**Beecroft Station Robbery 1895**

**Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW: 1883 - 1930), Saturday 27 July 1895, page 5**

A RAILWAY STATION SAFE DYNAMITED.

The Beecroft railway station was broken into yesterday morning, and the safe was blown open, the contents — some £7 — being taken. The supposed robbery occurred at about 5.20 a.m., at which time several residents heard a report like a blast. An examination of the safe shows that a hole had been drilled through the top through which it is supposed that dynamite was inserted. Both locks and doors were blown off. The station-master lives about 100yds. from the station. He heard the report, hut took no heed, not anticipating such a deed as burglary. It is assumed that the thieves come from Sydney, and left for there by the 5.47 train.

**Cumberland Free Press (Parramatta, NSW: 1895 - 1897), Saturday 3 August 1895, page 7**

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Daring Robbery.

Early on Friday morning, the Station office was broken into, and the safe burst open, and the money, about £6, stolen. The structure, which serves as the office, is a second-hand one, having served elsewhere before, it was placed here; and apparently the robber or robbers had little difficulty in opening the door. This effected, a small hole was drilled through the top of the safe, and a charge of explosives — dynamite probably — inserted. The explosion had the effect of breaking the bolt of the lock, and opening the safe. The office clock was found stopped at 17 minutes to five; and at the same time several residents close to the station heard a loud report, though they took no particular notice of it: so that that was about the time the robbery took place, no doubt. Some valuable documents of the Station-master are missing; but the tickets are intact, excepting that they show signs of the explosion. Whosoever the robbers were, this much seems evident, they knew their work, and probably been at the game before. Detectives are working hard to gather information that may lead to the discovery of the perpetrators.

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Beecroft.

Daring Robbery. - On arrival at the station-house on Friday morning last, Mr. T. Casserly was much surprised to find that the office had been broken into and the safe burst open and between £6 and £7 taken, as well as several documents, including the deeds of Mr. Casserly's Copeland Street property. An examination of the safe showed that a hole had been drilled through the top, through which it is supposed dynamite was inserted. Both the locks on the door were blown off. It is supposed the bursting of the safe took place at about 5.20 a.m., when a noise like the report of a blast was heard by Mr. Casserly (who lives about ono hundred yards away) and other residents. No notion was taken of the noise as it was thought perhaps it was made by the shunting of the goods train. The burglars must evidently have been at work whilst the goods train was shunting, and it is supposed they left for Sydney by the early train. Undoubtedly the act was one of fully qualified burglars. The safe was one of Thomas Wearne’s Australian Fire Proof. A new safe was on Wednesday fixed in the place of the ono blown up.