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Dear [REDACTED]

I have been able to find only a little information on early telecommunications at Anakie but I hope it will be helpful.

Enclosed are copies of pages from the early telephone directories showing listings for Anakie, Rubyvale and Sapphire.

In the case of Anakie and Sapphire, there is a gap in our collection of directories between the September 1922 edition (which contains no listings for these places) and the October 1924 edition, from which the copies are taken.

In the case of Rubyvale, there is no entry on the October 1924 edition, but it appears in the next edition, April 1925.

These do not give an exact date for the opening of the exchanges as there was sometimes a delay before the listing appeared in the directory. They do give, however, a fair approximation and provide the names of the earliest subscribers.

I tried to determine details of telegraphic communication in the early days. Joan Frew, in her book "Queensland Post Offices 1842-1980 and Receiving Offices 1869-1927", states that the railway line reached Anakie in October 1880, and that a Railway Telegraph Station was opened in March 1884. Railway Telegraph Stations transmitted public messages on the Railway Department's lines from places to which the Post and Telegraph Department's lines did not extend.

The annual report of the Post and Telegraph Department to the Queensland Parliament for 1880 refers to a telegraph line completed in July, 1880 from Emerald along the Central Railway to a place called Retreat and thence along the Copperfield (Clermont) - Springsure telegraph route to Springsure. The Copperfield - Springsure telegraph line would have passed somewhere west of

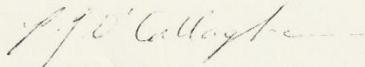
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Emerald and I wonder if Retreat was somewhere near Anakie. Perhaps local historians may have some knowledge of where the old telegraph lines ran.

I'm afraid I have no photographs which would be of use to you.

Goold luck with your book.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P. O'Callaghan".

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Public Relations

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Early directories:

Sept. 1922 - no entry

1923, Apr. 1924 - books missing

Oct. 1924

Hrs. 9-1, 2-6.

Cameron, Jas. O. San, Grayiers 2

Sander, H. H., Vine-tree 3

April 1925

add. Pacey, M. E., 4.

Oct., 1924

First available listing Anakie.

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ALPHABETICAL LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

ALPHA.

Continuous Service.

Ambulance (B. H. Hill) ... ..	1
Anderson, H. H. ... ..	33
Anderson, Thos ... ..	28
Carlson, C. A., Bedford ... ..	12
Clark and Tait, Hobartville Station ... ..	11 s
Clark and Whiting, Sedgoford ... ..	9 i
Clews, Frank ... ..	30
Clews, H., Midlothian ... ..	3 D
Clews, R., Mrs, Creek Farm ... ..	3 s
Clews, Frank, Tarago ... ..	3 U
Convent, Sisters of St Joseph ... ..	21
Cooper, L. S., Kurrajong ... ..	3 N
Criterion Hotel ... ..	17
Durrandilla ... ..	3 A
Egan, K. P. ... ..	27
Eureka (A. G. Day) ... ..	24 i
Fitzroy Estates, Limited, Beaufort ... ..	19
Fraser, W. P., Dr ... ..	31
Gadwell ... ..	8 s
Hamilton, C., Jessdale ... ..	3 H
Hamilton, Charles ... ..	29
Hickson, R. ... ..	7
Hoskin, R., Tresillian ... ..	8 D
Hospital ... ..	23
Hutchings, A., shearing contractor, Glencoe ... ..	16
Klein, M. P., Maldon ... ..	8 A
Lamorbey ... ..	8 N
Laurie's Store ... ..	6
Louie Yuk, storekeeper ... ..	14
Maxwell and Mackay, Alpha Station ... ..	9 s
Mcneary, I. M., Mrs ... ..	32
Mentmore (C. L. Foot) ... ..	8 H
Misto, Michael, storekeeper ... ..	2
Murphy, L., Mrs, storekeeper ... ..	5
Oakleigh (Daniels and Sons) ... ..	24 s
Page, C. V., Tipton ... ..	8 D
Police Station ... ..	20
Presland, E. J. ... ..	18
Presland, E. J., Commercial Hotel ... ..	4
Railway Station ... ..	15
Rivington ... ..	3 B
Somervail, F. B., Violet Grove ... ..	8 i
Surbiton Station ... ..	11 i
Templeton, J. P., Alpha Station ... ..	9 s
Travers, A. L., storekeeper ... ..	26
Tullamore ... ..	8 n
Whitwell, Thomas ... ..	10
Williams and Anderson ... ..	13
Williams and Anderson, slaughter-yards ... ..	3 i

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Daily (Sundays and Holidays excepted).

Cameron, Jas, & Son, graziers ... ..	2
Sander, H. H., Vinetree ... ..	3

ARAMAC.

Continuous Service.

Public Telephone-Post Office	
Accola, C. B., Kismet ... ..	52 i
Albion Hotel ... ..	27
Allen, F. A., Nzienda ... ..	23 H
Aramac Hotel ... ..	69
Aramac Racecourse ... ..	14 s
Aramac Shire Council, Shire Hall ... ..	39 i
Do Railway Station ... ..	39 s
Do Goods Shed ... ..	39 H
Aramac Station ... ..	9
Baldwin, J. L., hairdresser ... ..	66
Bank of New South Wales ... ..	1
Barcoorah Station ... ..	11
Bates, George, mail contractor ... ..	70
Boongavina ... ..	52 H
Bowyer, E. W. ... ..	2
Bowyer, E. W. (res) ... ..	36
Bowyer, G. L., Lodge ... ..	51
Boyer, Gordon, Dr, Porters ... ..	28
Brookes, Wm., and Co, Texas ... ..	18 H
Bunt, P. ... ..	57
Cahill, R., Royal Hotel ... ..	4
Cameron, W. (res) ... ..	3
Cherhill, Lawrence, and Son ... ..	19 H
Clark and Tait, Boongoondoo ... ..	18 i
Collier, J., Leichhardt Farms ... ..	41 i
Cooper, H. G., Pendine ... ..	41 s
Cork, A. C., storekeeper ... ..	43
Dickson, W. C., carrier ... ..	55
Duke, A. B., storekeeper ... ..	7
Edwards, S., drover ... ..	35
Egan, O. A., drover ... ..	64
Egan, W. A., refreshment-room ... ..	68
Fawkes, J. J., Gen Fawkes ... ..	52 N
Field, L. T., mail contractor ... ..	53
Foy, C., Austell ... ..	41 H
Fraser, H., Rankin ... ..	16 W
Geiger, Mrs, refreshment-rooms ... ..	65
Goldsbrough, Mort, & Co, Corinda ... ..	12 s
Griffin, H. S., Clare ... ..	18 s
Hall, W. ... ..	33
Henderson and Sons, Hexham ... ..	52 s
Hospital ... ..	26
Kingston, J. W., carrier ... ..	71
Kingston, W. J., storekeeper ... ..	5
Do (residence) ... ..	5