Jeremiah Cashin.

The Old Man Who Lived In A Tree.

JEREMIAH CASHIN "THE OLD MAN WHO LIVED IN A TREE." MR. CASHIN LIVED IN THIS HOLLOW TREE STUMP AT WAMBERAL FOR MANY YEARS.

JEREMIAH WAS A SHORT FELLOW WHO USED TO CALL UPON A STRAPPING YOUNG LAD, ALBERT BOHRINGER TO CARRY HIM PICK-A-BACK ACROSS THE LOCAL SWAMPS. HE MOVED INTO A NEW HOUSE ON HIS PROPERTY ABOUT THE SAME TIME THIS PHOTO WAS TAKEN IN 1912.



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Mr. Cashin turned this tree stump into a cosy but simple home with windows, doors and a fireplace.

It was an inexpensive dwelling perfect for a bachelor to live in.

Jeremiah also built the Wamberal Memorial Hall for "people to gather together for singing and dancing on a Saturday night".

He came from an Irish family with a proud heritage.

This page created by Alyssa & Karina, Yr 6. Information gathered from interview with Mr. Arthur Pike. Photograph courtesy of Mrs. Gwen Dundon. Author of "The History of Gosford"series. Mr. Cashin used to grow his own vegetables and he also owned some animals including; sheep, cows and chickens. Every Market Day Mr. Cashin would ride into Gosford on a horse and cart and would receive his mail from a paddle steamer. Then he would take his vegetables into the Market Place and sell them. His great nephew, Mr Albert Pike, remembers travelling in on the wagon to Gosford to sell the produce and purchase the familys' other needs that they were unable to grow or make.

Mr. Cashin owned a large parcel of land which he later sold to his nephew when he moved to Lidcombe in Sydney, where he later died.