

Fact Sheet – V6



Sawmills of Durundur ...

Tilney's Sawmill (c1920 – 1941)

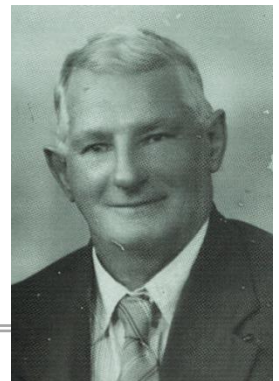


The Tilney Bros' sawbench

L to R: Ernie Tilney, Edmund Axelsen, Ted Tilney & Bill Tilney

By 1922, Frank (Fred) Tilney had started sawmilling on his property at Villeneuve.

Frank (Fred) TILNEY (1873-1946)



Villeneuve Sawmills



Ted Tilney and Arthur Tilney at Villeneuve with a loaded wagon.



2014: Alice Tilney (right) at the Tilney property Villeneuve



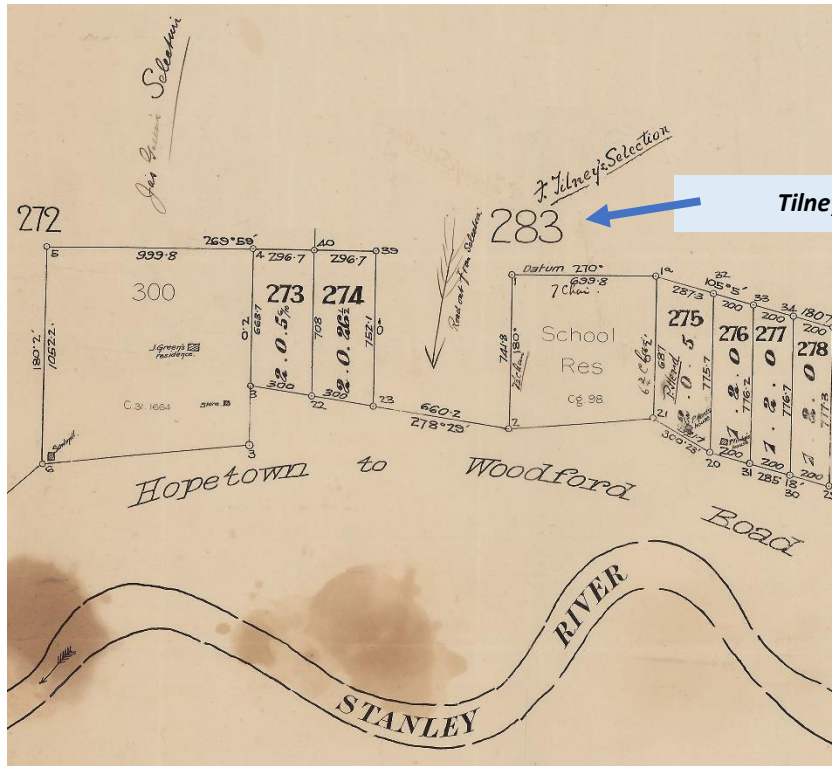
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Queensland PO Directories, local historian Ron Trim, mill records

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Tilney's Sawmill *continued*



Tilney's property

Tilney Bros, case millers

From *QUEENSLAND PO DIRECTORY* 1936

The mill went into the case timber market and many lads from the local area were employed there. The business did very well until the Second World War came along, when all of their staff left them and joined the Army. During the war Ernie was sent to Scotland to work in mills as timber was required by the Armed Services.

During the 1930s the Tilney brothers had built a mill at Westvale, otherwise known as Oakey Creek. This mill closed at the beginning of the Second World War, but the mill itself was bought by the Osmonds who relocated and rebuilt in Bellthorpe. They worked this mill until the 1940s. This mill was subsequently pulled down and donated to the Caboolture Historical Village.

The mill closed in December 1941.

Local historian Ron Trim's recollections:



Fred selected land at Villeneuve next to James Green. Fred had three sons and a vast quantity of pine on his block, so he set up a mill and started milling. They cut a lot of pine and loaded it onto the rail and sold it to Fredin in Woodford as good pine was scarce in the Woodford area by that time.

In July 1922, Fred gifted the business to his eldest son, Ted.

Ted took his brothers into partnership in 1933/1934 and Tilney Bros was formed.



Tilney Bros property Villeneuve