

**PART 3 : CROWN ALLOTMENT 2 OF SECTION 12 (now Garage)**

- 26/8/1868 Crown Grant to Walter Pemberton.
- 1868-1871 Walter Pemberton.
- 1871-1886 Walter Pemberton the younger (Blacksmith).
- 1886-1888 Third Beechworth Building Society.
- 1888 John Fletcher of Beechworth (Accountant).
- 1888-1897 Frederick Christopher O'Brien (Draper).
- 1897-1930 Charles Knight (Blacksmith), died 25/11/1930.
- 1934 Walter John Nicholas (Hotelkeeper).

Walter Pemberton the younger operated as a Blacksmith during the Kelly days and it was said that part of Ned's armour was fashioned at the Pemberton Smithy and part at a Smithy on the Woolshed.

**PART 4 : CROWN ALLOTMENTS 1, 2 & 11 —  
THE NICHOLAS ERA**

- 24/8/1931 Railway Hotel purchased by Walter John Nicholas (£1,500).
  - 1935 Mortgaged to C.B.C. of Sydney. Second storey erected. Name changed to Hotel Nicholas.
- Further extensions were made to the ground floor during the Nicholas period and the old shop on allotment 2 became the dining room and kitchen. Nicholas then set about building a reputation for meals and meal service to the extent that the Nicholas table was renowned throughout North-Eastern Victoria. Nicholas remained in residence until 1947.
- 22/10/1947 Hotel purchased by Frederick John Burgess and Catherine Elizabeth Burgess. F. J. Burgess died in May, 1950.
  - 26/3/1952 Owner C. E. Burgess. Lessee Walter George Galloway.
  - 28/4/1953 Owner C. E. Burgess. Lessee Angus William Nimmo and Isabel Nimmo.
  - 29/4/1955 C. E. Swords of the Bridge Hotel, Dandenong (previously Catherine Burgess) sold to Lieut. Col. Roy Ford Jaboor, O.B.E., E.D., and Nance Troon Jaboor.
  - 8/10/1959 Nicholas Hotel Pty. Ltd formed (R. F. Jaboor, N. T. Jaboor & R. O. Taylor). Nominee Roy Ford Jaboor. Extensive bar alterations carried out.
  - 11/12/1968 Owners Nicholas Hotel Pty. Ltd. Lessees Stanley Kevin Clarke and Mervyn Elizabeth Clarke. Further bar alterations carried out, additional lounges formed. Old living quarters underneath the dining room and kitchen converted to a wine cellar. The old Nicholas reputation for meals (particularly counter meals) revived.
  - 19/6/1971 Owners Nicholas Hotel Pty. Ltd. (R. F. Jaboor, N. T. Jaboor and S. K. & M. E. Clarke). Lessees, S. K. & M. E. Clarke and nominee Stan Clarke.



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# Brief History

of

# Hotel Nicholas, Beechworth

Covering Crown Allotments 1, 2 & 11  
of Section 12, Parish of Beechworth,  
County of Bogong.

**PART 1 : CROWN ALLOTMENT 1 OF SECTION 12**

- 2/1/1857 Crown Grant to William Corbet Jones Parry, Barrister-at-Law (previous owner of the Criterion Hotel in High Street).
- 13/8/1857 Owner W. C. J. Parry, Hotel Alliance. Lease granted for 7 years to Ebenezer Flint at rental of £130 yearly. Lessee to keep duly licensed and properly conducted. Payable quarterly.
- 1/1/1864 Owner W. C. J. Parry, Hotel Alliance. Lease granted to Charles Francois Duchatel at rental of £83 yearly. Lessee to repair and keep duly licensed and properly conducted.
- 1/8/1870 Owner W. C. J. Yale, Hotel Alliance. Lease for 9 years granted to Carl Esther, rental £83 yearly. Lessee to repair and repaint. (Owner has now taken the name of Yale.)
- 1886 Owner W. C. J. Yale, Hotel Railway. Lessee Williams.
- 1887 Owner W. C. J. Yale, Hotel Alliance. Lessee Edward Ryan.
- 1888 Owner W. C. J. Yale, Hotel Railway. Lessee James Feeley.
- 28/8/1888 A mortgage of £1000 was granted to Joseph Parry-Jones and Philip Henry Minshall of Oswestry (a town on the Welsh border) from William Corbet Yale — formerly known as William Corbet Jones Parry of Beechworth — now of Plas-yn-Yale in the County of Denbigh in England. (A Barrister in 1857, Parry had apparently returned to Wales and taken office in Plas-yn-Yale and also taken the name of Yale. Joseph Parry-Jones could have been a relative.) The deal included several pieces of land in Beechworth together with shops, buildings and Hotel. The document was prepared in England.
- 1891 Owner W. C. J. Yale, Hotel Alliance. Lessee Michael Devery. The Hotel remained the Railway until 1935 and the name Devery is still common in the Beechworth area.
- 2/11/1892 Owner W. C. J. Yale. Lease for 21 years granted to Felix O'Connor. Rental £52 yearly. Only £1 per week rental but O'Connor agreed to spend at least £1000 in rebuilding within 12 months. The Hotel had apparently fallen into a state of disrepair for renovations costing £1000 would have been quite substantial. O'Connor immediately mortgaged the lease to Frederick Allen, Brewer and Cordial Manufacturer, of Spring Creek, Beechworth.
- 1898-1903 Owner W. C. J. Yale. Lessee Ellen O'Connor. Felix had apparently died.
- 1903 Owner W. C. J. Yale. Lessee Thomas Griffin.
- 1904 Owner W. C. J. Yale. Lessee Lawrence Edwin Montgomerie-Agnes Montgomerie.
- 1905-1908 Owner Ellen O'Connor (also shown as Ellen Connor), of 306 Station Street, North Carlton.
- 1909-1911 Owner William Corbet Yale Jones Parry. Lessee Lawrence Edwin Montgomerie. Ellen O'Connor had apparently been purchasing the property from Yale Jones Parry but had allowed it to revert back to its original ownership.
- 1912-1920 Owner Estate of William Corbet Yale Jones Parry. Executors, Union Trustee Co. Lessee, Lawrence Edwin Montgomerie.
- 31/3/1920 Union Trustee Co., Administrator of the will of William Corbet Yale Jones Parry, late of Madryn in the County of Carnarvon and of Plas-yn-Yale in the County of Denbigh in Wales, Esquire, Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Denbigh sold allotment 1 to Lawrence Edwin Montgomerie.
- 16/12/1920 Lawrence Edwin Montgomerie died.
- 24/7/1922 Owner Estate of L. E. Montgomerie. Lessee, Margaret M. Montgomerie.
- 15/10/1923 Owner Estate of L. E. Montgomerie. Lessee, Gertrude Kathleen Donegan.
- 17/12/1925 Owner Margaret Montgomerie, Ranch Mansions, Marine Parade, St. Kilda.
- 2/8/1926 Owner Margaret Montgomerie. Lessee, Walter John Nicholas.
- 29/5/1929 Owner Margaret Montgomerie. Lessee Jane Cassidy (sister of W. J. Nicholas).
- 24/8/1931 Margaret Sleight (nee Montgomerie) of 53 Marine Parade, St. Kilda, sold allotments 1 and 2 to Walter John Nicholas for consideration of £1500. Margaret Montgomerie married a Sleight, still a well-known name in the Funeral Parlor business. Oddly enough, further study will show that a Hearse House was situated for many years on allotment 2.

**PART 2 : CROWN ALLOTMENT 2 OF SECTION 12**

- 2/1/1857 Crown Grant to Charles Froste.
- 9/2/1857 Mortgaged to John Smith for £200. Agreement by way of equitable mortgage to Joseph Deutchman and Selig Jereslow for £75.
- 15/5/1858 Conveyance from Charles Froste to Maurice Ickerson for £45 cash plus £275 for two mortgages.
- 3/7/1858 Equitable mortgage from Maurice Ickerson to Joseph Katzenstein for £354/1/1.
- 24/2/1861 Conveyance from Robert Edward Jacomb (solicitor), official assignee for the estate and effects of Maurice Ickerson to Joseph Katzenstein and William Neustetel for 10/-.
- 17/6/1862 Conveyance from William Neustetel to Joseph Katzenstein half interest in allotment 2 plus other land in Ballarat and Yack-andandah.
- 24/6/1865 Conveyance and Assignment for benefit of creditors by Joseph and Isaac Katzenstein to James Blackwood, Alexander Fraser, Moss Joshua and a list of creditors and agents. Records have not been located covering years 1868-1881 but it is obvious that a business block existed on allotments 1, 2 and 3 with a Hotel and shops on the corner block and shops and Hearse House on allotment 2 and another Hotel and shops on allotment 3.
- 1882-1883 Owners Alexander Greig and David Wilson, building contractors, tenants of Hearse House and shop. Other tenants John Ashton (tailor) in shop and dwelling and Beechworth Gas Co.
- 1885-1889 Owner-Tenants Greig and Wilson. Other tenants John Ashton and W. C. J. Yale. It is not clear where Yale fits into this picture. He had leased the hotel to James Feeley and was certainly in England in August, 1888, when he granted a mortgage to Parry-Jones and Minshall but he may have used a room in the shopping block for storage purposes.
- 1890-1894 Owner-tenant Hearse House, David Wilson. Shop tenant John Ashton (tailor).
- 1895-1896 David Wilson. Shop tenant John Simpson (tea merchant).
- 1896-1897 David Wilson. Shop apparently vacant.
- 1897-1900 David Wilson. Shop tenant Richard Pierce Laycock (saddler).
- 1900-1901 David Wilson. Shop apparently vacant.
- 1902-1903 David Wilson. Shop tenant Sarah Cheeseman (no occupation given).
- 1903-1905 David Wilson. Undertaker. Shop apparently vacant.
- 1905-1908 David Wilson. Shop tenant John Borlace (Bootmaker).
- 1909-1910 David Wilson. Tennants George Farley (Carpenter) and John Borlace.
- 1911-1912 David Wilson. Tennants George Farley and William Hawken (Bootmaker).
- 1913-1916 Owner Jane Wilson. Tenant William Hawken.
- 1917-1918 Owner shop and land Jane Wilson. Shop tenant Hawken (Bootmaker). The old Hearse House has now disappeared.
- 1918-1923 Owner Jane Wilson. Shop tenant Bert Waldon (Bootmaker).
- 1923-1924 Owner Jane Wilson. Shop tenant Daniel Scobie (Groom).
- 1924-1925 Owner Jane Wilson. Shop tenant Daniel Scobie (Labourer).
- 1925-1927 Owner land Jane Wilson. Owner shop Margaret Montgomerie (Hotel).
- 1927-1928 Owner shop and land Margaret Montgomerie. Tenant Walter John Nicholas (Hotelkeeper).
- 24/8/1931 Margaret Sleight (nee Montgomerie) sold allotments 1 and 2 to Walter John Nicholas.