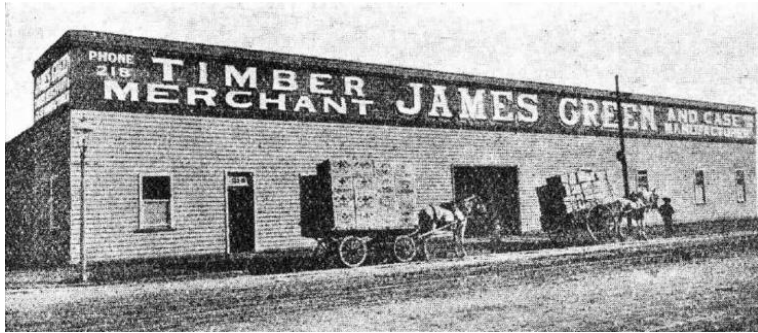


James Green expanded his business when he took over a packing-case business at Rosalie in 1906, before making his Brisbane headquarters in Wickham Street, Fortitude Valley by 1908.



1908: Timber Yard & Case-making Factory at Wickham Street

He suspended his business in Brisbane in 1916 because of the war and retired as a timber merchant in 1918. The sawmill at Villeneuve may have been leased to Donald Miller from 1919 to 1925.

FOR sale, or rent, cheap, sawmill, with adjoining at Villeneuve, Kilcoy line. Apply to James Green, Crase-street, New Farm, Brisbane.

From TROVE: *THE BRISBANE COURIER* 9 September 1925

It closed in 1926 and the plant was sold to Thurecht Bros.

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



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Trove Newspapers, local historian Ron Trim

'Reflection' by Charles John Eaton

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Sawmills of Durundur ...

Green's Sawmill (1899 – 1926)



c1908: Green's Sawmill

Courtesy of *KILCOY DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY*

In 1899, James Green took a special lease on part of the Camping Reserve at Villeneuve and erected a large sawmill.

James Green (1861-1943)



Villeneuve Sawmills

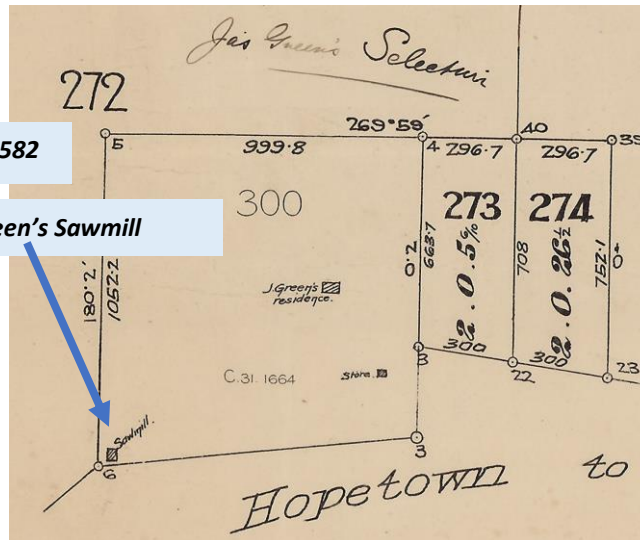
Green's Sawmill *continued*

By the beginning of 1899, James Green had secured a special lease for some land on the Camping Reserve at Villeneuve, which he later purchased.



Special Lease No: 582

Green's Sawmill

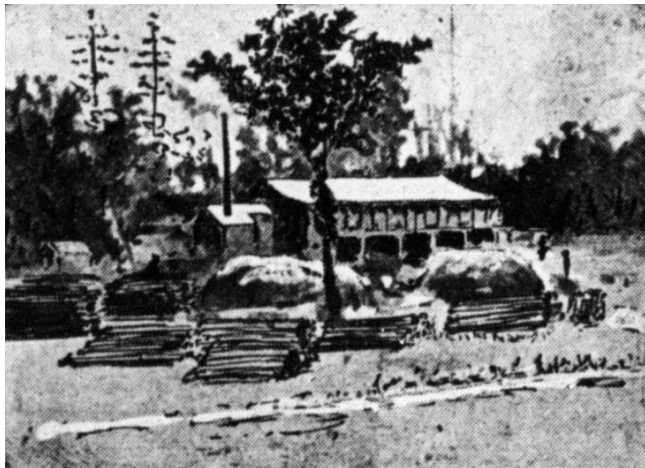


1907: Survey Map of Villeneuve

Mr James Green, of Woodford, is erecting another sawmill on the opposite bank of the Stanley River from Villeneuve, and has already made a start

From TROVE: **MORETON MAIL** 6 January, 1899

He erected a sawmill, three times the capacity of his Woodford sawmill.



c1900 Green's Sawmill at Villeneuve

From TROVE: **THE QUEENSLAND COUNTRY LIFE** 28 April, 1900

The Woodford and Hopetoun Districts.

The sawmills of Mr. J. Green at Villeneuve are easily seen, as one swings round the base of the ridge on which they are placed. Thousands of feet of timber, both sawn and log, lie piled up around the mill, while inside can be seen the best machinery quickly breaking down the huge logs which come in from the distant ranges. This mill is under the direct management of Mr. Green, while the sister mill at Hopetoun, also owned by Mr. Green, is managed by Mr. Jones. The capacity of each of the mills is 200,000 feet per month, and altogether there are 24 hands employed, while upwards of 20 teams are kept in constant employment. The timber milled is chiefly pine, and is drawn from all parts of the district.

From TROVE: **QUEENSLAND COUNTRY LIFE** 1 July 1905

from "Reflection"

by Charles John Eaton 1988



James Green selected scrub land at Villeneuve full of untouched pine and built his mill. The first pine logs were cut and rolled on to the saws. He later had two other mills and was the first man to import Oregon pine from the United States of America.



c1905 Green's Sawmill at Villeneuve

From TROVE: **QUEENSLAND COUNTRY LIFE** 1 July 1905

Local historian Ron Trim's recollections:



Green's blocks at Villeneuve were full of good timber. It was told that when the mill started work, the teamsters only drew logs from Green's blocks for two years before they had to cut elsewhere.

By October 1903, James Green was also operating a sawmill at the western end of Menzie's Lagoon near the Kilcoy Cemetery.