

FUNERAL NOTICE

Friends of Audrie Sawyer are invited to celebrate her life at St Georges – Anglican Church on Friday 1st March 2019, service 11am.

Followed by burial at the Walpole Cemetery and returning to the hall for light refreshments.



LOOKING BACKwith Molly



With settlements in the Walpole-Nornalup area underway, it was inevitable that the district around the Bow River would attract interest.

In 1882 Thomas Henry Saw and his wife, Eliza, moved to Albany. Thomas joined the firm of McKail and Co. as an accountant but when that company was taken over by Drew Robinson he started his own business in York Street.

However, in 1908, the mystery of uncharted land lured him and a group of other interested people to inspect the Bow River area twenty six miles (40kms) west of Denmark. Thomas was so impressed he took up four blocks in the area for himself, his two sons, Bert and Clarrie, and an uncle, William Cooper. Bert and William built a shingle hut on the property in 1909 which is still standing today. Later a second shingle hut was built by William Cooper.

Bert lived in the shingle hut for many years and was asked by many distinguished visitors for advice as he was an experienced bushman. Sir Sydney Jackson was one who visited in 1912 in his quest for the Noisy Scrub Bird. He took the opportunity at that time to name the tingle tree Eucalyptus Jacksonii.

Bert worked in the area on bridge and road building and was involved in the construction of most of the highway from Denmark to Walpole. He was one of the workers responsible for the construction of the first bridge over the Kent River. He ran a few cows, operated a mail depot and the Telephone Exchange.

He served in the Great War and stayed on in England after his discharge to complete a forestry course. When he returned to Bow River he built another small dwelling of his own. He was an avid photographer and his glass negatives are carefully preserved.

Thomas Saw and his son Clarrie moved to Bow River to build the family homestead in 1917 and Thomas' wife, Eliza joined them in 1918. Thomas and Eliza both died at Bow River in 1945. Clarrie and his family lived on the family farm for some years and finally their son Geoff and his family were resident there. The property was sold in 1973 thus ending sixty-five years of ownership for the Saw family.

Bert was a familiar and well known figure on the roads, often walking to his chosen destination until offered a lift by one of the many who knew him. Sadly he met his death in 1969 on the road he helped to construct. Whilst Thomas Saw opened up the fledgling settlement, Bert was the true pioneer of the district.

I have my own memory of Bert... In my early days as a new bride at Bow Bridge, we obtained some good, fresh milk from Bert who hand-milked a few cows, and I remember he delighted in telling me, with a twinkle in his eye, referring to one of his milkers... "Ah, she's a good cow, old Molly!"

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Department of Biodiversity,
Conservation and Attractions



To Ariana, Molly, Lucas, Zoe and family.

Our sincere condolences on the passing of Norman.

He was a colleague and friend to us all.

From everyone at Parks and Wildlife,
our thoughts are with you.

A service for
Tarnya Johnson
will be held at
the Community Hall,
Sunday, 3rd March
between 10am and 2pm.

Drinks and light refreshments
will be available. BYO alcohol.

Instead of flowers please
feel free to donate to
Shave for a Cure

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NB...family of Thomas Henry Saw: Thomas and his first wife Fanny (who sadly died at a young age) had two children, Thomas and Fanny. His second wife was Eliza Cooper and their children were Lily, Bert, Nellie, Cecil, Ethelwynne and Clarrie.



*Bert Saw with horses and cart in the shed, shingle hut in background c1920
(courtesy of Walpole Nornalup and Districts Historical Society)*

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