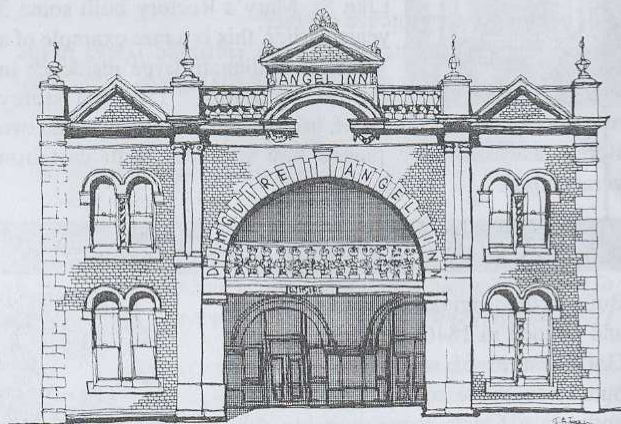


MAITLAND 1835



"Angel Inn"

First licensed as a shanty in 1827 when owned by Molly Morgan.

Maitland Heritage Walk (Central Precinct)

The area of West Maitland (now known as Maitland) had been settled by farmers from the early 1800's and was continuing to grow steadily. River traffic, in small craft, was possible from Morpeth to West Maitland, a distance of 25 miles by water or 3 miles by land, but Wallis Creek impeded the flow of land traffic and it was not bridged until 1827. The river crossing at Wallis Creek became a gateway to the interior and the inns, shops and services formed a High Street serving travellers and local settlers. The area was subject to flooding, but had access to trade and fresh water, which the government town of East Maitland lacked.

Unlike East Maitland, which was surveyed and planned in some detail before being proclaimed, West Maitland was a private town. It was consequently unplanned and surveying only occurred as land owners subdivided their holdings for sale. The development of the unformed track into the principal street was not foreseen, hence the narrowness that gives High Street so much of its character.

By 1835 the town of West Maitland had developed to such an extent that it was officially recognised and proclaimed, there being then two towns of East and West Maitland, divided by Wallis Creek. The two towns, together with Morpeth, amalgamated and the City of Maitland was proclaimed on 7th December, 1945, the town becoming known as Maitland in the early 1950's.



Many sites along the walk are privately owned and the cooperation of landowners is appreciated. To ensure the success and continuation of the walk, please respect the privacy of landowners by keeping to the path.

