



c1930: G B Nonmus Saw & Planing Mill, Lindsay Road, Buderim

*'Gilbert Nonmus established his sawmill at Buderim in about 1915 but enlisted, selling the mill to the Lindsay family but buying it back, when he returned, despite a right arm crippled by shrapnel.*

*The Nonmus family also had a mill at Woodford and for a time at Maroochydore. By giving extended credit and building houses, he survived the depression.*

*He sold the Buderim mill to Norm McCowan in 1946 to retire.'*

*From **SAWMILLS AND TRAMWAYS** by John Kerr*



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*Sawmills of Durundur ...*

**Nonmus Bros' Sawmill (c1920 – unknown)**



*Nonmus Sawmill at Stanmore*

In 1920, the Nonmus brothers, Gilbert and Frank, established a large sawmill at Stanmore.

*Gilbert Brierly Nonmus (1885-1966)*



*Stanmore Sawmills*

## Nonmus Bros' Sawmill *continued*

The Nonmus family settled in Woodford then known as Yatesville in about 1880 on land next to the school.

By 1891, Alfred Nonmus had secured land and moved his family to Stanmore.

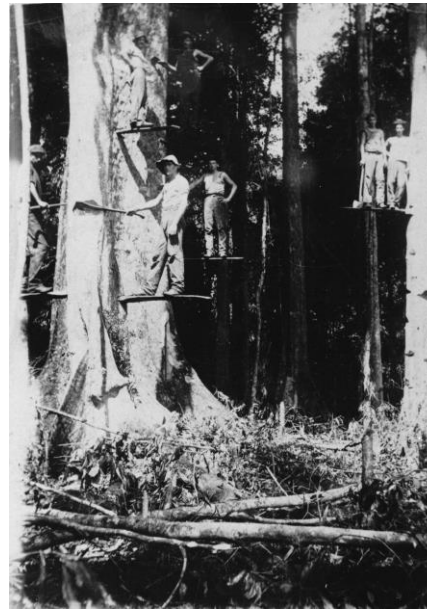


### **Local historian Ron Trim's recollections:**

*Alfred Nonmus selected land in the area from around 1891 followed by his son Hector selecting land in 1911 on Postman's Track, it adjoined his father's land. Son Gilbert selected 280 acres on the north east of Bellthorpe.*

*The Nonmus brothers Gilbert and Frank had a portable steam engine milling around the area in around 1910.*

*Around 1921 they erected a stationary sawmill at Stanmore up Running Creek, and employed Alf Draper to haul logs to the mill and to cart the sawn timber away.*



*The Nonmus family at work*

After having a go at sawmilling in the Woodford area, George Briery Nonmus decided to try his luck at Buderim. The First World War interfered with his plans. When he returned he had to start again.

In 1920, he partnered up with his brother Frank to establish a sawmill at Stanmore.

How long the Stanmore mill operated is unknown.

**B**BRIDGE and wharf builders requiring good box decking apply Gilbert Nonmus, Saw-miller, Woodford.

From TROVE: *THE BRISBANE COURIER* 13 February 1915

Mr. Gil Nonmus, the owner of our local sawmill, having entered into partnership with his brother, intends starting immediately upon the erection of a large sawmill at Woodford, which they hope to have in full working order before Christmas.

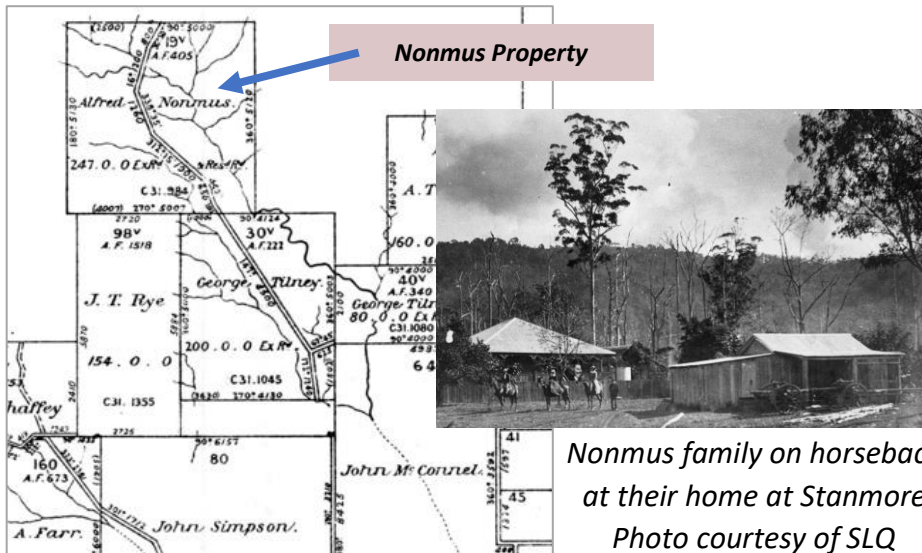
From TROVE: *NORTH COAST ADVERTISER* 27 August 1920



*Nonmus Sawmill at Stanmore*

Mr. Gilbert Nonmus, owner of one of the local sawmills, while on a visit to Woodford, during the Christmas holidays, was unfortunate when helping his brother at the sawmill in having the fingers of his left hand rather severely lashed by a circular saw. Mr. Nonmus came to Nambour for medical treatment, and it is possible he may have to lose one finger. The accident is all the more regrettable owing to the fact that Mr. Nonmus's right arm, through being injured while at the front in the late great war, as practically useless.

From TROVE: *THE DAILY MAIL* 7 January 1922



*Nonmus family on horseback at their home at Stanmore  
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