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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		<i>Geelong: First Australian public telephone exchange installed</i>
			<i>Commonwealth Bank opens as a savings bank</i>
			<i>The Wattle is declared Australia's national flower</i>
			<i>Henry Ford Creates Assembly Line</i>
1913	World History Notes		
1913		Business was getting difficult and Jack's father George had a nervous breakdown. He went to England to see relatives. On the way back he ship "Beltana", (or "Mooltan"?) via Cape Horn,	
		and Venie war broke out. They returned in South Africa.	
1914	World History Notes		<i>World War 1. Panama Canal Officially Opened</i>
1914	Australian History		<b>Australia's white population 4,971,778</b>
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 Waverly cemetery at Watsons 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		<i>Electric light</i>
1918	World History Notes		<i>Treaty of Versailles Ends World War I</i>
1919	World History Notes		<i>Short wave radio invented. First direct wireless message from the UK to Australia</i>
1919	Australian History		<i>Ross and Keith Smith fly from England to Australia by airplane.</i>
1920		Jack's Sister Rita went to China returned in 1921 and did medicine at Sydney Uni.	
1920	World History Notes		<i>First Commercial Radio Broadcast Aired</i>
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		<b>Australia's white population 5,510,944</b>
1926		Rita Wilcox awarded Bachelor of Medicine & Master of Surgery, 24 <sup>th</sup> April, from Sydney University	
1927	Australian History		<i>Federal Parliament opened by Duke of York at the Commonwealth capital, Canberra.</i>
1930	Australian History		<i>Sydney: The 2 spans of the Sydney Harbour Bridge are joined</i>
1932	July 17	Constance "Venie" Wilcox died in England.	
1932	Australian History		<i>Opening of Sydney Harbour Bridge.</i>
1932	Dec 10	Jack & Betty married. Lived 4 years at Gordon, Sydney	
1933			<b>Australia's white population 6,656,695</b>
1934	Mar 10	Venie Elizabeth born	
1936	Sept 18	Sidney John (Sid) born	
1936	World History Notes		<b>King George VI, from Dec. 11 1936</b>
?		Jack & Bet moved to "Okinya" which Jack bought from his brother and sisters..	
1938	Mar 25	James Seaborn(Jim) born	
1939	Australian History		<i>Black Friday bushfires rage from South Australian</i>

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		<i>border to Gippsland and NSW. 71 people die</i>
1939	<i>World History Notes</i>	<i>World War 2</i>
1941	<i>World History Notes</i>	<i>Japanese Attack Pearl Harbor</i>
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	<i>Australian History</i>	<i>Darwin bombed and Rabaul captured by Japanese</i>
1944	<i>World History Notes</i>	<i>D Day. Invasion of Europe, June 6</i>
1945	<i>World History Notes</i>	<i>End war in Europe May 1945</i>
		<i>Atomic Bomb invented. End World War 2</i>
		<i>Helicopter invented</i>
		<i>First Computer Built (ENIAC)</i>
1945	<i>Australian History</i>	<i>Ben Chifley 13 Jul 1945 16th Prime Minister</i>
?		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		<b><i>Australia's white population 7,580,820</i></b>
1948	<i>World History Notes</i>	<i>"Big Bang" Theory Formulated</i>
1948	<i>Australian History</i>	<i>The first all Australian car is produced-the Holden</i>
1949	<i>Australian History</i>	<i>Robert Menzies 19 Dec 1949 Prime Minister for the 2nd time starting a 16-year term.</i>
1949	<i>Australian History</i>	<i>Beginning of Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Scheme, completed in 1972.</i>
1952	<i>World History Notes</i>	Coronation of <b><i>Queen Elizabeth II</i></b> , from Feb. 6
		Bet & Jack invited guests to watch the coronation celebrations on Sydney Harbour from Okinya.
1952	<i>World History Notes</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Hydrogen bomb</i>
1953	Sept 4	"Okinya" burned down
1954	<i>World History Notes</i>	<i>Oral contraceptive</i>
1954		<b><i>Australia's white population 9,089,936</i></b>
1956	<i>Australian History</i>	<i>First TVs in Australia</i>
1956	Aug 9	Jack died with cancer of the stomach at age 45
1957		Bet and family moved to the Gordon house
1957	<i>World History Notes</i>	<i>Soviet Satellite Sputnik Launches Space Age</i>
1958		Bet bought the Castlecrag house and the family moved there.
1958	July 16	Venie married Manfred Joseph Schulenberg
1959	<i>World History Notes</i>	<i>Microchip</i>
1961	<i>Australian History</i>	<i>Woman fined for being "unsuitably dressed" wearing a bikini at Bondi Beach</i>
1961	<i>World History Notes</i>	<i>Berlin wall built.</i>
		<i>1<sup>st</sup> man in space.</i>
1962	<i>World History Notes</i>	<i>Audio cassette</i>
1963	Mar 25	James (Jim) married Martha Hale
1966	Mar 15	Sidney (Sid) married Catherine Downs Tidd
1966	<i>Australian History</i>	<b><i>Australia's white population 11,704,843</i></b>
1966	<i>Australian History</i>	<i>Australia changes over to decimal currency</i>
1966	Mar 4	George married Gwenneth Marriott Dalway

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1969	<i>World History Notes</i>		<i>1<sup>st</sup> moon landing</i>
1971	Sept 24	Helena ("Nan") <sup>1</sup> died at Castlecrag, Sydney	
1971	Dec 11	Gai married Jeffery Roberts Woolhouse	
1972	Apr 19	Mymie married Edward George (Peter) Jenkins	
1972	<i>Australian History</i>		<i>Gough Whitlam 06 Dec 1972 21st Prime Minister</i>
1972	<i>World History Notes</i>		<i>Word Processor (1971 VCR's)</i>
1973	<i>Australian History</i>		<i>The Sydney Opera House opens</i>
1975	<i>Australian History</i>		<i>Malcolm Fraser 11 Nov 1975 22nd Prime Minister</i>
1975	<i>Australian History</i>		<b><i>Australia's population 13,968,881</i></b>
			<b><i>Aboriginal Australians included from 1971</i></b>
			<i>First colour broadcast ABC TV</i>
1977	<i>World History Notes</i>		<i>First PC's. 1979 Cell phones. 1981 IBM PC</i>
1981			<b><i>Australia's population 15,054,117</i></b>
1983	<i>World History Notes</i>		<i>Mobile phones sold commercially</i>
1983	<i>Australian History</i>		<i>11 Mar 1983 23rd Prime Minister</i>
1984	<i>World History Notes</i>		<i>Apple Mackintosh. 1985 Windows program</i>
1987		Betty at age 77 moved to Lindfield Gardens Retirement Village	
1989	<i>World History Notes</i>		<i>Nov. 9 Berlin Wall Falls</i>
1990	<i>World History Notes</i>		<i>World Wide Web</i>
1991	<i>World History Notes</i>		<i>Collapse of Soviet Union</i>
			<b><i>Australia's population 17,387,023</i></b>
1991	<i>Australian History</i>		<i>Paul Keating 20 Dec 1991 24th Prime Minister</i>
1993	<i>World History Notes</i>		<i>Use of the Internet Grows Exponentially</i>
1994	<i>World History Notes</i>		<i>Channel Tunnel Opens, Connecting Britain and France</i>
1996			<b><i>Australia's population 18,420,320</i></b>
1996		Betty at age 85 moved to Rosewood Gardens, Ashburton in Melbourne	
1996			<i>John Howard 11 Mar 1996 25th Prime Minister</i>
2001			<b><i>Australia's population 19,529,274</i></b>
2002	Aug 22	Betty died just before age 92.	

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<sup>1</sup> *Nan lived from the horse and buggy until man on the moon!*