

Less than two years after the station was established moves were made to introduce cattle to Bradshaw. While in Melbourne in June 1895 Bradshaw, 'purchased all the herd, cattle and horses on Willeroo station from Mr R. C. Cooper' (Log Book of Bradshaws Run). Willeroo had been abandoned and the stock left to run wild after the murder of the manager, W.S. Scott, in 1892. Jock McPhee was employed to muster the Willeroo cattle and bring them to Bradshaw. Between September 1895 and July 1899 the Log Book of Bradshaws Run documents the arrival of over 1,500 head from Willeroo.

The station remained in Joe Bradshaw's hands until his death in 1916 and was then taken over by the Miller brothers. They retained the station until June 16<sup>th</sup> 1937 when it was bought by Paddy Quilty (NTAS NTRS F27, Box 7, PL 2476). Around this time the station was said to be 7,192 square miles with an estimated 14,420 head of stock (horses and cattle). Paddy Quilty died at Wyndham on August 28<sup>th</sup> 1938 (*Courier Mail*, 2-9-1938: 4) and the property passed to his brother Tom. Tom purchased the neighbouring Coolibah station and ran Bradshaw and Coolabah as a single property. He held the two leases until 1950 when he sold them both to Snowy Kenna. Kenna and his partner Wason Byers held the property until 1954 when it was taken over by Spooner and Smith, who sold out to Peter Murray in 1958. In turn, Murray sold out to Unibeef Australia (an Israeli company) in about 1963, but stayed on the station until final payment was made in about 1967 (pers. comm., Pauline Rayner; McBean, 2008: 123). For further details see entry for Coolibah.

In 1981 Unibeef placed Coolibah-Bradshaw on the market and it was bought by Ian McBean. McBean held the property until 1996 when he sold it to the Australian Defence Force, to be used as a field training area (McBean, 2008: 103-127).

**'Captain' Joe Bradshaw.** Owner of Bradshaw from 1894 until his death on July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1916, aged 62 years. Born and educated in Melbourne, he was the son of Joseph Bradshaw of Bolwarra station, near Ballan, Victoria. The name 'Bolwarra' was later applied to a boat owned by Joe Bradshaw. During his life Joe had interests in mining, railways, pastoralism and (particularly) shipping. In 1905 the *Pastoralists' Review* (15-12-1905: 792) reported that he had just returned from a visit to England and America where he had gone to 'confer with a syndicate re a proposed land grant railway across the continent from Adelaide to Port Darwin.' His title of 'Captain' apparently was a nickname rather than a qualification, and was said to have been bestowed by the Sydney Yachting Club (*Northern Territory Times*, 26-5-1925).

In his schooner 'Twins' Bradshaw explored a long stretch of the north coast for which, in 1896, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society (Kelly, 28-1-1982). For services to trade between Australia and the 'Netherlands Islands' (modern Indonesia) he was made a Life Fellow of the Imperial Institute. He was also a Justice of the Peace in several states and a Special Justice in the Northern Territory (*The Pastoral Review*, 16-8-1916; *Northern Territory Times*, 19-3-1914).