, 6 bottles pickles, 6 bottles stout, 6 bottles of ale, 6 bars of soap, 1 bottle of whisky, and 4 tins of jam.
- from the Port Macquarie News & Hastings River Advocate.
- 1904 Surveyors were at work in the Yarras area; "some exceedingly rough and fit only for the raising of wild turkeys".
- from the same newspaper, 1904.
- 1904 Mr. Tom Wade was appointed schoolteacher at Wauchope School.
- 1904 Baxter & Sons built the Pavilion in Bain Park. (Some of the timbers from this building have been used in the barn at Secombe's property at "Ruthven Hill".)
- 1904 Approval was given for a Provisional School at Comboyne. The school commenced in temporary premises, March, 1905, under A. Wallace.
- 1904 Mr. P.J. O'Neill donated the land in Beechwood on which a School of Arts would be built. (This building was renovated during recent years and is still being used as a Community Hall, 1978).
- 1904 St. Leon's Circus came to town.
- 1904 "Greenvale" Jockey Club was formed at Forbes River. (Noakes' property...some members of the Noakes family were buried on this property.)
- 1904 A Debating Society was formed at Telegraph Point.
- 1904 Rollands Plains hall was opened on April 23, 1904. It was built for £21/-/- by Mr. Workman.
- About 1904
1900 Mr. W.H. Blythe operated a paddle-boat carrying freight on the Hastings River and King Creek. The boat had a fold-down funnel to enable it to pass beneath the bridge at King Creek.
- 1904 Mr. Jim Robinson's Mail-coach was held up and robbed at Spencer's Cutting on November 18, 1905. Although the stolen goods were recovered one of the robbers, Peter Jourdan, was convicted and given 10 years penal servitude.

- from the Port Macquarie News.

1903

Prior to her marriage to W.H. Blythe¹⁹⁰⁴ Miss Sarah Eggert was the Librarian at Wauchope School of Arts

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- 1903 The church from Ennis was moved to Wallace Street. Portion of the building still remains within a small private residence.
- 1903 August 15: The Wauchope Pony Club was formed. Secretary was Jim Gleeson; The starters were E. Kennedy and W. Landrigan; and the judge was J. Moore.
- 1903 Rev. Robert Davidson released trout into the Hastings River.
- 1903 Banjo Paterson composed the song "Waltzing Matilda". Words and music were sold for Ninepence a copy.
- 1903 There were approximately fifteen homes at Sancrox - occupied by Mill-workers (including the families of Levick, Lee, Dark, Branch, Cook, Williams and Kelly).
- 1903 Butter from the Wauchope Factory was exported under the name of "Jersey" (1st quality), "Fern" and "Cogo".
- ~~1903 The Ennis punt was moved to Rock's Ferry.~~
- 1903-1905 Sam Suters' horse team included three horses called "Nigger", "Captain", and "Boaler"...these were shown in an old newspaper photograph drawing 80 hand-hewn sleepers. This was claimed as a State record for three horses. Workers posed in the same photograph included: "Sugar" Teague and his father, Mark Maxwell and "Bill" Landrigan. The photograph was taken near the Government wharf at the river-end of Cameron Street, Wauchope.
- 1903 The Bago Forest (where Timbertown is situated now) was well populated with bush-workers. A receipt of Royalties paid to the owner of the land (Duncan Bain) lists the following cutters: J. Teague, C. Maxwell, R. Watkins, J. Wholeahan, W. Martin, W. Morante, A. Gilkerson, J. Young, J. Upsall, E. Landrigan, Potts, J. Baxter, J. McDermott, W.J. Mageritty, Gavenlock, R. Chilcott, A. Payne, S. Rolfe, O. Kelly, J. Towell, Hayes and E. Murray.
- 1903 Duncan Bain purchased 1500 shingles for £1/10/- for use on buildings at "Letterewe". Contractors for snagging and carting were John Suters, C. Boland, Fred Pead, Williams, Edwards, Herbert Trotter, George Steel and George Hollis. Licenses cost 2/6d. The following applied for Licenses: David Bennett, Harry Lawliss, E. Goodwin, E.C. Greentree, Dan Flick, George Lee, John Cameron (Kindee), W. Ward, P. Doyle, E. Giddy and Owen Kelly. The "Georgina Davies" owned by Messell & Sons, of Sydney, was the first boat to load timber at Wauchope. The loading consisted of hewn ironbark girders. They were shipped from the wharf near where the under-pass is now at Wauchope Railway Bridge.
- 1903 For a few years prior to this period the residents were agitating for a bridge across the Hastings River. Deputations were sent to Sydney to interview Government members. The Hastings District residents had two sites in mind for the proposed bridge. One at the bottom of Cameron Street; and the other at the present site of Bain Bridge (near Camerons Falls). The Beechwood Progress Committee were responsible for obtaining the amount of £6,000 through the representations of the local Member of Parliament, Mr. R. Davidson. The elected Committee: G.C. Way (President), J. Graham (Secretary), Messrs. G.C. Lindsay, D. Graham, W. O'Brien, and H.B. Nicoll.
- 1904 The Downes' home at Rawdon Island was built. Miss M. Downes still lives there (1978).
- 1904 A Provisional School was built at Bellangry and opened on July 30, 1904 with Mr. Trim as teacher. (It was closed in September 1967, the last teacher being Mr. Alan Steel. The building was then removed to Wauchope and used as an extra class-room.)

- 1905 Trustees for the busy Beechwood Wharf at the head of navigation were: Messrs. Duncan Graham, G.C. Lindsay, W. O'Brien, A. Kennedy and A. B. Campbell.
- 1905 Over 800 people attended the launching of Nicholas Cain's ship, the "Wauchope", at Coopernook, on May 27, 1905.
- 1905 Boxing was a popular pastime. Prominent fighters were: Roach, Doyle, Lawliss, Bain, Beauchamp, and Hurley. They competed over eight rounds for a prize of £15 to the winner.
- 1905 Beechwood School of Arts was built, and opened.
- 1905 A Pastoral, Agricultural and Horticultural Society was formed in Wauchope, on May 6, 1905. J. Warrall as President, and A.D. Suters, as Secretary. Duncan Bain promised ten acres of ground to the Society for use as a Showground if required. (He died in 1906).
- 1905 The biggest bush-fires and worst heat-waves in the history of Wauchope were recorded in 1905. Joe Campbell's house at Rollands Plains was burnt down; a child died of the extreme heat; Jas. Bain lost pigs, a shed and pighouse; and buildings belonging to Jack Suters were saved by the efforts of some 60-70 men who had moved from point to point to fight the bushfires. Horace Eggert (on his selection out near the Railway Tunnel) lost most of the fences, some outhouses and all his beehives.
- 1905 Telegraph Point School of Arts was built.
- 1905 Copper was mined at Yarras.
- 1905 Comboyne's first Postmaster was Thomas Jones who commenced duties on December 4, 1905 at a salary of £10/-/- p.a.
- 1905 A central school conveyance scheme was introduced to New South Wales. Parents were offered subsidies to defray the costs of sending their children to a centrally placed school by a school buggy. The following year the scheme was extended to include water transport. Twenty-two children from Ennis took advantage of these facilities...the scheme continued until the end of November 1910. From December 1, 1910, the children caught a ferry - the "Rocks Ferry".
- 1905 H. B. Nicoll's house was built at Beechwood. (It is still a private residence at Beechwood). H. B. Nicoll and his sons, Preston and Douglas had the General Store; Arthur Bartrim was the Blacksmith; Dark's Store (was situated where the Bellangry turn-off road is now, 1978); The Beechwood hotel (still stands) opposite Nicoll's store; and the School of Arts (now the Community Hall); the Protestant Church (is now the Church Hall opposite the public school), and the Roman Catholic Church was situated where the present church is. (Several houses still stand in the main street of Beechwood - houses built in the first decade of this century.)
- 1905 "Mr. N.J. Lindsay is having a new general store erected - it will be the largest of the sort in the electorate. W. Craig is the contractor".
- Hastings Shire Gazette.
- 1905 The Hastings District Public School's Association held sports on the Recreation Ground (later known as Bain Park). The programme included foot-racing, displays, wands and dumb-bells, Maypole dancing. There was a Grand Ball in the evening.
- 1905 Mr. Miller's Orchestra (from Beechwood) "comprised 3 violins, a banjo, and piano". Violinists were Messrs. Miller, Trotter - Jack Gray (Banjo) and Annie O'Neill (Piano).
- 1905 Ping-pong tournaments were held regularly at the School of Arts in Wauchope and were keenly contested.

- 1905 Jack Suters was a noted breast-stroke swimmer. He had been taught to hunt and swim (including swimming underwater) by a couple of his aboriginal friends including "Old Joe".
- 1905 The first team of Sydney footballers came to the Hastings. They travelled by boat to Morton's Creek and because of engine trouble they walked to Wauchope after the match. A.H. Fowler played in the local team, as the representative of Rugby Union.
- 1905 Thomas Grant of the Nambucca leased the "Hastings Hotel" from G. Neal and handed free drinks to all.
- 1905 Cedar licenses were granted to Messrs. Coombes, Henry and Cooper.
- 1906 A picnic was held at the Aborigines Camp at Wauchope.
- 1906 June 9. A meeting of members of Telegraph Point Rifle Club was advertised by Arnold Weber.
- 1906 At this time about fifty people were camped at Lake Cathie for the Christmas holidays.
- 1906 The "Humpy-back" Bridge was built between North Haven and Laurieton.
- 1906 J. L. Ruthven and Captain Charles brought the first motor car to Wauchope in March, 1906.
- 1906 Bullock-drays usually travelled about ten miles in twenty days.
- 1906 The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney opened a Branch at Wauchope and continued business in the same building until they built new premises in High Street. The building is now the home of Mr. Neils Brown and family. (Local folk usually speak of it as "The Commercial Bank Building" - though it is now called "Jacaranda House"). The 1st Branch Manager was Mr. C. Osbourne.
- 1906 The registered hawkers in the Hastings District were: Antony Joseph, Abdulla and Joseph Morad.
- 1906 It was on September 8, 1906, that St. Paul's Church of England at Rawdon Island was completed. The builders were T. Fowler and W. Freeman.
- 1906 Trustees for the Wauchope Showground were: G.C. Lindsay, W. Suters, and G.K. Andrews.
- 1906 Sancroix Mills were burnt down and all the mill-workers' houses were moved to other sites. The Johnstone home was moved to Wauchope and sited where the Hastings Shire Council buildings are now.
- 1906 Wright Hampson drove the Mail-coach to Yarras. The Royal Mail service to Port Macquarie was run by Louis, Single, Wilmott and Bailey. Arthur Harriott drove the Rawdon Island mail service at this time and continued with it until 1915.
- 1906 King Creek was bridged again and opened by Mrs. Donald Cameron of "Crosslands". It was named "Carrington Bridge". Port Lane was known then as "Carrington Street" having been named for Lord Carrington, P.C., G.C.M.G., Governor of New South Wales in 1885.
- 1906 Regular race meetings were held on a course at "Gainston Park", the property of Nicholas Cain, at Wauchope. (It is now owned by Mrs. M. Smith).
- 1906 The Police Station and Courthouse building was opened on March 1, 1906. (It still stands in Randall Street and is the Railway Station-master's residence).

- 1906 The Hastings Shire Council was formed on June 18, 1906. The first meeting was held at the Courthouse at Port Macquarie. (This historic building still stands there).
- 1906 It was on December 18, 1906, that the elected Council members met for the first time in Grant's Hall, Wauchope. Prior to that time the members met in a back room at Pepper's store, which at that time was situated next door to the home of N.J. Lindsay and family. (Now it is called "Jacaranda House"). The Hastings Shire Council Chambers were built and opened in 1913 at High Street, Wauchope. Mrs. Elizabeth Eggert (one of the first women to live in the township of Wauchope) performed the Official Opening of the Hastings Shire Council Chambers.
- 1906 John Cameron of "Crosslands" drove the first pile in the foundations of Bain Bridge over the Hastings River.
- 1906 J. L. Ruthven and Captain Charles brought the first motor car to Wauchope in March, 1906.
- 1906 Bullock-drays usually travelled about ten miles in twenty days.
- 1906 Mr. Harman's farm at Long Flat was written-up in The Sydney Morning Herald as being one of the most progressive farms in the state of N. S. W.
- 1906 Ayres opened a Dentist and Chemist shop at Wauchope.
- 1907 Ferries operating across the Hastings River at various points were: Rawdon Island, Little Rawdon Island, Ennis, Blackman's Point and Laurieton. People attending church did not have to pay the Ferry toll.
- 1907 Mr. Banks-Smith was the resident solicitor at Wauchope.
- 1907 Sancrox was re-named Haytown.
- 1907 Mrs. Isabella Graham of Koree Island Opened Bain Bridge on August 17. (The Wauchope Chapter of the Hastings District Historical Society has a hand-made wooden stool which is said to have been used during the Opening Ceremony, possibly for Mrs. Graham to stand upon. There are several well-preserved photographs of the Official Opening at Bain Bridge). (Workmen on the bridge included Gus Payne and Mr. Bradley.)
- 1907 The Roman Catholic Church at Wauchope was Officially Opened by Rev. Fr. Casey on October 7, 1907. This new church building included in its construction the old church building which had been moved from its site at approximately where the Railway Goods Yard Gates are now. It was rebuilt by Baxter and Sons and the altar was built by W. Craig.
- 1907 George Andrews built "Lincoln Hall" in Bago Road (now known as Cameron Street). (A member of the Andrews family still occupies this home, 1978).
- 1907 Mr. N.J. Lindsay employed J. Baxter & Sons to build his new home near Bain Park. It later became well-known as "Wildfels" Private Hospital, and is at present the Roman Catholic Presbytery.
- 1907 In Wauchope the only named streets were: High Street, Cameron and Randall Streets.

The shops in Wauchope in 1907 were: Towel's Shoe Shop,
 N.J. Lindsay, General Store; W. Suters, N.A. Hunter, Baker;
 F. Marchment, General Store.
 Hotels were: T. Grant (Hastings Hotel), James Gleeson (Star Hotel).
 Blacksmiths: Henry Eggert and Daniel V. White.
 Carpenters: Craig and Roach; J. Baxter, Pead & Son, A.W.S. Mackay.
 Tailor: W. Atkinson.
 Butchers: James Suters and Charles Everingham.

- 1907 The Aboriginal School closed on August 30, 1907.
- 1907 Miss Warwick left the Huntingdon School where she had been teaching and Miss Berman took her place there. The latter wed Wright Hampson at a later date.
- 1907 The Hastings Shire Gazette newspaper/office was established by W. Bain and A. B. Campbell.
- 1907 The Hastings Shire Council employed Pat Sherdon as the maintenance man on Bain Bridge at a salary of £7/-/- per annum. It was part of his job to lower the railings on the bridge in times of flooding.
- 1907 Shops in Wauchope included: E. A. Kennedy's Hairdresser & Tobacconist and Fruiterer; Saddler: C. E. Wright; Carter: W. Landrigan. (The latter purchased a horse and dray for £25/-/- and carted the bricks used in the building of the Australian Joint Stock Bank - now known as "Jacaranda House".) Dr. Bagot stayed one month as a medical practitioner.
- 1907 J. R. Andrews donated the land on which the Church of England Manse was to be built at Bago Road, (Miss Armitage lives there now, 1978).
- 1908 "We have inspected a handsome buggy, built on the premises by Mr. H. L. Eggert, Wauchope. The body is constructed of silky oak and the workmanship is of excellent merit and reflects great credit on the builder. We have often affirmed that persons desirous of securing up-to-date and highly finished vehicles, should patronise our local manufacturers whose workmanship compares even with metropolitan firms".

- from the Hastings Shire Gazette,
October, 1908.

- 1908 John Suters was clearing the land to be used as a Showground.
- 1908 Pappinbarra's first school was a subsidised one and was built about fifteen miles from Beechwood on Landrigan's property. Norman Trotter was the first teacher. The Reynold boys and Wallis girls were among the first pupils to attend this school.
- 1908 Bill Roach, Alex Bain, Don Marchment, Dan White, J. Kirkwood, Ashley Payne, Jim Bain, Hec Bain, Mark Maxwell, Bill Campbell, Bob Maxwell, Alan Bain (Captain), Pat O'Brien, Mark Hurley, Dunc. Campbell, Sam Suters, Dick Towell and Walter Steel... were the players in Wauchope First Grade Football in 1908.

- from Football History.

- 1908 Yeppin Creek was bridged.
- 1908 The road was cut at the foot of Spencer's Cutting to allow travellers to take their horses to drink there.
- 1908 A public well was sited near the present Post Office at Wauchope.
- 1908 The Progress Association requested that timber be cleared in Young and Hastings Streets, but funds were not available at the time - December 8, 1908.
- 1908 The Committee of Wauchope Rifle Club received the following tenders for clearing the range:

T. Maxwell	£92/9/-
T. Mumford	£65/-/-
J. Warrall	£54/18/-
C. Payne	£69/4/-
J. Baxter	£81/10/-

After due consideration it was agreed to recommend the tender of J. Warrall for acceptance by the military authorities.

1908

Messrs. Drew Brown and Drew reported that:

Primest Maize was selling at 4/7d.

Eggs were 9½d. a dozen and pigs were in demand and were realising very high prices.

Messrs. Basche & Lowney reported that:

The cedar market was dull... pigs were realising 7d. per lb. (live weight), Chaff was £7/10/- per ton; Bran & Pollard £6/10/- per ton, Potatoes £6/-/-, Onions £10-£12 per ton; poultry 4/-, roosters 4/6 to 5/- a pair; ducks 4/6 a pair.

- from The Hastings Shire Gazette
October, 1908 (Commercial Report).

1909 - 1918

1909 From 1906 until 1909 the following prices were fairly general:
 Eggs 5d. to 1/2 per dozen; Fowls 2/- to 3/- a pair; potatoes 3/6 for 1/2 cwt; 55 lb bacon, 27/6; hides 2d. to 4d. per lb; melons 9d. each; pumpkins 4/- per doz.; maize thrashed 8/- to 10/- a bag, or on cob 2/- per bag; ducks 2/6 a pair; cabbages 2d. each.
 Freight to Sydney by boat was 12/6 per ton. The boats made three trips per fortnight from Sydney to Port Macquarie. Passengers and goods were transferred to the drogher to go up the Hastings River to Beechwood from the Port.

1909 Aug 2: Official Opening of Rifle Range - from Mr. Jack Dark's Ledger at the
 at Wauchope - a military Ball in time of Dark's Store at Beechwood.
 Grants Hall marked the occasion

1909 On September 14 it was reported that Mr. Stacey offered for sale bricks from the Old Gaol at Port Macquarie, priced at £87/-/- for 45,000, cleaned and delivered to the wharf, which could be used for the building of the Hastings Shire Council Chambers. The offer was refused.

1909 Rawdon Island Church of England was built on present site. The first one was built earlier at Ennis on land donated by Mr. F. Dawes.

1909 Moore's Almanac lists the following: Magistrates: R. Ayres, N.J. Lindsay, George Lindsay, Snr; and P.N. Pery, Stipendary Magistrate.

1909 The Hastings District organised a Rugby Union Competition with five teams including: Rawdon Island, sometimes called Haytown or Sancrox Mob, Hamilton, Port Macquarie, Wauchope and Beechwood.

1910 The "greats" of the Hastings District Cricket team were: Viv Dick, Bert Calov, Norman J. Lindsay, Les Pountney, Bill Suters, George Suters, Norman Hunter, Perce Hallett, Tom Warlters, Phil Fallick, Doug Nicoll and John ("Jacky Jacky") Suters. The team's mascot: David Lindsay (as a lad.)

"In those days of sparse population and difficult transport inter-district cricket matches were annually organised between the Hastings and the Dungog, Gresford and Paterson areas. It was quite an event, with the visits being alternated between the two areas and lasting usually a week or ten days, travel being by horse and coach with overnight stops to rest the horses from their labours over rough gravel tracks."

- from the Hastings Shire Gazette,
 June 13, 1968.

1910 From this time the schoolchildren from across the Hastings River caught a ferry at the Rocks Crossing to attend the Wauchope Public School.

1910 The first Pastoral Agricultural and Horticultural Show was held at Wauchope on the new show-ground. The Committee members included: Bill Bain, A.B. Campbell, Harry Trotter, George Calov, George Trotter, Edwin Suters, Mr. Brigden, James Warrall, M. Coombes, Nicholas Cain, Andrew Wade, and James Rowsell (President); also N.J. Lindsay, Lauchlin Summerville, A.D. Suters, S.R. Andrews, T. Curran, George Hollis, Hec and Jas Bain, G.C. Lindsay and Jock Graham.

1910 The local brickworks were started by W. (Bill) Jones. The bricks made by Mr. Jones were used for the building of "Braeside" (Dr. W. Begg's home), Marchmont's Beehive Store, The Courthouse, Post Office (now replaced) and the Hastings Shire Council Chambers (now replaced by new buildings). The tender for the Council Chambers in 1910 was £2/17/6 for 1,000 handmade bricks.

Mr. Jones walked from Kempsey to Wauchope pushing a wheelbarrow which contained his equipment etc., when he arrived at Wauchope to set-up as a brickmaker.

1910 The Hastings Shire Council resumed land for the railway line for £200.

1910 A public well was established near the Post Office for the use of the townspeople. A pump was attached to the well.

It was 1939 when the town water supply was initiated, and for many years prior to that time the local residents took their washing to the creeks and river in times of drought. People at the western side of Wauchope township used Yeppin Creek; others used "The Spew", a spring never known to have run dry, and still located in the present "Treelands Estate". The "Big Log Waterhole" was also a site used for washing. It still exists within the "Timbertown" complex at Wauchope.

1910 The first telephone poles were erected in the town despite the fact that no streets had been aligned.

1910 Women's Hockey was in full swing with competitive matches being played against Port Macquarie and Kempsey teams. The Wauchope hockey players included: Millie, "Ailie", Dolly, "Lizzie" and Eva Suters; "Cis", Jessie and Annie Bain; Vera and May Livingstone, "Midge", Eileen and Eva Warrall, Flo Wade and Ruby Payne. The team-manager was Alan Bain, the umpire, Phyl Fallick. The drivers were "Billy" Landrigan and Radford Gamack.

1911 Wauchope Parents and Citizens Association was formed - Wauchope being among the earliest to have an Association. There was also a Teacher's Association.

- from the Hastings Shire Gazette.

1911 The Hastings Shire Council erected swimming baths at Rocks Ferry which remained in use until the 1930's.

1911 The Shire Council had problems in draining the streets of Wauchope (Cameron Street being described as "just a quagmire"). The bullock teams were often bogged and "buggies and sulkies were requested not to drive on the footpaths". The solution to the problem was discovered when Jack Suters invented the "floater-wheel" to be used on the drays and bullock-teams. The principle of the floater-wheel (roughly speaking) was for two circular pieces of a log to be joined at the base with an iron ring leaving the centre of the wheel hollow.

1911 The Hastings Shire Council received a "quote for gravelling", and the figure given was 1/6d. per yard.

1911 A Telephone Exchange was established at Wauchope and provided a continuous service from 1914.

1911 The Manly Football team paid a visit to the Hastings District. After playing a match at Beechwood the members of the team were compelled to return to Port Macquarie "on foot" because of damage to the vehicle of transport.

1911 Bain Park was designed to provide two tennis courts, a football ground, cement cricket-pitch (in the centre), a players' pavilion and a grandstand. One condition of its use was that the Caretaker, T.W. Suters, should lock both the gates on one day of each year in future.

1911 The "Rosedale" was wrecked at Lake Cathi with great loss of life.

1911 The shire rates on an average farm-holding were at this time about £6/-/- per annum.

- 1911 From this time Jack Dark ran the Beechwood Post Office. It was open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. for six days a week. The salary was £26/-/- p.a. The mail came by coach from Port Macquarie three days weekly. The coach being supplied by the Postmaster General's Department and the horses by the mail-contractor.
- In those early days nearly all trading was done by the barter system. Settlers received supplies in return for eggs, fowls, pumpkins and other produce.
- 1912 On February 14, 1912, there was a ceremony to mark the unveiling of the Memorial Gates at the entrance to Bain Park. The ceremony was performed by Mr. Thompson, M.H.R. The various speakers were representatives of local organisations including: James Gamack (ex-President of the Hastings Shire Council), N.J. Lindsay (President of the Park Trust), W.J. Andrews (President, P.A. & H. Society), A.D. Suters (Independent Order of Oddfellows Lodge), T. Warlters (President, Port Macquarie Agricultural Society), D. Graham (Beechwood Progress Association), P.J. O'Neill (Beechwood Hotel).
- Apologies were received from: Rev. S.P. Stewart (Free Presbyterian Church), Rev. G.M. Torbett (Presbyterian), H. Morton, M.L.A., D. Stewart (Mayor of Port Macquarie), Healey, Smith, McKay, Downes; and Messrs. N. Cain, L.R. Lindsay, H. Warlters, A.G. Parker.
- Ministers Present: Rev. H.H. Mirrington (Church of England), Rev. T. Huggart (Methodist);
- Councillors present: J. Rowsell.
- 1912 H. & W. Marchmont of Wauchope Bakery took-over the Times Bakery from N.A. Hunter.
- 1912 W. Suters (of King Creek) ran a taxi service in Wauchope. In advertising the service he stated: "I have a 40-horse-power car - will go anywhere".
- 1912 November 26: Jacob Healey, President of the Hastings Shire Council, laid the foundation stone on land purchased from Mrs. Walsh for £100 for the new Shire Chambers. The total cost = £1,370...the builders were Bourne Bros.
- 1912 Dr. William Begg commenced a medical practice at Laurieton and Camden Haven District - it was after that time that he moved to Wauchope, and eventually retired there in 1958.
- 1912 Dr. Dowdney, when practising in Wauchope, lived in the house which is at present (1978) owned and occupied by Mrs. P. Hudson, in Cameron Street.
- 1912 Mrs. Warrell was a mid-wife in Wauchope area.
- 1912 Land was resumed from the Bain Estate for the erection of a Police Station at a cost of £404; and for the provision of Hastings Street, and also the Wauchope Public School (cost being £300)... the total sum owing to the Bain Estate was paid in 1930. (Hastings Street had to be cleared of timber).
- 1912 The Comboyne School was opened.
- 1912 Wallace Street was cleared of timber at a cost of £10/-/- by Caracticus Payne.
- 1912 Hastings Street was cleared, and constructed to a stated width in accordance with Duncan Bain's consideration for his friend, Bernard O'Doherty.

- 1912 The Secretary of the Wauchope Show Committee was Mr. Stacey (probably the same person who had commenced a brick-works at Rollands Plains).
- 1912 The late H.D. Andrews played in a school match between Wauchope and Beechwood wearing the "red and blue". The "sprigged boot and the red and blue colours were introduced in 1912".) The schoolmatch mentioned was refereed by Arthur Bartrim (a blacksmith at Beechwood and also at one time a former Rugby Union Player).
- 1912 A race meeting was held at Gully Flat on November 10, 1912. The Secretary was Bernard O'Doherty.
- 1912 The business men in Wauchope included: N.J. Lindsay, Hilton Hunter, F. Marchment, J.N. Parker, Budge & Graham, E. Stan Suturs, M. Williams, J. Channels & G. Robinson: (Hairdressers), Saddlery (C.E. Wright). Produce & Auctioneer: A. Wade; Builders: A.W.S. Mackay, Robert Andrews, G. Davis, J. Baxter & Sons: Auctioneers, W. Landrigan, U.J. Tinkler. Tailors: W.C. Atkinson & Crowther & Co., Bakers: Edwards, N. Hunter and R. Marchment. Bootmaker: W. Galbraith. Butchers: James Suturs, Harriott Bros., J. Downes, Hollis & Roach. Brickworks: W. Jones. Taxi-drivers: Radford Gamack. W. Suturs, W. Landrigan, N. Hunter, W. & D. Bailey, D. Robinson, D.J. Cains. (Licenses were £1/-/- for taxis, and for drivers: 5/- per annum.) Livery-stable: Bill Bailey.

- from Moore's Almanac.

The population of Wauchope was 600 in 1912.

- 1913 Constable T. Fahey was the police-officer at Ellenborough.
- 1913 The Presbyterian Church purchased land (opposite to the Wauchope Post Office).
- 1913 Wauchope Post Office: The very first Post Office was built approximately 1887 in High Street - following the establishment of postal services in Marchments "Beehive Store". In 1913 the Post Office building was on the corner of High and Hastings Streets at Wauchope. The present Post Office was opened on September 23, 1974 by Philip E. Lucock, Esq. M.B.E., M.P.
- 1913 A tram-line was built by Hayes Bros., at Camden Haven Baxter & Sons were to build a grand-stand at the Wauchope Showground. Four members of the Baxter family were builders and they were also noted musicians. Houses built by them in Wauchope included Jack Pead (cnr. High and Campbell Streets), N.J. Lindsay (now the Roman Catholic Presbytery), James Suturs (cnr. Wauch and Campbell Streets). Condon's boarding house (High Street) and P.J. Bourne's home (cnr. Hastings & Young Streets) were built about 1913 also.
- 1913 The Official Post Office was built in Beechwood.
- 1913 Mr. David Williams replaced Mr. R. Hopper as Headmaster of Wauchope Public School. There were three female assistant teachers also.
- 1913 November 26 - Josiah Secombe laid the foundation stone of Methodist Church in Hastings Street. (Now the Uniting Church of Australia.)
- 1913 The Hastings Shire Council took over control of the Government wharf from the Trustees.
- 1913 The new Hastings Shire Council Chambers (the first) were built by Robert Andrews. The rental of this building was small; with an option to purchase it. It was on October 12, that the Hastings Shire Council Chambers were officially opened by Mrs. Elizabeth Eggert. There are portraits of this pioneer and of her descendants at the Wauchope Chapter of the Hastings District Historical Society. One includes five generations

of her family. Her home in Wauchope was, at first, behind the Protestant Church, approx. opposite where the Railway Stationmaster's residence is now sited. (That was approx. 1860's.) Her next home was "Rye Cottage", sited where Canisteo Park is now at Wauchope. It was of split slab walls and shingle roof with canopied ceilings of unbleached calico. It was moved there from the "Letterewe" Estate by the builder, Pat Sherdon.

Prior to 1914:

Several years before he left Wauchope Norman Hunter had a partnership in auctioneering with W. Landrigan.

He and Landrigan purchased one of the first cars to be seen in the township of Wauchope. It was a British Belsize. A descendant of Norman Hunter recalled that "the children at Beechwood school were allowed to stand in line along the roadside outside the school to watch this car pass by". A Sydney man was sent to Wauchope to teach Jack Landrigan how to drive. He then became a taxi-driver. The headlights of this car were carbide lamps. "Very bad roads were a problem then". After several years the Belsize was replaced with a Chalmers from U.S.A.

- from N. Hunter.

- 1914 The sub-way was cut beneath the Wauchope Railway Bridge.
- 1914 After the outbreak of World War I the recruiting campaign included route marches from the country towns. The route march from northwards through the Hastings District and thence to the south was joined by local lads who became known as "the north-coasters". Military personnel and local dignitaries spoke from the platform urging the members of the audience to "do their duty to King and country".
- 1914 Some of the ladies of the Hastings District still remember how they sold home-made ice-cream on the verandah of Miss Hannah Browning's shop (cnr. Cameron and High Streets, Wauchope) to raise funds for the local Red Cross. Miss Browning's shop was on the site once occupied by a butchery and general store by an early pioneer, Mr. Angus Kennedy.
- 1914 December 12, R. Gamack was advertising for passengers wishing to travel to Taree or Kendall to meet trains. He had just purchased "an up-to-date 36 h.p. Oakland Motor Car".
- 1914 About this time the first sale-yards were built. W. Landrigan (Auctioneer) used them, followed by G.C. Lindsay and Colwell. Then by G.C. Lindsay and Jock Graham, Auctioneers.
- 1915 The Lock-up at the Police Station (cnr. Hastings and Young Streets), was built at a cost of £964.
- 1915 Saw an all-time high enrolment at the Telegraph Point public school - with 120 pupils. This increase was due to the influx of families connected with the building of the North Coast Railway line. Names of the Telegraph Point families included: McCue, Thurling, Webber, Downey, Daley, Noakes, Gleeson, Rowsell, Mooney and Bones.
- 1915 The Wauchope Railway Station was opened on April 14, 1915. The President of the Hastings Shire Council Councillor J. Downes presided, and members of both political parties were present including the new Minister for Public Instruction Mr. Arthur Griffiths and his wife. The catering arrangements were in the hands of Wauchope's ex-Baker, Mr. Norman Hunter. He and his family had left Wauchope in 1914 after residence of 10 years. He was for many years the captain of the local cricket teams.
- 1915 Hunter's Bakery was sold to F. Marchmont. "The price was £150 and covered the purchase of Bakery business at Wauchope together with 2 horses (one bay mare, 1 grey horse) two carts, harness, scales, bake-house tins, yeast jars, 2 peel testers, potato mash, sieve, oven lamp."