Remembering Territory families

Stores and supplies

My father was a fruit hawker and my father-in-law was a general hawker, he carried things out to stations – not food or anything like that, but mainly clothes and tobacco and all shaving gear and all that sort of stuff for the station people that couldn't get in. He came over on a hawking trip to Tennant Creek, and he was prevailed on by some of the miners there to open a general store. Then he got sort of interested and they asked him to put up a crushing plant, which he did. It was a four stamper battery and he obtained the rights of the government bore – the use of the government bore. It was about 100 yards from where the battery was.

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