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#### MATTHEW MACKIE

General Section Front Row Grave 25 d.28.12.1925 (Elderly)

Matthew Mackie took mail from Nungarin to Mukinbudin. He owned Lot 4 Railway Ave where Nungarin Mechanical Repairs are now, and often acted as undertaker during the early days. He had a "masher" cart, and a black horse called *Jerry*. Aunty Jim Farrell remembers that as young girls, she and her friends would borrow the horse and cart to go to tennis on Sundays.

## LILLIAN MARIAN (Lilly) THICK

General Section Front Row Grave 24 b.c1880 d.25.4.1916 Aged 36 years

Lillian was the first wife of Thomas Thick (local store-keeper). The family lived at Lot 14 Railway Ave where the tourist information park is now.

When she died, Mrs Thick left 7 children:

Lucy (14), Thomas (11), William (8), Alfred (6), Leslie (4), Eileen (2), and Norman (6 months). Norman died 4 months after his mother, and they are buried together.

## NORMAN THICK

General Section Front Row Grave 24 b.1915 d.20.8.1916 Aged 10 months Son of Thomas and Lilly Thick (Storekeepers) Died of convulsions associated with teething. Died 4 months after his mother, and they are buried together.

## NAN DELORES WILLIAMS

General Section Front Row Grave 23 b.22.6.1922 d.5.7.1922 Aged 14 days Nan was the daughter of Fred and Alice (nee Wolstenholme) Williams. She was a premature baby who died of birth complications. Her twin sister, Merle, died aged 19 years.

#### LILLIAN MARGARET HOCKING

General Section Front Row Grave 22 b.c1912 d.23.5.1920 Aged 7 years 6 months Lillian was the daughter of Frederick and Janet Hocking. She died of internal injuries, when she was accidentally gored by a cow, while staying with Mr & Mrs Fred Williams.

Her parents farmed in the Mangowine area.

#### GEORGE WILSON

General Section Front Row Grave 21 b.c1848 d.26.4.1918 Aged 70 years Born Warwickshire England, and came to WA 1876. Father of John, Alfred, Samuel and Florence. Died 20 miles north of Nungarin.

## **ERNEST ALBERT SIMPSON**

General Section Front Row Grave 20 b.1877 d.16.1.1921 Aged 45 years Third son of George and Catherine Simpson. Brother of Rose Jones. Managed "Roseholme" Station. Died there of a rifle shot (self inflicted). Remembered as a beaut bloke who used to enjoy buying presents for the local children at Christmas time

## (Baby Girl) EDMONSON

General Section Front Row Grave 19

Stillborn d.31.3.1922

Daughter of Alfred and Letitia (nee Pick). Buried by her father.

Alfred was the local blacksmith, who also made coffins and did some undertaking.

He was also a member of the "Nungarin Dandies", a local vaudeville group.

Mrs Edmonson was the local midwife. They lived on the corner of First Ave and Danberrin Rd (Lot 56).

#### **JOHN BRIGGS**

General Section Front Row Grave 18 b.c1875 d.22.3.1923 Aged 48 years A farm labourer, and son of John Briggs (Nungarin). Died of sudden heart failure at Mukinbudin.

## (Baby Boy) COULSON

General Section Front Row Grave 17 Stillborn d 21 4 1924

The son of Ernest and Elsie Coulson. Buried by his father.

Ernest was the local carpenter and photographer. They lived at Lot 8 Railway Ave near where the Alice Williams Memorial Building is now.

#### CLARICE ADAMS CREAGH

General Section Front Row Grave 10 b.1869 d.14.9.1924 Aged 55 years. Clarice was the daughter of Gabriel Adams (not related to Mangowine Adams) and Julia (nee Watson). She was the wife of Ronald Buzacott Creagh, and the mother of Gladys, Muriel, Eileen, Harold, Gordon and Ronald.

## JOHN MINIFIE EDWIN (Jack) HALL

General Section Front Row Grave 9 b.2.9.1866 d.22.5.1925 Aged 59 years Son of George and Jessie (nee Minifie) Hall Father of John Minifie George, Arthur, Jessie, Edith, Winifred, Leonard, Elfreda. Jack Hall was a farmer at Lake Brown.

#### FREDERICK MANN

General Section Row A Grave 9 d.19.11.1929 Aged 47 years.

One of several people to have been lost in the bush near Lake Brown during the early days. The coroner's report set the date of death between 12.9.1929 and 3.2.1930.

#### THORE FARRELL

General Section Row A Grave 11 b.1882 d.18.11.1929 Aged 47 years Thore was the wife of Michael George Farrell, and the mother of Doreen (Bonny), Marie (Aunty Jim), George and Thora (Bobby). She died of a brain tumour.

#### VALDA JEAN BINNEY

General Section Row A Grave 12
b. June 1926 d.14.10.1929 Aged 3 years 8 months
The daughter of Athol and Rita Binney (nee Cousins).
Valda was accidentally killed when a beam fell on her during construction work at what was to be George
Williams's property at Knungajin ("White Lakes" farm).
Athol was caretaking the property for the Agricultural
Bank before George took over.

#### CONSTANCE WATERHOUSE

General Section Row A Grave 13
Stillborn d.26.8.1928
Constance was the daughter of Warren Saville and
Constance Mary (nee Andrews) Waterhouse, and a twin sister to Bert.

#### SHIRLEY MARGARET BRADLEY

General Section Row A Grave 14 d.5.5.1928 Baby

The daughter of William Henry (Bill) and Elizabeth Hull Bradley (nee Curlett Kununoppin). The family lived at the end of Danberrin Rd.

## FREDERICK NORMAN TAYLOR

General Section Row A Grave 15 b.c1878 d.15.1.1914 Aged 36 years Came from Victoria, and had been in WA for 3 years when he was accidentally killed when his sulky rolled over near Maidment's farm near Knungajin, while he was on his way home from McCorry's Hotel.

\*This is the earliest grave in the Nungarin Cemetery.

#### ANNIE HART

General Section Row A Grave 16/17 b.c1863 d.31.1.1927 Aged 64 years Mother of Elsie (Married? Wadsworth)

#### GEORGE NORMAN LE VAUX

General Section Row A Grave 18/19
b. 1924 d.18.1.1927 Aged 2 years 6 months
This young child was incinerated when the vehicle he was in caught fire on the Le Vaux farm north-east of Nungarin.

#### STANLEY STOCKDALE

General Section Row A Grave 20/21 b.1924 d.5.3.1926 Aged 18 months The son of William and Monica (later Mrs Harry Radcliffe). He died of pneumonia and heart failure, and is buried with his father.

## WILLIAM JOHN STOCKDALE

General Section Row A Grave 20/21 b.16.1.1892 d.13.11.1928 Aged 36 years

First husband of Monica (nee Mason) who later married Harry Radcliffe. He died as a result of an accident when run over by a tractor at his property at Knungajin. He is buried with his son.

### **ALI TSHI**

Roman Catholic Section Row A Grave 1 b.c1904 d.9.10.1928 Aged 24 years Born in Albania. Had been in WA 6 months. Died of gunshot wounds to the stomach (Informant Karim Tiki).

## **PIONEER GRAVES**

#### JANE ADAMS

General Section Row B Grave 9

Jane was a pioneer of the Nungarin district. She settled with her husband at Mangowine in 1875, and had the first mail contract in Nungarin in 1897. She is honoured with the Jane Adams Memorial Gates at the front entrance to the cemetery. These gates were originally sited at the front of the Nungarin Hall.

Mangowine Homestead has been restored by a local committee, and vested in the National Trust. Situated 14 kms north of Nungarin, it is open to the public daily except Wednesdays (Ph. 9046 5149).

Jane's husband, Charles, and their grandaughter, Constance, are buried at Mangowine.

#### ALMA CONSTANTINE McCORRY

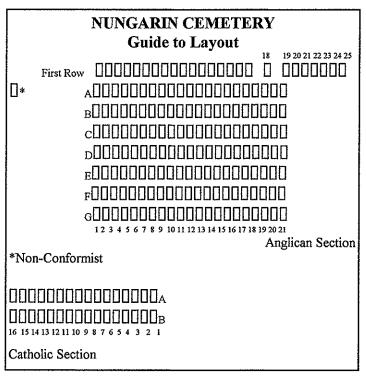
Catholic Section Row A Grave 14

"Con" McCorry took up a pastoral lease in the Nungarin district in 1900. He established a homestead near Nungarin Rock, and built a stone hotel just north of the railway line from the present townsite.

The hotel was opened in 1913, and remained licensed until 1929. The building has now been restored by the local Shire, and is popular as a Bed'n'Breakfast and restaurant.

(Managers Lynne & Brett Guthrie Ph: 9046 5187)

Con's wife, Elizabeth, is buried at Nungarin Rock.



The first Nungarin cemetery was situated south of the town, adjacent to the old recreation ground. The soil subsequently proved to be unsuitable, and a new cemetery was surveyed and declared at the present site at Lot 15, reserve No.16037, on July 2nd 1915. Existing graves were moved to the new site.

In 1995-6, a program was undertaken to research the details for all unmarked graves. Cement markers bearing names, ages and dates of death were placed at all previously unmarked sites.