

TALGA TALGA

LOCATION = In 1897 Talga Talga was accessed through the port of Shellborough.¹ Near the Coongan River.

INDUSTRY = Gold mining.

HISTORY = Two of the local mines listed in the postal directory for 1897 were the *Shaw River Gold Mine* and the *Star of the North*.²

TRANSPORT SERVICES = The 1897 postal directory lists a coach service to the port of [Condon]Shellborough,³ and this is still listed in the 1898 directory.⁴

POSTAL & COMMUNICATION SERVICES = The postal directory lists a post office and telegraph there in 1898.⁵

POSTMASTER

ELLIOT, E. C. = His name is listed in the 1898 postal directory.⁶

HOTELS & ACCOMMODATION

GLENCOE HOTEL = The 1897 postal directory places George L. WALKER at the hotel,⁷ but by the 1898 directory Pattison FINUCANE?? is listed.⁸

OTHER BUSINESSES

STOREKEEPER = The 1898 postal directory lists a store operated by Pattison, Finucane & Co, which may or may not be in the hotel premises.⁹

TAMPA

LOCATION = Latitude 29° 13' south by Longitude 121° 27' east. About fifty five kilometres south of the present town of Leonora.

INDUSTRY - Gold mining.

HISTORY = Gold was discovered in the Tampa area in the late 1890's. By 1896 there was enough demand for land for the government to survey a townsite. Following survey the townsite of Tampa was gazetted in 1897. Little is known about the reason why this name was chosen for the townsite, but it may be derived from the city of Tampa in Florida, USA.

TARDUN - Originally named - UNDATARRA.

LOCATION = Latitude 28° 47' south by Longitude 115° 45' east. Forty one kilometres south east of the present town of Mullewa.

INDUSTRY = Wheat belt railway siding.

HISTORY = When the route of the Mullewa-Wongan Hills Railway was determined in 1913 the District Surveyor for the region advised that the site of the proposed siding at 61 miles 52 chains from Wongan Hills was a suitable for a townsite. He proposed it be named Undanooka after the Aboriginal name of a nearby well. Undatarra, after a nearby spring, was selected as the name of the proposed siding, and when the townsite was gazetted in 1913 it also was named Undatarra.

In 1925 the Secretary for Railways advised that the name of Undatarra was too similar to another siding, Utakarra, and the name Tardun was suggested as an alternative. No origin was given for the name, although it may be a rearrangement of some of the letters in Undatarra. The local Road Board suggested Undanooka, but this was regarded as too close to Yandanooka, and the siding and townsite were changed to Tardun in 1925. There was no development at Tardun before 1927 when the first lots in the townsite were surveyed.

TAURUS

LOCATION = Mine or small settlement near the abandoned town of Bulong.¹⁰

POSTAL SERVICES - The 1898 postal directory lists Daniel HOGAN the storekeeper as the mail receiver.¹¹

HOTELS & ACCOMMODATION

? **HOTEL** = Thomas WENTWORTH is listed in the 1898 postal directory.¹²

OTHER BUSINESSES

STOREKEEPER = Daniel HOGAN is listed in the 1898 postal directory.¹³

TENINDEWA - Previously known as - 55 MILE SIDING - then - KOCKATEA.

LOCATION = Latitude 28° 37' south by Longitude 115° 22' east. Fifteen kilometres west south west of the present town of Mullewa.

INDUSTRY = Farming area railway siding.

HISTORY = Significant traffic appears to have been travelling through this site by 1881¹⁴ and prior to there being a siding there the location was apparently known as Wolya.¹⁵

A railway line from Geraldton to Mullewa was constructed in 1894, and passed the location of this townsite. However, it was 1908 before a station was opened here, the name "55 Mile Siding" being first used for the feature. This was changed to Kockatea after the Aboriginal name of a nearby gully in September 1908, and almost a year later was changed again, this time to Tenindewa. The townsite of Tenindewa was gazetted in 1913. Tenindewa is an Aboriginal name of unknown origin. There was also a nearby Thinindewa Spring which may have significance.¹⁶

There was a substantial army camp there during the Second World War.¹⁷

UTILITIES = Wolya seepage close to the siding was a watering point for the freighters and others travelling out to the pastoral stations prior to 1888 and later the goldfields, but it had a miserable reputation and it is not known if it was used for the local supply once the siding was completed.¹⁸

EDUCATION = The first school was built near the tennis courts in 1913 by Alex RUMBLE. A later school was built north of the small section of lake that ran just behind the shop. It closed in 1939, following the decision to bus the students in and out of Mullewa. The building was purchased and moved to Harry STOKES farm after the end of the Second World War.¹⁹

SCHOOL TEACHERS

STAFFORD, Eva [Mrs DUNKIN] = 1913 March to 1918 July.²⁰

KNOWLER, Bethel = 1918 September to 1919 June.²¹
PATON, Jean = 1919 June to 1920 December.²²
CAMERON, Jessie [Mrs PETROFF] = 1921 February to 1922 October.²³
EDWARDS, Jessie = 1923 February to 1924 April.²⁴
PETROFF, Jessie = 1924 April to 1924 December.²⁵
GILES, Marjorie = 1927 September to 1928 March.²⁶
SHEIL, Mary = 1931 September to 1931 December.²⁷
WILLIAMS, David = 1932 February to 1937 April.²⁸
JONES, Robert = 1937 April [ten days].²⁹
ROBINSON, [Miss] = 1937 April to 1937 December.³⁰
POWER, Kathleen = 1938 February to 1939 August.³¹

TRANSPORT SERVICES - A goods shed, loading ramp and later a wheat bin and silo were erected for the railway. A railway gang was established before 1910 and houses were built along the railway line for them.³² An airstrip was constructed a few kilometres south of the siding during the Second World War.³³

POSTAL & COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES = The first post office was run by Mrs EVES, a railway employee's wife in 1910, and when they left Miss FRY ran it from her father's farm. In 1919 it was run from the hall by Misses K & E PALMER, before Mrs NAPIER, another railway workers wife took on the job. On her leaving the district it returned to the hall and the Misses PALMER.³⁴

OTHER BUSINESSES

GREENGROCER = Sava SINGH, an Afghan? man had an old bough shed and camp on the southern side of the railway line south of the store and sold vegetables and fruit in the 1930's and early 1940's. He died in Mullewa and is buried there.³⁵

STOREKEEPER = In 1921 Alex RUMBLE built a store, which included the post office and was operated by the Misses PALMER who ran it together until 1922, when Miss E. PALMER took it over for two years. It was leased by Bill GRIFFITHS in 1924, until he had a new building erected in 1935. Eric Hamilton leased it from about 1942 to 1944. He was followed by Bill KELSEY until Tom FOSTER purchased the business in 1946. When he died in 1969³⁶ his wife Nell and their son Des³⁷ continued the business until it was closed in 1985.³⁸

HALLS & CHURCHES = The first hall was demolished sometime prior to 1945 and a new one built from an old air force barracks transported from Geraldton.³⁹

SPORT - A sports oval was cleared with a cricket pitch and an ant hill tennis court with a bough shed clubroom was rolled. There was also a racecourse built on FRY's property just north of the station.⁴⁰

TILGA-TILGA - This appears to be an earlier spelling for - TALGA-TALGA.⁴¹

TIMBER CORPORATION TIMBER MILL - GREENBUSHES AREA.

LOCATION = About three kilometres east of Greenbushes.⁴²

INDUSTRY = Timber mill.

HISTORY = Westralian Jarrah Forests Ltd completed a three kilometre railway line from Greenbushes railway station to the mill in January 1899. During 1902 this mill was sold to the London based Timber Corporation, which was itself acquired by Millars in 1909. Eventually one hundred and twenty eight kilometres of company logging rail line was laid. The mill closed in 1926 and the line was removed late in 1928.⁴³

TORBAY AREA - C & E MILLAR TIMBER MILL NUMBER 1

LOCATION = About five and a half kilometres west south west of Torbay.⁴⁴

INDUSTRY = Timber.

HISTORY = One of two timber mills established by the railway contractors, brothers Charles and Edwin Franks MILLAR to supply timber for the Great Southern Railway. One at least of these mills was presumably in place by late December 1886 when a contract for the transport of timber via sea from near Migo Island in Torbay Bay. The first load arrived in Albany in January 1887. By April Millar's had completed a locomotive powered tramline from Elleker [Then known as Torbay Junction] to transport the timber from the Number 1 mill. The mill was closed in about November 1888.⁴⁵

TORBAY AREA - C & E MILLAR TIMBER MILL NUMBER 2

LOCATION = About four kilometres south west of Torbay.⁴⁶

INDUSTRY = Timber.

HISTORY = One of two timber mills established by the railway contractors, brothers Charles and Edwin Franks MILLAR to supply timber for the Great Southern Railway. One at least of these mills was presumably in place by late December 1886 when a contract for the transport of timber via sea from near Migo Island in Torbay Bay. The first load arrived in Albany in January 1887. This mill, which was closest to the Bay was closed when the company completed the tramway to the Number 1 mill in April.⁴⁷

TREESVILLE TIMBER MILL

LOCATION = There was a Treesville School located at about Latitude 33° 10.2' South by about 116° 19.2' East.⁴⁸

INDUSTRY = Timber mill.

HISTORY = The mill was near the Harris River forty kilometres east of Mornington at the eastern end of Millars mainline running east through the Mornington Mill and had its own tributary rail lines.⁴⁹ This mill, which was opened in 1920 was operated by a Millars subsidiary company called Trees Ltd. The mill closed from June 1928 and was rebuilt before it was reopened in May 1935. It was closed again from 1938 to 1940 before finally closing in 1956.⁵⁰

TUCKANARRA

- Previously known as - CORK TREE FLAT - and - BOYD'S.

LOCATION = Latitude 27° 07' south by Longitude 118° 05' east. About seventy two Kilometres south of the present town of Meekatharra on the Great Northern Highway.

INDUSTRY = Gold mining.

HISTORY = Gold was discovered here by BOYLE and MOORE early in 1897, and they were granted the Reward Claim.⁵¹

The original settlement was near Boyd's Hill until the well at Cork Tree Flats was deepened and struck good water.⁵² In early 1898 the government proposed to erect a battery here, and the Tuckanarra Progress Committee requested a townsite be declared. After some debate about the exact location of the townsite, lots were surveyed in late 1898 and the town was gazetted in February 1899. Tuckanarra is an Aboriginal name, first recorded for a nearby hill in 1889. One expert in seeking to derive a meaning for the name has suggested that the meaning for the Aboriginal word "dtuka" is the Coolamon or wooden dish and "gnurra" is camp or mia mia. Therefore the probable meaning of this name is "camp of the wooden dish".

TRANSPORT SERVICES = By 1896/7 the mail coach was passing through the settlement four times a week.⁵³

HOTELS & ACCOMMODATION

? **HOTEL** = Mr George STANBROOK had a hotel near Boyd's Hill until moving it to Cork Tree Flats⁵⁴ in early 1896. This wood and iron building with two bedrooms and two sitting rooms, plus rooms for the operators was licensed in September that year.⁵⁵

TULLIS RAILWAY SIDING

LOCATION = Latitude 32° 48.4' south by Longitude 116° 23.2' east at the 92 mile 35 chain mark of the Dwellingup to Narrogin State railway line.⁵⁶

HISTORY - Opened by 1922 and abandoned circa 1948.⁵⁷

TULLIS TIMBER MILL

LOCATION = Roughly twenty nine kilometres east south east of the present town of Dwellingup.⁵⁸

INDUSTRY = Timber mill.

HISTORY = Built on private property belonging to F. A. and E. MOSS and Col. SINCLAIR by Bunnings in 1936 to cut Jarrah. The mill was closed in 1951.⁵⁹

TRANSPORT SERVICES = A 1.6 kilometre rail connected the mill to the State Railway siding then known as the 91 mile, which was actually 2.4 kilometres west of Tullis Siding. The 91 Mile siding was later renamed Westwood. The mill line was closed in 1951.⁶⁰

¹ Postal directory 1897. p 264.

² Postal directory 1897. p 264.

³ Postal directory 1897. p 264.

⁴ Postal directory 1898. p 272.

⁵ Postal directory 1898. p 272.

⁶ Postal directory 1898. p 272.

⁷ Postal directory 1897. p 264.

⁸ Postal directory 1898. p 272.

⁹ Postal directory 1898. p 272.

¹⁰ Postal directory 1898. p 18.

¹¹ Postal directory 1898. p 18.

¹² Postal directory 1898. p 18.

¹³ Postal directory 1898. p 18.

¹⁴ *Victoria Express* - 1881 September 8th.

¹⁵ KEEFFE, Bert - *Eastward Ho To Mullewa and the Murchison*. - Mullewa Shire Council and Bert KEEFFE. 1995. p 112.

¹⁶ LINDSAY, Doreen - *Tenindewa To Sow the Barley*. - 1988. p 5.

¹⁷ LINDSAY, Doreen - *Tenindewa To Sow the Barley*. - 1988. p 8.

¹⁸ KEEFFE, Bert - *Eastward Ho To Mullewa and the Murchison*. - Mullewa Shire Council and Bert KEEFFE. 1995. p 88.

¹⁹ LINDSAY, Doreen - *Tenindewa To Sow the Barley*. - 1988. p 8.

²⁰ LINDSAY, Doreen - *Tenindewa To Sow the Barley*. - 1988. p 8.

²¹ LINDSAY, Doreen - *Tenindewa To Sow the Barley*. - 1988. p 8.

²² LINDSAY, Doreen - *Tenindewa To Sow the Barley*. - 1988. p 8.

²³ LINDSAY, Doreen - *Tenindewa To Sow the Barley*. - 1988. p 8.

²⁴ LINDSAY, Doreen - *Tenindewa To Sow the Barley*. - 1988. p 8.

²⁵ LINDSAY, Doreen - *Tenindewa To Sow the Barley*. - 1988. p 8.

²⁶ LINDSAY, Doreen - *Tenindewa To Sow the Barley*. - 1988. p 8.

²⁷ LINDSAY, Doreen - *Tenindewa To Sow the Barley*. - 1988. p 8.

²⁸ LINDSAY, Doreen - *Tenindewa To Sow the Barley*. - 1988. p 8.

²⁹ LINDSAY, Doreen - *Tenindewa To Sow the Barley*. - 1988. p 8.

³⁰ LINDSAY, Doreen - *Tenindewa To Sow the Barley*. - 1988. p 8.

³¹ LINDSAY, Doreen - *Tenindewa To Sow the Barley*. - 1988. p 8.

³² LINDSAY, Doreen - *Tenindewa To Sow the Barley*. - 1988. p 6.

³³ LINDSAY, Doreen - *Tenindewa To Sow the Barley*. - 1988. p 8.

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- ³⁴ LINDSAY, Doreen - *Tenindewa To Sow the Barley*. - 1988. p 6.
- ³⁵ LINDSAY, Doreen - *Tenindewa To Sow the Barley*. - 1988. p 25.
- ³⁶ LINDSAY, Doreen - *Tenindewa To Sow the Barley*. - 1988. p 6.
- ³⁷ LINDSAY, Doreen - *Tenindewa To Sow the Barley*. - 1988. p 15.
- ³⁸ LINDSAY, Doreen - *Tenindewa To Sow the Barley*. - 1988. p 6.
- ³⁹ LINDSAY, Doreen - *Tenindewa To Sow the Barley*. - 1988. p 8.
- ⁴⁰ LINDSAY, Doreen - *Tenindewa To Sow the Barley*. - 1988. p 6.
- ⁴¹ Postal directory 1897. Page 264.
- ⁴² AUSTIN, Jeff & GUNZBURG, Adrian - *Rails Through the Bush : Timber and Firewood Tramway and Railway Contractors of Western Australia*. - Rail Heritage W.A. Bassendean. 2008. p 268.
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