

Wilcox History – Jack's Family (from Jack & Bet's birth to Bet's death)

- 1910 Aug 25 "Betty" Norton born at Quirindi, NSW on 'Blythswood' a sheep property.
- 1911 Jun 15 Jack Wilcox born
- 1912 "Okinya" was extended.
1912 *Australian History Geelong: First Australian public telephone exchange installed
Commonwealth Bank opens as a savings bank
The Wattle is declared Australia's national flower*
- 1913 *World History Notes Henry Ford Creates Assembly Line*
- 1913 Business was getting difficult and Jack's father George had a nervous breakdown. He and Venie went to England to see relatives. On the way back war broke out. They returned in the ship "Beltana", (or "Mooltan"?) via Cape Horn, South Africa.
- 1914 *World History Notes World War 1. Panama Canal Officially Opened*
1914 *Australian History Australia's white population 4,971,778*
- 1914 George's condition got worse on his return and he was in and out of hospital (Venie had to have a nurse to be always with him) and felt himself too big a burden to the family.
- 1915 July 14 or 15 George Seaborn died. He shot himself and was found in the bedroom by Alan. He was buried in the family vault at the Waverley cemetery at Watson's Bay.
- 1917 Sept 5 George senior died in great pain. (Phlebitis in both legs.)
- 1918 George Wilcox & Co. became Wilcox Mofflin Ltd.
1918 *World History Notes Electric light*
1918 *World History Notes Treaty of Versailles Ends World War I*
1919 *World History Notes Short wave radio invented. First direct wireless message from the UK to Australia*
1919 *Australian History Ross and Keith Smith fly from England to Australia by airplane.*
- 1920 Jack's Sister Rita went to China returned in 1921 and did medicine at Sydney Uni.
1920 *World History Notes First Commercial Radio Broadcast Aired*
- 1920 ACELEC (Alan Crook Electrical Company) formed. Jack formed a partnership with Alan and later Greg Kater. The company later became Electrical Equipment of Australia.
1921 *Australian History Australia's white population 5,510,944*
- 1926 **Rita Wilcox awarded Bachelor of Medicine & Master of Surgery, 24th April, from Sydney University**
1927 *Australian History Federal Parliament opened by Duke of York at the Commonwealth capital, Canberra.*
1930 *Australian History Sydney: The 2 spans of the Sydney Harbour Bridge are joined*
- 1932 July 17 Constance "Venie" Wilcox died in England.
1932 *Australian History Opening of Sydney Harbour Bridge.*
- 1932 Dec 10 Jack & Betty married. Lived 4 years at Gordon, Sydney
1933 *Australia's white population 6,656,695*
- 1934 Mar 10 Venie Elizabeth born
- 1936 Sept 18 Sidney John (Sid) born
1936 *World History Notes King George VI, from Dec. 11 1936*
- 1938 Mar 25 James Seaborn(Jim) born
Jack & Bet moved to "Okinya" which Jack bought from his brother and sisters..
1939 *Australian History Black Friday bushfires rage from South Australian border to Gippsland and NSW. 71 people die*
1939 *World History Notes World War 2*
1941 *World History Notes Japanese Attack Pearl Harbor*
- 1941 Oct 26 George Edward born
- 1941 Jack bought 2 houses in Leura, NSW in the Blue Mountains
- 1941 Jack's family moved to Leura

- 1941 Jack joined the army as a private and trained to be a Lieutenant. First at Puckapunyal. Jack served in the Royal Australian Engineers and was a training officer at Penrith NSW, and then served in New Guinea
- 1942 *Australian History Darwin bombed and Rabaul captured by Japanese*
- 1944 *World History Notes D Day. Invasion of Europe, June 6*
- 1945 *World History Notes End war in Europe May 1945*
- Atomic Bomb invented. End World War 2*
- Helicopter invented*
- First Computer Built (ENIAC)*
- 1945 *Australian History Ben Chifley 13 Jul 1945 16th Prime Minister*
- 1946 Jack's family moved back to "Okinya", Darling Point, Sydney.
- 1946 Sid and Jim remained at boarding school at Leura until the end of the year.
- 1946 Sept 24 Twins, Mymie Alice (later Isti) and Elizabeth Gai (Gai) born
- 1947 Sid and Jim boarders at Tudor House school, Moss Vale.
- 1947 Jack bought Beresford Electrics.
- 1947 *Australia's white population 7,580,820*
- 1948 *World History Notes "Big Bang" Theory Formulated*
- 1948 *Australian History The first all Australian car is produced-the Holden*
- 1949 *Australian History Robert Menzies 19 Dec 1949 Prime Minister for the 2nd time starting a 16-year term.*
- 1949 *Australian History Beginning of Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Scheme, completed in 1972.*
- 1952 *World History Notes Coronation of **Queen Elizabeth II**, from Feb. 6*
- 1952 Bet & Jack invited guests to watch the coronation celebrations on Sydney Harbour from Okinya.
- 1952 *World History Notes 1st Hydrogen bomb*
- 1953 Sept 4 "Okinya" burned down
- 1954 *World History Notes Oral contraceptive*
- 1954 *Australia's white population 9,089,936*
- 1956 *Australian History First TVs in Australia*
- 1956 Aug 9 Jack died with cancer of the stomach at age 45
- 1957 Bet and family moved to the Gordon house
- 1957 *World History Notes Soviet Satellite Sputnik Launches Space Age*
- 1958 Bet bought the Castlecrag house and the family moved there.
- 1958 July 16 Venie married Manfred Joseph Schulenberg
- 1959 *World History Notes Microchip*
- 1961 *Australian History Woman fined for being "unsuitably dressed" wearing a bikini at Bondi Beach*
- 1961 *World History Notes Berlin wall built.*
- 1st man in space.*
- 1962 *World History Notes Audio cassette*
- 1963 Mar 25 James (Jim) married Martha Hale
- 1966 Mar 15 Sidney (Sid) married Catherine Downs Tidd
- 1966 *Australian History Australia's white population 11,704,843*
- 1966 *Australian History Australia changes over to decimal currency*
- 1966 Mar 4 George married Gwenneth Marriott Dalway
- 1969 *World History Notes 1st moon landing*
- 1971 Sept 24 Helena ("Nan") died at Castlecrag, Sydney *Nan lived from the horse and buggy until man on the moon!*
- 1971 Dec 11 Gai married Jeffery Roberts Woolhouse
- 1972 Apr 19 Mymie married Edward George (Peter) Jenkins
- 1972 *Australian History Gough Whitlam 06 Dec 1972 21st Prime Minister*
- 1972 *World History Notes Word Processor (1971 VCR's)*
- 1973 *Australian History The Sydney Opera House opens*
- 1975 *Australian History Malcolm Fraser 11 Nov 1975 22nd Prime Minister*
- 1975 *Australian History Australia's population 13,968,881*
- Aboriginal Australians included from 1971***

First colour broadcast ABC TV
1977 World History Notes First PC's. 1979 Cell phones. 1981 IBM PC
1981 Australia's population 15,054,117
1983 World History Notes Mobile phones sold commercially
1983 Australian History 11 Mar 1983 23rd Prime Minister
1984 World History Notes Apple Mackintosh. 1985 Windows program
1987 Betty at age 77 moved to Lindfield Gardens Retirement Village
1989 World History Notes Nov. 9 Berlin Wall Falls
1990 World History Notes World Wide Web
1991 World History Notes Collapse of Soviet Union
Australia's population 17,387,023
1991 Australian History Paul Keating 20 Dec 1991 24th Prime Minister
1993 World History Notes Use of the Internet Grows Exponentially
1994 World History Notes Channel Tunnel Opens, Connecting Britain and
France
1996 Australia's population 18,420,320
1996 Betty at age 85 moved to Rosewood Gardens, Ashburton in Melbourne
1996 John Howard 11 Mar 1996 25th Prime Minister
2001 Australia's population 19,529,274
2002 Aug 22 Betty died just before age 92.