

OGILVIES

LOCATION = 4.8 kilometres north of the abandoned town of Lawlers. It seems to be close to, but outside the boundary of the future townsite of Agnew.

OTHER BUSINESSES

STOREKEEPER = William BEALE is listed in the 1898 postal directory.¹

OLD TOWN [This appears to be a name acquired after the new town of Nunngarra had been erected and is most likely not what the settlement was called at the time.]

LOCATION = If the location of the Black Range Hotel is correct then the settlement is on the stage route between the present town of Mount Magnet and the abandoned town of Lawlers.² It is shown on one map as on the southern edge of the Maher alluvial patch and just west of Nunngarra, which replaced Old Town, only to be later abandoned itself.³

INDUSTRY = Gold mining.

HISTORY = The First gold in this general area may have been found by George WOODLEY as early as 1889/90,⁴ but it was the party of Ernest E. SHILLINGHAM, George RALPH, Thomas WRIGHT, John McINTYRE and A. [Frenchy] ANGELO, that found gold in 1894, who were granted the reward for finding the first gold in 1895.⁵ However it wasn't until the discovery of more gold in March 1903. that a small rush started,⁶ which CLIFTON the mining Warden estimated as bringing about eight hundred to the field in his report in June that year.⁷ It is assumed that the settlement ceased to exist when the town of Nunngarra was set up in 1904.⁸

UTILITIES = Frank ALEXANDER the storekeeper also carted water to the town by March 1903,⁹ but a well was soon sunk in the main street which relieved the demand.¹⁰

POSTAL SERVICES = There was a temporary Post Office there in circa 1903.¹¹

HOTELS & ACCOMMODATION

BLACK RANGE HOTEL = The placing of this hotel in this settlement is only supported by one secondary source and may not necessarily be correct.¹² This hotel, whatever its exact location began as a wayside inn and stopover for the Crew & Co's Royal Mail coach on its route from Mount Magnet to Lawlers. It was operating by 1900. At that date there were only nine people in the area.¹³ The hotel was rebuilt after being burnt down in November 1901.¹⁴

BOARDING HOUSE 1 = One operated by a woman was there in 1903.¹⁵

BOARDING HOUSE 2 = This is the second of two boarding houses noted in June 1903.¹⁶

OTHER BUSINESSES = Warden CLIFTON granted a business licences to fourteen businesses in the town sometime in 1903.¹⁷ In a dated report in June 1903 of a visit made by Warden CLIFTON and Sergeant PILKINGTON of Lawlers to the area in June 1903 a number of businesses are listed. All of these premises appear to have been constructed from mulga wood and Hessian.¹⁸ Unfortunately as far as is known the report does not indicate whether they are in Old Town or on the site of Nunngarra. Either one is a strong possibility. Until more specific information becomes available these premises have been listed under Old Town with a notation for June 1903.

BAKER 1 = Two bakers are noted in June 1903.¹⁹

BLACKSMITH 1 = There in circa 1903.²⁰

BUTCHER 1 = There was a shop owned by HOWIE.²¹

BUTCHER 2 = Three butchers are noted in June 1903.²²

FORWARDING AGENT = There in circa 1903.²³

HAIRDRESSER = There in circa 1903.²⁴

LIBRARY = There in circa 1903.²⁵

MINING COMMISSIONER 1 = There in circa 1903.²⁶

NEWSAGENT = There in circa 1903.²⁷

SOFT DRINK SHOP = Noted in June 1903.²⁸

STOREKEEPER 1 = Leslie & Sharp circa March 1903.²⁹

STOREKEEPER 2 = Frank ALEXANDER circa March 1903.³⁰

STOREKEEPER 3 = This is the third of three stores noted in June 1903.³¹

STOREKEEPER 4 = An Afghan's store is noted in June 1903. It is unclear why this is listed separately to the other three stores and whether this was a premises devoted to selling to Afghans or a general provider.³²

ONSLow

 - [Original townsite]

LOCATION = Latitude 21° 38' south by Longitude 114° 50' east [approx] at the mouth of the Ashburton River.³³

INDUSTRY = Pastoral industry port. Pearling.

HISTORY = Pastoralism in this area made a false start in 1866/67 and didn't get a firmer footing until the early 1870's.³⁴ The port was created in 1885 to service the pastoral industry of the Ashburton and Yannarie River districts³⁵ and was planned around Ward & McKenzie's existing shed and other buildings which were there at the time.³⁶ The name was derived from Sir Alexander Campbell ONSLOW K.B., who was the Attorney General of Western Australia at the time.

The jetty at the original Onslow Townsite was very primitive. At low tide only vessels drawing a loaded depth of 12ft could berth and the regular coastal steamers had to anchor out in the Roads. In 1922 it was decided to establish a new deep water jetty fifteen kilometres to the north east at Beadon Point. At first it was felt Onslow could stay where it was, and be connected to the jetty by a tramway, but this was not practical, and there was considerable pressure to move the townsite. Lots were surveyed at Beadon Point in 1923, and Onslow landowners sought to be relocated in the new townsite. When the new townsite was gazetted on the 10th of January 1924 it was named "Beadon", but just two weeks later was renamed as part of Onslow. Most of the town moved in 1925 and the original Onslow townsite was later cancelled.³⁷

POLICE & COURTS

POLICE OFFICERS

HULME, [Constable] = He was there in 1898.³⁸

MAXWELL, [Constable] = He was there in 1894.³⁹

PILMER, [Constable] = He was there in 1897⁴⁰ and 1898.⁴¹

SUTHERLAND, [Constable] = He was there in 1894.⁴²

TRANSPORT SERVICES = In February 1882 the steamship *Rob Roy* was first stranded by the tide and then further damaged by a cyclone at Butcher's Inlet near Cossack, and although it was later salvaged and refitted some of the crew were sent south. One of these was the ship's engineer James CLARK who rather than take a sea passage elected to return overland to Fremantle via Munderoo Station on the Ashburton river. Shortly after his return he went into partnership with his brother-in-law John Edward McKENZIE of Albany to establish a lighterage service at the Ashburton river mouth.⁴³ Their vessel, the *Ashburton* arrived at the river mouth in August 1883 and they set up headquarters in a shed built by the Ashburton pastoralists McRAE, FORREST, HIGHAM and HOOLEY in about 1876 to store goods awaiting shipment. This was handed over to CLARK and McKENZIE.⁴⁴

A riverside wharf was constructed about six kilometres upstream⁴⁵ by James CLARK from Government funds in 1885.⁴⁶ Extensions to double the size of the wharf were almost complete in August 1893.⁴⁷ After a disastrous failure in 1897⁴⁸ a sea jetty was finally completed early in 1901, but was soon troubled with silting and a lighter service had to be commenced from the jetty head. As the jetty was about 7.2 kilometres from the town a tramway was built connecting the two and the old river landing goods shed was moved to the terminus in Anketell Street where it accidentally burnt down in 1904.⁴⁹

POSTAL & COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

POSTMASTER

CLARK, James = Appointed in 1884.⁵⁰

RYAN, = He is listed in The West Australian Almanac for 1888 as the Postmaster and telegraphist.⁵¹

The telegraph office was opened in October 1885.⁵²

HOTELS & ACCOMMODATION

ROB ROY HOTEL = In early 1884 a successful petition for a wayside inn licence was sent south and resulted in the licensing of a flimsy structure near Clark & McKenzie's shed.⁵³ This is presumably the earliest version of James CLARK's Rob Roy Hotel.

OTHER BUSINESSES

BOND STORE = Construction of this was almost complete in August 1893.⁵⁴

CARPENTER = F. ROACH is listed in The West Australian Almanac for 1888.⁵⁵

CONTRACTOR = J. NASH is listed in The West Australian Almanac for 1888.⁵⁶

LIGHTERMAN = L. McKENZIE is listed in The West Australian Almanac for 1888.⁵⁷

STOREKEEPER 1 = McKenzie, Clark & Co are listed in The West Australian Almanac for 1888.⁵⁸

STOREKEEPER 2 = Neil GALBRAITH opened a store in 1891.⁵⁹

STOREKEEPER 3 = Robert Francis HOPE was sent from Dongara to open a store for the firm of Simon, Hammond & Hubble of Carnarvon in 1892.⁶⁰

WHEELWRIGHT = J. J. HOPE, brother of the storekeeper Robert Francis HOPE was there in 1892.⁶¹

ONTERU - Original name of - WILROY.

¹ Postal directory 1898. p 178.

² SHEPPARD, Bob - *Barb of the Spear*. - Warrigal Press. W.A. 1987. pp 22-23.

³ SHEPPARD, Bob - *Barb of the Spear*. - Warrigal Press. W.A. 1987. p 35.

⁴ SHEPPARD, Bob - *Barb of the Spear*. - Warrigal Press. W.A. 1987. p 17.

⁵ SHEPPARD, Bob - *Barb of the Spear*. - Warrigal Press. W.A. 1987. p 13.

⁶ *East Murchison News* - 1903 March 28th.

⁷ Report to Mines Department. Warden CLIFTON. 1903 June 25th.

⁸ *Mount Magnet Miner* - 1904 May 7th.

⁹ *East Murchison News* - 1903 March 28rd.

¹⁰ *Mount Magnet Miner* - 1903 April 11th.

¹¹ SHEPPARD, Bob - *Barb of the Spear*. - Warrigal Press. W.A. 1987. p 40.

¹² SENIOR, Sally L - *From Gold to Wool and Back Again. A District History*. - Shire of Sandstone. 1995. p 33.

¹³ SHEPPARD, Bob - *Barb of the Spear*. - Warrigal Press. W.A. 1987. pp 22-23.

¹⁴ *East Murchison News* - 1901 November 23rd.

¹⁵ SHEPPARD, Bob - *Barb of the Spear*. - Warrigal Press. W.A. 1987. p 40.

¹⁶ Public Records Office [W.A.] Accessions 430. Item 1731/1903.

¹⁷ Report to Mines Department. Warden CLIFTON. 1903.

¹⁸ Public Records Office [W.A.] Accessions 430. Item 1731/1903.

¹⁹ Public Records Office [W.A.] Accessions 430. Item 1731/1903.

²⁰ SHEPPARD, Bob - *Barb of the Spear*. - Warrigal Press. W.A. 1987. p 40.

²¹ SHEPPARD, Bob - *Barb of the Spear*. - Warrigal Press. W.A. 1987. p 35.

²² Public Records Office [W.A.] Accessions 430. Item 1731/1903.

²³ SHEPPARD, Bob - *Barb of the Spear*. - Warrigal Press. W.A. 1987. p 40.

²⁴ SHEPPARD, Bob - *Barb of the Spear*. - Warrigal Press. W.A. 1987. p 40.

²⁵ SHEPPARD, Bob - *Barb of the Spear*. - Warrigal Press. W.A. 1987. p 40.

²⁶ SHEPPARD, Bob - *Barb of the Spear*. - Warrigal Press. W.A. 1987. p 40.

²⁷ SHEPPARD, Bob - *Barb of the Spear*. - Warrigal Press. W.A. 1987. p 40.

²⁸ Public Records Office [W.A.] Accessions 430. Item 1731/1903.

²⁹ SHEPPARD, Bob - *Barb of the Spear*. - Warrigal Press. W.A. 1987. p 39.

³⁰ SHEPPARD, Bob - *Barb of the Spear*. - Warrigal Press. W.A. 1987. p 39.

³¹ Public Records Office [W.A.] Accessions 430. Item 1731/1903.

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- ³³ <https://www.landgate.wa.gov.au/corporate.nsf/web/History+of+country+town+names+-+0> . Accessed February 2010
- ³⁴ WEBB, Martyn and Audrey - *Edge of Empire*. - Artlook Books. Perth W.A. 1983. p 49.
- ³⁵ <https://www.landgate.wa.gov.au/corporate.nsf/web/History+of+country+town+names+-+0> . Accessed February 2010
- ³⁶ WEBB, Martyn and Audrey - *Edge of Empire*. - Artlook Books. Perth W.A. 1983. p 73.
- ³⁷ <https://www.landgate.wa.gov.au/corporate.nsf/web/History+of+country+town+names+-+0> . Accessed February 2010
- ³⁸ WEBB, Martyn and Audrey - *Edge of Empire*. - Artlook Books. Perth W.A. 1983. p 86.
- ³⁹ WEBB, Martyn and Audrey - *Edge of Empire*. - Artlook Books. Perth W.A. 1983. p 91.
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- ⁴¹ WEBB, Martyn and Audrey - *Edge of Empire*. - Artlook Books. Perth W.A. 1983. p 86.
- ⁴² WEBB, Martyn and Audrey - *Edge of Empire*. - Artlook Books. Perth W.A. 1983. p 91.
- ⁴³ WEBB, Martyn and Audrey - *Edge of Empire*. - Artlook Books. Perth W.A. 1983. p 65.
- ⁴⁴ WEBB, Martyn and Audrey - *Edge of Empire*. - Artlook Books. Perth W.A. 1983. p 71.
- ⁴⁵ WEBB, Martyn and Audrey - *Edge of Empire*. - Artlook Books. Perth W.A. 1983. p 91.
- ⁴⁶ WEBB, Martyn and Audrey - *Edge of Empire*. - Artlook Books. Perth W.A. 1983. pp 88-89.
- ⁴⁷ WEBB, Martyn and Audrey - *Edge of Empire*. - Artlook Books. Perth W.A. 1983. p 90.
- ⁴⁸ WEBB, Martyn and Audrey - *Edge of Empire*. - Artlook Books. Perth W.A. 1983. p 92.
- ⁴⁹ WEBB, Martyn and Audrey - *Edge of Empire*. - Artlook Books. Perth W.A. 1983. p 94.
- ⁵⁰ WEBB, Martyn and Audrey - *Edge of Empire*. - Artlook Books. Perth W.A. 1983. p 75.
- ⁵¹ *West Australian Almanac 1888*
- ⁵² WEBB, Martyn and Audrey - *Edge of Empire*. - Artlook Books. Perth W.A. 1983. p 75.
- ⁵³ WEBB, Martyn and Audrey - *Edge of Empire*. - Artlook Books. Perth W.A. 1983. p 71.
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