

Francis Patrick DELANEY info as at 23 August 2003

**1st Son of Michael Walter DELANEY and Ophelia Teresa POTOKY - NZ
Grandson of John Dormer Delaney and Eleanor McDermott. m. Capetown
Great Grandson of Denis Delaney and Judith Dormer from Carlow Ireland.**

Born about 1890 in Opotiki, New Zealand

Died 29th October 1967 Wedderburn, Australia buried Campbelltown Cemetary

Frank came to Sydney with the rest of family in 1912 and led a very busy life both in employment and sports, particularly football and athletics.

In 1925 he married **Dorothy Elizabeth CROSS**, "Dolly" who was the daughter of **Louisa GORRIE** and born in 1900 in Sydney. Together they ran a dancing school very sucessfully and also were very active in Athletics. **For many years Frank was manager of the NSW Amateur Athletic Association and was also manager of the Australian team during the Commonwealth Games in New Zealand.**

Later Frank had a 28 acre property at **Wedderburn** where he had a factory manufacturing toys for many large retail stores in Sydney, such items as Bob sets, Jigsaw puzzles etc.

During some 30 years together they also ran a bus and mail service to and from Wedderburn and Campbelltown using, as I remember, an old 1926 Chev Truck which operated as a bus, mail truck and delivery van and there is a photo of the "bus" and copy of the time table within my records. **See attached pictures in this document.**

Visitors to the old property will remember "the Woolwash", the Gorge, the crying log and being grabbed in a "gillywong" and visits to "Gorryville" as well as the old Rickenbacker and Pontiac full of bottles.

Frank, I remember made annual visits to the Sydney Royal Easter Show where he had duties at the Woodchopping Pavillion.

Frank and Dolly separated and they had no offspring, perhaps because Frank had lost a kidney and they decided not to have a family.

Towards the end, Frank was run down by a car and never really recovered from that incident. I attended his funeral and it is the only time I have been a pall bearer so far. It was also the first time I can recall meeting Yvonne Adele Blackmore, Sue's sister and mother of Michelle, Martine and Danielle and who was to die tragically just some 4 months later.

Frank was a founding member of the Campbelltown Catholic Club.

After his death, the property was left to the Mercer and Gorrie families and eventually sold to C and M Jonges and later to Alan Scattergood.

Some 17 years later, about 1983, we visited the property to find it virtually untouched although the old factory had fallen down and the original older cottage was virtually gone.

I spoke to Dorothy Gorrie and to Jack and Lorna Gorrie and to Mr. Scattergood in August 1999 and I believe Frank's property is just the same as we saw it in 1983.

I am hoping to pay another visit soon and have another cuppa with Alan Scattergood to refresh memories of Frank.

Since writing this story I have received a lengthy story from Billy Gorrie who spent a great deal of time with Frank and Dolly at Wedderburn.

DAILY BUS SERVICE

From January 29th, 1946

BETWEEN

Campbelltown,
Woolwash, Kentlyn, South
Campbelltown & Wedderburn.

TIME TABLE. (Monday to Friday.)

Wedderburn.	Sth Campbelltown.	Kentlyn.	Campbelltown.
6.30 a.m.	6.50	7.5	7.30 a.m. } AND SATUR-
		8.0 a.m.	8.30 p.m. } DAYS.
4.0 p.m.	4.20	4.35	5.0 p.m.

Leaves Wedderburn on Friday's at 1 p.m. instead of 4 p.m.

(OUTWARDS.)

Campbelltown.	Kentlyn.	Sth Campbelltown.	Wedderburn.
7.40 a.m.	8.0 a.m.	AND SATURDAYS.	
10.0 "	10.20 "	10.40	11.0 a.m.
5.10 p.m.	5.30 p.m.		
6.20 "	6.40 "	7.0	7.20 p.m.
6.30 p.m. Wednesdays—Terminates at South Campbelltown at 7.0 p.m. then Special for Pictures.			

SATURDAY'S ADDITIONAL.

Campbelltown.	Kentlyn.	Woolwash.	Sth C'town.	W'burn.
1.0 p.m.	1.20 p.m.			
2.0 "	2.20 "	2.25	2.30 p.m.	
6.0 "		6.10	6.15 "	
11.0 "	11.15 "	11.25	11.30 "	12.0 p.m.

SATURDAY'S ADDITIONAL. (INWARDS.)

Sth. Campbelltown.	Woolwash.	Kentlyn.	Campbelltown.
		1.20 p.m.	1.40 p.m.
3.0 p.m.	3.5 p.m.		3.20 "
6.20 "	6.25 "	7.10 "	7.25 "

SUNDAYS.

W'burn.	W'wash.	K'lyn.	C'town.	C'tn.	K'lyn.	W'wash.	W'bn
a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.
8.30	8.55	9.10	9.30	9.45	10.5		10.20
Direct Campbelltown to Woolwash: 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.							
Kentlyn.	Campbelltown.	Campbelltown.	Kentlyn.	St. C'town.	W'burn.		
p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.		
5.50	6.5	6.30	6.50	7.10	7.30		

F. DELANEY

PROPRIETOR—WEDDERBURN

OBITUARY

Frank Delaney

The death took place on October 29, at hospital of Mr. Frank Delaney of Wedderburn, aged 75.

Born in Auckland N.Z. he came to Australia in his teens and was established for many years as a toy maker.

Frank Delaney lived at Wedderburn for over 37 years.

He was a prominent Australian Amateur Athletics official being starter for the Empire Games events and managed the Australian team in New Zealand prior to World War II.

Frank Delaney was responsible for the formation of the Campbelltown Athletic Club in 1946 and known by all members as "Pop" Delaney.

He pioneered a bus run, carrying mail, groceries etc. to Wedderburn and the bus route to the Standpipe via Settlement.

A requiem mass was held on November 1 at St Johns Church, Campbelltown and afterwards burial took place in the Catholic cemetery.

One brother, Michael, of Oatley survives.

29/10/1967