

HACKS

LOCATION = Just south of the current town of Sandstone.¹

INDUSTRY = Gold mining.

HISTORY = Gold was discovered there in January 1903 by the two HACKS brothers and their partner George DENT. They pegged the *Adelaide* lease which was surveyed in March that year. The *Black Range* lease was pegged just to the south shortly afterward by Frederick BELLCHAMBERS, M. MORRISON, W. PEADE and J. MILLER.² In November 1903 Hans W. IRVINE took up the option of the *Adelaide* lease and also purchased the *Black Range* lease which were worked collectively as the Black Range Gold Mine.³ The company was a consistent producer until 1914 and ceased production in 1916. Other companies worked the leases until 1921.⁴

ACCOMMODATION

BOARDING HOUSE 1 = Mrs M. T. MULLINS is listed in the 1908 postal directory.⁵

BOARDING HOUSE 2 = Carl NOSKE is listed in the 1908 postal directory.⁶

BOARDING HOUSE 2 = Henry C. TIPPETT is listed in the 1908 postal directory.⁷

HAKEA TIMBER MILL - YARLOOP AREA

LOCATION = About thirty seven kilometres due east of Yarloop.⁸

INDUSTRY = Timber mill.

HISTORY = This was part of the State Saw Mills railway system running south from Wuraming. Hakea was twenty one kilometres south of Wuraming. The mill used rail haulage of logs until 1946, when they changed to road trucks. The railway line back to Wuraming was retained for transporting sawn timber to the siding. It was rehabilitated during 1949/50 by the Banksiadale crews as part of their connection to the Asquith concession. The Hakea mill closed in the early 1950's.⁹

HALFWAY HOUSE HOTEL

LOCATION = Thought to be halfway between the abandoned towns of Nunngarra and Youanmi,¹⁰ but the same source also lists it as halfway between Nunngarra and the abandoned town of Lawlers.¹¹

HOTELS & ACCOMMODATION

HALFWAY HOUSE HOTEL = John MORGAN is listed as being there in the 1907 postal directory.¹²

HALLS CREEK [Old]

HAMPTON PLAINS

LOCATION = About fifty one kilometres from the present town of Coolgardie.¹³

TRANSPORT SERVICES = A weekly coach service is listed in the 1900 postal directory.¹⁴

HOTELS & ACCOMMODATION

BARRIE HOTEL = James L. MATHESON is listed there in the 1900 postal directory.¹⁵

HARBOUR VIEW - An early name used for - KUNDIP.

HARRINGTON TIMBER MILL - DONNYBROOK AREA

LOCATION = About nine kilometres north of east of Jarrahwood.¹⁶

INDUSTRY = Timber.

HISTORY = This timber mill was part of the W.A. Timber Company system based at Lockeville and was one of two mills east of that companies rail system. It was presumably established sometime after June 1871 and closed down by the time the company was auctioned in June 1888.¹⁷

HARRIS - see - VIVIEN.

HATTERS HILL

LOCATION = A settlement in the Ravensthorpe Shire whose businesses currently unknown.

HAWKS NEST

LOCATION = About 1.6 kilometres north of the present town of Ravensthorpe.¹⁸

INDUSTRY = Copper and gold mining.

HISTORY = This was the original settlement until Ravensthorpe was surveyed nearby.¹⁹

[The information below appears to all relate to the original site of Hawks Nest.]

UTILITIES = George DANCE had a small condenser to supply drinking water.²⁰

POSTAL SERVICES = There was a bush timber and galvanised iron combined post office and store operated by W. SCOTT of Mount Barker there in June 1900.²¹

ACCOMMODATION = Mrs GIBSON had a boarding house.²²

OTHER BUSINESSES

BAKER = Paddy HENRY had a stone oven and sold bread.²³

BLACKSMITH = There was a blacksmith's shop under a salmon gum tree.²⁴

STOREKEEPER = W. SCOTT of MOUNT BARKER operated a bush timber and galvanised iron combined post office and store there in June 1900.²⁵

HAYES FIND - An old name for - MULGARRIE.

HEDGE'S TIMBER MILL - DONNYBROOK AREA

LOCATION = About six kilometres south west of the present town of Donnybrook, on or near the railway line between Donnybrook and Kirup.²⁶

HIGGINSVILLE

LOCATION = Latitude 31° 45' south by Longitude 121° 43' east. The town was about fifty eight kilometres north of the present town of Norseman on the railway line between Norseman and Kambalda.²⁷

INDUSTRY = Gold mining.

HISTORY = Paddy HIGGINS discovered the field in 1905. He was backed by the General Manager and the Mine Manager of the *Red Hill Westralia Co.* In December 1907 the *Red Hill Westralia Gold Mines Ltd* of Kambalda moved its equipment and operations to the *Sons of Erin* mine at Higginsville.²⁸ The townsite was gazetted in 1907 and is believed to be named after the prospector, Patrick Justice HIGGINS.²⁹ The *Sons of Erin mine* had good returns for the next eleven years. Another area mine was the *Sugar Gum*.

By the early 1920's the town had ceased to exist.³⁰

EDUCATION = There was a school.³¹

HOTELS

? **HOTEL** = There was a hotel, until it's license was transferred to St Ives by the proprietor E. L. DAVIES.³²

HIT OR MISS - An old name for - MULGARRIE.

HOFFMAN No.1 TIMBER MILL - YARLOOP AREA

LOCATION = Near the head of the Bancell Creek,³³ about fourteen kilometres east of the present town of Yarloop.³⁴

INDUSTRY = Timber mill.³⁵

HISTORY = The mill appears to have been named after the type of saw installed there.³⁶ When the original horizontal bandsaw at Yarloop was closed in 1901 it was moved to Hoffman. The mill was destroyed by fire in 1917.³⁷

TRANSPORT SERVICES = Part of the private Millars Brothers railway line to the mill was in use by early 1896.³⁸

HOFFMAN No. 2 MILL - YARLOOP AREA

LOCATION = On the banks of the Harvey River south east of Hoffman No. 1 Mill and twenty nine kilometres from the present town of Yarloop³⁹ on Tallanalla Road.⁴⁰

HISTORY = The new mill was built on the site of a former bush camp.⁴¹ It was closed down by mid 1933,⁴² but later reopened before its final closure in 1964.⁴³ During its life it had usually operated as a general purpose timber producer.⁴⁴

TRANSPORT SERVICES = This was on a spur line at the original Nanga Junction off the Millars Brothers company railway line built in August 1912 from Hoffman No.1 Mill to Nanga Brook. In 1951 another line from the resited Nanga Junction off the 1912 line further to the east was built to Hoffman No.2 with easier grades.⁴⁵ A loco shed was built there but no locomotive was ever stationed there. Output into and from the mill was transported by a daily train from Yarloop.⁴⁶

HOLYOAKE TIMBER MILL - DWELLINGUP AREA

LOCATION = Latitude 32° 42.9' south by Longitude 116° 5.6' East.⁴⁷ About three kilometres east of the present town of Dwellingup.⁴⁸

INDUSTRY = Timber mill.

HISTORY = When it became known that the State Government intended to build a railway from Pinjarra to Dwellingup the South West Timber Hewer's Co-Operative Society obtained a ten year timber concession east of Dwellingup in January 1909. The railway was opened in February 1910 and had extended the three kilometres east to Holyoake by July that year. The mill was named after George Jacob HOLYOAKE, a nineteenth century champion of the co-operative system in England. Two further timber concessions were obtained in 1912 and 1913. A substantial company was established out of Holyoake and a locomotive was transferred there in by July 1912. Over two hundred and three kilometres of railway were once in the company system. The mill closed in December 1958. The remaining houses at Holyoake were badly damaged in the 1961 bushfires and little remains of the town.⁴⁹

HOTHAM TIMBER MILL - DWELLINGUP AREA

LOCATION = About Latitude 32° 48.3' south by about Longitude 116° 19.8' East.⁵⁰ About twenty six kilometres east south east of Dwellingup on the former State railway to Boddington.⁵¹

INDUSTRY = Timber mill.

HISTORY = This was an Australian Lumber Company timber mill, which began operations in about November 1920. A short bush railway system ran south into the forest, with about nine kilometres of line laid. They appear to have used horses until November 1922, when a locomotive was bought fro the State railways. Operations at the mill appear to have ceased in about 1926.⁵²

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