

A third brother, Mick, arrived in 1928. According to Morey (1978g: 35), when Coolibah was sold Tom Liddy bought Douglas station and his brother Jack bought Dorisvale. Glenville Pike (*Hoofs & Horns*, May 1953: 53) says that Mick Liddy bought Claravale station in about 1940 or 1941, while Paddy Liddy owned Dorisvale until about 1952. He says that Tom Liddy owned Ooloo station and that Paddy Liddy's son, Paddy, owned Douglas station. All of this needs sorting out.

Harry Huddleston had been a horse breaker on Wave Hill in 1916 and spent a lot of time with Tom Fisher on Manbulloo (Clarke, 2008: 94). There is a boab on Lobby Creek, Bradshaw station, which has the initials 'HH' (Harry Huddleston?) and the date '3-2-31' carved in it. The same tree also has 'JL 15/2/31' carved in it, probably the initials of Tom Liddy's brother, Jack. Of his experience with Liddy and Murray on Coolibah, Harry he said, 'we starved for seven years' (Clarke, 2008: 94). A man named Harry Huddlestone died at Newcastle Waters on May 29<sup>th</sup> 1942 (Timber Creek museum documents), but Buck Buchester (pers. comm.), who had a phenomenal memory, reckons Huddlestone died in Darwin aged in his eighties.

According to Mary Durack, George Murray came from Cardwell in Queensland and died in Queensland from cancer (Durack, nd.). His nickname comes from a list of names of northern identities compiled by Gordon Buchanan (Buchanan family papers).

**Tom J. Quilty.** Owner-manager from 1938 to 1950. For additional biographical details see entry under Bradshaw.

**Leslie John 'Snowy' Kenna.** Owner from August 1950 to 1954 or 1955 (Ogden, 1989: 40-48).

**Hugh Wason Byers.** Manager, 1950-54 (Fitzer, 27-3-1954). Byers was born March 31<sup>st</sup> 1890 near Herberton, Queensland, the son of John Byers, a north Queensland pioneer who was a grazier, butcher and storekeeper on the Palmer River in 1874. Byerstown (now gone) on this goldfield was named after John Byers (*Hoofs & Horns*, February 1953: 41; <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0125849/>).

Frank Field, who knew Byers in the early 1920s, claims that Byers senior was Land Commissioner in Hughenden (*SHOF* December 1993). Field also says that Wason Byers had owned a cattle property of some 40,000 acres called Sumana, about 70 miles north of Aramac. At the time there were two Comet mills on the place but no homestead, and Byers lived in a tent. During World War One he put a manager on Sumana and enlisted. He became a sergeant in the 5<sup>th</sup> Light Horse and fought at Gallipoli and in Palestine. Field heard that in the army Byers was a champion boxer and said that in the early 1920s he stood six foot three and weighed 13 stone (82 kilos). Jack Sammon (pers. comm.) says that his father worked with Byers in 1921 when Byers was head stockman at Yacka Munda, near Nebo and Clermont.

Eventually the bank took over Sumana and Byers headed for the Northern Territory. He arrived in the Victoria River region in 1924 (Byers, 15-10-1953) and lived much of the rest of his life in that district. In September 1927 he was reported as having been killed by Aborigines at Tanami but investigation showed he was then working on Wave Hill (WHPJ, 29-9-1927). At other times he managed Sturt Creek, Flora Valley and Turner stations