FAURE ISLAND

LOCATION = Latitude 25° 50' south by 113° 53' east. About thirty five kilometres east north east of the present town of Denham.

INDUSTRY = Pearling. Unofficial detention centre ?

HISTORY = Some time just prior to February 1871 there was an investigation by Magistrate Robert FAIRBAIRN into the detention of kidnapped Aboriginal people [1] on the island. The settlers investigated in the kidnapping case were Walter HOWARD, Arthur EDWARDS, Leopold von BIBRA and A. G. ROUSE. They were apparently found guilty although the jury declined to convict them. [2]

In 1873 Charles Edward BROADHURST leased the Island to expand his pearling interests. [3]

FERGUSON TIMBER MILL - LOWDEN AREA

LOCATION = According to one source the timber mill was bout 1.6 kilometres south of the Lowden Government railway siding at the foot of a steep range bordering the Preston River valley. [4]

INDUSTRY = Timber.

HISTORY = John Maxwell FERGUSON of J. M. Ferguson Ltd gained timber rights to the area in May 1907 and presumably soon afterwards constructed the mill and a railway line to the Government siding. In August 1908 the company went into voluntary liquidation and was operated as a subsidiary of Millars. The new capital this realised allowed the logging railway lines to be extended to the Number 5 landing during 1909. In March 1910 J. M. Ferguson Ltd was formally wound up and the mill was operated as Swan Saw Mills Ltd. There was a total of about twenty four kilometres of railway line laid south of the mill.

The mill closed in 1914 although sleeper hewers continued to work there throughout the concession area and the locomotive ran out over the existing lines to collect this timber as required. The mill was dismantled, and most of the rail and employees moved to the companies new mill at Claymore in 1920. The company's siding and points on the Government line at Lowden were removed in May 1922. [5]

At an unidentified date there were workers huts and a small hall on the slopes around the mill and a brick managers house on a small hill separate from the rest of the camp. In addition about halfway between the mill settlement and the Government railway siding was the Number 1 log landing where a workers boarding house was sited. There was another boarding house at the Number 5 landing. [6]

UTILITIES = A small nearby creek supplied water to the mill boilers and to the workers huts at the settlement. [7]

FERGUSON TIMBER MILL - YARLOOP AREA

LOCATION = Eight kilometres south east of Yarloop on the J. M. Ferguson company line from just south of Cookernup. [8]

INDUSTRY = Timber.

HISTORY = The mill was developed by the Perth Businessman John Maxwell FERGUSON. A wooden railed horse tramway ten kilometres long was completed by November 1898 to the South West Railway at Cookernup, where his company J. M. Ferguson Ltd paid the railway to put in a private siding. The tramway and presumably the mill were closed sometime shortly after May 1907. The total line in this system was about fifteen kilometres. [9]

FERNBROOK RAILWAY SIDING

LOCATION = Latitude 33° 17.7' south by Longitude 116° east. At the 111 miles 15 chain mark on the Brunswick to Collie railway line. [10]

HISTORY = The siding was opened by 1898. It was originally named Lunenburgh after the nearby Lunenburgh River, but the name was changed to Fernbrook in 1917. The siding name was shifted by 1942 to the 111 mile 15 chain mark on the railway line and later closed. [11]

FEYSVILLE

LOCATION = Latitude 30° 57' south by Longitude 121° 36' east. About twenty five kilometres south east of the present town of Kalgoorlie. [12]

INDUSTRY = Gold mining.

HISTORY = Dennis O'CALLAGHAN found some alluvial gold there in 1895 and started a rush on the *Hampton Plains Estate Company* lease. [13] The *Feysville* mine was established there around 1896.

In 1897 the local Progress Committee sought to have a townsite declared leading to the eventual gazetting in 1898. [14] The town was named after Captain FEY the Field Manager who is also noted as the prospector of the field. [15]

POLICE & COURTS - Provisions were made to set aside town lots 23 and 24 at the corner of Ruby and Nolaw Streets in November 1919, but this appears to be as far as the idea progressed. [16]

HOTELS

? HOTEL = There was a hotel established by September 1897. [17]

CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS = By September 1897 the town possessed a debating club and a cricket team. [18]

FIELDS FIND

LOCATION =

INDUSTRY = Gold mining.

HISTORY = Gold was first discovered there by James J FIELD in 1895. The old townsite ran along parallel with, and about thirty metres distant from the South boundary of the Reward Claim. [19] In 1901 there were eighty four houses, one hundred and thirty nine males and thirty three females in the town. [20] By early 1918 this had dropped to twenty five males and one female. The figure plummeted down to one male and one female in February 1919.

However there was a resurgence back to twenty males and seven females by 1922,[21] due probably to the development of *Browns Reward* mine from 1921 [22] and the treatment of tailings.[23] Although by 1928 mining in the old mines had virtually ceased [24] there was another resurgence in 1929 with the opening of the Fremantle mine. *Browns Reward* officially closed in 1930, but the Fremantle continued to operate and by February 1932 there were forty males and eighteen females in the town. [25] There was another resurgence of activity in 1940, and for a short time there were about one hundred people in the area.[26]

POLICE & COURTS = Police Constable Patrick Henry MEGINNES was transferred from Mullewa to Fields Find in August 1899 and his old post closed. The tents and cells from Mullewa may have been transferred with him. The original camp for the constable, his wife and three children was canvas quarters near a Government well. The station closed in June 1905.[27]

CEMETERY = There is an un-gazetted cemetery containing ten known burials on the Fields Find Common. [28]

POSTAL SERVICES = A mail run awarded to John CAMPBELL was begun from Yalgoo in January 1896.[29]

HOTELS & ACCOMMODATION

CLUB HOTEL = This was the westernmost business in the main street of the settlement.[30] The licence for this hotel was taken out by E. W. EDWARDS in 1896, making this the first licensed premises in the town.[31] Mrs Elizabeth W. EDWARDS is listed at the hotel in the 1900 postal directory.[32] William R. EASSON was the publican in 1901.[33] The hotel was taken over by Edward WAYLACK in 1905, but closed it's doors just prior to the closure of the mines in 1911. [34]

FIELDS FIND HOTEL = From maps this would appear to have been the largest building in the business centre and was erected on the west side of the bakery. [35] The building was actually the former *Joker* hotel from Bilberatha, which was moved there in September 1898 and renamed the *Field's Find* Hotel.[36] This was operated at that time by George HIGHAM.[37] Michael NESTER was listed as being there in the 1900 postal directory [38] and was still the publican in 1901.[39]

In about May 1906 Alexander B. GLOSTER closed the store he was also operating and moved the merchandise into the hotel in which he continued to run both businesses. [40] The 1906 postal directory indicates that this arrangement was still in place at that time.[41] The next records are for the NEVILLE family, who owned the hotel until they sold it to Jack CLARK in 1919. [42] The 1920 postal directory shows H. T. NEVILL as the hotel keeper, but this is probably due to the usual lag in changing entries that this directory was prone to.[43] He leased it to Patrick TOBIN, but returned to run it from about Christmas 1924 in an arrangement that saw himself, TOBIN and Walter SAUNDERS alternate as managers to suite their other pursuits. [44] By 1927 TOBIN was probably out of the business altogether and Jack CLARK was the sole operator until the hotel burned to the ground in November that year on the same day that the license was renewed. [45]

BOARDING HOUSE 1 = A boarding house identified as EATON's was in the early settlement sited alongside the Fields Find hotel.[46]

BOARDING HOUSE 2 = Two boarding houses may have existed in about 1932, but the source of the information is unclear. [47] One of these was probably the earth floored boarding house operated by Mrs Laura BOUNDY. She was also the mail receiver. Her husband John died in 1945, but she remained in Fields Find until about 1951. [48] How long the boarding house operated is not known, but it was in operation in 1940. [49]

BOARDING HOUSE 3 = In about 1940 Mrs SHEA opened up a second boarding house.[50]

OTHER BUSINESSES

BAKER 1 & STOREKEEPER = James M. OSLER is listed in the 1900 postal directory.[51]

BAKER 2 = John Evenson WHITE was in business during 1901 [52] in a building erected just west of the butcher.[53]

BILLIARD TABLE LICENCE = One of these licences was taken out by George LEE at an unspecified date and for an unspecified site. [54]

BILLIARD SALOON = This was operated by William HICKOX in 1901 [55] in a building erected south of the main business area.[56]

BLACKSMITH 1 = The 1900 postal directory lists Edward L. BOULTON.[57]

BLACKSMITH 2 = The 1900 postal directory lists Abraham JAMES.[58]

BLACKSMITH 3 = The 1906 postal directory lists James YOUNG. [59]

BUTCHER = This was the easternmost business in the main street of the settlement.[60] Allen & Patroni were in business in 1901.[61] The 1900[6] postal directory lists Joseph ALLEN as a butcher,[62] and this listing continues until at least 1906. [63]

CARPENTER = Richard REBECCHI is listed in the 1900 postal directory. [64]

CONTRACTOR = John SMITH is listed in the 1900 postal directory. [65]

ENGINEER 1 = The 1900 postal directory lists Charles COBB. [66]

GREENGROCER = Minnie McKINLEY was operating a business in 1901.[67]

STOREKEEPER ? = The storekeeper was granted a wine and beer license in 1898 and his shop was sometimes referred to as the Metropole Hotel. [68]

STOREKEEPER 1 = George W. OLIVER is listed in the 1900 postal directory.[69]

STOREKEEPER 1 = Alexander STEVENS is listed in the 1900 postal directory. [70]

STOREKEEPER [2] 3 = James & Gloster were in business in 1901 [71] in a premises to the east of the Club Hotel.[72] The Gloster referred to is presumably Alexander B. GLOSTER who in about May 1904 moved his merchandise from the store building and into the Fields Find Hotel, from which he operated both businesses.[73] The 1906 postal directory indicates that this arrangement was still in place at that time.[74]

STOREKEEPER 3 = James McGEE was in business in 1901.[75]

WHEELWRIGHT = The 1906 postal directory lists John SOWDEN.[76]

WINE & BEER SHOP = Arthra PATRONI and John ROWE of Patroni & Rowe are listed in the 1900 postal directory. [77] This business was operated by Arthur PATRONI in 1901,[78] and closed in 1902. [79]

HALLS & CHURCHES = The stone, Miner's Institute was built alongside the Fields Find Hotel. [80]

FITZGERALD

LOCATION = Settlement in the Ravensthorpe Shire. Businesses currently unknown.

FLETCHER CREEK POLICE STATION

LOCATION = On a branch of the Bow River in the east Kimberley's.[81]

INDUSTRY = Police.

HISTORY = There was a police camp there in the first half of the 1890's. [82]

POLICE OFFICERS

INGLIS, John = A thirty six year old Scottish immigrant who served at Fletcher Creek Police Station, and became the Officer in Charge there for the last two months it operated before being transferred to Officer in Charge at Argyle in 1896. [83]

POLICE TRACKERS

JACKY = A tracker at the Fletcher Creek Police Station who transferred be one of the first trackers to work out of Argyle. [84]

PLUTO = A tracker at the Fletcher Creek Police Station who transferred be one of the first trackers to work out of Argyle. [85]

TOMMY = A tracker at the Fletcher Creek Police Station who transferred be one of the first trackers to work out of Argyle. [86]

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