

RANGE VIEW

- Also known as - BELLCHAMBERS.

LOCATION = This small centre is near, or on the road south from the present town of Sandstone to the settlement of Paynes Find.¹ About sixteen kilometres from the abandoned town of Nunngarra.²

HOTELS & ACCOMMODATION

RANGE VIEW HOTEL = Frederick BELLCHAMBERS invested his wealth from selling his *Black Range* Lease at Hacks in circa 1903 in the Hotel.³ The first dated reference to the hotel is as the Black Range View Hotel in June 1905.⁴ BELLCHAMBERS is listed in the 1905⁵ through to the 1908 postal directories.⁶ In about February 1908 he sold the hotel to William KECHNER.⁷

REDCASTLE

LOCATION = About seventeen and a half kilometres north west of the abandoned town of Yundamindera.

TRANSPORT SERVICES = The 1898 postal directory lists a coach from Coolgardie running via the abandoned town of Niagara and the present town of Menzies.⁸

POSTAL & TELEGRAPH SERVICES

POSTMASTER

TUCKER, William H. = He is listed in the 1898 postal directory.⁹

TELEGRAPH OPERATOR

CLARK, Edward = He is listed in the 1898 postal directory.¹⁰

HOTELS & ACCOMMODATION

? **HOTEL** = There was a wayside inn there in 1903.¹¹

FRESHWATER VALLEY HOTEL = Listed with Alfred WEIR in the 1898 postal directory under Redcastle but may be a nearby site.¹²

REDCASTLE HOTEL = William BOULTON and William GLEESON of Boulton & Gleeson are listed in the 1898 postal directory for what may be a combined hotel and store.¹³

REEDY

LOCATION = Latitude 27° 08' south by Longitude 118° 17' east. Seventy kilometres north east of the present town of Cue.

INDUSTRY = Gold mining.

HISTORY = Gold discoveries in the early 1930's resulted in mining development in the area and a 1933 request was made by the Cue-Day Dawn Road Board for a townsite to be surveyed and declared. Following a survey of the town lots a name was sought for the townsite, and Mathers and Triton were suggested, with Reedy being another choice. Reedy was selected, and the townsite gazetted in 1934. The name is derived from Reedy's Well, a nearby water source shown on maps from 1908. It is believed to be named after H. REED who discovered gold in the area around 1899-1900.

ROARING GIMLET

- Early name for - GOONGARRIE.

ROTHSAY

- Previously known as - WOODLEY'S FIND.

LOCATION = Latitude 29° 17' south by Longitude 116° 53' east. About seventy kilometres east north east of the present town of Perenjori.

INDUSTRY = Gold mining.

HISTORY = Gold was discovered in this area by George WOODLEY in 1894 and the area was at first known as Woodley's Find. WOODLEY sold his claim to a Scottish company in 1895, and the name of the townsite most likely came from this company. Following a request for a townsite from the local Progress Association in 1897, lots were surveyed and the townsite gazetted in 1898. This townsite is almost certainly named after the Scottish town of Rothesay on the island of Bute off the Scottish west coast. There has been some doubt about the spelling of the name. The Progress Association used the spelling Rothesay in May 1897, and this spelling was used consistently for eighteen months until just before the townsite was gazetted, when the Minister for Lands approved the spelling as Rothsay. This was most likely an error. It was gazetted as Rothsay, and has retained this spelling ever since.

¹ SHEPPARD, Bob - *Barb of the Spear*. - Warrigal Press. W.A. 1987. p 6.

² SHEPPARD, Bob - *Barb of the Spear*. - Warrigal Press. W.A. 1987. p 124.

³ SHEPPARD, Bob - *Barb of the Spear*. - Warrigal Press. W.A. 1987. p 104.

⁴ *Mount Magnet Miner* - 1905 June 8th.

⁵ Postal directory 1905. p 14.

⁶ Postal directory 1908. p 274.

⁷ *Black Range Courier* - 1908 February 21st.

⁸ Postal directory 1898. p 265.

⁹ Postal directory 1898. p 265.

¹⁰ Postal directory 1898. p 265.

¹¹ *The Morning Herald Series of West Australian Guide Books. No.2. North Eastern Goldfields. From Kookynie to Laverton.* - The Morning Herald. Perth. 1903. [Facsimile. Strickland Publications. Perth. circa 1979]. p 21.

¹² Postal directory 1898. p 265.

¹³ Postal directory 1898. p 265.