

Fact Sheet – W3



Sawmills of Durundur ...

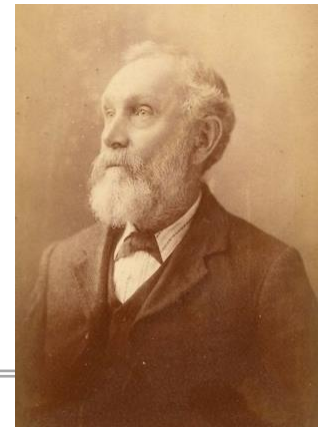
Davis, Binnie & Co Sawmill (c1910 – c1915)



*Davis, Binnie & Co Mill, Woodford – W & G Thornton on the log,
H Beanland's team*

In 1910, Norman Meredith Davis (a colliery proprietor) and William Smith Binnie (an engineer and master of ironworks) went into the sawmilling business together.

William Smith Binnie (1851-1915)



Woodford Sawmills



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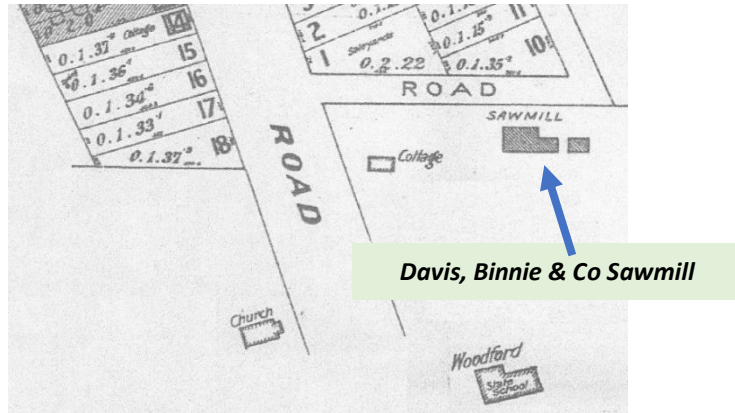
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*'Milestones from Woodford to Durundur' by Woodford Historical Society
Queensland PO Directories, Trove Newspapers, local historian Ron Trim*

Davis, Binnie & Co Sawmill *continued*

Land was acquired in Queen Street, Brisbane for an office, and in Woodford for a sawmill. Norm Davis was the manager of the business.

Later the office was moved to Creek Street, Brisbane.



Local historian Ron Trim's recollections:

The mill was built on land beside the railway line turning loop. It was a large mill, and the only one in the district that worked two shifts a day.

Water for the boiler was a problem as wells there did not produce enough water, so they installed a pump on the creek (Monkeybong) and crossed

Archer St and down through an easement near 139 Archer Street.

The house that Wally Clarke lived in on Margaret Street for many years, had been the office of this mill.

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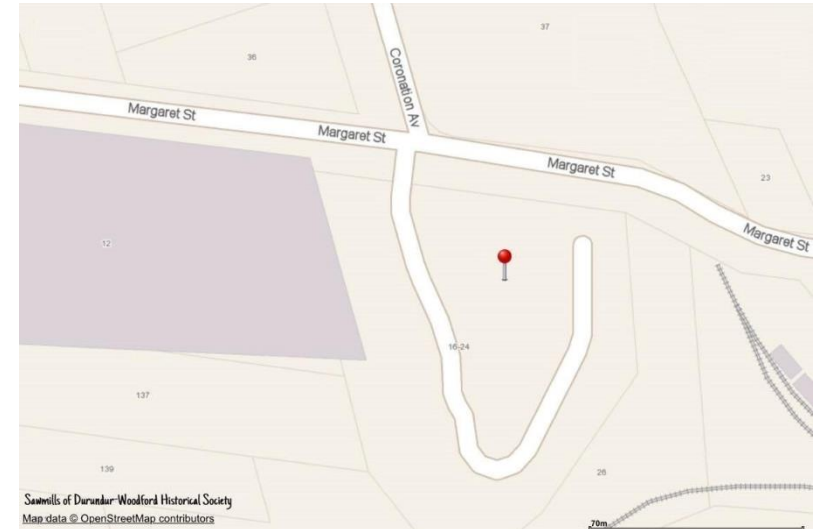
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From TROVE: *THE BRISBANE COURIER* 31 August 1911

DAVIS, BINNIE & CO (Norman M Davis, manager). Office: No. 14 A M L & F Building, 129-137 Creek st, Brisbane. Sawmills: Woodford

From *QUEENSLAND PO DIRECTORY* 1915

The business was dissolved in 1915.



16 Margaret Street, Woodford

Site of the Davis, Binnie & Co Sawmill

This is where the Retirement Village now stands at the bottom of Margaret Street.



The Retirement Village, Margaret Street, Woodford