

# LETTER FROM "NURSE" SEYMOUR'S DAUGHTER

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The Secretary

Wollongong Historical Society

Dear Sir/Madam

Recently while researching some family history, I had access to several small books on the history of Wollongong and one book about special one time residents and the medical history of Wollongong.

I was surprised to find no mention of my mother who owned and ran a small hospital for midwifery, from 1926 to 1940. Her name was R M Seymour, affectionately known as "Nurse".

Her small hospital of five beds was called "Weerona" (in Aboriginal meaning a resting place).

It was situated in Keira Street, directly opposite the "South Coast Times" Office, and many hundreds of Wollongong residents of today were born there.

Prior to building the small hospital, Nurse Seymour, during the five previous years,

served the community as a district nurse, travelling in a small sulky with pony ' as far afield as Mt Keira, Keiraville, Mt Kembla, Figtree, Unanderra, as well as around Wollongong. In her obit. published in S C Times of September 1965, an approximate number of babies assisted into world by her was quoted. If any further publications on Wollongong history are made and you wish to have more information, I would be happy to supply same.

Yours sincerely

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