

THURECHT BROS., AND COMPANY, SAWMILLERS AND TIMBER MERCHANTS,

Operating Sawmills at Royston and Glass House Mountains
Timber Yards and Planing Mills, Northgate.

Local Yards, Silvester Street, Redcliffe

Largest individual millers of Hardwood Timber in Queensland
SUPPLIERS OF HIGH GRADE MATURED TIMBER
at reasonable prices

From TROVE: *HUMPYBONG WEEKLY* 1 August 1929



c1940: Thurecht Sawmill, Redcliffe

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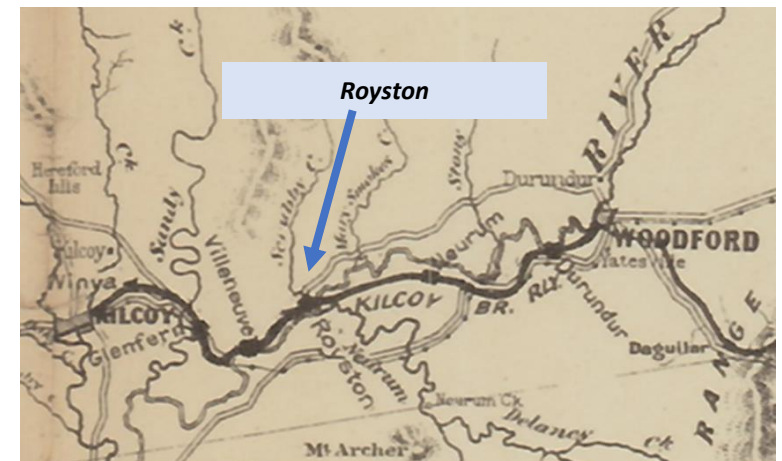
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Trove Newspapers, local historian Ron Trim,
Pioneers of the Kilcoy District*

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Sawmills of Durundur ...

Thurecht Bros' Sawmill (c1927 – 1936)



From Map Showing Railways in South-East portion of Queensland
created by the Chief Engineer's Branch Railway

By 1927, David August Thurecht had erected
a sawmill near Mary Smokes Creek at
Royston.

David August Thurecht (1859-1937)

Royston Sawmills



Thurecht Bros' Sawmill *continued*

David Thurecht arrived in Kilcoy in about 1919 and erected and operated a sawmill with his brothers.



Local historian Ron Trim's recollections:

The Thurecht Bros came to Kilcoy in about 1919. These six brothers had a steam engine, and a sawmill owned by two of the brothers. They set up at Kilcoy near the rail crossing on the Old Esk Road. Council told them that this was above flood levels but this was proved to be false.

Unfortunately, the sawmill was subject to flooding.

The water in Thurecht Bros.' saw-mill and timber yards is several feet deep, and a big lot of timber was washed away or damaged.

From TROVE: *THE QUEENSLANDER* 29 January 1927

'They had brought with them a steam traction engine which pulled two or three wagons of logs, far faster than bullocks. It was noisy!'

From *PIONEERS OF THE KILCOY DISTRICT VOLUME 2* 1900-1920



Thurecht steam engines going through Villeneuve about 1930's

Sawmill to be Removed.—Messrs. Thurecht Bros., who have carried on a sawmilling business here for some years, intend dismantling their mill at Kilcoy. They intend erecting one mill at Glass-house Mountain, and one at Mount Eaton, Royston. This mill gave employment to close on 20 hands.

From TROVE: *THE BRISBANE COURIER* 20 September 1926

VILLENEUVE.

Messrs. Thurecht Bros. have just purchased the sawmilling plant of Mr. Jas. Green, at Villeneuve, which has been idle for some time. This machinery will be used in the construction of a new mill for Messrs. Thurecht Bros. at Royston.

From TROVE: *THE DAILY MAIL* 13 October 1926

Dave and one of his brothers later set up at Mary Smokes Creek, hauling logs from the hills to the mill on rail tracks made of timber. Some of this line is still visible today.

However the mill was not going well and in the mid 1930s they decided to pull it down and move the operation to Redcliffe. In 1936 Dave was working towards this when a large storm blew the roof off the shed. They went ahead with the shift and erected a mill on Anzac Avenue at Redcliffe in about 1937. At this time Redcliffe was growing so it was a very profitable business.

He milled a lot of timber from our district, hauling the logs on huge Mack trucks and even from Bribie Island by rafts.

THURECHT BROS., Sawmiller and Timber Merchants,
NORTHGATE (Brisbane), ROYSTON (Kilcoy Line), GLASS HOUSE MOUNTAIN.
 Timber of All Descriptions Supplied Promptly—Road and Rail.
 Head Office: NORTHGATE. Phone M 6520.

From TROVE: *THE CATHOLIC ADVOCATE* 29 November 1928