***Clarence and Richmond Examiner and New England Advertiser***

**1850’s**

**Tuesday 30 August 1859**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1859. MUNICIPALITY OF GRAFTON.

NOMI NATION OF COUNCELLORS

On Thursday last, August 26 the electors of the three Municipal Wards of which Grafton has been subdivided, were called, together by Alfred Lardner, Esq., the Returning Officer, at the Court House, for the purpose of nominating nine gentlemen (three for each ward) as the Councillors in the first Corporation.

There were about fifty electors present, and the Returning Officer having stated the object of the meeting, the following were proposed for,

FIRST WARD.

Proposed by Mr. R. Payne, seconded by Mr. E. Robinson - Mr. S. Avery.

Proposed by Mr. J. T. Jones, seconded by Mr. A. McKellar - Mr. W. Collie, sen.

Proposed by ***Mr. Archer***, seconded by Mr. Collie - Mr. W. Lambert.

Proposed by Mr. W. Spring, seconded by Mr. W. Baker - Mr. R. Payne.

On the names being put the first three were declared returned, but a poll was demanded for Mr. R. Payne.

SECOND WARD.

Proposed by Mr. Chapman, seconded by Mr. J. T. Jones - Mr. A. Lardner.

Proposed by Mr. J. Kirke, seconded by ***Mr. W. Archer*** - Mr. J. T. Jones.

Proposed by Mr. A. Page, seconded by Mr. C. R. Leighton - Mr. J. E. Chapman.

Proposed by Mr. G. Robinson, seconded by Mr.S. Webb - Mr. Greaves.

Proposed by Mr. C. Saunders, seconded by Mr. R. Payne - Mr. G. Robinson.

Proposed by Mr. Laurence, seconded by Mr. John Baker, jun.- Mr. McFadden.

Proposed bv Mr. J. E. Chapman, seconded by Mr. T. Bawden - Mr. A. Hyde.

Proposed bv Mr. Laurence, seconded by Mr C. J. Walker - Mr. Shoveller.

Proposed by Lambert, seconded by Mr. W. Baker - Mr. J. Gilmore.

Proposed by Mr. W. Baker, seconded by Mr. J. T. Jones - Mr. D. Kirke.

Messrs. Lardner, McFaddon, and Jones were declared to have the show of hands, but a poll was demanded.

THIRD WARD.

Proposed by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Chapman - Mr. P. Kennedy.

Proposed by Mr. W. A. B. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Kemp - Mr. T. Bawden.

Proposed by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Kirke - ***Mr.W. Archer***.

Proposed by Mr. T. Bawden, seconded by Mr. W. A. B. Greaves - Mr. W. Cowan, jun.

Messrs. Kennedy, Bawden, and Cowan were declared to have the majority, but a poll was demanded for ***Mr. Archer.***

AUDITORS

Proposed by Mr. R. Payne, seconded by Mr. G. Robinson - Mr. C. Saunders.

Proposed by Mr. J. E. Chapman, seconded by Mr. J. T. Jones - Mr. James Page.

Proposed by Mr. T. Bawden, seconded by Mr. J. E. Chapman - Mr. H. Bligh.

Proposed by Mr. J. E. Chapman, seconded by Mr. S. Avery - Mr. A. Page.

Proposed by Mr. McFadden, seconded by Mr. Avery - Mr. Walker.

Tho show of hands was declared to be in favour of Mr. James Page and Mr. Bligh, a poll being demanded.

Tho Returning Officer then announced that the polling would take place on Thursday next, September 1, at the Court House, between the hours of nine in the morning and four in the afternoon.

A vote of thanks to Mr Lardner terminated the proceeding.

**1860’s**

**Tuesday 21 February 1860**

NOTICE.

FOR SALE, or HIRE, Two Splendid DRAUGHT HORSES, with new dray and harness complete. Enquire of

 **WILLIAM ARCHER**, Prince Street.

**Tuesday 13 March 1860**

ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.

*Our columns are open to all writers who refrain from the use of virulent language or personalities, but we are not responsible for opinions expressed.*

To The Electors of East Ward

(Per favour of the Clarence and Richmond Examiner)

Gentlemen, - You are again called on to exercise the powers placed in your hands of electing a fit and proper person to represent you in the Council of the Municipality of Grafton.

There are now four candidates in the field seeking your suffrages, and one of them you must choose to fill the important office of Alderman for your Ward. Before recording your rotes consider which of those four would be the most likely to truly and faithfully represent your interests. Most of the candidates are pretty well known to you, and each, undoubtedly, considers he has the greatest claims to your consideration. It is your duty, as true citizens, to choose the man with the greatest amount of ability and the other necessary qualifications for the office.

Possible **Messrs. Archer**, Murphy and Olive may have many good qualities to recommend them, but, let me ask, are their claims to your support at all to be compared to those of Mr Lardner, the man who has, for the last eighteen years, proved a staunch supporter of everything that was likely to tend to the welfare and prosperity of Grafton? I fully believe in the honest intentions of those candidates who have been nominated in opposition to Mr Lardner, but we must remember that there is more than that necessary to qualify a gentleman for the important office of Alderman. Mr Lardner has not only ability, integrity, and honesty to recommend him, but he has also the time at his disposal that will be required to faithfully fulfil those duties which will be devolving on him, should he be placed in the position that he aspires to.

Gentlemen, think the matter over well, and before you record your votes feel satisfied in your own minds that the candidate you wish to see returned for No. 2 Ward will, when in the Council, be the “right man in the right place.” Do your duties irrespective of private friendship, and with the sincere wish of benefitting the town of Grafton generally, and I feel convinced you will do credit to the Ward, and place Mr Lardner in the proud position of your representative in the Municipal Council of Grafton.

I am, Gentlemen,

 Yours, etc., OBSERVER.

**Tuesday 13 March 1860**

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Nomination of an Alderman for East Ward.

The nomination of an Alderman for the above Ward, caused by the retirement of Mr Shoveller, took place on Tuesday last, at the Court House, North Grafton.

The Returning Officer, J.E. Chapman, Esq., after inviting the attention of the electors to Clauses 9, 10, and 11 of the Municipalities’ Act, called upon them to propose any gentlemen they might deem qualified to fill the above vacancy in the Council.

The Rev. A. Selwyn rose to propose a gentleman whom he felt persuaded was a fit and proper person to represent them. Having stated the claims the candidate he was about to propose had on their consideration, and expressing a hope that no opposition would be offered to his return, he concluded by proposing Alfred Lardner, Esq.

Mr A. Hyde seconded the proposition.

Mr J. Gilmore proposed **Mr William Archer**.

Mr T Murphy seconded his nomination.

Mr J Baker proposed, and Mr C Leighton seconded the nomination of Mr William Olive.

Mr T. Peberdy proposed Mr Thomas Murphy, who was seconded by Mr J.B. Carson.

The Returning Officer having called for a show of hands for the respective candidates, there were held up for – Mr Lardner, 19; Mr Murphy, 9; Mr Olive, 7; and **Mr Archer, 4**.

**Tuesday 3 April 1860**

PUBLIC MEETING.

A meeting was held at the School house, North Grafton, for the purpose of assisting the sufferers by the late floods at Illawarra, Shoalhaven, etc.

The Mayor presided over the meeting.

Mr Bligh in addressing the meeting said that this district was liable to a similar visitation, and as Christian men were bound to show our sympathy with the bereaved widows, orphans, and sufferers generally. He then proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Dr Gunst:-

That this meeting sympathises deeply with those persons who have suffered the loss of property, and more especially with those who have suffered the far severer loss of friends and relatives, by the late disastrous floods in the Southern Districts of the Colony.

Mr Page in addressing the meeting stated that the loss had been estimated at £200,000, and that our utmost efforts could only alleviate the worst of sufferings, compensation was out of the question, he then urged his auditors to contribute liberally to so desirable an object. The speaker then proposed the following resolution which Alderman Chapman seconded: -

That this meeting acknowledges it to be a Christian duty incumbent upon all to contribute according to their power to the relief of the sufferers.

Mr Selwyn in addressing the assemblage showed the advantages and benefits to be derived from meeting together, to debate and elicit truth, and after addressing the meeting together, to debate and elicit truth, and after addressing the meeting at great length concluded by putting the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr Thompson; -

That in order to carry out the last resolution, this meeting requests the following gentlemen, viz.: - Messrs. A. Lardner, J.E. Chapman, S. Avery, J. Page, Thos. Fisher, Thos. Shoveller, A. Vindin, Jas. Elliott, Rev. A. Selwyn, Thomson, **Archer**, Dr. Gunst, with power to add to their number, and that Mr Lardner be treasurer, and the Rev. A. Selwyn secretary, - to act as a committee for the collection of subscriptions by personal solicitation, where practicable, and by calling upon the public at large through the medium of the Press.

Subscriptions will be received by any of the Committee, at the Joint Stock Bank, and Examiner Office.

**The Moreton Bay Courier (Brisbane, Qld. : 1846-1861), Tuesday 3 April 1860, page 2 - article by Grafton correspondent**

Transcription of text in document

The Municipal Council have been making some headway lately, notwithstanding the opposition offered by ignorant and interested persons who abound here as well as else-where. There is sure to be a storm where the pocket is touched, but as improvements begin to show, opposition will decline.
The vacancies in the Council have been filled up by the election of Mr. John Gilmore for South Grafton, in the room of Mr. Bawden who is become disqualified in consequence of continuing to reside in Grafton. Mr.James Henderson for first ward, in the room of Mr Lambert; Mr John McFadden fr South Grafton, in the place of Mr. Cowan and Mr. Lardner, for second ward, in place of Mr. Shoveller; the term of office in the case of each of the retiring candidates having expired. A most furious opposition has been offered in first and second wards by **Mr. William Archer** and his partisans, but without success. This person has been defeated in all three wards during the last six months. Mr. Lardner was elected Mayor without opposition.

**From Ancestry Ssusanh: Source is Clarence Valley Historical Society.**

**Tuesday 21 May 1861**

To **WILLIAM ARCHER**, Esq, Mayor of Grafton.

SIR, - We, the undersigned, inhabitants of Grafton, beg to request you to convene a public meeting of the inhabitants, for the purpose of eliciting the feeling of the public as to the advisability of petitioning the government to take the necessary steps for removing the obstacles at present existing at the mouth of the Clarence River.

Mr Daniel Moyes Mr T Fisher

 H. Lowenthal J. McFadden

 F. Vindin H.P. Coles

 T. Shoveller T. Peberby

 E. C. Laman A. Hitchins

Leighton and Stukey J. Page.

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To Mr THOMAS FISHER and others.

In reply to the above requisition I hereby convene a MEETING of the inhabitants to be held at the School of Arts, Grafton, on THURSDAY next, May 23rd. Chair to be taken at seven o’clock.

 **WM. ARCHER**, Mayor

**Tuesday 11 June 1861**

GRAFTON MUNICIPALITY.

**£10** REWARD. – Whereas some person or persons did wantonly DESTROY a NOTICE BOARD placed in Prince Street, the property of the Municipality of Grafton. NOTICE is hereby given, that a reward of £10 will be given to any person giving such information as may lead to the conviction of the offender or offenders.

**WILLIAM ARCHER**,

May 31st. Mayor.

GRAFTON MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the above will be held at the Council Chamber, on THURSDAY, June 1? At 12 o’clock, for the despatch of general business.

 **WILLIAM ARCHER**, Mayor.

**Tuesday 25 June 1861**

MUNICIPALITY OF GRAFTON, - TENDERS are required for work, or portions of the work, to be done in Prince Street.

Specifications may be seen at the Council Chambers, between 10a.m. and 4p.m.

Tenders under cover, addressed to the Municipal Council, must be sent in on or before THURSDAY, the 27th of June, 1861, to the Town Clerk.

 By order of the Council

 **WILLIAM ARCHER**, Mayor.

MUNICIPALITY OF GRAFTON, - Applications are invited by the Council from persons desirous of undertaking the office of RATE COLLECTOR and BAILIFF for the Municipality. Terms, 7½ per cent. On the amount collected. A bond of £50 will have to be entered into. Applications under cover to be addressed to the Municipal Council, and left with the Town Clerk, on or before 27th June. By order of the Council.

 **WILLIAM ARCHER**, Mayor.

**Tuesday 9 July 1861**

MUNICIPALITY OF GRAFTON.

COLLECTOR OF RATES and BAILIFF. – The Council have APPOINTED Mr J. W. MAXTED to the above Office and hereby authorise him to receive all rates, dues, and fees, for the Municipality.

Mr MAXTED will be in attendance at the District Court Office, Prince Street, EVERY SATURDAY, between the hours of 10 and 4, to receive all monies for the Municipality. **WILLIAM ARCHER**, Mayor

GRAFTON VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS. – A MEETING of the above Corps will be held at South Grafton, on THURSDAY EVENING next. Those who wish to become members are requested to attend to be sworn in. W.A.B.GREAVES, Captain Commanding,

J. T. Jones

**William Archer**

James Lardner

William Boody

Thomas Murphy

James Creighton

Robert Benson

William Creighton

John Harris.

NATIONAL SCHOOL.

A meeting convened by advertisement, was held on Friday evening, in the School of Arts. There were about from fifteen to twenty persons present.

Mr A. Lardner occupied the chair, and commenced the proceedings by alluding to the apathy (despite the late paper war) of the people with reference to the cause of education.

The meeting, on account of the paucity of attendance, assumed a conversational character.

Mr J. Page proposed, **Mr W. Archer** seconded “That a subscription list be then opened towards the repairs of the National school house and teacher’s residence, and that the gentlemen present form a committee for carrying out the above, viz., - Messrs. Chapman, Laman, Attwater, **Archer**, Jones, Fisher, Hyde, Maxted, Guvanelli, Atkinson, Mitchelhall, Payne, Norman, and Page.

Etc, etc,…….

Mr Hyde thought an additional teacher was required. He would suggest that **Mr Archer** be requested to act as a collector. The Mayor signified his willingness to undertake the duty.

Etc, etc……..

**Tuesday 10 September 1861**

Sale of Crown Lands.

Second Day – Wednesday

Parish of Coaldale (upset price, £1 per acre).

Lots 32 in Parish of Gordon, Lots 36 & 51 in the Parish of Coaldale to William **Archer,** Grafton.

**Tuesday 24 September 1861**

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, GRAFTON. – SPECIFICATIONS and TENDERS for a BRIDGE across Alumy Creek, in the centre of Dobie Street, are required. The Bridge to be 160 feet in length, 18 feet in width, and the platform to be within one foot of the top of the bank, on the west side of the Creek.

The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest tender, or any.

TENDERS required also for work to be done in Victoria Street. Specifications to be seen at the Office of the Town Clerk.

Tenders to be addressed (under cover) to the Municipal Council, and left with the Town Clerk, on or before September 25th.

 By order of the Council,

 **WILLIAM ARCHER**, Mayor.

**Municipal Council, Grafton.**

TENDERS FOR A PUNT for Dobie Street REQUIRED. Plan and specification may be seen at the Office of the Town Clerk, Prince Street, Grafton. Address under cover, Municipal Council, on or before THURSDAY, 28th November.

 **WILLIAM ARCHER**, Mayor.

**To the Worshipful the Mayor of Grafton.**

We the Undersigned, Inhabitants, Householders, etc, of Grafton, beg to request that you will convene a public meeting at your earliest convenience, to consider the best means of adopting measures to give a decided opposition to the present movements, for the purpose of annexing the Clarence and Richmond districts to the Queensland government.

James Turley Jones

John Gilmore

Robert Benson

John McFadden

George Kirchner

T. E. Davies

William Southion

Joseph Scrutton

John E. Burton

James Crompton.

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In reply to the above requisition, I hereby convene a public MEETING of the inhabitants, to be held at the Assembly Rooms, on WEDNESDAY EVENING, the 27th instant, at 7 o’clock.

 **WILLIAM ARCHER**, Mayor.

**Saturday 9 November 1861**

# The Maitland Mercury & Hunter River General Advertiser (NSW : 1843 – 1893

THE CLARENCE AND RICHMOND.

(from the Clarence Examiner, Oct. 29th)

Bites from Snakes - On Tuesday evening last, ***William Archer***, a lad of about nine years of age, was bitten by a whip snake in Prince Street; medical aid was immediately procured, and under the treatment of Mr. Wimmler, the lad has been restored to convalescence.

**Tuesday 15 April 1862**

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Thursday.

Present: The Mayor, **Aldermen Archer**, Robinson, Payne, Gilmore, McFadden and Cowan.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

 LETTERS.

A letter from Captain Wiseman, with reference to payment of the rope for the Grafton Ferry was read.

Letters from Messrs. Strauss, Geary, and Conroy, with reference to the payment of accounts were referred to the Finance Committee.

A letter from Mr Fisher, asking permission to erect a handrail on the cutting leading to the wharf.

Upon the reading of this letter, a discussion arose, between **Aldermen Archer**, Gilmore, and Cowan on the one side, and Alderman Payne, on the other, which terminated in the following resolution being adopted.

Moved by **Alderman Archer**, seconded by Alderman Gilmore, - “That the Council have no power to grant permission for the erection of any obstruction in the public street; whatever is done by Mr Fisher, must be done on his own responsibility.”

REPORT.

The following is the report of the Improvement Committee:-

The committee have examined the encroachment recently erected on the river bank, at the end of Victoria Street. The committee are not able to state whether the encroachment is on the street or not, but they do not think that there is likely to be any obstruction from the shed which has been built.

The committee have also examined the Queen’s Wharf, at the end of Prince Street, and report that they believe the contract has been fully carried out, and avail themselves of the opportunity of expressing their approval of the way in which the contract has been carried out by the contractors – Messrs. Austin and Genry.

The committee recommend that three piles be driven in front of the wharf, to prevent vessels from going underneath the platform and that the balance due to the contractors be paid.

The Mayor reported that he had suspended Mr Maxted from the office of rate collector.

It was then resolved, 1. “That the Council approve the conduct of the Mayor, in reference to the suspension of the bailiff, and recommend that he be dismissed.” 2. “That tenders be called for a person to collect the rates and act as bailiff, in accordance with the terms of advertisement.” 3. “That the Mayor employ a person to deliver the new valuation papers.

The Council adjourned for a fortnight.

MEETING OF VOLUNTEERS.

On Saturday last, the usual monthly parade took place at Grafton. The attendance was good, but the manner in which the corps went through their exercise, was anything but creditable.

In the evening, the corps met at the Assembly Rooms, for the purpose of electing a first-lieutenant. About fifty volunteers attended.

Captain GREAVES presided, and opened the meeting by stating the business – which was to elect a first lieutenant in the place of Mr Jones, recommended to the Government for appointment, but who had refused to ratify their choice, consequently, they were called upon to proceed to a fresh election. He had heard it stated that Mr Jones was to be proposed again that night; he thought such a step would be most unwise.

**Mr ARCHER** said he thought Mr Jones had been put to great expense in procuring his dress; and as Mr Jones was gone to Sydney, he would ascertain whether it was competent for him as a publican to hold office or not; he thought, therefore, they ought to wait till after the arrival of the next steamer. If they proceeded with the election, and they were all of his mind, they would give back their muskets at once.

Captain GREAVES said he understood **Mr Archer’s** friendship for Mr Jones; but as Volunteers they must bow to the decision of the Commanding Officer. He had no doubt Mr Jones could readily dispose of his dress, although he must say he obtained the same prematurely, as the corps had not the power to appoint, but only to recommend, and as Captain he felt he could not accept the name of Mr Jones.

Mr RAMSAY said he had much pleasure in proposing Mr Barker for first lieutenant There was no doubt the gentleman he had nominated had done good service for the corps in its infancy, and he trusted they would show their appreciation by electing that gentleman their first lieutenant.

Mr MESTON seconded the nomination.

Mr J. MILLER proposed; Mr LAKIN seconded “Mr Wray as first lieutenant.”

Mr W. COWAN proposed, Mr HEATHER seconded, “Mr D. Campbell.”

Upon the poll being taken Mr Barker was declared elected, the numbers being for Mr Barker, 20; Mr D Campbell, 17; Mr Wray, 8.

Upon the announcement being made, a few hisses followed, but were immediately suppressed by loud cheers.

Captain GREAVES said he was surprised to hear marks of disapprobation; it was unworthy of them as Volunteers – the minority ought, at all times, to bow to the majority.

Mr BARKER briefly acknowledged the compliment, and informed those parties who had hissed that he was fully competent to discharge the duties of the office to which he had been elected, and was willing to be subjected to any test. He promised to use his best efforts to promote the interest of the corps.

Mr D CAMPBELL in a humorous speech returned thanks, and disclaimed any participation with those who had hissed.

Mr WRAY made a few remarks, which we were unable to catch.

Mr RAMSAY proposed, Mr McNEIL seconded “a vote of thanks to Mr Jones for his exertions on behalf of the corps, and for the use of the Assembly Rooms.” Carried:

Monday and Thursday in each week was appointed for evening drill in the Assembly Rooms, and every Saturday for outdoor parade.

The meeting then dispersed.

**TUESDAY 8 APRIL 1862**.

SMALL DEBTS COURT.

Monday.

Before Captain Hill, P.M., and Mr W. A.B. Greaves, J.P.

TERRY AND WEBB v. **ARCHER**

This was a claim of £2 for work done. Case dismissed. Mr Barker appeared for defendant.

**TUESDAY 20 MAY 1862**

FREE SELECTION

Tuesday, May 18th.

**William Archer**, Grafton, 140 acres, county of Clarence, parish of Woodford, on Woodford Island, bounded by the pre-emptive purchase of Mrs John’s, thence by the Clarence River; thence parallel by a line parallel with Mrs John’s line; and thence by the south arm of the Clarence River.

**Tuesday 27 May 1862**

THE DINNER.

After the match the company dined together at the Assembly Rooms, when about fifty persons sat down to a most sumptuous repast, provided by host Jones, of the Royal Hotel; **Mr Archer** occupying the chair, and Mr Jones for vice chair. Dinner over the usual loyal toasts were drank. “The captains of the two elevens,” “The scorers and umpires” “The champion scorers,” “The ladies,” The Press,” and last, though certainly not least, “The host and hostess,” for the very bounteous provision made by them for the enjoyment of the company, nothing being wanted to add to the conviviality of a pleasant evening, which was spent in harmony and good feeling until about eleven o’clock, when the Ulmarraites betook themselves to their respective homes, delighted with a day well spent.

**Tuesday 17 June 1862**

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Thursday

Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Payne, **Archer**, McFadden, Cowan, Jones, Robinson and Gilmore.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Notices Of Motion.

Alderman **Archer** to move, - That at the next meeting of Council the Improvement Committee examine Villiers Street, near the Ferry Wharf, and report upon the same to the Council at their next sitting.

Alderman Payne to move, - That the Improvement Committee examine and report upon the obstructions upon the streets, caused by the fallen timber, left by the telegraph contractor.

The Rate Collector reported having paid into the bank the sum of £18, 3s. He also informed the Council of several parties to whom he had applied for the rate that they had paid Mr Maxted, the late collector, who had not accounted for the same. He produced receipts from various parties, but not on the proper printed forms, showing defalcations to the amount of £5 1s. 4½d. The recepts were detained by the Council, and proper receipts ordered to be sent to the parties.

The quarterly account was read, which showed that at the expiration of last quarter the amount of rates due was £246 13s. 8½d.; since collected, £53 10s. 11d.; leaving a balance of £182 13s. 9½d.

The treasurer’s report was read, showing that the receipts for the past quarter was £375 13s. 6d.. and the expenditure £342 7s. 1d., leaving a balance in hand of £88 6s 5d.

Alderman Payne moved; that the Improvement Committee report upon certain works necessary to be done in Queen, Mary, and Pound Streets.

Alderman **Archer** said it seemed to him that the whole expenditure for the year was to be laid out in the West ward; he thought that East ward was entitled to some money to remove the stagnant water in Prince Street.

Alderman McFadden said he should commence an action against the Council within two months, if the water was not removed.

Alderman Payne admitted that the water in Prince Street was nuisance; he, however condemned the way the work had been done, and drew particular attention to the footpath along the Commercial Hotel.

The Mayor said the money for the bridge in Mary Street had been on the estimates for some time, and the objects of those Alderman who were opposed to the work was to force the traffic into Prince Street. He hoped that the Improvement Committee would see that the work was better done in future than it had hitherto been: the footpath in Victoria Street was a disgrace.

Alderman McFadden said the works had not only been done badly by the late but by former committees.

Alderman **Archer** said those who condemned the work now should have given their counsel at the time.

The Mayor said he would ask Alderman **Archer** if he did not at the time he was Mayor censure Alderman Payne for interfering with the works?

Alderman **Archer** admitted having done so.

Alderman Payne then amended his motion as follows: - that the Improvement Committee examine Pound Street, and draw up a specification of the work necessary to be done. – Carried.

Alderman **Archer** moved, Alderman Jones seconded, - “That the Improvement Committee examine the waterfall in Prince Street and draw up a plan to remove the water??”.

Alderman Cowan moved, - “That the Improvement Committee examine Abbott and Cowan Street, and draw up a plan ……. work necessary to be done.”

Order of the Day.

On the Order of the Day being carried, Alderman Payne moved the motion of which he had given notice at the preceding meeting, whereupon.

Alderman McFadden moved as an amendment that 6d. in the pound be substituted in lieu of 1s.

The Mayor stated that 6d. in the pound would not cover the estimates, consequently, being contrary to the bye laws could not be put.

Alderman Gilmore moved, - “That in consequence of the decision of the Judges of the Supreme Court, that rates can only be levied for the municipal year, the Council do now proceed to levy a rate of ninepence in the pound, upon all rateable property within the municipality of Grafton, for the remainder of the present municipal year.”

Alderman Jones seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

The Council then adjourned till that day fortnight, at 7pm.

 NOTICE.

I HEREBY AUTHORISE Mr. W. B. CAMPBELL to RECEIVE ALL RENTS due to me, from the 1st of June, 1862, to 4th June, 1860?. His receipt will be sufficient discharge for the same. **WILLIAM ARCHER**.

**Tuesday 5 August 1862**

DISTRESS IN LANCASHIRE.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at Mr Cohen’s ULMARRA HOTEL, on WEDNESDAY night, at 7 o’clock, to raise subscriptions for the above object.

 **WILLIAM ARCHER**

 Grafton, August 4th, 1862.

**Tuesday 19 August 1862**

THE LANCASHIRE RELIEF FUND. – We are informed that **Mr William Archer** has been canvassing on behalf of the above Fund from the settlers at Ulmarra and on the banks of the Clarence, and has raised the very handsome sum of over twenty pounds.

**Tuesday 2 September 1862**

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Thursday

Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Lardner, Jones, McFadden, **Archer**, Cowan, Payne, and Gilmore.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

A letter was read from the Treasury, informing the Council that the endowment for the half-year, £249 1s. 7d., had been paid into the Joint Stock Bank, Grafton, to their credit.

The Improvement Committee reported that they had examined the mouth of the Creek at Ulster Lodge, and recommended that the subject of a dam be postponed till the report of Mr Greaves, the surveyor, was received; the committee also reported that they had prepared a specification of the work required to be done in Queen Street.

The report was received, and tenders for clearing Queen Street, ordered to be advertised for.

The tender of Mr C Avery for £85, to build two bridges over Spring and Cowan and Abbott streets, and to clear the streets twenty feet wide.

The Council then adjourned till that day fortnight, at noon, being quarterly meeting.

NOTICE. – **Mr W ARCHER** begs to inform the Subscribers of ULMARRA to the Lancashire Relief Fund, that he forwarded to Sydney by the last Grafton steamer the sum of £22 1s. 6d. to the treasurer, and having some trifle more in hand, requests that persons who have promised to contribute to the above fund will do so at once, so that the list can be sent to Sydney for advertising. Those persons who have promised him, if they do not see him they will be pleased to pay the amount to Mr SAMUEL COHEN, or Mr JAMES WORRELL, who will hand the same to me **W. ARCHER**, Collector at Ulmarra.

**Tuesday 9 September 1862**

**The Maitland Mercury & Hunter River General Advertiser.**

Grafton Hospital - A meeting ot subscribers to the Grafton Hospital was held on the 20th August? to enable the provisional committee who had now accomplished the object for which it was appointed, to resign its trust, and for the appointment of a committee and officers. Mr A Lardner JP, occupied the chair. The report of the retiring committee stated that by means of subscriptions, concerts, a ball, an excursion, and a bazaar, the large sum of £691 had been raised, to meet which the sum of £700 had been placed on the estimates by the Government; that steps had been taken to secure five acres of land on the banks of Alumny Creek in Queen street as a site and that a proclamation had been published in the Gazette, placing the institution under the proper regulation of the several acts connected with hospitals in the colony. The report was adopted and the treasurer, trustees and committee were elected, viz: Treasurer Mr Thomas Shoveller - trustees Mr Clark Irving, MIA Mr C J Walker JP Mr A Mackellar, J P Mr W A B Greaves - Committee Rev A E. Selwyn, Rev W Fidler, the Mayor of Grafton, Messrs Alfred Lardner, J P, J T Jones, J I Michael, E Potts, John McFadden***, W Archer***, J Gilmore, W L Lawrence, James Page, W Kirchner, W Cowan, Angus Cameron.

**TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 1862**

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Thursday.

PRESENT: The Mayor, Aldermen Lardner, McFadden, Payne, Gilmore and **Archer**.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Alderman Payne to move, - That as the Government receive the annual license fees of the ferry, a request be made to them for a grant towards keeping the main thoroughfare through the town in repair; and that steps be taken to have the scale of fees recommended by the Council *Gazetted* before the next license day.

Alderman Payne to move, - That a subcommittee of three be appointed to prepare the electoral roll for the present year.

A letter was received from the Colonial Secretary, informing the Council that they must appoint an inspector of slaughter-houses. The consideration of the question was postponed till next meeting.

Alderman Payne enquired whether any steps had been taken to remove the trees out of the streets left by the telegraph contractor?

The Mayor said there was no blame due to Mr Faviell, as he had let the work to Mr Robinson, who had failed to complete the same.

Alderman Lardner moved, - “That as the Governor has sanctioned the employment of prisoners sentenced to hard labour on the streets of the town; the Council undertake to find employment for them in the vicinity of the gaol, and to pay to the Prison Reward Fund, at the rate of 1s. 6d. per day, for every day of ten hours’ work, provided the Council are satisfied with the work performed; and that the Mayor be instructed to take the necessary steps to carry out the resolution.”

Alderman **Archer** seconded the motion.

Carried.

Tenders for Bacon Street.

Messrs. Franklin and Gardner, £25; Philip Bale, £19; James Bonnor, £37, 10s.; Daniel Coyle, £39; John Munro and Carl Wanstead, £26.

Alderman **Archer** proposed Alderman McFadden seconded, - “That the tender of Philip Bale be accepted.” There being no tenders sent in for Ulster Lodge Creek, fresh tenders were ordered to be called for.

The Council then adjourned thill that day fortnight, at 7pm.

HOSPITAL MEETING. – The committee met on Thursday evening. Present: - Mr A. Lardner (chairman), Rev. A.E. Selwyn, Rev. W. Fidler, The Mayor, Messrs. Gilmore, Shoveller, McFadden, Potts, Michael, Payne, **Archer**, Lawrence, and Jones. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. It was then resolved, - “1. That the tender of Mr Moyes, for £1102, for the erection of the hospital, be accepted, subject to such variation of the conditions as may be agreed upon between the committee and the contractor.” “2. That a Building Committee of five be appointed by ballot.” On the ballot being taken the following gentlemen were declared elected, viz., - Rev. A.E. Selwyn, Rev. W. Fidler, Messrs. A Lardner, Avery, and Jones. Mr Moyes being sent for, agreed to make the alterations in the conditions, substituting the treasurer and chairman in lieu of the whole of the committee of management. The time fixed for the completion of the building was eight months from the time of signing the contract. The secretary was instructed to inform Mr Moyes of the acceptance of his tender by letter and invite him to meet the committee on Thursday next.

**TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER 1862**

GRAFTON POLICE COURT.

Friday

PRATT v. **ARCHER**

This was a charge of stealing a cow and calf. It appeared from the evidence that there had been some transactions between the parties with reference to cattle, and although the Bench were of opinion that the plaintiff might recover the value of the cow and calf, they could not perceive that the defendant had been guilty of felony Mr Barker appeared for the defence. Thomas Pratt deposed; - he was a horsebreaker living at Grafton; he knew defendant; in May, 1861, he had a red cow and roan heifer, branded cross H near shoulder, running at the Coldstream; he had previously sold some cattle to **Archer**; the cow and calf in question were not among them. Cross examined by Mr Barker: In 1860 he sold prisoner five head of cattle; the order to deliver them may have borne his signature, but could not tell, as they were all on the spree at the time; on the 13th May, 1861 he sold **Archer** all the cattle belonging to him, running at Sweeney’s, and bearing the same brand cross H; these cattle had not been delivered by him; **Archer** recovered damages for non delivery in the District Court, he may have received 10s. or 20s. from him and some goods at Potts; the amount he did not know, but he owed him £9 for the three head of cattle; he did not know if the payment to Potts was made on account of the agreement of 18th May 1861; - he owed him money previously; he sold two cows to Mr Cohen, he did not know whether he ever got paid; he knew they were delivered to **Archer** as well as the three previously sold to him. James Sweeney deposed: - He was a stockholder, lately living at the Coldstream, now at Broadmeadows; he had cattle of Pratt’s to depasture; some of them were branded cross H; five head of cattle were delivered by him to **Archer**, nearly two years ago; there was a red cow but no roan calf delivered; the red cow was not branded cross H, it was 9H, he believed; he never delivered the cattle in question to **Archer**. Cross examined by Mr Barker: Three of the five head were to be selected by **Archer**; he thought the order he received to deliver was yet in his possession; Archer selected some cattle and told him to brand the calves for him from five head; he selected two or three of the cows, and told him to select the remainder; he delivered part of the cattle at his station and part at Swan Creek: **Archer** took possession of them himself at Swan Creek, in the presence of several persons; he had had no conversation with **Archer** about a cow sold to Amos; he did not know how Amos got the beast; **Archer** told him he had sold a cow to Amos, and pointed it out to him; he did not deliver the cow to Amos; he described to **Archer** the cattle he had picked out and branded for him; **Archer** said the cow might be easily settled for; he said he did not see how it could be settled, unless one of the other cattle was withdrawn; he told Pratt about the matter; he branded the calves for **Archer**, but did not brand the cows afresh. The Bench dismissed the case, but advised the complainant to commence a civil action for the recovery of the price of the cow and calf.

**Tuesday 4 November 1862**

GRAFTON DISTRICT COURT

Tuesday 28th October.

COHEN v. **ARCHER**

An action on a promissory note for £31. Mr Barker produced the note. Defendant not appearing, a verdict was given for plaintiff for the full amount.

**Tuesday 18 November 1862**

South Grafton Christmas Races,

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the Australian Hotel, South Grafton, on TUESDAY, 18th instant, at 7 p.m., **Mr W. ARCHER** in the chair, to ascertain the views of the public, as to whether the Christmas Races should not be held on the South Side. R. McDONALD

**Tuesday 2 December 1862**

MUNICIPALITY OF GRAFTON.

Notice is hereby given, that a PUBLIC MEETING of the ELECTORS of the EAST WARD, of the aforesaid Municipality will be held at the Court House, Grafton, on TUESDAY, the second day of December 1862, at 12 o’clock at noon to ELECT an ALDERMAN for the East Ward, in the room of **Mr William Archer**, resigned

 SAMUEL AVERY, Mayor.

 November 21st.

NOMINATION OF ALDERMAN FOR THE EAST WARD. – Ratepayers in the East Ward are reminded that the nomination of an Alderman to represent their interest in the Municipal Council, in the room of **Mr W Archer**, resigned, will take place this day (Tuesday), at noon, in the Court House, Grafton.

To Mr. HENRY MAURICE, Auctioneer, Prince Street, Grafton.

We, the undersigned, voters of the East Ward of the town of Grafton, hereby request you to allow yourself to be put n NOMINATION as a candidate for the office of ALDERMAN, to represent the above Ward in the Municipal Council, and we pledge ourselves in that case to support you with our votes and interest:-

 **W. Archer** J. T. Jones

 E. Potts Edward Sabien

 W. Attwater James L. Michael

 J. Scrutton Robert Norman

 W. L. Lawrence W. Stucley

 Thomas Murphy Martin Schipp

 E. Cox D. Creighton.

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To Messrs. **William Archer**, James Turley, Jones, E. Potts, and the gentlemen signing the above requisition.

Gentlemen, - Honored by the request sent to me, I can do no less than comply, and will be happy to be one of the Candidates for the office of Alderman. The nature of my business leaves me much time at my disposal, which time, in the event of my election, I will use to find out the requirements of the Municipality. You will please to call a meeting at any time and place that may suit you, when I will attend to explain my opinions concerning the wants of the town, answer any questions that may be put to me, and receive any suggestions that may offer.

With thanks for this mark of your confidence, I am, Gentlemen,

 Your obedient servant,

 HENRY MAURICE.

**Tuesday 9 December 1862**

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Thursday.

Present: Aldermen Lardner, (chairman), Gilmore, Payne, Jones, and Cowan.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Notice of Motion.

Alderman Payne to move, - That a committee of three members of the Council be appointed to inspect and report on the most eligible site for a public bathing place.

Alderman Payne to move, - That a member of Council be added to the Improvement and Finance Committees in the place of **Mr W. Archer**, resigned.

Etc, etc, etc,.

**Tuesday 9 December 1862**

NOMINATION OF ALDERMAN FOR THE EAST WARD.

On Tuesday last, pursuant to advertisement, a meeting of the ratepayers of East Ward, was held at the Court House, Grafton, for the purpose of nominating an alderman for the Ward, in the room of Mr **W. Archer**, resigned. At noon the Mayor assembling, called upon those present to nominate any gentleman they might wish to represent their int…… the Municipal Council.

Etc, etc, etc…..

**Tuesday 30 December 1862**

TO BE LET, the House, out buildings and gardens, lately occupied by **Mr William Archer**, Prince Street, Grafton, in thorough repair. For particulars apply to Mr E.P. SAMSON.

**Tuesday 27 January 1863**

MR T BUFF

Begs to inform the inhabitants of Grafton and the surrounding districts, that he has OPENED AS A BOOT AND SHOEMAKER, in the premises lately occupied by **Mr W. Archer,** PRINCE STREET, NORTH GRAFTON.

**Tuesday 10 March 1863**

MR HENRY MAURICE has been favoured with instructions from **Mr WILLIAM ARCHER**, to sell by auction, at Mr Cohen’s, Ulmarra Hotel, Ulmarra, as soon as the weather will permit of mustering, when due notice will be given.

About 50 head of superior cattle, comprising Fat Bullocks. Bullocks fit for workers, and cows and calves.

* The above cattle are too well known in the district to need comment from the Auctioneer, and as they are for POSITIVE SALE, purchasers will do well to attend.

**Tuesday 8 September 1863**

SMALL DEBTS COURT.

Monday

Before the Police Magistrate, Messrs A. Lardner and W. Robertson, J.P.

BUDDLE v. **ARCHER**

This was a claim of £8 12s. 6d. for work and labour. Verdict for plaintiff £5 5s., each party to pay his own costs. Mr Pigott for plaintiff.

**TUESDAY 13 APRIL 1864.**

AT LAWRENCE.

Mr Laycock met the electors at Lawrencetown, on Saturday evening last, when about fifty of the settlers attended. Mr Angus Munro occupied the chair. The meeting which was very enthusiastic in support of Mr Laycock, was addressed by **Messrs Archer**, White, Maurice and C. Mackay, and the usual resolution unanimously adopted.

**Tuesday 6 September 1864**

PROPERTIES TO BE LET IN GRAFTON.

HOUSE, in Prince Street, belonging to **Mr William Archer**.

**Tuesday 17 January 1865**

GRAFTON POLICE COURT

Friday January 13

WAGES

William Archer, of Woodford Island, appeared before the Court, upon summons, to answer the complaint of Peter Maroney, who claimed £17 as due to him for wages. Mr Michael appeared for the plaintiff. Peter Maroney deposed: he was in the defendant’s employ about twelve months, at the rate of £35 per annum; **Archer** gave him a cheque on the Bank for £22, which was not paid: he subsequently gave him £5, leaving a balance of £17 still due. Cross examined by defendant: he received £2 frm him; and then £10, and then £5: he gave him a cheque on the Bank to cash, and he took, £1. Cross examined by Mr Michael; he lent **Mr Archer** £10, in addition to the wages in the course of the year. **William Archer** on oath stated he was indebted to the defendant seventeen pounds for money borrowed from him, but not for wages; he had paid complainant his wages in full. Mr Michael having addressed the Court on behalf of the complainant; the Bench directed the defendant to pay forthwith the amount claimed £17, and £2 for costs, or levy and distress: and in default of sufficient levy fourteen day’s imprisonment.

**Tuesday 31 January 1865**

NATIONAL SCHOOL, WOODFORD ISLAND

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at Mr YOUNG’S, near the upper point of WOODFORD ISLAND, on the 16th of February, at 8 o’clock pm., to adopt measures for erecting a NATIONAL SCHOOL on the RESERVE.

 **WILLIAM ARCHER**

**Tuesday 7February 1865**

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**Tuesday 28 February 1865**

“Municipal Council, February 10th.

“Sir. – Referring to your communication of the 3rd of February, I do myself the honour to inform you that the Municipal Council of Grafton had no bank credit, such as it alluded to. I have much pleasure, however, in forwarding for your information the following statement, which as far as I am able to ascertain I believe to be correct. I understand that in the year 1862, **Mr W. Archer**, then Mayor of Grafton, in conjunction with Mr James Keele, then Superintendent of Roads, had such a sum placed to their credit, and that previous to any grant being expended, the amount was transferred, at the instance of Mr Keele, to himself jointly with some other person or persons, the Mayor of Grafton being excluded – hence the Municipal Council of Grafton had not any control over the said grant, nor has it acted in any way in connection therewith. I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

“THOMAS BAWDEN, Mayor.”

**Tuesday 14 March 1865**

……The mover said this was a subject that had been long before the Council, and one that the ratepayers of the West Ward had been badly dealt with in this matter. When **Mr Archer** was Mayor, he allowed the money voted for this bridge to be appropriated to other works, without the sanction of the Council,, which had kept the residents out of the bridge ever since………

**Tuesday 28 March 1865**

VALUABLE PROPERTY

PRINCE AND QUEEN STREETS.

FOR PRIVATE SALE.

THE UNDERSIGNED has been instructed by **MR WILLIAM ARCHER**, to SELL BY PRIVATE CONTRACT, the whole of his very VALUABLE PROPERTY, in PRINCE and QUEEN STREETS with Improvements as under:

Allotment No. 9, of section No. 33, containing 2 roods 16 perches, and altuate in the VERY BEST part of PRINCE STREET, upon which are erected. TWO GOOD SHOPS and a BAKEHOUSE, at present realising a RENTAL of (£105) ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS per annum.

Allotments Nos. 15 and 16, of section No. 33, each containing 2 roods and 16 perches of fenced and improved land, situate in the most populous and best part of QUEEN STREET, and immediately in the rear of the above premises.

In directing attention to the above, the Agent need do no more that insert a simple advertisement, as the Property being in the most business part of the busiest thoroughfare in Grafton, is so well-known to all – and so universally acknowledged to be the best site and the most valuable property in the town.

The BUILDINGS are in GOOD REPAIR, and are NOW LET at 100 guineas per annum, which is considered, from the position of the premises, a very low rental.

To parties wanting business premises this is a first-rate opportunity, and capitalists purchasing for investment, may be certain that the shops will be always tenanted.

If not sold before the 28th day of April, a day will be named for the PROPERTY to BE SOD BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

 HENRY MAURICE, Agent.

**Tuesday 4 April 1865**

GRAFTON DISTRICT COURT

Wednesday.

BARKER v **W. ARCHER**

This was an action on a promissory note, money lent, etc. Mr Michael, who appeared for plaintiff, admitted having received a sum, which reduced the amount to £42, for which, in the absence of defendant, a verdict was given for plaintiff with interest.

**Tuesday 2 May 1865**

SMALL DEBTS COURT.

Monday.

Before the Police Magistrate, and Mr Alfred Lardner, J.P.

W. SMALL v. **W. ARCHER**.

A claim of £10, for money paid at defendant’s requests. Plaintiff not appearing, the case was dismissed.

**Tuesday 23 May 1865**

In consequence of a Notice of Sale by Auction, of **William Archer’s** property, in Prince Street, Grafton, I give notice that Mr W. B. Campbell has a RENT LIEN on this property, taken in consideration for a SUM OF MONEY ADVANCED. The said lien being apart from the mortgage on this property.

 EDWARD P. SAMSON.

**VALUABLE PROPERTY,**

PRINCE AND QUEEN STREETS.

Mr Henry MAURICE has been favoured with instructions from **Mr WILLIAM ARCHER**, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Grafton Auction Rooms,

On WEDNESDAY, 31st MAY

At 11 o’clock sharp

The whole of his very VALUABLE PROPERTY, in PRINCE and QUEEN STREETS with improvements as under:

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TERMS – LIBERAL AT SALE.

**TUESDAY 27 JUNE 1865**

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION DURING THE WEEK.

BY THE BAILIFF – At the residence of **W. Archer**, Woodford Island, on Friday, 28th, instant, at noon precisely, Maize, Cattle, Horses, Pigs, Farming Utensils, Household Furniture, and effects.

SALES BY AUCTION.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

SALE BY AUCTION

**POTTS v. W. ARCHER.**

Under and order of the above court, will be sold by public auction,

On FRIDAY 28TH JUNE, at 12 Noon Precisely,

A large quantity of CORN, several head CATTLE, HORSES, PIGS, FARMING UTENSILS. Also, the household furniture and effects, of the defendant, William ARCHER, Woodford Island.

**The Sale will be without the Slightest Reserve,**

And will take place on FRIDAY, as advertised, instead of THURSDAY, as notified by printed posters, unless the claim in this case, be previously satisfied.

**Tuesday 5 September 1865**

GRAFTON POLICE COURT

Before the Police Magistrate, and Mr T Fisher J.P.

Protection.

David Jones was brought before the Court, in the custody of the police, having been found wandering in the bush, under the circumstances, described by a correspondent, in another part of today’s issue; having been found by **Mr William Archer**, wandering in the bush on Woodford Island; but having got away, he was subsequently arrested by the police at the end of Woodford Island, and taken into custody for protection. When first found, Jones’ was standing in a water-hole, undressed, and trying the depth of water with cornstalks. Remanded to gaol for medical treatment.

**Tuesday 28 November 1865**

SALE OF CROWN LANDS.

A sale of Government lands was held at the Courthouse, Grafton, on Wednesday last. The attendance was good, and for the whole of the land offered on Woodford Island, the competition was spirited, and the prices realised high – one allotment of 2 roods and 28 perches, fetching £40. For the land at Newbold there was no opposition, and the whole was bought at the upset price. Thirty lots were submitted and with one exception, all found ready purchasers. We append a list of the purchasers, and the price paid for the land:-

Town Lots, Parish of Woodford.

The whole of the following town allotments are situate in the reserve at Brushgrove on the southern extremity of Woodford Island, Clarence River.

Allotment 6 of section 1, 2 rood 8 perches – ***Helen Archer***, Woodford Island, £7.

Allotments 5 and 6 of section 4, 2 roods 28 perches, and 3 roods 36 perches respectively – ***Helen Archer***, Woodford Island, £5 15s and £8 5s. - £14.

Etc. for other buyers.

**Tuesday 27 March 1866**

MARRIAGES.

ARCHER—CRAMP—On Thursday, the 22nd of March, by the Rev. W. T. Mayne, at the residence of the bride's parents, near Brushgrove, Woodford Island, ***Robert,*** second son of **Mr. William Archer**, of Woodford Island, to Caroline, eldest daughter of the late Mr. George Cramp, both natives of the Clarence River.

**Tuesday 3 April 1866**

LAWRENCE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY.

Before Captain Hill, P.M.

WAGES

**William Archer**, of Woodford Island, was summoned by one William Maloney, for £7 1s., alleged to be due to him for wages. Defendant did not appear and a verdict was given for the amount claimed.

**Tuesday 29 May 1866**

WOODFORD ISLAND

(From our Correspondent)

POST OFFICE AT BRUSHGROVE – PUBLIC MEETING. A Public Meeting, convened by advertisement in the Examiner, for the purpose of taking steps to procure the establishment of a post office, at Brushgrove, was geld at Warrell’s public house, Brushgrove, on Friday evening last. About seventy persons were present, and were unanimously determined to carry out the purpose for which the meeting had been convened.

Mr Walwork having been voted into the chair, briefly stated the object of the meeting, and pointed out the necessity of a post office intermediate between those of Ulmarra and Lawrence, read the advertisement convening the meeting, and called on **Mr Archer** for what information he could give on the subject.

**Mr Archer**, in a speech of some length, pointed out the great convenience a post office at Brushgrove would be to a very large number of the residents of Woodford and the adjacent parishes of Ulmarra and Southgate. In whatever locality he had resided, he had always worked hard for its advancement; this he could assert without fear of contradiction, and as it was mainly attributable to him that a village had been formed at Brushgrove – that, in fact, he had induced the Government to have it o laid out only after repeated applications, he felt a greater interest in the advancement of this place in particular. He, in conjunction, with other residents of Woodford, had some time since memorialised the Postmaster General for the establishing of a post office at Brushgrove, and two letters which they had received in answer to their application, he begged to hand to the chairman. From these letters, it would be seen that the matter had been referred to the two nearest local postmasters, and the decision arrived at by the Postmaster General, was that a post office was not required at Brushgrove, founded on the report of those gentlemen. He (**Mr Archer**) need not point out to them the absurdity of a reference to parties so much interested in preventing the establishment of a post office here, as those gentlemen, but it would be necessary to point it out to the Postmaster General, and he might tell the meeting that if they wanted anything from the Government, they must agitate till they got it. It was no use to give up on a refusal to a single application; they must apply and apply till they got it, and this he hoped was what they would do in this case. He would now conclude by proposing, - “That a committee by appointed to carry out the views of this meeting, and that such committee consist of Messrs. Walwork, Sims, J.A. Memes, and the mover, with power to add to their number.”

Mr Robert Young seconded the resolution, which on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously.

The Chairman then read the letters from the Postmaster General, which were handed in by **Mr W. Archer**. The first letter stated that the memorial having been received would be dully considered, and the decision arrived at communicated to the memoralists; the second, stating that after referring to the two nearest local postmasters, it was not considered necessary that a post office should be established at Brushgrove, which was merely a village in contemplation.

Etc, etc, etc……

**Tuesday 10 July 1866**

THURSDAY, 26TH JULY.

Mr Henry Maurice has been favoured with positive instructions from **Mr William Archer,** to sell by auction, at the Grafton Auction Rooms, on Thursday, 26th July, at eleven o’clock, three most valuable farms, on Woodford Island, on the main river, having large and deep water frontages, as under: - Lot 1. – Containing 23 acres, more or less, with 10 chains river frontage, partly fenced, and under cultivation, with House and Barn erected thereon. Lot 2. – 23 acres, more or less, with 10 chains river frontage, partly fenced, and under cultivation. Lot 3. – 24 acres, more or less, with 11 chains river frontage, partly fenced, and under cultivation, with house and barn erected thereon. **Mr Archer’s** valuable property on the Point of Woodford Island is so well and favourably known, that the Auctioneer deems that any comment on his part would be superfluous, and will therefore merely note that the land for sale is unsurpassed for richness of soil, is above the reach of floods, is close to the town of Brushgrove, and has Large Frontages to the Clarence River, and also to the main road. It will be at the option of the purchaser of the first lot, to take the whole 70 acres at the same rate per acre. For further particulars apply to the Auctioneer. Title, Perfect. Terms, Liberal.

**Tuesday 17 July 1866**

Subscriptions collected by Mr William Archer in aid of the erection of the Catholic Church, in Grafton……£8 11 0.

**Tuesday 24 July 1866**

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION DURING THE WEEK. = Mr Henry Maurice – At the Grafton Auction Rooms, on Thursday next, at 11 o’clock, Ten Working Bullocks, Bows, Yokes, Chains, Dray, and Tarpaulin, complete; also, Three First Class Farms, on Woodford Island, known as **Mr Archer’s** Farms.

**Date unknown.**

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**Tuesday 26 July 1866**

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**On Thursday, 26th July, at Eleven O’clock,**

**Three most valuable farms, on Woodford Island, on the main river, having large and deep water frontages, as under:-**

**Lot 1. Containing 23 acres, more or less, with 10 chains river frontage, partly fenced, and under cultivation, with House and barn erected thereon.**

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**For further particulars apply to the auctioneer. Title, Perfect. Terms, Liberal.**

**Saturday 27 October 1866**

**The Maitland Mercury & Hunter River General Advertiser.**

CATTLE SHOOTING.-For some time past, reports have reached us continually of cattle being found with shot or bullet wounds about them. One or two have been known to die from the effects of such wounds - some have had to be killed, and others are maimed for life. These cattle have been shot for going on crops protected merely by a few bushes and saplings. Another individual, living near Brushgrove, who has land is similarly fenced, has been in the habit of " hamstringing" any cattle that he found on his cultivation. One bullock, belonging to **Mr. Archer**, that was served in this manner had to be killed.

**Tuesday 22 January 1867**

PUBLIC SCHOOL AT BRUSHGROVE. – A public meeting convened by advertisement, was held on Friday evening, the 11th instant, at the Brushgrove Hotel, to devise means for the erection of a public school, at Brushgrove. The meeting, owing to the shortness of the notice, was not very numerously attended, but those present were unanimously in favour of the object, for which the meeting was held. Mr James Memes, teacher, Rosebank, South Arm, was voted into the chair. The following resolutions were unanimously agreed to. Proposed by Mr Tankard, seconded by **Mr W. Archer**, - “That a non- vested school be erected at Brushgrove.” Proposed by **Mr Archer**, seconded by Mr D. Stewart, - “That Mr Tankard act as treasurer, and Mr Memes as secretary.” Proposed by Mr Stewart, seconded by Mr Tankard, - “That the following gentlemen, with power to add to their number, form the committee – Messrs. Warrell, Tankard, D. Stewart, **Archer**, Osborne, and the secretary – three to form a quorum.” Proposed b Mr Warrell, seconded by **Mr Archer**, - “That a subscription list be opened to defray the necessary expenses.” The committee to meet next Friday, at the usual place, at seven p.m. We have much pleasure in stating that although the meeting was not numerously attended, a very liberal subscription was made in the room. We understand that the attendance of at least thirty children is guaranteed.

**Tuesday 12 March 1867**

BIRTHS.

ARCHER—On the 7th instant, at Brushgrove, the wife of Mr. Robert Archer, of a daughter.

**Tuesday 24 September 1867**

GRAFTON POLICE COURT

Friday. Before Captain Hill, P.M.

Transfer of Publican’s Licenses. The License held by Mr J. T. Jones, of the Royal Hotel, Grafton, was transferred to the new house lately erected by **Mr W. Archer**, at Brushgrove, and which will be known as the Royal Hotel.

**Tuesday 17 December 1867**

**District Court, Sydney. –** In this Court, on Wednesday last, the C. and R. R. S. N. Company, sued one **Archer**, for £10, freight for the shipment of horses to the Clarence River. The horses were shipped by the defendant in the name of one Wiseman, but it turned out that he had no authority to do so. Verdict for the plaintiff.

**Tuesday 28 April 1868**

GRAFTON DISTRICT COURT. Tuesday. B. COHEN v. W. ARCHER.

A claim of £10 8s. 8d., balance of a store and hotel account. Mr Meillon appeared for the plaintiff . The defendant disputed the hotel account £2 6s., in *toto,* and also 6s, 6d. the cost of two boxes, which defendant alleged were given to him by plaintiff; but which was denied by Mr Cohen. The store account was proved, but the plaintiff stated that he had no idea that **Mr Archer** intended disputing the hotel account, and as he had not his hotel books with him, he could not prove that amount, but must sue for it separately. His Honor struck out the items objected to, and gave a verdict for the plaintiff for £7 16s. 4d. with costs.

**Tuesday 12 May 1868**

DISTRICT COURT, GRAFTON.

Whereas judgements against **William Archer**, of Woodford Island, by Maurice O’Keefe, of Grafton, and Samuel Cohen, of Ulmarra, was obtained at the April sittings of the above Court, and default has been made in the payments thereof.

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN, that all the RIGHT, TITLE, AND INTEREST, if any, of **WILLIAM ARCHER**, in Portion 119, consisting of 140 acres, more or less, situated in the PARISH OF WOODFORD, on Woodford Island, Clarence River, will be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the District Court Office, Grafton, THIS DAY (TUESDAY), MAY 12th, AT 12 o’clock at NOON, Unless the Judgements herein be previously satisfied. JAMES PAGE, Registrar of the Grafton District Court. May 4th.

**Tuesday 9 March 1869**

BIRTH.

ARCHER—On Thursday, the 4th of March, at her residence, Brushgrove, Clarence River, the wife of Mr. Robert Archer, of a son.

**1870’s**

**Tuesday 29 March 1870**

BRUSHGROVE

(From our Correspondent)

PUBLIC WHARF AND RECEIVING STORE. – According to advertisement, a public meeting of the inhabitants of Brushgrove and the surrounding neighbourhood, was held at Mr Kerr’s Royal Hotel, on the 26th instant, to consider the desirability of erecting a public wharf and receiving store opposite the post office at this place, in lieu of the one lately carried away – partly by the C. and N.E.S.N. Company’s steamers, and partly by the Ballina. At the appointed time, about thirty of the leading farmers and shippers were in attendance, when **Mr. W. Archer** was appointed to the chair, who in a short speech, explained to the meeting the desirability of erecting the wharf at the proposed place, not only on account of its being the only one at which our ocean-going steamers can conveniently call, but on account of its being immediately opposite the post office, where a mail has to be given and received on the arrival of every steamer – the bank also at this place not being liable to damage from floods, and by giving the postmaster charge of all goods landed, there would be no fear of loss by theft, which has not been the case hitherto, several articles having been stolen off the old wharf at various times. Mr Kerr was appointed to act as secretary, pro term, when it was proposed by Mr McMahon, seconded by Mr Alexander McKay, “That a public wharf and receiving store, in lieu of the one lately destroyed, be forthwith erected opposite the post office.” This motion, after a short controversy, was carried unanimously. It was proposed by ***Mr Robert Archer***, seconded by Mr Angus Robertson, and carried, “That a committee be formed to carry out the views of this meeting, such committee to consist of Messrs. Angus McKay, jun., McMahon, Robertson, John McDonald, A. McFarlane, D. McKay, H. Ker, **W. Archer**, D. McLeod, T Shannon, M. Chisseller, P. Welsh, P. Mckay, and the mover, with power to add to their number.” Proposed by Mr Chesseller, seconded by Mr McLeod and carried, “That subscription lists be opened to collect the sum necessary to build the wharf, etc.” Proposed by Mr Ker, seconded by Mr Fogo, and carried, “That **Mr W. Archer** be appointed treasurer.” Proposed by Mr Shannon, seconded by Mr McMahon, and carried, “That five of the committee form a quorum.” It was then proposed by Mr Ker, seconded by Mr D. McKay, and carried, “That three of the committee wait on the representatives of the steam companies, requesting them to subscribe towards the erection of the wharf,” and opinion being very strongly expressed that the C. and N.R.S.N. Company should contribute a considerable portion of the expense, and that the Old Company having put the finishing stroke to the old wharf, with the Ballina, should also contribute liberally, it being evident that if she had not totally carried it away, a considerable portion of the timber and piles could have been saved. Having arrived at this stage of the proceedings, a subscription list was opened, when the sum of £19 was at once subscribed in the room, and a considerable sum more promised – making in all nearly £30, so that I expect, ere long, to see a wharf which even the New England cannot batter against with impunity. The meeting then dissolved.

**Tuesday 21 Jun 1870**

BRUSHGROVE

(From our own correspondent)

DRAINAGE. – The public meeting concerning the draining of the island, was held at Mr Ker’s Royal Hotel, **Mr Archer** in the chair, who reported that he and Mr Thompson had been round amongst the settlers, and found that at least four thousand acres on private property, besides nearly as much on Government land, would require draining. It was then proposed and unanimously carried, - “That a petition be drawn up and presented to the Governor, praying that a Drainage Union be formed.” The petition has been prepared and is now ready for signature. But since this meeting **Mr Archer** has ascertained that Government will take no steps to forward a surveyor or valuer here, until £100 sterling has been lodged to their credit in the Treasury, to defray the expenses of a surveyor coming up and surveying the work to be done, therefore it is probable that another public meeting will be held on the subject.

**Tuesday 12 July 1870**

Notice: Mr H.J. Holt has been appointed agent and is hereby authorised to receive all rents and moneys due to the undersigned, and his receipt will at all times be a sufficient discharge. **WILLIAM ARCHER, Sen., HELLEN ARCHER.**

**Tuesday 4 April 1871**

GRAFTON COURT. James Turly Jones v. **William Archer**.

This was an action on a dishonoured promissory note for £42 5s. 5d. The defence was that the defendant made such promissory note for the accommodation of the plaintiff, and that there never was any value or consideration for the making or payment thereof by the plaintiff. A set-off was also filed, which alleged that the plaintiff was indebted to the defendant for the rent, use, and occupation of a certain hotel at Brushgrove, between the 24th August, 1867,, and the 1st of January, 1869, in the sum of £135 6s. 8d.; and for milk supplied to plaintiff during the same period, £8, making a total of £143 6s 8d., which sum defendant claimed as a set-off. Mr Meillon appeared for the plaintiff; Mr Foott for the defendant. **William Archer** deposed: he was the defendant in this action; he would swear most positively that he did not owe plaintiff £42 5s. 5d.; on the contrary, plaintiff owed him £135 6s 8d. for rent of hotel at Brushgrove, less what he owed him for grog supplied; about August, 1868, he might have signed a receipt, but if so he was unconscious of having done so; (in answer to his Honor, **Mr Archer** admitted by being unconscious, he meant, he had had too much to drink;) Mr Tankard went into the place in August, 1868, but he had no recollection of having told him that the rent was paid up to the 1st of January, 1869: he never agreed in Mr Tankard paying the rent to Mr Jones; he would sear most positively that he supplied the milk charged for to the plaintiff, though he had never sent him any bill; the amount due was for rent for sixteen months at the rate of £100 per annum. Cross examined by Mr Meillon: he was quite positive plaintiff never lent him £40; nor did he owe plaintiff anything when making the promissory note, except for a few glasses of grog for himself and some friends; he would sear that plaintiff owed him £135 6s. 8d. for rent, less what he owed him for grog; he had never made any claim for rent; he may have signed a receipt for the rent, but if so, he was unconscious of it; Mr Tankard occupied the hotel from August, 1868; there was no agreement made as to supplying milk, not any account rendered to the plaintiff. Re-examined by Mr Foott: when he said he was unconscious, he meant he was tipsy. Having heard the defendant’s statement, his Honor, without calling upon Mr Meillon, gave a verdict for the plaintiff, for the amount sued for with interest at the rate of eight per cent., and costs of Court, but refused to allow the expenses of Mr Tankard, as a witness, as he was not present; though plaintiff alleged that he believed he had been in town on Saturday and Monday; but his Honor said he happened to know better, as he saw Mr Tankard at his own place at Lawrence, on Saturday last.

**Tuesday 6 June 1871**

LOWER CLARENCE, BRUSHGROVE. – ASSOCIATED FARMERS COMPANY. – The Associated Company of Farmers held a meeting on Friday evening, at Mr S. Stuart’s, **Mr William Archer** in the chair, to take into consideration the letters received by the secretary, in answer to their advertisement, from Sydney and Melbourne capitalists, willing to erect a mill or mills to crush their cane. Etc etc….

**Tuesday 9 July 1872**

BRUSHGROVE

(From our own Correspondent)

Testimonial to Mr R. Muir – A meeting was held at the Royal Hotel, Brushgrove on Thursday evening, as advertised, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of presenting a testimonial to Mr R. Muir, for his valuable assistance to the district in the manufacture of sugar. **Mr W. Archer** was voted to the chair, and after stating the object of the meeting, resolutions were passed to the effect that persons be appointed in the various localities to collect money sufficient for what may be required. The form of testimonial was not decided upon, but there is no doubt in the minds of Mr Muir’s friends about the affair turning out successfully.

**Tuesday 29 September 1874**

CORONER'S INQUEST.-An inquest, was held at the Commercial Hotel, Ulmarra, on Monday evening last, before Mr. A. Lardner; J.P., coroner, and a jury of nine, to enquire into the cause of the death of one James Browne, who had met his death on the Sunday previous, through being thrown from his horse, at Brushgrove, as reported in our last issue. The first witness examined was Thomas Brown, Jun.,

residing at Lower Southgate, who deposed, the deceased was Coulson, and was twenty-one years of age; about ten o'clock on Sunday morning, he was assisting

deceased to catch some horses, in **Mr Archer's** paddock, at Brushgrove; Mr Alexander McPhee had caught one horse, when deceased put a saddle and bridle on him, and rode after witness's horse; he had golloped about a hundred and twenty yards, to head the horse, when witness ran out to stop the animal, and lost sight of deceased for a moment; on looking round, he could only see the horse and bridle, but there was no saddle or rider upon him; he ran to the spot, and found deceased lying senseless upon the ground, with the saddle under his hip; there was no pulse beating or breathing visible, and he never recovered his senses up to the time of his death,

which occurred between four and five o'clock on Monday morning; deceased was removed to **Mr Archer's**, and Dr Poulden sent for, who directed his removal to his own residence, where the body was now on view; the certificate given by Dr Poulden,

as to the cause of death, he handed to the police; there was no bleeding from the ears or mouth; there was no cut or large bruises externally on the body; there was a small bruise on the front, and near the top of his head; there was no larking going on, and

deceased was quite sober; the horse was a very quiet one; there did not appear to be any danger, where he was riding, except an overhanging limb of an oak tree, very near where his hat was found. –Alexander McPhee, residing at Woodford Island, proved that he was present at the time of the accident; deceased had cut out two or three of the horses from the others, and brought them up to near the yard where witness and Thomas Brown were staying to head them into the yard; the horses broke away, and deceased rode after them; he had gone about a hundred and thirty yards riding under a bough of a tree, when his hat came off and he endeavoured to catch it - first with his right hand, and then with his left, and ultimately fell over the horse's quarter; deceased appeared after falling to go with the horse about three paces, but whether dragged or not, witness could not distinguish from where he stood; upon going to the spot, he found deceased lying on the ground insensible

with the saddle aside him, the girth of the saddle being broken, but witness did not observe that the stumps were burnt, nor at the time did he notice any marks on the ground, as if he had been dragged along; afterwards he observed that the bark was newly broken, and that a stump near, when the accident occurred, had been struck; deceased was carried to the nearest dwelling, and Dr Poulden summoned to attend deceased, but he never rallied after the accident.-Constable Manning proved that he had examined the body of deceased; there did not appear to be any external injuries of importance; he handed in a certificate from Dr. Poulden, stating that death was occasioned by fracture of the skull; he received the certificate from Mr Thomas Browne. The jury, after hearing the foregoing evidence, found, - "That the deceased James Browne, met his death from injuries received, through being thrown from his

horse, at Woodford Island, on the 20th September and that such injuries were purely accidental." The remains of the deceased were interred at Grafton, on Tuesday last, the funeral cortege, being preceded, by the members of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, of which deceased was a member; and though only a young man, the number of residents who attended his funeral, testified to the respect and esteem in which the deceased was held.

**Tuesday 16 February 1875**

GRAFTON POLICE COURT

Friday

Before Messrs T. Fisher, F. W. Chapman, J.M. Purves, P,R. Donaldson, and J.F. Wilcox, J.P’s.

ASSAULT. – Thomas Foggo, was summoned by ***William Archer, junr***, who alleged that the defendant did on the 4th instant, beat and assault the complainant. Defendant, owing to the river steamer being late, did not appear, and in the absence of proof of service of summonal the further hearing of the case was adjourned until Monday.

MONDAY. – Before Messrs. T. Fisher and W. Hindmarsh, J.P.’s.

On the hearing of the case being resumed today complainant on being cross examined by defendant, admitted that he took off his shirt to fight Foggo. – John Daley proved that he was at Brushgrove, on the day of the assault, and saw Foggo strike ***Archer***; he did not hear any altercation previously; after defendant struck ***Archer***, they both stripped off and fought having some seven or eight rounds. The Bench ordered the defendant to pay a fine of 5s, with 6s, 6d. costs of Court.

**Tuesday 18 May 1875**

CLARENCE RIVER FARMERS’ ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the members of the above Association was convened for ten o’clock, on Thursday morning last, at Mr Foggo’s Hotel, Brushgrove. A sufficient number not having assembled at the hour named, after waiting until half past eleven, those present met; **Mr William Archer**, the President of the Association, presiding, who, in a few remarks, expressed regret at the apathy displayed by farmers of the Clarence River in the objects of the Association. He had worked hard to make it a success, feeling that by unanimity the Association could have done a great deal of good. He had at great inconvenience and expense attended meetings which had been held at the various townships on the river, where committees had been formed to co-operate and assist the working of the Association, but had done nothing since their appointment. He was sorry to make the suggestion, but he thought the only course open to the members present would be, to adopt a resolution authorising the winding-up of the affairs of the Association, and thus relieve the Committee of any further liability.

Etc, etc, etc: Thus terminated the existence of the Clarence Farmers’ Association, which for want of unanimity has had a short life; though had the Association turned their attention to the opening op of roads, and the securing of grants for other public works required, instead of attempting too much, by endeavouring to charter a steamer, which was scarcely practicable, more interest might have been taken in the affairs of the Association, and its life prolonged, the result of which would have soon been apparent, and of incalculable benefit to the whole of the settlers.

**Tuesday 31 August 1875**

LAWRENCE.

(From a correspondent)

LICENSING COURT. – July 27. – Before the Police Magistrate and S. G. Davison, Esq., J.P. The application of ***Robert Archer***, of Brushgrove, for a bagatelle license, in conjunction with his licensed house known as the Royal Hotel, was also granted.

**Saturday 15 January 1876**

INSOLVENCY. – A first and only meeting in the insolvent estate of **William Archer**, farmer, of Brushgrove, will be held at the Court house, Grafton, on Friday, the 11th day of February next, for proof of debts, etc.

**Saturday 6 November 1876**

INSOLVENCY COURT, SYDNEY. Rule Nisi: Dugald Stuart v. **William Archer**, of Brushgrove, Clarence River, farmer. Returnable 18th November. James Thorne, of St. Leonards, commission agent. Cause of sequestration, heavy losses in business and seizure of furniture under bill of sale.

**Saturday 16 September 1876**

BRUSHGROVE.

September 14. – A public meeting was called at **Mr R. Archer’s** Royal Hotel on Monday, 11th instant, previous to the presentation of a petition to Government for the establishment of a Government punt and ferry at Brushgrove. At the appointed hour about thirty persons were in attendance, when **Mr. W. Archer** *kindly* introduced himself to the meeting as chairman, and after a gaseous introductory preamble, during which he fully explained to the meeting how disinterested he was in the matter (which by the bye was not so bad, considering that he is the reputed owner of the public house now kept by his son adjoining the site which he so strongly recommends). He proceeded to read the petition, which he said contained the signatures of 220 persons, who were interested in the establishment of a punt at his place in preference to Mr Foggo’s (at whose place the river is little more that half the width, and it is also in close proximity to the public wharfs and post office). After reading about half the signatures, he was interrupted by Mr Young, who said that most of the signatures were those of persons at a great distance from Brushgrove, and he doubted very much if half of them knew or cared where Brushgrove was. After some cross firing, the Chairman again got himself into position to read the signatures, when he was addressed by Mr J Carlton, who wished to know whether the present meeting was a public one or no. He remarked that if it was, as advertised, a public meeting, **Mr Archer** had no more right in the chair than he or anyone else in the room. Not having been proposed or voted to the chair, he was illegally in it, and he considered it a piece of impudence on the part of any man at a public meeting to step forward and take the chair without being proposed, and stigmatised the whole proceedings as underhand and irregular. **Mr Archer** explained that, as the convenor of the meeting he had a right to the chair, and as chairman he would not accept any resolutions or amendments from any one unless they were in favour of a punt at his place in preference to Mr Foggo’s, and he would refer to Mr J F Small, as the oldest resident, if his place was not the most suitable for a punt. That gentleman explained to the meeting that a free punt was kept for a considerable time at **Mr Archer’s**, and a charge of sixpence per head made for crossing at Mr Foggo’s, and almost the whole of the travelling public went to the latter place and paid in preference to crossing free at **Mr Archer’s**, and he considered that no stronger proof than this was required as to which was the proper site for a Government punt. The meeting terminated rather abruptly, nearly the whole of those present getting up and walking out, leaving the loquacious chairman on his legs propounding in *learned* terms the advantages and pre-eminent claims of the site which he advocated.

I believe that another meeting is to be held at Mr Foggo’s shortly, to petition the Government against altering the site of the present punt (which I consider quite adequate to the requirements of the existing traffic) but I don’t think that it is necessary as the officer appointed to inspect and report on the matter will see in a moment that the punt now in use is in the most central position; and that the promoters of the petition to have it altered have only been actuated by “catch-penny-motives.” A number of those who signed the petition were led to believe that there was no Government road or street to the river where the present punt plies, but they were misled, as Mr Fisher gave half a chain, and the late Mr Warrell another half chain, thus making a roadway a chain wide from one of the main streets to the river bank.

**Saturday 30 September 1876**

Government Punt at Brushgrove

To the Editor of the Examiner.

Sir, - I was agreeably surprised this morning on opening the *Examiner* to see that I had been treated so mercifully by the gentleman signing himself “One at the meeting.” Etc etc …………….If this was the case why did **Mr Archer** advertise it as a public meeting? Why not state what he intended to do? Does he think the public of Woodford Island have no better means of employing their time than by attending meetings, to sit with their arms folded and mouths shut for a couple of hours to listen to his “tap-room logic” in favour of a punt at his place. I should have suggested the following as a more appropriate advertisement: ……etc, to hear an elaborate speech from **Mr Archer** (who will take the chair himself) in favour of a punt at his place; the proceedings will terminate with a “Tambaroora” all round. I have no doubt but this advertisement would have drawn a crowded house, as the convenor is a well-known orator – though nature, in place of brains, has left a vacuum in his cranium, which is filled at pleasure by the speaker with gas generated by an original process from Southion’s lemonade. Etc, etc….Brushgrove, 23rd September. CRITIC.

**Saturday 5 May 1877**

PUBLIC MEETING AT BRUSHGROVE.

A Public meeting, called by advertisement, was held at the Brushgrove Hotel, Brushgrove, on Thursday evening last, for the purpose of impressing upon the Government the advisability of erecting the proposed public wharf at Brushgrove at the foot of Donaldson Street, as marked out by Mr Moriarty, and re-pegged by Mr Blakeney. There were about forty people present when the business of the evening began.

**Mr W. Archer**, as convener of the meeting suggested that to prevent any unpleasant criticisms the meeting should proceed to elect a chairman by a show of hands.

Mr D. Anderson proposed, and ***Mr W Archer jun***., seconded that **Mr William Archer**, sen., take the chair.

Mr J.F. Small, jun., proposed, and Mr McMillan seconded, that Mr J.R. Carlton take the chair.

On being put to the meeting Mr Carlton was elected chairman.

Mr Carlton returned thanks for the honour and solicited a fair hearing for the speakers on both sides. For himself he was wholly disinterested in the matter of the site, and only desired to see the wharf erected on the best site and most convenient to the public.

Mr J.F. Small, jun., proposed that in voting upon any resolution submitted to the meeting, none but bona-fide residents and shippers of the district should be allowed to vote. Seconded by Mr Hanna.

A long discussion then ensued as to who would be included in the term “residents” but ultimately the resolution was carried.

Mr T.H. Foggo then moved the first resolution, - “That the Government wharf be erected on the land reserved for wharf purposes by the Government.” The speaker compared the suitability of both sites as to access by the ocean steamers and the public.

Mr J. F. Small, jun., seconded the resolution.

**Mr W Archer** moved as an amendment, - “That the Public Wharf be erected at the foot of Donaldson Street, Brushgrove.”

Seconded by ***Mr Archer, jun***.

The amendment was put by the chairman when there appeared 13 for it and 14 against it. The first resolution was then put and carried by a majority of one.

**Mr W. Archer** handed to the Chairman a petition for adoption by the meeting, but on the chairman pointing out that it was contrary to the spirit of the resolution just carried, it was withdrawn.

Etc, etc, etc….

**Mr W. Archer, sen**., moved, and Mr A. McMillan seconded a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his fair and impartial conduct in the chair, which was carried.

**Saturday 16 June 1877**

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**Saturday 23 June 1877**

Notice to Creditors

All persons indebted to **ROBERT ARCHER**, late of Brushgrove Royal Hotel, are requested to PAY their respective ACCOUNTS to Mr **JAMES ARCHER**, whose receipt will be a sufficient discharge.

 ROBERT ARCHER.

 Grafton Hotel, Grafton. June 15, 1877

**Tuesday 3 July 1877**

To let. Those well-known premises, the ROYAL HOTEL, BRUSHGROVE. Immediate possession. Furniture, stock-in-trade, etc, as may be agreed upon. Apply to **ROBERT ARCHER**, on the premises. Satisfactory reasons given for disposing of it.

**Tuesday 22 January 1878**

GOLD. – We have been shown a nice clean sample of gold, of about 5 dwts., washed from stuff obtained at about three feet slaking by Messrs. **Archer** and Markham, at a place about 40 miles from Armidale, on the Grafton road. As the country surrounding this prospect is said to be of decidedly an auriferous character, an attempt is being made to form a company to procure the necessary appliances for working the same. The discoverers are so well satisfied with the prospects they have already obtained that they have taken out the usual prospecting area. – *Armidale Express,* 18th.

**Saturday 3 August 1878**

GRAFTON POLICE COURT.

Friday, August 2.

Before Mr A. L. McDougall, P.M.

J.F. Miller was brought up on remand, charged with passing a valueless cheque. ***Robert Archer***, of the Grafton Hotel, deposed that prisoner called at his house and asked for a glass of ale; he tendered cheque drawn on a Sydney firm for £1 5s, and said it was all right: he gave prisoner £1 3s in change and paid the cheque into the A.J.S. Bank for collection; it was returned marked “not known:” took the cheque to the police office and obtained a warrant for the apprehension of prisoner.

The witness was cross examined by Mr Norrie for prisoner.

Prisoner was remanded for eight days.

**Saturday 15 March 1879**

LOST, from ***Archer’s*** Paddock, on Saturday night, a Bay Horse, branded G over \ near shoulder, one hind foot white. A reward of Ten shillings will be given on delivery of the horse to ***Mr R. Archer,*** Commercial Hotel, Grafton.

GRAFTON POLICE COURT.

**Tuesday, April 29. 1879**

Before the Police Magistrate and Mr P. H. Donaldson, J.P.

RIOTOUS CONDUCT.

***James Archer*** was then charged with permitting disorderly conduct in his licensed house on the 30th March last (should be April 13th).

Mr Norrie appeared for this defendant. The prosecution was instituted by the police from information laid.

Mr Lorensen deposed: Am a travelling agent for the National Insurance Co: know the defendant’s house at Brushgrove; was there the second Sunday in April (13th). Have stayed in ***Mr Archer’s*** house three weeks at one time; then went away; returned again on Sunday, 13th April; ***Mr and Mrs Archer*** were not at home; the house was in charge of two young girls – ***Miss Archer*** and Miss Harrison; there was very blackguardly conduct going on; obscene and disgustingly foul language; it was bad beyond description; noise and drinking; there were from 12 to 14 persons present; the girls had closed the bar; the people in the house were not sober – about half drunk.

By Mr Norrie: There are two more public houses in Brushgrove; the language was very obscene; ***Mr Archer*** was not at home, nor his wife; they had gone to see a relative; the girls had closed the bar, and refused to give them any more drink – said that they had quite sufficient; ***Mr and Mrs Archer*** came home at 5 o’clock that evening; they had gone away on Saturday afternoon; the girls had locked the bar; they were compelled to open it through fear of violence; the girls had no power to turn them out; they were the sister and sister in law of the defendant; have stayed in the house before this occurrence for three weeks; always found the house well conducted and orderly.

Patrick McMahon deposed: I know the defendant, the Sunday before Easter was at his house all day; there were some people there; they were drinking all day; they were noisy; there was no row; they were all over the house; in the bedrooms, billiard room, and about the house.

By Mr Norrie: ***Mr and Mrs Archer*** were from home: they went away on Saturday evening: there were some lodgers in the house: Brannix was there, he was a lodger: will not answer how many times I have been brought up at the Police Court: that has nothing to do with this case: because a man is bad once or twice it does not follow he is bad always: was in the bar in the morning: had some drink: do not know the larrikins took possession of the house: the girls were ***Miss Archer*** and Miss Harrison: did not see the bar locked: believe it was: they threatened to force the bar: the bar was opened as they were afraid of violence.

Mr Norrie addressed the Bench, and pointed out the wording of the Act, and said it would be monstrous to inflict a penalty on the defendant, as he was from home and not “knowingly” himself permit the disturbance complained of, nor by his servants or representatives connive at it.

The Bench dismissed the information: the Magistrate remarking it was very disheartening to the police in their attempts to preserve law, that the prosecutions should break down.

**Tuesday 2 September 1879**

WANTED, a good GENERAL SERVANT. Apply to **Mrs R ARCHER**, Commercial Hotel.

**Tuesday 11 October 1879**

PUBLICAN’S LICENSES.

The following is a return of the licenses issued in this district for the year 1879 – 80:

GRAFTON DISTRICT: **R. Archer**, Commercial Hotel, Prince Street.

**Tuesday 18 November 1879**

Cowper Medical Society. This is to give notice that **Mr James Archer** has been appointed collector for the above Society. His receipt will be sufficient for all moneys paid. R. K. HARRIS, Hon. Sec.

**1880’s**

**Saturday 17 January 1880**

GRAFTON POLICE COURT. – **W. Archer** appeared and said that he had seen it reported that a verdict was given against him in the case Anderson v. **W. Archer**. He was not summoned for Grafton, but for Rocky Mouth. His Honor said id he would produce the summons as stated on Saturday, he would set the verdict aside.

**Tuesday 11 May 1880**

GRAFTON POLICE COURT. – An extension of publicans license was granted to ***James Archer*** to the racecourse, Brushgrove, on the 12th May.

**Tuesday 23 March 1880**

INSOLVENCY COURT. Saturday March 20. – ………..Francis Cassidy deposed he was formerly in partnership with E. Layton, trading as Cassidy and Layton: that partnership was dissolved, and witness now carries on the business: insolvent is indebted to the late firm of £11 odd for which we claimed: have had several conversations with insolvent: remembers one occasion, a day or two after his insolvency, he came to my shop and asked me to go up to **Archer’s**: I went to **Archer’s** and he said, “I have turned insolvent in consequence of Mr Bawden taking out a writ against me: you need not be frightened, I will pay your claim and the other creditors, all except Mr Bawden: I went insolvent on purpose to euchre Mr Bawden, because his claim was an unjust one:” swear positively that he made the remark about becoming insolvent to euchre Mr Bawden: he has made the remark to me several times since that he would pay everyone except Mr Bawden.

The examination was then adjourned until 10am on Wednesday.

**Saturday 15 May 1880**

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR INDUSTRIOUS PEOPLE. To be let, for a term of 3 or 5 years, that old established Inn known as the ROYAL HOTEL, BRUSHGROVE, with 1 acre of Garden Ground attached. Early application is desirable, in order that the transfer of license may be made previous to the 1st of July. For terms, etc, apply to **Mrs ARCHER**, Sen., Brushgrove; or to **ROBERT ARCHER**, Commercial Hotel, Grafton.

**Tuesday 15 June 1880**

Wednesday, June 9.

Before the Police Magistrate and Mr T. G. Hewtt, J.P.

An application for a transfer of the license of the Royal Hotel, Brushgrove, from **James Archer** to George Shepherd, was granted.

**Saturday 17 July 1880**

GRAFTON DISTRICT COURT

Wednesday, July 1

Before His Honor Judge MURRAY.

The following members of the bar were present: - Messrs. A.P. Backhouse, J. Dillon, Irving, and Bennett. Attorneys: G. Fioott, F Norrie, J.K. O’Meagher, E.J. Laman, and Conly Dickey.

D. Anderson v. **John Archer**, goods sold and delivered. Verdict for plaintiff. Mr Norrie for plaintiff in both cases, applied that expenses might be divided. Order made accordingly.

D. Anderson v. ***W. Archer***, sen. – A *co so* motions in which Mr Norrie appeared for plaintiff, and Mr Foott for defendant. Mr Foott put in a medical certificate, stating that defendant was incapable of attending, and the case was postponed.

**Saturday 31 July 1880**

The Sydney Morning Herald.

Insolvency Court – Friday. Before the Chief Commissioner.
In the matter of ***William Archer***, a single meeting. No directions were given, and the meeting was terminated.

**Tuesday 7 September 1880**

THE CLARENCE ELECTORAL DISTRICT 1880

**Archer W**., junior, Woodford Island

**Archer James**, do

**Archer John**, do

**Archer Robert**, Grafton

**Archer W.,** senior, Woodford Island

**Archer David**, Brushgrove.

**Saturday 2 October 1880**

LICENSED PUBLICANS.

JULY 1, 1880, TO JULY 30, 1881.

GRAFTON DISTRICT.

***Robert Archer***, Commercial Hotel, Prince-street.

**Tuesday 11 January 1881**

DEATHS.

**ARCHER**.--On the 7th instant, at the residence of her parents, Commercial Hotel, Grafton, **AMELIA JANE**, daughter of ROBERT and CAROLINE ARCHER, aged nine days.

**Saturday 19 February 1881**

GRAFTON POLICE COURT.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

Before the Police Magistrate, and Messrs. E. W. S Hayley and T. G. Hewitt, J.P.

John Gordon, on remand, charged with forging and writing a valueless cheque, was again brought up.

**Robert Archer** deposed he is a publican; prisoner came to his place on the 8th instant, and presented cheque, wanting it changed; the amount was £6, and it was drawn on The Bank Of New South Wales, Grafton; the cheque produced is the same; it is signed John McMurphy and is endorsed John Gordon; saw him write his name; said I did not know the drawer; he replied the cheque is good, that he had got it for splitting 200 posts and 100 rails for John McMurphy of the Coldstream; subsequently gave him 5s; he wanted £1; in consequence of what I heard afterwards went to prisoner, and he returned me the 5s which I subsequently gave to Sergeant McCormack; prisoner said the drawer of the cheque lived about a mile from Poterie's, on the Coldstream.

By prisoner: You told me the cheque was good I did not ask you to sign your name on the back; it was in the A. J. S. Bank I got the cheque; your name was on it when we went to the Bank of New South Wales.

W T Ferguson deposed he is ledger-keeper in the Bank of New South Wales, Grafton; the cheque produced was presented at the bank on February 9 by Sergeant McCormack; no person of the name of John McMurphy has any account there, and witness is not aware that any person, of that name ever had; the cheque was dishonoured because there was no account.

Thomas Thomson, storekeeper, Ulmarra, deposed: I saw the prisoner in his store on February 8; prisonér asked me to take the number of a note, as he had lost some money; he asked for a blank cheque of The Bank of New South Wales, and I gave him one; in about a quarter of an hour he returned and asked me for another of the same sort, which I gave; he asked me to fill it up as his hand was shaking so that he could not write, and he had spoilt the first one, and had to tear it up; I filled it up for £6; I asked him what name I would fill in, and he said, to leave it blank; after filling it in prisoner signed it John McMurphy; the cheque produced is the one I filled in, and I saw the prisoner sign; do not know anyone of the name of John McMurphy living down Ulmarra way or anywhere else.

James Creighton deposed he is a publican residing at Ulmarra; have seen the prisoner twice in my house; He was there on the 8th instant, about 3pm., and said he wanted to pay an account he owed for board; He said "let us have drinks;" he then handed me a cheque; the one produced is the same; did not cash it; returned the cheque to him; he subsequently returned with two others and called for drinks again, and presented the same cheque over again; told him I did not believe there was such person in the Ulmarra district as John McMurphy.

Constable Edwards, stationed at Ulmarra, deposed he had made enquiries, and no such person as McMurphy was resident in the district of Ulmarra.

Prisoner declined to make any statement, and was committed to take his trial at next Circuit Court on April 20.

Prisoner asked if he would be allowed bail, which was granted - himself in the sum of £80, and two sureties of £40 each, and was then removed.

**Saturday 2 April 1881**

INSOLVENCY MEETINGS,

Wednesday, March 30.

Before Mr A. L McDougall, P.M., District Commissioner.

In the estate of George Shepherd, late of Brushgrove, publican, a first meeting was held………etc. The following debts were proved: - **W. Archer**, rent, £5 16s 8d; etc.

**Tuesday 3 May 1881**

Wanted, a General Servant. Apply to ***Mrs Archer***, Commercial Hotel, Grafton.

**Tuesday 31 May 1881**

Application for a Transfer of License. – Yesterday an application for a transfer of the license of the Royal Hotel, Brushgrove, from M.F. Egan to **William Archer**, was considered before a Bench composed of Messrs. F. W. Chapman, T. Small, and T. G. Hewitt, J.P’s. The transfer was opposed by the police. Mr F. Norrie appeared in support of the application, and put in a document signed by 51 residents of Grafton, and the neighbourhood of Brushgrove, to the effect that the proposed transferee was a fit and proper person to hold a license. Evidence was given by Constable Edwards for the police, and by applicant **W. Archer**. The Bench, after deliberation, announced they had decided by majority to refuse the transfer.

**Saturday 27 August 1881**

MUNICIPALITY OF ULMARRA. Magisterial Inquiries. – At the inquiry held at Scarborough, relative to the death of ***Robert Archer***, who died on the road between Bundarra and Inverell, Dr. Knowles certified that death was caused by inflammation of the lungs.

**Saturday 17 September 1881**

Public auction of **Mr John Archer’s** goods – the Auctioneer in drawing the attention of intending buyers to the above unreserved sale would beg to intimate that his instructions are to sell to the highest bidder, as **Mr Archer has determined to leave the district, owing to severe illness in his family.**

**Tuesday 20 September 1881**

To be let. The old-established Hostelry, known as the ROYAL HOTEL, Brushgrove, in which a lucrative business has hitherto been carried on. To a respectable party the rental will be moderate. For particulars enquire of: **Mrs** ***Archer, Sen.,*** Brushgrove; or, ***Mr Robert Archer,*** Grafton.

**Saturday 26 November 1881**

GRAFTON POLICE COURT. Friday, November 25.

Before the Police Magistrate, Messrs. W.J. Hawthorne, and S. See, J.P’s.

**Robert Archer** was summoned for keeping a ferocious dog, and pleaded not guilty,

Rose Peterson deposed: On the 16th instant, as she was walking along Prince Street, and on the opposite side to defendant’s place, a black dog rushed at her: she hell, and the dog held her by the arm: the dog tore her dress, and after letting my arm go, jumped at my face: I saw the dog run up on the verandah of defendant’s hotel next day.

Henrietta Baker, deposed she saw a big black dog tear Mrs Petersen’s dress, and bite her arm, in Prince Street, near Mr Gunning’s place.

Robert Archer, son of defendant, said it was his father’s dog.

William Donovan deposed he saw the dog tear Mrs Petersen’s dress: it was a black dog, owned by **Mr Archer**, the defendant.

Defendant said he had killed the dog.

The Bench fined defendant 5s, with costs of Court.

**Saturday 21 January 1882**

BILLIARD LICENSES. Billiard license were granted to **W. Archer**, Brushgrove.

**Saturday 25 July 1882**

BRUSHGROVE. (From our own correspondent).

July 21. – Many of your readers will regret to learn that at present two of our oldest residents are dangerously ill, and in one case, at least, the complaint is so insidious as to baffle the best efforts of our leading doctors. I refer to Messrs Hannah and **Archer, senior**, the latter of whom has been a resident for many years on the Clarence, the former portion being passed in Grafton.

**Tuesday 12 September 1882**

SUGAR CANE FROM THE COLDSTREAM. – **Mr R. Archer** has brought into town several stalks of Ribbon cane, grown on the farm of **Mrs Cave** at the Coldstream. They are splendid canes, with tops quite green, showing no signs of frosts, and they would gladden the eyes of many mill owners if they had a few hundred acres of similar crop. The canes can be seen at our office.

**Saturday 9 December 1882**

THE CASE OF SLY GROG SELLING AT BRUSHGROVE – **William Archer**, charged with the above offence at Brushgrove was fined £10 by the Rocky Mouth Licensing Bench on Thursday.

**Saturday 16 June 1883**

Grafton Licensing Bench

The annual licensing meeting of the Grafton Bench was held on Tuesday, at noon, for the consideration of renewals, &c. No new applications were submitted. The magistrates present were the Police Magistrate (chairman), and Messrs H. M. Byan, and A. Lardner, J.P.

RENEWALS or LICENSES.

***Robert Archer***, Commercial Hotel.

**Saturday 13 October 1883**

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, 13th October.

HEAVY DRAUGHT FILLY AT **ARCHER’S** COMMERCIAL YARDS.

T. SWINDELLS has received instructions from Mr R. Schaeffer, to sell by public auction at Archer’s Yards…… Etc, etc.

**Tuesday 24 Nov 1883**

I feel myself in duty bound to record my thanks, through the columns of the Press, to Dr Hedley, of Brushgrove, for the almost immediate relief which his Remedies afforded me, in a severe attack of Rheumatism, under which I was suffering. I make this known for the sake of those who may be similarly attacked. **William Archer.**

**Tuesday 3 June 1884**

Wanted, a COOK. Apply **Mrs Archer**, Commercial Hotel.

A meeting of the Members of the G.U.O.O.F. will be held in the Baptist Church, Lawrence on Saturday next, 7th June.

All members are earnestly requested to attend. Business very important. By order, **James Archer**, Secretary pro. Term.

**Thursday, June 12, 1884.**

First Class Motel Property at Brushgrove. Instructions from **Mrs Archer** to sell by public auction all that valuable property known as **Mrs W. Archer’s,** situated in the most desirable part of the rising township of Brushgrove, upon the bank of the Clarence River. Comprising a substantially built Weatherboarded Hotel, of 60ft x 42ft, containing 11 rooms, of a size to meet the Licensing Act. Also includes a kitchen of two rooms, and other necessary out-offices.

**Saturday 20 December 1884**

LICENSING COURT.

Tuesday, December 16.

Before the Police Magistrate and Messrs E. M. Ryan and A. Lardner, JP

Booth and stand licenses were granted to William Noud and **Robert Archer**, for Tatersall’s club race meeting on Boxing Day, on the Grafton racecourse.

**Tuesday 10 January 1885**

Lawrence Police Court

On January 8, before the Police Magistrate:

* **Archer**, for disorderly conduct, was discharged.

**Saturday 14 March 1885**

COMMERCIAL. – Mr John H. Munro reports selling allotment 5, section 6, town of Brushgrove, with cottages, on account **Mrs Archer**, to Mr Wallwork for £145.

**Saturday 28 March 1885**

Insolvency Court

Wednesday, March 25

In the estate of **John Archer**, a single meeting. Insolvent accounted for his insolvency through sickness in his family and pressure of creditors. His wife was sick for nine months, and he had to take her to Sydney for medical attendance, at an expense of £30. No debts were proved, and the meeting terminated.

**Saturday 29 August 1885**

Breach of the Public Institution Act

The following persons were summoned by Mr Bayly, Truant Inspector, for not sending their children to school in accordance with the terms of the Public Instruction Act: Edward Langham and Adam Weatherstone, information dismissed, John Goodenough, ***Robert Archer***, William Noud and William Coulter; fined 2s 6d, and 6s lOd costs each. William Claro, Sarah Ann Howitt ami John Young ; 2s 6d each, without costs. John Goodenough and Catherine Hardy, ls each, without costs. William Coulter; case withdrawn.

**Saturday 14 November 1885**

COMMERCIAL. – Mr W. Small reports selling by auction, on Thursday – an allotment of land at Brushgrove, containing 3 roods, 36 perches, with the buildings formerly known as the Royal Hotel, for £300, to **Robert Archer**. Also, privately, - team of horses, with timber jinkee, for £240; and team of 12 bullocks, with waggon and tackling, for £120.

**Saturday 21 November 1885**

Lawrence Police Court

Thursday, November 12

Before Mr A. L. McDougall, P.M. and Messrs P. Drummond, S. Bathgate, and W. Kinnear, J’s. P.

W. H. Bayly v. **John Archer**, breach of Public Instruction Act. Fined 1s, and 4s 10d costs; paid.

**Tuesday 2 Feb 1886**

**Borough of Grafton Annual Election of Alderman and Auditors.**

**Day of Nomination – Tuesday 2nd February 1886.**

**Notice is hereby given that the Nomination of Candidates for the office of Aldermen to represent the East, West, North & South Wards in the Grafton Borough council:**

**North Ward: …..Robert Archer, publican, Pound St. & others.**

**For Auditors. And Robert Archer, hotel-keeper, Pound St, and others.**

**Saturday 13 March 1886**

BIRTHS.

ARCHER. – On the 11th instant, the wife of **Mr ROBERT ARCHER**, of the Commercial Hotel, of a son.

**Saturday 3 April 1886**

PROFESSOR HYLAND. – Professor Hyland performed one of his ex-riding feats on Thursday evening, in the presence of a fair assemblage, in and enclosure specially made for the occasion at the rear of ***Archer’s*** Commercial Hotel……….

**Tuesday 10 August 1886**

Grand Sheffield Handicap, Saturday 18th September. GEORGE S. ARCHER (late M.S. Port), of the Farmers Home Hotel, Broadwater, will give a handicap on the above date to encourage the Athletics of the district.

**Saturday 11 September 1886**

GRAFTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Council met on Wednesday. From **W. Archer**, applying for a license for the premises adjoining the Commercial Hotel, as a music and dancing room – Received and permission granted.

**Tuesday 12 October 1886**

EARLY REMINISCENSES OF THE CLARENCE

**Lecture.**

At the GAIETY THEATRE, ULMARRA, TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) EVENING

**Mr WILLIAM ARCHER**

will deliver a LECTURE upon the

“Early reminiscences of the Clarence,”

Commencing with the year 1842.

All who feel interested in the advancement of this district are respectfully invited to be present.

Frederick Turnbull, Esq. Mayor, has kindly consented to take the Chair.

Doors open at 7.

Admission, ONE SHILLING

**Saturday 16 October 1886**

ULMARRA LETTER

 Friday Morning

Lectures. – Owing to parcity of attendance the lecture announced to be delivered by **Mr W. Archer**, of Brushgrove, on “Early reminiscences of the Clarence,” did not come off, and is postponed for a future occasion. Some other meetings held at the same hour interfered with the attendance.

 **Tuesday 19 October 1886**

SMALL DEBTS COURT.

LUNNEY v. **ARCHER**. – Claim of £1 11s 3d, for good sold and delivered. Verdict for plaintiff for £1 0s 9d, and 7s costs.

**Saturday 30 October 1886**

ULMARRA LETTER

 Friday Morning

Lecture. – **Mr W. Archer, sen**., of Brushgrove, is announced to deliver his postponed lecture here tomorrow evening on “Early reminiscences of the district.” If long experience would warrant the lecture being an interesting one, **Mr Archer** should certainly succeed in enlightening his audience as to the emerging of the district from the halo of obscurity that to a certain extent attaches to its early history.

LECTURES

LECTURE AT THE GAIETY THEATRE, ULMARRA

At the request of several gentlemen, **Mr William Archer**, will deliver a LECTURE at the above named Theatre, THIS (Saturday) EVENING, the 30th instant, upon the “early reminiscences of the Clarence, commencing at the year 1842.”

Frederick Turnbull, Esq., ha kindly consented to take the chair.

 Doors open at 7.

ADMISSION ONE SHILLING.

**Tuesday 2 November 1886**

ULMARRA LETTER

 Monday Morning

Lecture. – Again **Mr W. Archer** was disappointed in obtaining an audience for the delivery of his lecture. This is discouraging for it takes a vast amount of research and preparation to collect the information requisite to give a fair exposition of the districts early days. It appears, however, that our residents are too much engrossed with the present state of affairs to pay any regard to what has transpired in the almost unknown times, when the early pioneers visited the Clarence.

**Saturday 13 November 1886**

SMALL DEBTS COURT.

CHISHOLM v. **ARCHER**. – Claim of £1 10s. for goods sold. Verdict for plaintiff, and 7s.2d costs of court.

Ulmarra Letter, Friday November 12.

LECTURE. – On Monday evening, Rev. T. H. Jaggers, of Lawrence, will deliver a lecture in the Temperence Hall……..etc.

Speaking of lectures brings to recollection a report in the *T. and C. Journal,* respecting the one that was to have been delivered a short time since by **Mr W. Archer**. As is generally known, it did not come off, yet the correspondent of that journal asserts that it did, and moreover, that it was listened to with attention. It is hoped the metropolitan Press has more reliable contributors than the one who has furnished such a glaring misstatement.

EARLY HISTORY.

 Lecture will be delivered by **Mr William Archer**, in the Union Hall, South Arm, on Wednesday next, the 17th instant, on “Pioneer Settlement.”

Doors open at half past 7. Commences at 8.

Admission………………………………………..1s.

**Tuesday 16 November 1886**

FACT AND RUMOUR.

**Mr William Archer** will deliver a lecture tomorrow evening in the Union Hall, South Arm, on “Pioneer settlement.”

**Tuesday 7 December 1886**

**THURSDAY**

By HAWTHORNE and SMALL, at the residence of ***Mr W Archer, jun***., Bacon Street, Household Furniture and Effects.

THURSDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 9th

At the Residence of ***Mr. W. Archer, Jun***., Bacon Street, Grafton.

The whole of his

**Household Furniture and Effects**

WITHOUT RESERVE.

Hawthorne and Small have received instructions from **Mr W Archer, Jun**. to sell by public auction, at the above place and date, at 11 o’clock,

THE ABOVE,

Without the slightest reserve, on account of the owner leaving the district.

TERMS CASH.

**Saturday 11 December 1886**

FACT AND RUMOUR.

Lecture in South Arm Union Hall this evening, by **Mr W. Archer** on “Pioneer settlement.”

EARLY REMINISCENCES OF THE CLARENCE

**MR WILLIAM ARCHER**

will, by request, deliver a LECTURE THIS (Saturday) EVENING, in the Union Hall, South Arm, Woodford Island, upon the “Early Reminiscences of the Clarence.”

Doors open at 7. Chair will be taken at half past 7. Admission, One Shilling.

**Tuesday 1 February 1887**

GRAFTON POLICE COURTS

Monday January 29, - Before the P.M. (Police Magistrate)

INDECENT ASSAULT.

*Alexander Pratt* was brought up charged with indecently assaulting ***Rosanna Margaret Archer****,* at Woodford Dale.

Constable Cowie deposed that on information received from Lawrence by telegram he arrested accused. The telegram charged accused with indecently assaulting ***Rosanna Margaret Archer***, of Woodford Dale, with intent to commit a rape. In reply to the charge, accused said “Who got the warrant out; I’ll see all about it.” He said that ***Rosanna Margaret Archer*** was staying at McFarlane’s where he was stopping, but that he never touched her.

Accused, who stated he was 19 years of age, was remanded till this morning for the production of the warrant.

**Saturday 16 April 1887**

**The Sydney Morning Herald**

LAW REPORT

INSOLVENCY MEETINGS – Friday 15 April 1887

(Before the Registrar)

SURRENDER

***Robert Archer***, of Grafton, publican. Liabilities £505 15s. 2d. Assets, £473 11s. 5d. Mr A Morris, official assignee.

**Saturday 16 April 1887**

Insolvent. – ***Robert Archer***, publican; Grafton. Liabilities. £505, 15s, 2d; Assets. £473, 11s, 5d.

**Saturday 30 April 1887**

Insolvency of ***Robert Archer***.

E.P. SAMSON will sell by auction on the premises, Prince Street, TUESDAY, May 3rd, at 11 o’clock.

WINES and SPIRITS.

Superior HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE of all descriptions.

BAR FITTINGS, BEER ENGINES, SUPERIOR STREET LAMP.

TANKS, NEW BUGGY and HORSE. LICENE of the Hotel, etc, etc., and a host of Sundries.

This sale will commence with the disposal of a SPRING CART, HARNESS, etc, belonging the estate of F. Kreigos.

Also a SUPERIOR WATCH belonging to the estate of G. SELMAN.

E. P. SAMSON, Auctioneer,

TERMS CASH Grafton

**Saturday 14 May 1887**

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| **Australian Town and Country Journal (NSW : 1870 - 1907)** |  |

COUNTRY INSOLVENCY MEETINGS.

Wednesday,..May 25.-Patrick Edward Casey, single, Grafton; Alfred Keevers, Thomas Risco, single. Robert Snowdon, second, Newcastle; Patrick McGuinriess, single,"Bega; William Quinn, Single, Moree; **Robért Archer, second**, Grafton.

**Saturday 21 May 1887**

GRAFTON LICENSING COURT.

Tuesday, May 17. – Before the P.M. (Police Magistrate)

The license of the Commercial hotel, Prince Street, was transferred from E.P. Samson, agent for official assignee in the estate of ***Robert Archer***, to Michael Greburt.

INSOLVENCY MEETINGS – A second meeting in the estate of Robert Archer, will be held at the Court-house on Wednesday next, at 12 o’clock, before Mr A. L. McDougall, P.M., District Commissioner.

Grafton District Court.

This Court opened at 10am, on Tuesday, before His Honor Judge Murray. The members of the legal profession present were – Messrs M.H. Fitzhardinge and Canaway, barristers; Messrs Meillon, Foott, Norrie, Laman, Dickey, and Donaldson, solicitors.

MARY ANN BAKER v ***W. ARCHER, JUN***. – Claim of £1 0s. for rent. In defendant’s absence, a verdict was given for the amount.

SARAH CLAFFEY v. ***W. ARCHER, JUN***. – Claim of £2 17s for rent. Verdict for plaintiff. Defendant did not appear.

INSOLVENCY MEETINGS. – A second meeting in the estate of ***Robert Archer*** will be held at the Court house on Wednesday next, at 12 o’clock, before Mr A.L. McDougall, P.M., District Commissioner.

**Saturday 25 June 1887.**

GRAFTON POLICE COURT.

Friday, June 24th. – Before the P.M. (Police Magistrate)

ASSAULT.

Edward Manning and Henry Coulter were summoned by Roderick D. McAuley for assault. Mr Donaldson appeared for complainant, and Mr Dickey for defendants.

Complainant stated that on his way from the races on Tuesday last he saw defendants at a shooting gallery. Here he laid a small wager on the shooting, which he won and left. He was followed by defendant and others, who threw stones and other missiles at him. Coulter hit him on the shoulder with a stones. When he got out from the racecourse he saw a policeman to whom he appealed for protection, but he told him he was all right. When he got near the Saxonian hotel he was about to get into a vehicle, when Coulter struck him close to the eye. Coulter’s brother struck him immediately after. **W. Archer** made an attempt to defend him, but was knocked down and stunned for several minutes. Complainant by this time got into the vehicle, and was struck by defendant Coulter with a whip. Did not strike Coulter, as he did not get the chance. Gave no provocation for the assault. Manning was present when he got into the vehicle. Had some drink that day.

**William Archer** overtook complainant on his way home from the races. He saw Coulter strike complainant with the stone as alleged. He advised those who were annoying complainant to desist, but they did not. Saw defendant Coulter strike complainant when he was getting into the vehicle. Just afterwards witness was knocked senseless by defendant Manning. Defendant Manning was not one of the parties who followed complainant from the racecourse.

Clarence Haynes, driver of the vehicle saw Coulter strike complainant n the face with his fist, and afterwards in the back with a whip.

Defendant Coulter stated that some dispute occurred at the shooting gallery, through complainant not giving up some money to the party entitled to receive it. On the way home complainant struck a man named Brady, and struck witness on the nose. When they got to the Saxonian hotel complainant struck him on the mouth, but the only time that he struck complainant was with a whip while he sat in the buggy.

Defendant Manning deposed to seeing complainant strike Coulter as the latter alleged.

Thomas Eaton and Walter Richards also gave evidence for the defence.

The case against Manning was dismissed, and Coulter was fined 20s., eith 7s 8d costs of court and 21s professional costs; if not paid within seven days, 1 ½ days imprisonment.

**Tuesday 2 August 1887**

Insolvency Meetings. – A third meeting in estate of ***Robert Archer***, at Sydney on September 7.

**Saturday 3 September 1887**

FACT AND RUMOUR.

Intelligence reached town yesterday evening that a girl, 14 years of age, named ***Rose* *Archer***, fell over the cliffs at Yamba during the afternoon, and was seriously injured. She was taken to the Maclean Hospital.

**Tuesday 6 September 1887**

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| **The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954)**INSOLVENCY BUSINESS.Tuesday.—George Richard Stevens, Charles Augustus Veil, John Harold Ferguson, Joseph Morrison, Edward Henry Lindeman, Mats Malen, James Evan McIntyre, John Anderson, William Taylor, Richard Purchase Orivisi, known as Richard Golden ; John Joseph Murphy ; John Samuel Townsend, Andrew Knox, Charles Bates, Thomas John Webster, Henry Kennedy, Edward Willis, D'Arcy McDonough, Phillip Anderson, James Milgate, certificate meetings.Wednesday.—William Thrush, **Robert Archer**, Francis Gersbach, John Wood, third meetings; Alfred Eli Bendall, Richard George Underwood, Thomas Bates, Alfred E. Cleave, Thomas Main, single meetings; James Spencer Johnston, second meeting; Roger Whelan, Charles H. Hespe, Charles Edward Evans, special for proof; William Humphries, adjourned single meeting; Herbert Augustus Bush, adjourned third meeting. At 10 a.m.: Richard Stubbs the younger, George Jarman, William Coffey, William Edward Warren, first meetings. |  |
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**Tuesday 6 September 1887**

**Yamba, Clarence Heads.**

 **Monday, September 5th.**

Accident. – The following is an account of an accident which happened here on Friday afternoon, a young girl named ***Rose Archer***, about 14 years of age, accompanied by Sarah Forewell and a young child, were in search of a goat in the vicinity of the quarry. The girl ***Archer*** went to the edge of the cliff when Forewell warned her to keep back. As ***Archer*** took no notice of the warning, Forewell walked on, but on looking round found ***Archer*** had disappeared over the cliff. Forewell had to go some distance round the hill before she arrived at the girl, and on getting no replies to her enquiries gave the alarm to Messrs. Maher and Irvine. On discovering no bones were broken, they removed the girl and procured restoratives. The girl was conveyed to the Rocky Mouth hospital by the Dione, where she was attended to by Dr Hood. The girl must have fallen from 80 to 90 feet.

**Tuesday 13 September 1887**

The Turf Hotel, under the Management of ***Robert Archer.***

This well-known Hostelry is now under the management of ***Robert Archer,*** who solicits the custom of his many friends, who will find their wants supplied.

**Saturday 17 September 1887.**

At third meeting in insolvent estate of ***Robert Archer*** held in Sydney on the 7th instant, one debt was proved, and directions were given allowing insolvent his personal effects and wearing apparel.

**Tuesday 27 September 1887**

**Advertisements**

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**Saturday 29 October 1887**

Fact and Rumour.

***Rosanna Archer***, who fell over the Yamba cliffs some time since, has perfectly recovered, and has been discharged from Maclean hospital.

**Tuesday 20 December 1887**

BRUSHGROVE.

 Monday, December 19

Accident. – After the last race on Thursday Mr J.F. Small was driving **Mr W. Archer, sen** to his residence, about a mile and a half distant, when by some means a bolt in his buggy gave way. The horses got startled and all the occupants were thrown out. **Mr Archer** received a very severe shaking and breaking two of his ribs. Mr Small also got a severe shaking. Under the care of Dr Semple both patients are doing as well as can be expected.

**Saturday 28 January 1888**

**Grafton Police Court.**

On Tuesday, before the P.M., and Mr S. Hill, J.P.

An application was made to transfer the license of the Court House Hotel from James F. Tiffany to ***Caroline Archer***.

Inspector Casey opposed the application, on the ground that the transferee being a married woman, living with her husband, she could not hold a license.

Mr Donaldson, for the transferee, argued in support of the application, stating that her husband was an uncertificated insolvent, and she held a separate estate.

The P.M. stated that he could not under the circumstances grant the transfer, and Mr Donaldson withdrew the application.

The P.M. stated that in no case would he grant a license to a married woman living with her husband.

**Saturday 5 May 1888**

Grafton Police Court.

ON Tuesday, before the P.M., Messrs. E. H. Byan, W. J. Hawthorne, and J. C. Laycock, J'B.P.

FORGERY.

Guerin Hankey, on remand, again appeared to answer this charge.

***Robert Archer*** deposed that accused came to his hotel two or three weeks previous. The cheque produced is drawn from a book in his possession, the numbers corresponding. Accused asked for a cheque book, saying he wanted one on the Bank of Kew South Wales. Told him he had one on the Commercial Bank, and accused replied that would do. Gave accused the blank cheque, but did not see him fill it in. He asked witness if he could cash a cheque, and he replied he could not. Accused then went away.

This was the case for the prosecution.

Accused declined to make any statement, and was committed to take his trial at the next court of Quarter Sessions, to be held at Grafton on 14th August.

**Saturday 25 August 1888**

Dividend Payable.

IN the estate of **Robert Archer** a first dividend of 5/10 in the £ is now payable at the office of Mr. A. Morris, Hunter-street.

**Saturday 27 October 1888**

***Archer*** was thrown off Aristocrat on Saturday morning through the horse stumbling, and had his collarbone broken by the fall.

**Saturday 16 February 1889**

MACLEAN POLICE COURT.

Wednesday, February 13.

Before Messrs. S. Macnaughtan and D. See, J.P’s.

ASSAULT

*George Davis* was charged with assault, with intent to commit a rape. On the application of Sergeant Tysoe the evidence was given with closed doors. Mr Norrie defended the prisoner.

Sergeant Tysoe deposed that in consequence of a complaint lodged with him by Mrs Breach, on account of a girl name ***Rosanna Margaret Archer*** sho stated that she had been assaulted in the bush, he at once took steps to discover the whereabouts of the man described by the girl. In company with Constable O’Connor he went to Palmer’s Island to a hut where the accused resided; but through not knowing the exact room he passed by the door without going in. Shortly afterwards he saw a man rush out and escape into the bush, without either coat or hat. He left Constable Brown and O’Connor to watch. He procured a check suit of clothes and blue tie which he found lying in the room of the accused. He had since asked the accused why he ran away, to which he replied, “I have seen too much of that sort of thing; I have known fellows get two years before for the same thing.”

By Mr Norrie: He was not in uniform at the time when he first went down to Palmer’s Island. Should think it would be about 10.30 when he went down. He had not heard anything for or against the character of accused. He had heard that a man was tried for the same offence, charged by the same girl, and was acquitted.

Constable O’Connor deposed to having arrested the accused outside of the hut on the morning following that on which he had been seen to escape into the sugar cane. He had charged him with assault with intent to commit a rape.

Sarah Breach stated that the girl, who was servant to her, had come in on Sunday afternoon very much alarmed and crying, and had complained that a man had assaulted her in the bush. She then went to Sergeant Tysoe and laid the information.

***Rosanna Margaret Archer*** deposed that she was nearly 15 years of age. She never saw the prisoner before until Sunday afternoon. She stated, in effect, that while gathering ferns on the “Lookout” Hill the prisoner came up to her on horseback. He then rode away and tied his horse up and came back again and committed the assault.

By Mr Norrie: It was not the first time she had been in Court in connection with a similar case.

One or two other witnesses of minor importance were examined.

The Bench then decided to reduce the charge to one of indecent assault. They considered that the girl’s evidence was sufficient to show that she had been grossly assaulted, and sentenced the prisoner to six months hard labour in Grafton Gaol. A more cowardly attack, the Bench said they had rarely ever heard of.

**Tuesday 19 March 1889**

**Maclean Cricket Club.** – At a committee meeting of the Maclean club, **Mr W. G. Archer** was elected as acting secretary.

**Friday 31 March 1899**

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Special Leases Granted.

The following have been notified as granted :

 ***D. Archer***, portion 214 of 50a., Woodford, for grazing, agriculture and poultry, to 31st December, 1908, rent £10. N.C.S.N. Co., 9 per., Ulmarra, fronting Company's property, for wharf, to December 31st, 1902, rental £10.

**Saturday 27 April 1889**

GRAFTON POLICE COURT

Yesterday before the P.M.

The license of the Court House hotel was transferred from James Laing to **Robert Archer.** Mr Norrie appeared in support of the application.

**Tuesday 11 June 1889**

**…….On account of the intended departure from the district of *Mr W. G. Archer* who won a trophy for best bowling average (cricket).**

**Saturday 22 June 1889**

Grafton Licensing Court.

ON Tuesday, before the P.M. and Mr. E. M. Ryan, J.P., the following renewals of publicans licenses were granted.

***Robert Archer***, Court-house hotel. Victoria-street. Owen Hynes, Freemasons' hotel, Prince-street***.***

**Tuesday 13 August 1889**

MACLEAN DISTRICT COURT

The Court opened yesterday morning, before His Honor Judge Murray. The following members of the legal profession were present – Messrs. R.J. Browning, J. O’Ryan (barristers), E.J. Laman, R. Jenkins, F. McGuren, solicitors.

Undefended Cases.

A.T. Powell v**. Jas. Archer**, Goods sold, £5 17s 5d. Continued for service.

**Tuesday 3 December 1889**

Grafton Police Court.

On Saturday, before Mr W. Clarke, J.P.

Charles Page v. **Robert Archer**. – Claim of £2 5s for goods supplied. Mr Donaldson for defendant, verdict by consent for amount claimed, and 5s. costs.

**Saturday 14 December 1889**

GRAFTON POLICE COURT. Yesterday, before the P.M.

LICENSING –The license of the Court House hotel was transferred from ***Robert Archer*** to Alexander Sutherland.

**Tuesday 17 Dec 1889**

Visitors to the Heads. **R. Archer** has taken those premises known as the Pacific Hotel at Yamba, where visitors can be accommodated with all the requisites of a home and comfort, upon the most reasonable terms. **Mrs Archer** will spare no pains to give every satisfaction to those who patronise her.

**Saturday 28 February 1891**

Lawrence Police Court.

On SATURDAY, before Messrs. Bathgate, McPherson Shields, J's.P.

Charles Haller appeared in custody, charged with, obtaining the sum of 7s from ***Robert Archer*** by means of false pretences. - The evidence of three witnesses having been taken, accused pleaded guilty and elected summary jurisdiction. He was sentenced to one month in Grafton gaol.

**Saturday 2 May 1891**

Lawrence Police Court.

ON THURSDAY,

Police v. **Robert Archer**, obscene language. Fined £2 and 4s 6p costs.

**Saturday 7 May 1892**

In Bankruptcy.-The adjourned meeting in the estate of **Robert Archer** was held before Mr. H. A. Ledger, District Registrar in Bankruptcy, on Thursday. There were no creditors present. No debts were proved, and after the usual questions were put to bankrupt, the meeting terminated.

[The Kanahooka Disaster](http://trees.ancestry.com.au/tree/16398409/person/373364207/fact/156185935892) **William G Archer**??

from Ancestry - Ssusanh = Johnston-Archer family tree



 1894 — Age: 41

Batavia River, Queensland, Australia

After a perilous trip there were 8 survivors who state that they left the ship in an open boat 18 feet long, with two oars. They drifted for 2 nights and a day before they struck the coast. For 8 days they had nothing save occasional land crabs & berries,

**1900’s**

**Tuesday 26 August 1902**

OLD-TIME TALES. (Collected by "Orara.")

I find that Mr. C. Sanders is an old resident of Grafton, for he writes to say that the name of the man who was drowned in a swamp at North Grafton in January of 1859 was William Norman, not " Norton." A brother of the deceased also called at the EXAMINER to correct the error. He produced a well-preserved sketch of the gravestone, which, it appears, stands in the Grafton cemetery. The sketch was drawn to scale, at the request of the late Mr. Thomas Bawden, as stated thereon. I wrote the name as it is given in the paper. The date on which the deceased was drowned was 3rd July, 1859.

That other case of drowning, to which reference was made, was a more melancholy affair, I find, than I had at first noticed. At the inquest, George Eagle deposed that on 3rd January, '60, he sailed down the river in a hollow log along with Mrs. Johnson and his son, to purchase rations. In attempting to cross the river between North and South Grafton, the log filled with water and sank. The woman and the boy, aged 13, were drowned ; George Eagle was rescued by the ferryman.

I am beginning to get down to the bed- rock of municipal apathy ; it is not a thing bf yesterday. On the 14th February, 1860, the EXAMINER had the following comment, in a leading article: "It would appear that Grafton is not quite free from this poison of the colony [apathy in public affairs]. On no other principle can we account for the indifference displayed on last Tuesday in reference to the nomination of the aldermen for the Council for the coming year. It cannot be that a population of more than a thousand, and with property at least £80,000, would find any difficulty in selecting three men from among themselves to fill up the Council for the management of its local affairs. . . . Let us shake ourselves, and show that we know our duty."Later on, we may find out if the wholesome advice was taken, and acted upon.

On the same day, it was reported that the clearing of the streets in North Grafton was rapidly progressing; that part of Prince-street generally known as **"Bondfield's Hill"** was in a very forward state. Bondfield's Hill, in Prince-street! What has become of it?

A trotting match between Holt's "Pie- bald" and Gregory's "Egg," £25 aside, from the Royal Hotel, North Grafton, to the Deep Gulley and back, a distance of about six miles, first in harness, and after- wards in saddle, was won by "Piebald" by half a length in the first spin, and as he liked in the saddle.

Mr. Jones, of the Royal Hotel, was given the credit of having erected the first two-storey houses in Grafton — two houses in Bacon-street, opposite the hotel.

In March, 1860, Mr. Thomas Fisher reported having sold a farm of 42½ acres, near Grafton, at £5 5s an acre. He reported business as flat, and money scarce.

The man with a grievance was forthcoming in those days. He wrote to the EXAMINER, saying that he had found that two of the most essential requirements tending to promote the comforts of the townspeople were wanting — a market gardener, and a dairyman who would deliver milk in time for breakfast. To which he added a P.S.: "Likewise, some good butter at a reasonable price would be found very acceptable." Some good butter "at a reasonable price" would be found very acceptable to most Grafton families even at the present hour.

At about this time public affairs in Grafton must have been pretty quiet, for the paper records nothing of particular interest. A municipal difficulty cropped up; the seat of Ald. Shoveller became vacant, by reason of his refusal to take the declaration, and this on account of not having the qualification to be elected as an alderman. There were four candidates for the vacancy, and the voting was : Alfred Lardner 21, ***William Archer 20***. Each of the other two candidates, Thomas Murphy and William Olive, scored a " duck," as they say in cricket. Possibly, such a thing has never been known before or since in a municipal election. The paper reports that Mr. Lardner took his seat at the next Council, amid "loud and prolonged applause." He was elected Mayor for the ensuing year, and was, therefore, Grafton's second Mayor.

A two days' land sale commenced on the 14th March, 1860. It realised £3132 17s 6d.

At this time, April, '60, an agitation was in progress as to which colony the residents of the Clarence should attach themselves to. The advocates of Moreton Bay (now Queensland) affirmed that the first result of union with them would be steam communication between the Clarence and Brisbane—thus another market would be thrown open to the farmers. That was 42 years ago, and to-day, with respect to the steam communication, we are saying the same thing. Forty-two years to establish steam communication with Brisbane. Here is a congenial text for anyone who chooses to utilize it at the reception of the " Lady Hampden."

A few market quotations: Flour 26s to 28s per 100lbs.; potatoes 7s to 9s per cwt.; maize 1s 6d to 1s 9d; butter 1s 9d to 2s 3d; fowls 3s a pair. No live pigs on the market.

On the 4th April, 1860, a public meeting was held at the Assembly Rooms for the purpose of devising means to start a river steam boat. A committee was formed to carry out the enterprise.

On April 16th, '60, at the Grafton Court of Quarter Sessions, " George, an aboriginal, was charged with stealing one quart of rum, the property of W. Cowan, sen." " Mr. Willoughby," for the prisoner, " in an able speech, claimed that inasmuch as his client was not a British subject, he was entitled to a jury composed of one-half aboriginals." Prisoner was in confinement for three months waiting his trial, in a place, said the paper, " not fit for a dog to live in." The Judge, in passing sentence, said the prisoner had already undergone an imprisonment of three months in a place that was really unfit for a pig to be immured, and in which place the prisoner had had his hands and feet secured by irons, not locked, as is usual, but rivetted together for fear he should effect his escape." Unfortunate poor wretch—a victim of white man's rum and white man's barbarity. The Judge sentenced him to 24 hours.

After Grafton Municipal Council had been 12 months in existence, a motion was carried that the Council Clerk report at next meeting a list of those who had not paid up their rates, and that measures be taken to get in the outstanding debts without delay.

A public meeting was held in the Assembly Rooms, Grafton, for the purpose of expressing the feelings of the inhabitants at the long course of neglect and misrule of the Sydney Government towards the Clarence and Richmond districts. The Mayor, Alfred Lardner, made a lengthy speech, in the course of which he pointed out that the revenue derived from the district for the previous 12 months was £45,000, and that the expenses of the Government in the district were under £10,000 a year, including police, pilots, goldfields, surveyors, and grants for public purposes. Several resolutions were carried unanimously. About 150 persons present.

The EXAMINER of May 15th, 1860, reported that the Rev. W. Fidler, who had been appointed by the Wesleyan Conference to labour in the Grafton and Clarence district, arrived on the previous day. Friends and supporters were on the look out for some suitable place for a temporary church.

On the 20th May, 1860, a welcome banquet was given to Captain Wiseman, on his return from England with the steamship " Urara." About 60 persons present. Mr. Thos. E. Davis, in the chair; on his right the guest, also Capt. Creer. Plenty of toasts and speeches: Capt. Wiseman designated "Father of the Clarence District." Captain Wiseman brought out from England; The Clarence, The Grafton, and The Urara. " Success to the finest district and the noblest river in New South Wales," and all that sort of thing, and the company departed " well satisfied with the finest banquet and the most pleasant company that ever took place in Grafton." Anyhow, that's how the paper put it.

On June 8th, '60, friends and supporters of the Wesleyan Church held a public tea meeting, in W. Baker's brick building in Prince-street, to initiate steps for a permanent place of worship. Attendance, says the paper, was large and " highly respectable." About 180 sat down to tea. Speeches by Rev. W. Fidler, J. Page, Davies, and W. Lambert. Promissory papers were filled in, and £80 thus contributed.

While crossing the cutting in the new road over **Bondfield's Hill**, Mr. Green fell and broke his thigh. Influenza raging in the district; scarcely a man, woman, or child escaping.

**Saturday 27 September 1902**

Old-Time Tales.

Grafton 40 Years Ago. (Collected by "Orara.")

On the 27th June, 1860, at a meeting of the Grafton Association at the Assembly Rooms, it was proposed by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Jones. "That an application be made to the Government for funds to establish an Hospital, and to instance a case of recent occurrence where human life had been sacrificed for want of this requisite."At a subsequent meeting it was agreed to request Mr. Clark Irving to call the attention of Government, once more to the necessity for the immediate re- moval of the rocks at the heads."

On July 24 1860 a long-talked of monster meeting of Clarence district residents was held with reference to the separation of the district from New South Wales. It was numerously attended by all the influential inhabitants of the surrounding district. The names of some who were present:-C. J. Walker, C. G. Tindal, R. Bligh, Rev. A. Selwyn, Rev W. Fidler, C. J. Porter, W. Robertson, T. H. Smith, Bruce McDougall, G. Mylne, Ald. Jones, Avery, Chapman, Payne, Henderson, McFadden and Gilmore; Messrs. Hitchins, Fisher, Laman, Larson, Lawrence, G. Walker, Shoveller, Willoughby, Scrutton, T. Davies, Thomson, Davidson, Baker, Goodes, Lambert, ***Archer,*** D. Campbell, W. Cowan, E. Potts, W. White, Moyes, Loewenthal, N. Cowan, Gregory, Captain Wiseman. The Mayor (Alfred Lardner) presided. A resolution in favour of separation was carried unanimously, and a sub-committee was appointed to prepare a petition to the Queen. Subsequently a petition was drawn up in favour of the district being proclaimed a separate colony; or, in the event of that not being granted, in favour of annexation to Queensland.

Rev. Dr. Lang visited Grafton, and addressed a public meeting on 29th instant, 1860. He advocated immigration, advised the settlers to grow cotton and sugar, and he supported the separation movement.

Medical Hall, Prince street, was totally destroyed by fire. Mr. Thomson lost, in value of drugs alone, £200, and he was not insured. The premises belonged to J. Hann.

Prince-street was impassable; the foot of ***Bondfield's Hill*** a quagmire.

Tenders called for the erection of gaol and court-house at Grafton.

Mr. Ruchtan, a near relative of C. G. Tindal, was drowned in the river at Ramornie, in attempting to cross at the first falls.

District Court, Grafton, October 17, 1860. Attwater v. Municipality of Grafton, action to recover £200 for injuries sustained by the plaintiff in falling down the cutting in Prince street, 3ft. deep, thereby causing a tincture of the left thigh. Verdict for plaintiff, damages £90.

Madame Stevenson and Co. arrived to give a series of vocal, instrumental and dramatic entertainments.

In the issue of April 2, 1861, it was announced that W. E. Vincent had disposed of all his interest in the "Examiner" to Richard Stevenson.

Rules and Regulations of the Grafton volunteer Rifle Corps published.

April, 1801. Grafton flooded. The residence of Messrs. Wilcox (south side), **Cave**, Martin, Robertson, Lardner, and many others under water. People all moving to high ground. Reports of firearms announced that people in the low lands were in danger. Backwater broke over the town and inundated the whole of the back streets. Customs boat-house washed away. Six feet of water in Duke-street. Two lives' lost in Pound-street, one in attempting to cross, the other in attempting a rescue. The torrent of water down the river sweeping cattle, corn, and everything in its course. One of the victims in the drowning fatality was a lad named Daniel Forde, employed with Mr. Benson, butcher; the other Constable Christian Seidtz, who had been three years in the Grafton police force. Alumny Creek farmers lost most of their maize crops. The flood is described as the heaviest known (except one) since the discovery of the Clarence. About £120 was collected for the Constable's widow, who, with her four young children, was left unprovided for.

At the next meeting of Council, Ald. Avery moved, "that as Pound-street is the only street available in time of floods, it is desirable to remove all stumps and other accumulations, and to effect such other repairs as will make it available for the public from Turf-street to Prince-street. Motion also adopted to apply to Government to have flood-gates placed at the mouth of Alumny Creek.

£315 paid for half an acre of land, bought from Joseph Sharp.

"A large and very enthusiastic" meeting held at the Assembly Rooms, to form an "Association for the Developing of the Pastoral, Agricultural, and Economic Resources of the Clarence and Richmond Districts."Lengthy speeches by Clark Irving, Thomas Fisher, Ald. Avery, and others. Mr. Moore (Sydney Botanical Gar- dens) present. He advised, "do not localise your Society: have the present exhibition here, next at Ulmarra, and so on."Over one thousand pounds (£1000) subscribed in the room Cheers for the Chairman.

The local paper at this time is publishing week after week columns of matter about cot ton-growing, which had Dr. Lang's advocacy.

A District Court of the Ancient Order of Foresters opened in Grafton on Tuesday, 23rd July, 1861. Meeting being held re a recently formed Volunteer Corps ; W. A. B. Greaves Captain.

Annual races first week in August-two days.

A fatal accident on the course. M. McGowan and Harris, riding in opposite directions, came into collision. The former was thrown and received concussion of the brain. The horse Harrison was riding had its shoulder dislocated in the collision. £285 split up among six events first day; £210 among six events the second day. Total prize-money, £495.

Cricket match between Richmond and Grafton clubs, at South Grafton. Won by Rich- mond by six runs. Richmond, 2S and 76 ; Grafton, 33 and 65. A dinner at Cowan's in the evening. Plenty of toasts ; jolly good fellows.

Coval boiling-down premises and plant, together with 161 acres of land, Carr's Creek, sold by Richardson and Wrench (Sydney) for £2920.

A wet season-seldom free from rain for the past three months. Roads in a frightful state: business almost suspended.

Items in the programme of a concert given by the Grafton Choral Society:-"Glorious Apollo," "The Seasons," "Come where my love lies dreaming," "The Fairies.' "O, happy fair," "The Chough and Crow," "When shall we three meet again," "Stop that knocking," "To all you ladies." Also, solos and duels. Admission 2s 6d. children ls 6d.

Corner of Oliver and Prince streets impassable for pedestrians.

Return match between Clarence and Richmond cricketers at Casino". Scores: Richmond, 29 and 3S: Clarence, 40 and 28 for 4 wickets. Names of Clarence players-A. Ecviin. Blanche. T. Wilcox, W. Creighton, W. Cross. G. Anderson, T. Neil, J. Cowan, J. T. Jones, S. Small, H. Coles. Dinner in the evening at the "Durhinn Ox," present residence of Mr. J. B. McDougall, Mayor of Casino. Good speeches, good songs, good liquor-a good time generally. Mr. A. Devlin especially in fine all-round office, on Monday last. The above reward will form.

"Official document" posted in Grafton, October, 1861:-£5 Reward, Lost three £5-notes and four £l-notes, between the Bank and Post office, on Monday last. The above reward will be paid on delivery of the same to W. Cowan, South Grafton - T. Fisher, Post Office: or to W. E. Vincent, "Independent" Office. Can any resident of 40 years ago explain the meaning of this?

Few people know that some horses learn dancing just as men and women do. They actually go to a "school of dancing for horses," and there is a big school of this kind in New York, where there are many bright pupils on the hoof. In the school competent instructors drill them in the several feats they are to perform and accustom them to music, teach them to run up inclined planes, and to obey the slightest word of command. After being thoroughly drilled, the horses are given several dress rehearsals on the stage until pronounced ready for their debut. At the school there are always several veteran actor horses waiting for an engagement. There are also understudies waiting for work at an instant's notice.

A remarkable story, in which the price of a lady's hat appears to have provided the foundation for the plot, is told by a New York correspondent. A Mrs. Thomas, of Seattle, Washington, it seems admired a hat in a shop window. The price was £3 12s, and her husband offered to purchase it. She refused, saying it was too extravagant. Her brother, Samuel Lake, urged her to let her husband buy it, but she still refused. Reaching home the discussion continued, and Lake shot Thomas dead, mortally wounded his sister (who told the police the cause of the tragedy before dying), and then reloaded the pistol and killed himself.

**Tuesday 6 January 1903**

DEATHS.

***ARCHER.*** - January 4, 1903, at Coraki, Richmond River, Robert Archer, son of Robert and Caroline Archer, 4 Cottenham Street, Glebe, late of Grafton, Clarence River, aged 31 years.

**Saturday 7 January 1903**

Northern Star.

**ROBERT ARCHER**.

On Sunday **Robert Archer**, the well known jockey, suicided at Coraki. At 6.30 on Sunday morning Archer, who was staying at Mobbs Commercial Hotel went into his room and took a razor and cut his throat in a most determined manner. From the trace of blood it would appear that **Archer** gashed his neck slightly when downstairs, and then proceeded upstairs, where he stood in front of the looking-glass and cut his throat right across, severing his windpipe. He was discovered, and Dr. McDonagh was called in, but the case was hopeless from the first. A number of stitches were put in and the wound dressed, and Archer lingered on till 5pm, when death took place. It is thought the sun affected the unfortunate man's brain, as he had not been drinking. He left no note, and no reason can be assigned for the act. Deceased was a son of **Mr. Robert Archer**, formerly of Grafton and now of Sydney, and a nephew of Mr. J. Cramp, Lismore. He was in the employ of Mr. J. Wightman some years ago and held a cabman's license, so that he was well known in Lismore. The funeral took place on Monday.

**Saturday 10 January 1903**

DEATHS.

On Sunday, **Robert Archer**, son of **Mr. Robert Archer**, formerly of Grafton and Brushgrove, committed suicide by cutting his throat. He was staying at the Commercial hotel, Coraki, and appeared to have slightly gashed his throat on the lower floor, then went upstairs, and in front of a looking glass cut a terrible gash right across his throat. Several stitches were put in, but **Archer** died the same afternoon. It is supposed his mind was affected by the intense heat. **Archer** was well known as a jockey, and attended the Coraki race meeting a few days ago.

**Saturday 6 September 1913**

DEATHS.

The death occurred in Sydney yesterday of the wife of Mr. James Laing, a former well-known resident of Grafton. Deceased was a daughter of ***Mr. and. Mrs. Robert   Archer,*** who at one time conducted an hotel at Grafton, and leaves a husband and family.

**Saturday 5 July 1913**

TO MEMORIAM.

CRAMP.-In loving memory of our dear brother, William George Cramp, who died at Maclean, July 7th, 1912.

We saw him suffering day by day;

It caused us bitter grief,

To see him slowly pine away,

And could not give relief;

Not dead to us, we loved him dear,

Not lost, but gone before;

He lives with us in memory still,

And will for evermore.

Inserted by his loving sisters, Mrs. Richard Brindle and ***Mrs. Robert Archer***.

**December 25 1930**



**Tuesday 1st August 1933**

The Richmond River Herald and Northern Districts Advertiser.

The death is reported of another old Clarence River native in the person of **James Archer,** aged 82 years, who died at this daughter’s home, 34 Charles St, Petersham, Sydney, on June 30. His wife predeceased him about 35 years ago. Deceased left a family of seven daughters and three sons living, and one brother – ex-Cr. **D. L. Archer,** a resident of Woodford Island for the past 70 years, and for 20 years a member of Harwood Shire, from which he recently resigned, owing to ill health.

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