

211 Dowling St: Possibly the oldest building in Dungog, here James Stephenson, transported in 1828 and originally assigned to the Australian Agricultural Company, was granted a license to sell fermented spirits in August 1840 and established an inn. The Stephenson or Dungog Inn of the 1850s to 1860s was often used as a meeting place to discuss such matters as raising money for a gift of plate for a retiring magistrate, auctions, and for holding coronial inquests.

Stephenson himself was more than an innkeeper as he also operated stock sale yards and built a wind powered flour mill that he later converted into a steam powered one.

Stephenson died in 1865 and ownership passed to Henry Guy Hooke who held a mortgage of £300 on the property. The building then passed to Samuel Redman in 1879, who ran it as a boarding house with a post office in the front room. The well known Dr McKinlay is said to have lived here in the years prior to his death, being taken care of by Mrs Hannah Redman. Mrs Redman operated the boarding house until September 1919, and the Redman family and descendents maintained ownership until 1984. The former inn was a solicitor's office in the 1980s and more recently a gallery and gift shop.

The Dungog Inn, later Redman's Boarding House



The Inn today



Samuel & Hannah Redman



Samuel (Pegleg) & Hannah Maria (Flaher) Redman c1850