

D70 Harrigan Family

Creator: Harrigan Family

Historical Note: Edward Harrigan received a land grant of 60 acres at Fairy Meadow in 1829. His grandson Herbert Ernest Harrigan opened the first motor garage and later the first Ford agency in Wollongong. The business began in 1907 and was conducted from premises on the southern side of Crown Street near the Keira Street intersection. In 1912 new premises on Crown Lane were taken over. In addition to Ford vehicles, the Company also retailed Humber, Sunbeam and Hillman vehicles and carried out general mechanical repairs. In 1947, H E Harrigan and his sons R E and D N Harrigan formed Harrigan and Sons Pty Ltd. The business moved to new premises in Corrimal Street in 1972 and the family sold its interests soon after.

This collection comprises Copies of original photographs relating to the Harrigan family and early motor vehicles in Wollongong.

Record Summary: Photographic records – black and white photographic prints. Personal records – correspondence and slides.

Date Range: 1890's-1963

Quantity: 15cm. (1 box)

Access Conditions: Available for reference. Contact the Archives to make an appointment.

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1. Photographs

1. Site of spring Farm. Grandfather Harrigan's, Tarrawanna Grant promised by Macquarie received from Darling
2. Cunningham Caldwell - father of Frank Caldwell Snr
3. Home of Frank Caldwell Snr. Located corner Raw Crescent and Robin Place. Built 1914 demolished 1971. L - R ?, Ern Caldwell, Dorothy Caldwell, Frank Caldwell Snr., Ron Caldwell, Mrs. Frank Caldwell Snr., Frank Caldwell Jnr.
4. Wedding photo of Mr and Mrs HE Harrigan, 1914
5. Wedding of H.E. Harrigan to Rebecca Caldwell. Group outside home of Frank Caldwell Snr. Building not completed at this date, 1914
6. Wedding breakfast of Mr and Mrs H.E Harrigan at Caldwell family home, Balgownie, 1914
7. Edith Maxwell (from Richmond River) and Rebecca Caldwell (Mrs H.E. Harrigan)
8. Home of Mr and Mrs HE Harrigan , 18 Regent Street, Wollongong. Land purchased 1918 from Margaret Campbell, Kembla Street, Wollongong
9. Former home of Mr and Mrs H.E. Harrigan (now Charcoal Tavern)
10. Early motor mower made and merchandised by H.E. Harrigan, shown using mower at 18 Regent Street, Wollongong
11. Committee celebrating opening new school, Fairly Meadow. William Harrigan Snr. (father of HE Harrigan) holding top hat
12. Official opening - monument to Mt. Kembla mine disaster
13. Monument - Mt. Kembla mine disaster
14. Monument - Mt. Kembla mine disaster. Sid and Vera Thorn
15. Crown Lane, Wollongong, intersection with Crown and Keira Streets [missing]
16. First Leaping Lena - Back to Wollongong Week. Dick Week's car first Leaping Lena. Engine in Ruttys bus
17. First tipping truck sold to Wollongong Council. Designed by H.E. Harrigan, manufactured by Cummins & Tuckey, Keira Street, Wollongong
18. Early bus (Murphy's bus - driver Gus Willott, champion quoit player. Bill Gilmore body built by Cummins & Tuckey)

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19. Early racing cars 1927. Harry & Bill Purcell, employees of HE Harrigan. Old Wollongong race ground near present Inner Harbour.
20. Enfield light car
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26. Fred Taylor - first employer of W Harrigan
27. First Ford sold in Wollongong - J Porter, Keira Road, Wollongong, original owner. 1911
28. First sedan in Wollongong (Doris Clark)
29. Ford truck chassis, 226 Crown Street, Wollongong [missing]
30. H.E. Harrigan's 226 Crown Street, Wollongong, 1912. In car - Mrs Frank Caldwell, Mrs H.E. Harrigan (at this time Rebecca Caldwell), driver Frank Caldwell Jnr., Mr George Clark. H.E. Harrigan with hand on verandah post. Ford the first sold in Wollongong (To John Porter, later purchased by Bill Clark and then Tom Hurt for One Hundred Pounds).
31. Motor garage - first in Wollongong. Clemant Bayard owned by G.H .Walker, dentist. Bill Harrigan at wheel. Triumph motor cycle, First Ford sold in Wollongong, approx. 1911. B&B - Bennet & Barker. Illawarra cycles made on premises by HE Harrigan. Pratt's Motor Spirit imported by H.E. Harrigan in 8x4 gal. Tins to case from USA [missing]
32. First petrol bowser on the South Coast and the home of H.E. Harrigan until about 1924 when a new home was built at 18 Regent Street, Wollongong (now charcoal Tavern). L- R W.L. Harrigan, Fred Cook, Vic Stumbles, Alf Brickwood (jeweler), H.E. Harrigan, Keith James
33. Vic Stumbles and WL Harrigan (brother the HE Harrigan) - Harrigan's Motor Garage, 226 Crown Street, Wollongong [missing]
34. Harrigan's 226 Crown Street, Wollongong. Ford truck chassis just arrived from Sydney. Driver drove from Sydney sitting on petrol tank. H.E. Harrigan was the Ford dealer and first garage in Wollongong

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35. Harrigan (Auto Parts) was formed with Motor Traders of Sydney 30.8.57, (WT Wood Holdings) later taken over by Repco
 36. HE Harrigan & sons, 226 Crown Street, Wollongong, 1957 - sold to Government Insurance Office
 37. Showroom Crown Lane, July 1957
 38. Showroom Crown Lane, July 1957
2. Mount Keira Summit Park
 1. Minutes - Mount Keira Summit Park committee. 1955 – 1961
 2. Notes of official opening 23 May 1959
3. Slides
 1. Mt Keira - picnic approx. 1917
 2. Model Mt Keira
 3. Mt Keira from Mebo Colliery
 4. Rotary Road, Mt Keira under construction 1954
 5. Mt Keira Summit Road during construction 1954
 6. First bus to Summit Park 1955
 7. Gov. District 29 visit 1955
 8. Gov. District 29 visit 1955
Clive Champion, John Walters, G Worland, Ben Westwood, Arnold Harris
 9. Wollongong from Mt Keira, site of Trig Lookout
 10. Planning Trig Lookout 1955
 11. Clearing Trig Lookout 1955
 12. Blasting Trig Lookout 1955
 13. Building Trig Lookout 1955
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 15. Building Trig Lookout 1955
John Grierson, Milton Mow, Ray Whetton 1955
 16. Loading stone for Trig Lookout 1955
 17. Unloading stone at Trig Lookout 1955
 18. Trig Lookout working party. Ray Whetton, John Grierson, Gordon Worland, John Brown. 1956
 19. Trig Lookout working party. Ray Whetton, Gordon Worland, John Grierson, John Brown 1956
 20. Trig Lookout 1956. John Grierson, Milton Mow, John Brown, Ray Whetton
 21. Trig Lookout 1956
 22. Trig Lookout 1956
 23. Trig Lookout
 24. Trig Lookout
 25. North Promontory, Mt Keira from Trig Lookout
 26. Welding safety fence Trig Lookout

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27. Welding safety fence Trig Lookout
28. Building safety fence Trig Lookout
29. Ron Harrigan getting stone for lookouts, 6am
30. Ron Harrigan getting stone for paving
31. Placing flagstone in position lower Trig Lookout. John Brown, Ray Whetton, Eric Mathews
32. Tree planting Trig Lookout. Clive Bissell, Ray Whetton
33. Lower Trig Lookout
34. Planting rock garden Trig Lookout. Jerry Wardell, Jack Fairley, Matt Allen, John Brown
35. Rock garden Trig Lookout. Frank Wiseman, Jack Fairly, Jerry Wardell, Gordon Worland
36. Wollongong from Victoria Rock before Lookout 1954
37. Looking north from Mt Keira 1954
38. Wollongong from Keira Road 1954
39. Lake Illawarra from Mt Keira 1954
40. Mt Kembla from Rotary Road 1954
41. Mt Kembla from Victoria Rock before Lookout 1954
42. Wollongong and Port Kembla Harbor from Victoria Rock 1954
43. Lake Illawarra from Victoria rock 1954
44. Planning Victoria Rock Lookout 1955
45. Victoria Rock Lookout
46. Near Victoria Rock. Ray Whetton, Clive Bissell
47. Near Victoria Rock. John Brown, Clive Bissell, John Grierson, Ray Whetton
48. Blasting Victoria Rock
49. Victoria Rock Lookout
50. Victoria Rock Lookout
51. Victoria Rock Lookout
52. Victoria Rock Lookout
53. Victoria Rock Lookout
54. Lizard on rocks, Mt Keira
55. Milton Mow having a siesta
56. Tree planting Mt Keira 1956
57. Planting wattle trees 1956
58. Replacing broken key in machinery. Johan Brown, Ray Whetton. 1957
59. Clive Bissell's crane 1957
60. Rocks for Lookout 1957
61. Rocks for Lookout 1957
62. Moving rock. John Brown, Clive Bissell 1957
63. Placing rock at Mt Keira Park 1957
64. Buses arriving Mt Keira Park 1957
65. Milton Mw addresses railway tourists - 240 made trip 1957
66. Railway tourists visit park and lookouts 1957
67. Positioning direction finder
68. Position direction finder
69. Direction finder
70. Loading stone
71. Moving rock

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72. Barbeque area
73. Barbeque area
74. Positioning commemorative stone
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79. Commemorative stone
80. Commemorative stone
81. Commemorative stone
82. Erecting sign posts
83. Preparing to erect Mt Keira Summit Park board
84. Erecting descriptive board
85. Descriptive board
86. Clearing bush
87. Clearing bush
88. Clearing bush
89. Bush
90. Drilling machine
91. Planning Waters' Memorial. - Waters, - Waters, Jack Waters, Paula Waters, John Brown, Bill Waters, Matt Allen
92. C Bissell's crane. John Brown
93. Building stone fences
94. Building barbeque
95. Erecting safety fence at lookout
96. Work Party
97. School cadets at official opening
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99. Official opening
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103. Official opening
104. Official opening
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106. Official opening
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108. Official opening
109. Official opening
110. Catering
111. Plans of kiosk, Mt Keira 1959
112. Mt Keira Summit Park Committee meeting
113. Mt Keira kiosk discussion
114. Mt Keira Summit Park Committee meeting
115. Mt Keira kiosk
116. View from Mt Keira
117. Wollongong by night
118. Wollongong by night

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- 119. Edmund T Lennon cheque 1959
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