



c1960: Front: Mick Simpson and his daughter
 Circled - Norman Robson. Square on his right,
 Sam Walker's grandfather at Simpson's Mill at Chermside.



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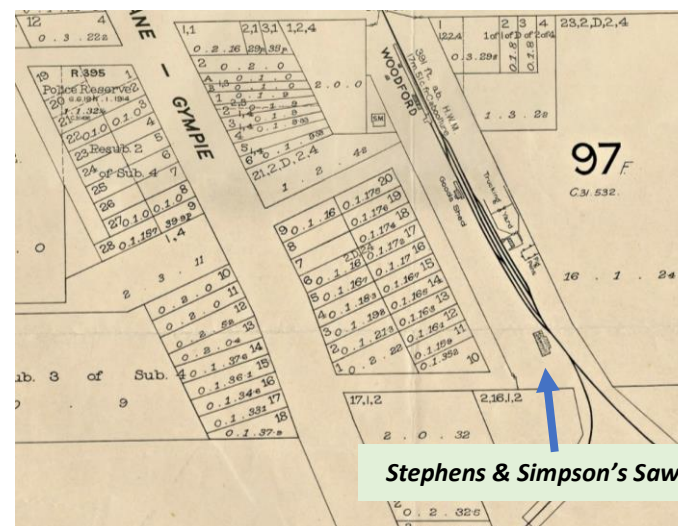
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 Trove Newspapers, local historian Ron Trim

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Sawmills of Durundur ...

Stephens & Simpson Sawmill (c1942 – 1960s)



1936: Survey Map of Woodford

By 1942, (R E) Stephens & (M) Simpson had taken over the sawmill in the Woodford Station yards.

Michael Simpson (1913-2008)



Woodford Sawmills

Stephens & Simpson Sawmill *continued*

Robert Ernest (Bob) Stephens and Michael (Mick) Simpson were in the timber business together in Gympie Road, Chermside.

In 1942, they acquired the Becker & Co sawmill at Woodford. It was beside the railway tracks, just south of the Woodford station.

**Stephens & Simpson, swmlrs, Gympie rd,
Chermside
Stephens (R E) & Simpson (M), saw-
millers, Woodford**

From *QUEENSLAND PO DIRECTORY* 1947



Local historian Ron Trim's recollections:

Bob Stephens and Mick Simpson were also involved in it as well. After the war was over, it was being run by Paddy Bourne, and in later years by Gordon Fredin until it closed during the 1960s.



Gordon Fredin

Simpson's sawmill, Woodford;

From TROVE: *WORKER* 4 April 1955



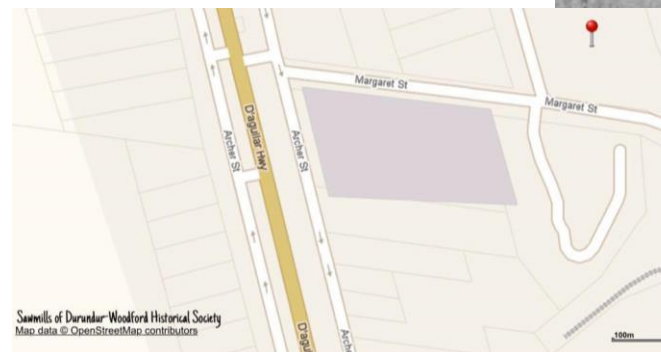
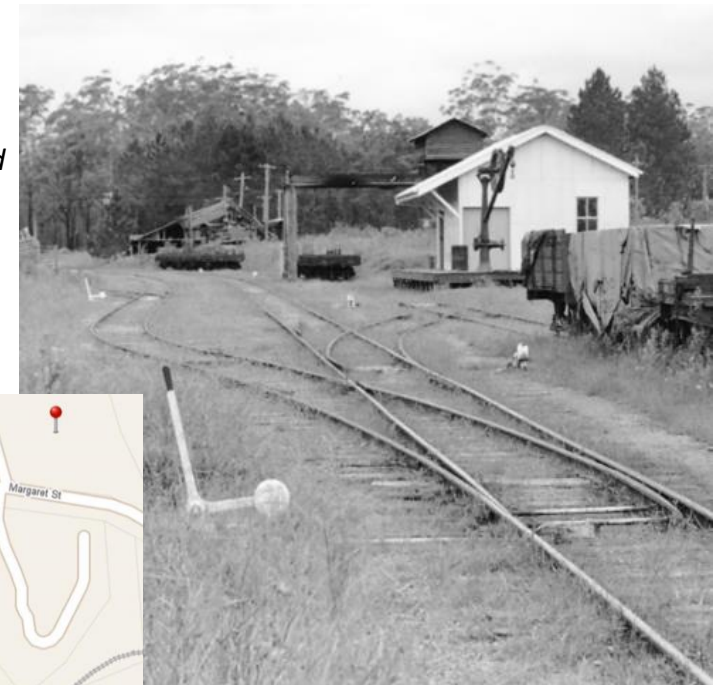
Arthur Frederick Bourne
(1905-1964)

By 1959, Arthur Frederick Bourne (Bob Stephen's brother-in-law) had come to Woodford and was working as the mill manager. He was most likely manager right up until his death in June 1964, as he was buried at Woodford.

Bourne, Arthur Frederick, Coronation ave., Woodford, mill manager

From *ELECTORAL ROLL FOR WOODFORD* 1963

1964: Woodford Station yard
with sawmill in the
background (looking south)
Photo: J Armstrong



37 Coronation Avenue, Woodford
Site of the Stephens & Simpson's Sawmill

It closed in the late 1960s.