

**A profile of my pioneering Tully family
Doncaster 1850s**

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John and Maria McAuley



John and Maria McAuley, with their son William, aged 11, and daughter Jane, aged 5, from Blaxton, Ballymena, Antrim, Northern Ireland, embarked from Liverpool on the "DUKE of ARGYLE" on 7th November 1840 for Port Phillip Bay, arriving on 12th April 1841 with 272 passengers and general cargo, a trip of 156 days.

Upon arrival in Melbourne, they resided in Victoria St, Richmond. John worked as a Carrier until about 1847, and after purchasing two lots totalling 38.5 acres of Crown land in Barkers Rd, Hawthorn, the family moved to that property, probably crossing the Yarra by a punt that was operating just north of Bridge Road, Richmond. John improved and subdivided this land, which was all sold by 1853, making a handsome profit of over £2500, from which he purchased 4.5 Acres of land at Wellington St, Hawthorn on 5th April 1853, referred to as Ballinderry.

Ref: - Marriage Certificate for Jane & Thomas Tully 1854.

John then followed the call to the Goldfields, as a carrier made good money and intended to return to Ireland. He paid his fares but missed the Boat. He then purchased a pair of horses and dray and continued working as a carrier.

In about 1857, John & Maria moved to Doncaster and built their home on Thomas Tully's land in Williamson's Road.

During December 1877, whilst cooking their evening meal, Maria was badly burned and taken into Melbourne Hospital, where she died about 6 weeks later on 27th January 1878, aged 70 years. John McAuley continued to reside in Doncaster until admitted to Melbourne Benevolent Asylum, where he died on 20th October 1886.

Thomas Tully and Jane McAuley



Thomas Tully b.1833 d.1872 [m 1854] Jane McAuley b.1835 d.1876

[m2 1874] David Tully b.1824 d.1894

- Maria Tully b.1855 d.1856
- Jane Tully b.1857 d.1857
- Thomas Tully b.1859 d.1870
- Maria Tully b.1861 d.1948 [m 1883] Thomas Lockwood b.1857 d.1945
- **John Tully** b.1864 d.1941 [m 1884] **Rosina Eliza Cook** b.1863 d.1941
- David Tully b.1865 d.1932 [m 1889] Esther Jane Smith b.1870 d.1932
- William Tully b.1868 d.1941
- Ellen Tully b.1870 d.1963 [m 1892] John Lockwood b.1869 d.1946
- Eliza Tully b.1873 d.1955 [m 1906] Albert Williams b.1884 d.1961



In about 1857, Thomas Tully (Yeoman/Farmer) purchased Lot No.15 of 20 acres 1 Rood 1 perch for £168/- from the Carlton Estate section B at the corner of Williamson Rd & Doncaster Rd Title dated 30th April 1860.

It appears that Thomas was living and working in Bulleen probably from his purchase of the land, their home was a small timber slab hut with one door and no windows. Roads Board records show Thomas Tully and John McAuley as ratepayers, also as contractors for road works.

YERING

Thomas Tully and family moved to Yering about 1868, residing north of the Healesville Rd and to the East of where "Coombe Cottage" is now on the property owned by Paul De Castella, who was growing grapes for wine production. William Pentland and his family along with John Whitten, also moved to Yering and Doncaster's 1860 Postmaster and Baptist Minister, Thomas Walter Grant, moved to Lilydale.

John Whitten of Whitten's Lane, Doncaster, would leave his family on Sunday evening, walk to Yering, complete his week's work on Saturday, walk home to Doncaster, be occupied on his farm on Sunday and then in the evening set off to return to Yering.

Tom Tully is recorded in the 1871 Lilydale Rate Book, as leasing 100 acres of land from Paul De Castella, 90 acres of bushland and 10 acres cultivated. Council Valuation at £32/-/-, rates £1/12/-.

YERING SCHOOL

On arrival at Yering, there was no school, but 10 families representing 23 children applied to the Government for assistance to build a common school. Mr Pentland was on that committee. He had three children; Tom Tully had two boys, Thomas and John (Maria, aged 8, was with John & Maria McAuley), residing about one mile from the school. The petition was successful, and the school opened on 15th March 1868 with Mr Ellis as Headmaster.

The site of that School was north of the Yering School in 2006.

John & Rosina Tully



John Tully b.9-1-1864 d.29-5-1941 [m 2-10-1884] Rosina Eliza Cook b.9-1-1863 d.15-6-1941

- Albert Thomas Tully b.2-9-1885 d.9-2-1970 [m 20-7-1910] Hilda Ellen-Jane **Petty** b.9-5-1889 d.15-2-1982
- Rose Tully b.10-4-1886 d.18-8-1944 [m 15-9-1909] Herbert George **Clay** b.10-6-1884 d.7-7-1946
- John James (J.J.) Tully b.19-4-1888 d.14-6-1954 [m 18-6-1913] Celia Elizabeth **Smith** b.17-12-1889 d.3-5-1965
- Ada Tully b.28-9-1889 d.19-2-1968 [m 3-9-1913] Herbert **Petty** b.17-12-1889 d.17-12-1938
- Nellie Tully b.28-9-1892 d.16-12-1964 [m 22-8-1916] Fredrick William **Cameron** b.21-4-1890 d.13-11-1964
- Elsie Tully b.25-10-1894 d.17-9-1966 [m 3-5-1919] Allan **May** b.6-10-1892 d.3-10-1965
- Edwin Roy Tully b.17-7-1901 d.29-4-1954 [m 12-4-1924] Ruth **Ferris** b.31-7-1902 d.15-8-1986



John & Rosina Tully and family abt.1907

Rose, John James, Elsie, Nellie
Albert, Rosina, Edwin "Roy", John, Ada

JOHN TULLY 1864 to 1941

Thomas and Jane Tully's family had nine children; three died at a young age. John born in 1864 and David born in 1865 were the only members of the family to spend most of their lives in Doncaster. Both became successful orchardists, raised their families there and most of their descendants also entered the fruit industry in or near Doncaster. Maria married Thomas Lockwood; Ellen "Nellie" married Edward Lockwood; Eliza "Liz" married Albert Williams, all were from Lancefield. William was unmarried and died at Sunbury in 1941.

About 1868, the shortage of work caused Thomas Tully and other Doncaster residents to move to Yering, and work for Paul de Castella, residing near the road to Healesville (east of Coombe Cottage). The children were able to attend the new Yering State School, the result of a petition signed by their father, Thomas, and others.

John recalls being taught the game of cricket by his teacher. He also expresses gratitude to his father for teaching him from the Bible and for driving his horse and dray about three miles so the children could attend a Sunday school organised by the De Castella sisters at their home.

In 1870, Thomas Junior aged 11 died, and in 1872, Thomas (his father) died aged 39 years; both were buried in Lilydale Cemetery and there is no Headstone. After the birth of Eliza at Yering in 1873, Jane and her six children returned to their old home at Williamson's Road, Doncaster in May 1873, where they resided until 1874. Jane sold her property to Alfred Hummel and remarried on 7th February 1874 to David Tully, born about 1824, an older brother of her father. Her next move was to Rochford near Lancefield, taking her five children with her after arranging with Henry William Crouch to care for John, who was then about 10 years old. John was to be paid 6 pence per week plus his keep.

John would have had only a few months at Doncaster State School. He had experienced 8 sad years as an orphan before he was aged 15. There had been four deaths including his Brother Thomas in 1870 aged 11; his father Thomas in 1872 aged 39 and his mother Jane in 1876. His grandmother Maria McAuley in 1878, his grandchildren were never made aware of those sad years.

After six years with Mr Crouch, John was paid £10/- plus a bonus. Then, he was employed on a baker's delivery cart for 9/- per week plus his keep. He also worked for 15/- per week on the orchards of John and Thomas "Tom" Petty, with whom he enjoyed a lifetime of friendship. It began about 1880 and continued through Sports, Fruit growing, local interests, fruit associations, cool stores and the church.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

John's parents and grandparents joined the Doncaster Church of Christ in 1864. About 2 years later, Thomas, his father, was elected a Trustee of the Church.

In 1878, John, aged 14, with 12 other young people travelled to a Church in Swanston St, Melbourne and were baptised by Mr Hindle. Afterwards, they were taken to a Cafe for a meal; that day would have been a memorable occasion for those young people.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 1881

Through Thomas "Tom" Petty's influence, John was elected Superintendent with the help of Mrs Behrens and Mrs Wilson (Catherine Clay), who commenced a Sunday school at the Church, holding that position until 1923, when he retired after many years of continuous service with most being two schools held each Sunday. There were also other meetings involving time during those 40 years, such as teachers' meetings and meetings with the Minister. Rosina also retired, but her term of involvement is said to be about 5 years less.

A report in the Australian Christian Watchman on page 119 dated 1st February 1882, would have been his first report on the first six months of the Sunday school.

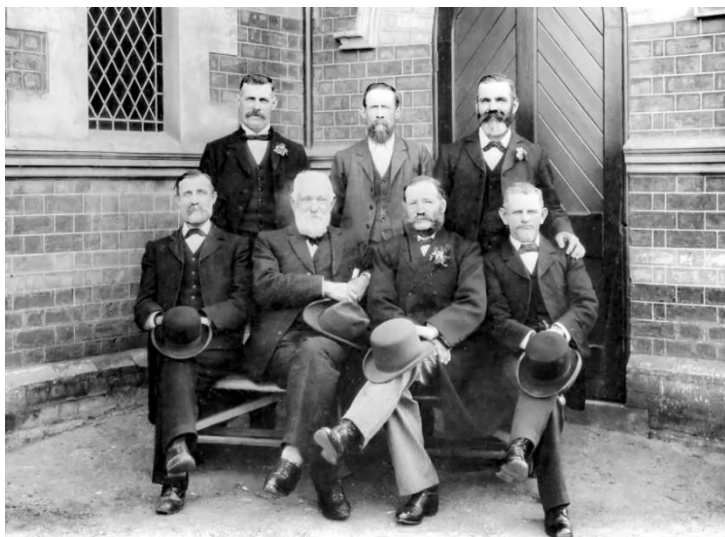
John Tully was presented with a beautiful writing desk by Parents and Friends of the Sunday school in about 1890. There are records of presentations to John by his Bible Class of a Silver Watch in 1896. Later in 1906, at the celebration of the 43rd Church and 25th Sunday School Anniversary, he was surprised by being presented with a Waltham Gold Watch and Chain inscribed as follows: *"Presented to John Tully, Founder and Superintendent for 25 years of the Doncaster Sunday School as a token of esteem"*.

In 1911, two classrooms were added to the 1864 weatherboard church building and in 1920; the need for extra accommodation for Sunday school was filled by the erection of a Kindergarten room, which remained in use until the mid-1960s. Donations, along with John's Contribution, enabled the building to be erected debt-free.

Later, a plan was adopted, and the new Church building was commenced and built in 1956 and 1957. Additional alterations and the building of the Hall were completed several years later.

CHURCH OFFICER

A vacancy occurred in the Church Officers Board in October 1884. John was elected to that position at the



Doncaster Church of Christ - Deacons 40th Anniversary 1903
Arthur Taylor, Henry Crouch (Jnr), John Tully
Seated: Herbert McDowell, Martin Zelius, Frank Smedley, George Petty

age of 20 years nine months; he retained that position until his death in 1941. A term of almost 57 years, during which his service to the Church, Officers Board and filling functions such as President, Treasurer, Chairman of Committees, Building Committee, as well as commitments of Speaker, Reader, Janitor, Lamp Lighter, Doorman, as well as Table preparation, and Trustee. He was capable of filling in as a substitute for a speaker or other member at short notice, and he also travelled to engagements at other Churches' at East Doncaster and Oakleigh.

RECITATION

He was also efficient at reciting the "Badge of Blue" without missing a line, as well as speaking on Bible Subjects or Temperance work without notes.

Another recitation was 'I think I Can, I Know I can, I Thought I Could, I Knew I Could.'

His expression was excellent. John and Rosina were representatives of the Church at annual Conferences, and he was honoured by being appointed for one year as President of the Victorian Churches of Christ.

CHURCH CONFERENCE PRESIDENT 1917/18

A report published in The Christian.

John Tully made an excellent President, conducting the business in an efficient, kind and firm manner, guiding the course of discussion. All present felt that the thanks of the Conference, given at the close of Saturday's Session had been richly earned by Bro. Tully, who, for his worth and works' sake, possesses the esteem and love of the Brethren, in his Presidential address, Bro. Tully referred in a feeling manner to the war crisis, to the splendid Heroism and Sacrifice of our men, and the sorrowing homes in our land, expressing the hope that, ere long, war may cease, and the day of Brotherhood of man comes. The work of the year was reviewed, and thanks returned to God and the Brethren for the success achieved.

The President, who had graciously welcomed all visitors, referred to the help and sympathy of his Colleagues of the Executive Committee, and in particular to the invaluable services of Secretary Bro. Thomas Haggar.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF RECHABITES

Doncaster I.O.R. Lodge No 129 commenced in 1870. John became a member in 1881 and was always willing to fill the various offices of the Lodge. The main advantage was that it was a Benefit Society and there are many members residing in Doncaster who have had Rechabite cover for Medical and doctors' expenses for their families for years.

About 1900, he was a delegate at the annual Conference, attaining the position of Deputy Chief Ruler in 1906, and filling that position until he was elected District Chief Ruler in 1912, the highest office in Victoria.

The Rechabite monthly Journal for 1911 to 1912, page 38, has his photo as District Deputy Ruler for that year and on March 8th 1913 lists the Victorian District Officers for the year with John Tully as Victorian District Chief Ruler, also on pages 337, 338, 339, 340, his address is recorded.

In 1922, he was honoured by his election as a Victorian District Trustee, finally resigning from that position in 1939.

About 1920, as Superintendent, he successfully commenced Doncaster Junior Rechabite Lodge No 487. Its members were pupils of Doncaster State School. Meetings were held in the Church of Christ, where he, with assistance from Mrs M Moffat and Mrs A Crouch, in the later years they ran the Lodge until about 1939. About 500 members attended during these years.

About the same time, there was also a Junior Rechabite Lodge in East Doncaster.

HEIGHTS CRICKET CLUB and FEDERAL PARK

This Cricket Club, formed in 1881, after using private property for their matches for about 20 years, applied to the Education Department to use part of Doncaster School property, with adjoining land the Club had purchased as a Sports Oval, known as Federal Park. John Tully signed that application. In 1920, the Heights Club transferred the Title to the Council.

While celebrating Doncaster Heights Cricket Club's 50th anniversary, John was asked the reason for still being an active member. His reply: "Credit should be given to his TOTAL ABSTINENCE from liquor". There are many people who will still appreciate John Tully's guidance and example on Temperance.

ORCHARDS

In 1883, John negotiated with Thomas "Tom" Petty, who assisted him in purchasing his first property, which was a 20-acre Orchard, with a frontage to Wilson's Rd costing £900/- on a deposit of £20/- with favourable terms of 7% interest payable annually with 10 years to pay the balance off. John had £25/- left. In 1884, he built his first home at a cost of £430/-. The first year's income was £120/-, but the next year was a disaster - a severe frost destroyed his fruit crop as well as his horse; his friends assisted him by providing him with another horse.

In 1888, John was able to lease and work some orchards, but there are no details. We believe that he leased and resided on the 31-acre property owned by Edwin Wilson, which had frontages to both Elgar and Whitten's Lane; there was no Tram or Tram Road then.

The Land Boom was creating a demand for residential lots, a Rail link with Melbourne was surveyed, and subdivision of orchards to house lots was occurring; this was referred to as the 'Peg and Sell' period. There were very few regulations or conditions required to subdivide land compared to the requirements that are needed today.

About 1890, John purchased his second Orchard. A property of about 9 acres known as Lawfords, that had been subdivided to house lots. It is thought he paid £200 per acre; it consisted of lots Nos 1, 23, 65 to 74 and 76 to 93 (no lot 75). It was planted with Cherry trees, and John soon paid off the property with sales of fruit grown on it. The Subdivision plan was sealed on 27th June 1890, the location being Whitten's Lane, Cockaigne St, Pleasant Ave, Queens Ave, with 3 lots on Doncaster Rd.

The Tully house and sheds were built at the corner of Queens Avenue & Whitten's Lane about 1890 on lots 68 & 69. The family residing there until about 1916, most of the house was still there in 2004, but had been renovated in 1993/4. This is the oldest residence existing on Doncaster Hill.

During the 1890s, John purchased an Orchard in Croydon from Mr S Smith, approximately where Luther College stands in 2004; his manager was Samuel Beavis, who later purchased the property.

My mother told of the family driving the wagon to Croydon to spend days picking cherries; it would have been a rather long day travelling with horse and wagon from Doncaster and return.

She also remembered spending many hours removing the Root Borer (or Elephant beetle) from young pear trees, the payment being three pence a Jam tin and the borers were then boiled on the stove. - Les Cameron

COUNCIL RECORDS

Records show that the following Doncaster properties were owned or leased to John Tully up to 1902.

1883 - Purchased from "Tom" Petty - 20 acres

1884 to 1889 - House & 20 acres

1890 to 1896 - 8.5 acres ex-Lawford 30 acres Elgar Road 20 acres Wilsons Rd leased to Charles Sykes.

1897-1902 8.5 acres 20 acres 24.5 acres Whitten's Lane /tram Road.

The 1941 rate book reveals the following properties in the names of John and Rosina Tully.

Lawford Estate lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 65, 66, 67, lots 76 to 93, total area of 9 acres 1 rood, lot 8 Tower St, Lot 12 Doncaster Rd.

Rather interesting that Wilson's Road 20-acre was originally owned by Thomas Petty, then John Tully in 1883, Albert Tully in 1911, and Gilbert Tully in 1939, it was sold for Subdivision for housing about 1970.

Thomas Petty was an uncle of Hilda Petty, who married Albert Tully. Gilbert was the son of Albert & Hilda shows how land in this District was often passed from generation to generation, some even without a change of surnames.

It is not a complete list of all properties owned by John and Rosina over the years, but each of their daughters received a house from their wills.

HEIGHTS OF DONCASTER
DONCASTER.

On SATURDAY, 14th JANUARY, 1888,
AT THREE O'CLOCK, ON THE GROUND,

55 SPLENDID ALLOTMENTS 55

Will be offered by Auction
AS ABOVE, BY
BT. L. HAIR
AUCTIONEER.
GLENFERIE,
In conjunction with
SQUIRE ASPINALL
Agent, Box Hill.

This valuable Property is situated right in the centre of Doncaster Township, and on the main Doncaster Road, between the Tower and Dr. Fitzgerald's magnificent residence. A Post and Telegraph Delivery throughout the Township.

JOHN N. KELLY,
LICENSED SURVEYOR,
58 CHANCERY LANE.

A Railway is to be constructed from Canterbury to Doncaster shortly, and is likely to run through them, now offered for sale, or terminate thereon. Magnificent Views of the surrounding Country, also a good view of the City. Purchasers should not lose this chance of securing a fine allotment (which will be sold at a great bargain,) either for building or for speculative purposes, as a lot of 15, 2, 15, 3, 5.

NOTE THE TERMS—£5 per Lot deposit, and Balance extending over Three Years, at 6 per cent.

Trains will leave Princes Bridge Station for Box Hill (where Cabs are waiting to convey intending purchasers to the Ground,) at 12.15, 2.15, 3.5.

COUNCILLOR of DONCASTER Shire 1890 to 1922

The first election for the new Shire Councillors was on 22nd August 1890. The returning officer, being "Tom" Petty results of voting were that John Tully and August Zerbe each obtained 283 votes and were elected for 3 years, but on completing 1 year, John retired from Council and was sent a letter of appreciation.

Possibly the reason for retirement was that the Elgar Road property of "Edwin" Wilson, which he was leasing, was split by the new Tramline and the formation of Tram Road from the Koonung Creek to Doncaster Road. This Tram development was rather contentious at this time. However, in October 1891, he was appointed Valuer of the Shire for a fee of £15, presenting his first valuation on 27th November 1891. He was again a Shire-valuer in 1896 for £15 and in 1904 for £14.

Up to 1922, John Tully served as Councillor for the following periods:-

1890-1 for 1 year, 1896 for two months and 1904 until 1922

Shire President for 3 terms -1909-10, 1914-15, 1919-1920.

John was appointed Justice of the Peace in about 1914 and regularly accepted a place on the bench of Box Hill Court to assist proceedings there, retaining that position until his death.

Whilst Shire President in 1920, he was privileged to host a visit from the Australian Governor General Sir. Ronald & Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson, and accompanying distinguished guests.

On 18th February 1920, the Governor-General of Australia, Sir Ronald Munro Ferguson and his wife, Lady Helen, visited Doncaster to meet orchardists, view and hear about the fruit-growing activities in Doncaster.



Australian Governor General Sir. Rohan and Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson with distinguished guests during a Vice Regal tour of Doncaster - 18th February 1920

Afternoon tea at Cr. John Tully's house. (next to the Church of Christ)

back: Reg Simmons, R.J. Thomas?, Fred Thiele, Richard Clay, Rosamond Webb, Dorothy Webb, Nellie Stewart, Cr. Henry J Clay, Nell Cameron, "Tom" Petty, ?. W.H. Everard (MLA), Henry Petty, William Webb

front: Marjorie Webb, Elsie Edgoose, Phyliss Webb, Lily Petty, Alma Thiele, Rose Clay, John Tully, Les Cameron (with John) Elsie May, Lady Munro-Ferguson, Sir. Rohan Munro-Ferguson, Eliza Petty, Belle Petty, John Petty

SPORT- CRICKET, TENNIS and FEDERAL PARK

John was always interested in sport. He remembered his father playing cricket in 1881 and arranged a meeting at which the Doncaster Heights Cricket Club was formed. It played regularly up until about 1955 for the first 19 years on private properties. Until in about 1900, the Club was responsible for purchasing and constructing the Federal Park oval, which was behind the Doncaster State School.

John was on the original negotiating committee and signed the application plan, serving it later as Secretary and Trustee. The Park Trustees handed the title over to Council in 1920 with only £40/- owing; about 1955, Council transferred the property to the Education Department. The Council advised later that land titles were never amended.

John was an active member of the Club for over 50 years was presented with a Gold Fountain pen for his record of 50 years of Club membership, and he had proved himself as a bowler, batsman, fielder, wicket keeper and a safe catch.

On several occasions, Club members enjoyed entertaining the crews of ships on the Australia to England route for a Cricket match on the Council St oval. John knew many of the ship's officers, mainly from his interest in the export Fruit trade, and his involvement with the exporting of Apples and Pears.

He was also a keen Tennis player and participated in both sports until Doctors orders prohibited his participation.

FRUITGROWERS ASSOCIATIONS

The Doncaster Fruit Growers Association was formed in 1892 at a public meeting called for that purpose. Cr. R G Cameron read a prepared paper. Mr A. F. Thiele was elected President, and Mr Charles Sykes was elected Secretary.

In 1893, the Victorian Fruit Growers' Amalgamated Association was formed, representing district associations from all over Victoria.

John Tully accepted nomination as Delegate to the annual Conferences. Doncaster had six representatives when John was elected Victorian President for the 15th Conference in 1911, held in the Athenaeum Hall, Doncaster. There were about 100 Delegates attended. This was a very well organised Society; there are many references to it in the Fruit World, a monthly magazine, which commenced circulation about 1900.

For many Fruit Seasons before 1913, experiments were made annually to ascertain the best method to use in the Export of Fresh Apples, Pears, Plums, Cherries, etc., to overseas markets; some were unsuccessful, and others were successful. In 1913, the Association, of which John Tully was Secretary, decided to send a representative to the U.K. and Europe to report on all phases of the Export Fruit Markets. From about 57 applications received, John Tully was selected. He, with his wife Rosina and 4 others, embarked on the "Argyleshire" on February 17th 1914, for the U.K., a trip of about 6 months duration.

COOL STORES ASSOCIATION

From the Fruit growers Association, there developed in about 1918, the Orchardists and Fruit Cool Stores Association. John Tully was a foundation member of this Group, which was still meeting in 2000. Many of its current members are relatives or have a connection to the Doncaster pioneers. During 1962, for example, when its Executive was elected, five of them were descendants of members of the 1892 Doncaster Fruit growers Association.

GOVERNMENT COOLSTORE

The first venture into the Fruit Cold storage industry is a story of perseverance, trial and error, etc. Refrigeration had just been invented in Geelong, Australia, and the first Doncaster Cool store began operations in March 1905. The building was enlarged in 1908 and again in 1912, its capacity then being 20,000 cases.

Edwin Lawford had converted a shed to a cool room, added refrigeration machinery, and thus owned the first private cool store holding about 1200 cases of fruit.



Opening of the Government Cool store Doncaster road - March 16th 1905

WEST DONCASTER COOL STORES Pty Ltd

Edwin Lawford was one of the Directors elected in May 1911 at the formation of the West Doncaster Cool Store. (Co-Operative Company) The others were John Petty and John Tully. It was the first Cool Store for fruit built in the Southern Hemisphere; its aims were to provide extra storage space and endeavour to eliminate regulations and conditions then in force at the Government Cool Store. Both John Tully and John Petty were Directors for almost 30 years, without missing many meetings. The books have a good record of the attempts to minimise expenditure of the Co-Op up to its closure in 1966.

MOTOR CARS

John is reported to have owned seven cars, of which were 5 "T" Model Fords, all tourers, one Armstrong-Siddeley, and his last purchase was a 1930 Ford V8 Sedan, which he used on the day of his death on 9th May 1941, when he had driven to Box Hill for a haircut.

TRAIN ACCIDENT 2nd December 1882

John Tully is reportedly involved in the head-on collision of two trains near Burnley Station. The rail line to Box Hill had been opened the previous day and he was apparently returning home from Melbourne when the accident occurred. There appears to be no record of his involvement in this accident.

HOLIDAYS

John owned a house at Healesville situated on the highest point of Fernshaw Road facing East with a fine view of Mount Riddell. It was a double-story building, accommodating two small families, which was used by their children and grandchildren, and there is no record of its disposal.

"I remember travelling to Healesville in a horse-drawn vehicle, visiting Badger Creek, Fernshaw Weir, and the Maroondah Dam, which was then under construction. An overhead cable conveyor system was in use to carry supplies to the Dam site from the Railway Station". - Les Cameron

On several occasions, grandchildren accompanied our Grandparents on their holidays to Sorrento, Healesville, Carrum, Edithvale and Frankston. There is a report of a holiday to Phillip Island before the San Remo Bridge was built. John & Rosina, with their son Roy and his family, were to travel to Cowes on the Stony Point Car Ferry. It ended in a disaster when the front wheels of the car pushed the Ferry from the jetty, which had not been secured. The car and its occupants were submerged.

HOUSES

His first house was on the Wilsons Rd orchard during 1884, the second being built about 1890 on Whitten's Lane. Most of this building was still standing in 2006. In 1916, he purchased the home of William J May on the land adjacent to the Church of Christ.

In 1924, their next home was built on the site (opposite Clay St.) of the third Tower. It was a solid brick house fitted with an internal toilet and a septic tank. A hot water system used the heat from the firebox of a wood-burning kitchen stove, all very special facilities then.

One of the anchors for the Tower was still buried in his front garden. It consisted of a 3-foot-long log with a chain around it to which one of the many cables supporting the tower was attached. He also had a section of the Tower's stairs, which was built of very solid timber, as a viewing platform in his backyard.

JUBES

John was very popular with children. He always carried a small bag of 'Jubes' in his pocket in the 1930s, while walking from his home to and from the West Doncaster Cool Stores, checking on Fruit, Fruit packers, keeping appointments, or attending regular Coolstore meetings.

BOX HILL HOSPITAL

John Tully, representing Doncaster, J E Payne of Box Hill, and Mr Patterson of Box Hill were members of a Committee formed in the 1930s to raise funds for the building of a Hospital. Functions were held in Doncaster, and a Popular Girl Competition raised funds. The Hospital opened about 1955.

His second son, John James Tully (who was also a Shire Councillor) was on the Hospital Board and Grandson Lawrence J Tully a Board member for many years after the death of his father.

HONOURS

- In 1911, John Tully achieved the honour of representing the Victorian Fruitgrowers Association as President.
- 1913, Chief Ruler of Victoria of the Independent Order of Rechabites.
- 1913, selected to travel to England and Europe as representative of The Central Victorian Fruit Growers Association.; there is a daily record of his visit to England.
- 1918, President of the Victorian Churches of Christ.
- from 1922 to 1939, John was elected as a Victorian Trustee of I.O.R.