



Charlie Osmond with Bob and Irene Campbell and obscured is Les Osmond

Les Osmond's (Son of Charlie) recollections:

The mill also cut fruit cases that were sent to Stanthorpe. They were railed from the Woodford Railway.

Charlie and wife Nellie retired to Deception Bay in 1965.



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Sawmills of Durundur ...

Osmond's Sawmill (1947 – c1960)



Osmond Bros Sawmill, Bellthorpe

In 1947, Charles William Osmond and his brothers George and Ronald started a case mill at Bellthorpe.

Charles William Osmond (1906-1992)



Bellthorpe Sawmills

Osmond's Sawmill *continued*

'I went to Woodford as a child and lived on a property on Old Cove Road until 1928 when I went to Bellthorpe.' by Chas W Osmond

Charles William Osmond came to Woodford in 1910 as a young boy. He lived with his family at 'Rotherfield', a dairy farm on Cove Road, Woodford belonging to his grandfather, Jimmy Withers.

From The Osmonds of Woodford by Rhonda Brett (nee Osmond)

In 1928 Charlie and George pooled their resources earned from Fredin's Mill and bought the dairy farm adjoining Walter Lovf's property at Bellthorpe.

In 1947, brothers Charlie, Ronnie and George (as a sleeping partner) decided to build a case mill. Each contributed £200 and established a case mill (Osmond Brothers). The sawmill produced mainly case timber, which was used to produce packing cases for fruit.

After an accident in January 1949, Ronnie relinquished his share in the mill.



Dave Keir's recollections:

The Osmond brothers Charlie and George had land at Bellthorpe where Pat Frawley resides now.

They cut flooded gum for fruit cases for Elimbah fruit growers for a short period.

Osmond's sawmill, Bellthorpe;

From TROVE: **WORKER** 28 April 1954

Charlie's Busy Work Day

5:30am – light the kitchen stove to boil the kettle and have breakfast.

After breakfast – head off to the dairy with Nellie (his wife)

7am – start at the sawmill

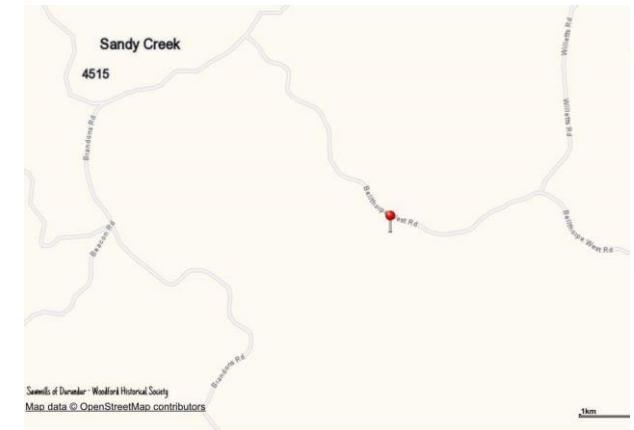
12pm – home for lunch

After lunch – back to the mill

4pm – back to the dairy for the evening milking.

Around 5pm – evening meal

After tea – an hour or so doing the bookkeeping.



379 Bellthorpe West Rd, Bellthorpe
Site of the Osmond Bros Sawmill

The International TD 35 Crawler Tractor that did all the snigging for the sawmill. It was sold to Mr Heathwood from Dayboro.



Ellen Osmond with son Les sitting in front of cut casings at the sawmill.