

**PEZZETTI** Camillo, died 23.4.1932 aged 45 years at Eradu - buried on the **ERADU** Government Reserve by GA Warner, Police Constable, Mullewa. Witnesses present at the burial were J Haley and S Drew.

A labourer, who died from an accidental fall down a well. He was born in Italy and had lived in Western Australia for about 15 years.

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**PHELAN** James, died 11.11.1830 aged 32 years at **CANNING RIVER**.

A labourer.

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**PHHELP/S** James Pringle, died 16.3.1907 aged 43 years at Ord River, Moorarie Station, Peak Hill in the Meekatharra district - buried close to the homestead on **MOORARIE STATION** by William Kerr. Witnesses at the burial were Werradie alias Charlie and Toobanna alias Joe.

He was born at Timaru, New Zealand - the son of Helen (nee **STURROCK**) and James Phelps (contractor). At the age of 26 years he married Jessie **CARMICHAEL** in Bendigo, Victoria. His occupation was a commercial traveller. On the 25.3.1907 the Cue police received a telephone message from the Nannine police that a telegram had been received from Mr Kerr of Moorarie Station - Phelps (a traveller for **WD Moore & Co**, Fremantle) was drowned while crossing the Ord River during recent heavy rains and was found about 2 miles down river from Moorarie Station by Police Constable Doody of Nannine. The late Mr Phelps was well known in Cue, which place he left for the northern fields about 6 weeks earlier, driving a pair of horses in a buggy and accompanied by a native.

**Further Reference:** *Murchison Times & Day Dawn Gazette* - 26.3.1907 & 11.4.1907.

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**PHIL BILL**, died 24.7.1895 - buried in the bush north of the town of **MENZIES**.

A writer in the *North Coolgardie Herald* contributes an interesting article reminiscent of the early days of Menzies, from which the following is an excerpt :- Monday, July 24, 1905, was the 10th anniversary of the first Warden's Court held at Menzies, and it is interesting to look back and review the events of that eventful day. The Warden, F Grill, had arrived a few days before and taken possession of a small wood and iron building at the south end of Shenton Street. The courthouse consisted of one room unlined and without a floor, and was furnished with a table and a couple of chairs..... During the sitting of the court one of the numerous onlookers, unable to gain admittance, discovered in an adjacent tent the body of a man. His cries drew the attention of others, and in a few moments the courthouse was empty and the crowd had gathered round the tent. It appeared that the deceased, "Phil Bill" by name, had fallen a few nights previously on a stump and received internal injuries, although at the time it

was not thought that he was seriously hurt. His mate had left him that morning to go to work on his assurance that he was feeling quite well. A coffin was hastily made from such timber as was to be procured, consisting principally of old cases, and the Warden read the burial service over his body in a grave in the bush to the north of the town.

**Further Reference:** *Western Argus* - 1.8.1905.

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**PHILBIN** Patrick, died 19.7.1895 aged 51 years at Austin MGF - buried at **AUSTIN** in the Cue district. The informant was J Philbin, son of deceased, store assistant, The Island. The inscription on his tombstone reads, "The falling tear I checked, I kissed the rod and not to Earth resigned him but to God."

A publican, who died of cerebral haemorrhage and coma.

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**PHILCHOWSKI** Richard/Rudolph, died on or about 21.6.1913 aged 47 years at Cockatoo Creek 8-Mile Well, Territory Road, 80 miles from Wyndham - buried at **COCKATOO CREEK 8-MILE WELL** by E Reynolds. Witnesses at the burial were Dr JI Parer and MP Durack.

A squatter and teamster, who was wilfully murdered by a spear and died of haemorrhage. He was born at Konnisberg, Germany and had spent some years in Western Australia. The newspaper of the day reported his murder as that of a Polish Count with distinguished military service - as proved by papers found after his death. He had loaded up a large supply of rations in Wyndham and was bound for the Northern Territory. While having an after lunch nap at Cockatoo Eight-Mile Well, he was speared by 'bush' natives, some of whom had never seen a white man before. His packs were rifled and all tucker taken. A nearby creek was named after him between Kununurra and the Northern Territory border.

**Further Reference:** *Sunday Times* - 13.11.1927; *Western Mail* - 4.11.1937; *Sons in the Saddle* by Mary Durack.

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**PHILIP** (Aboriginal), died 31.12.1943 - buried near a boab tree on the other side of **TINGUN CREEK** near Kalumburu.

Old Philip became sick with pneumonia on 30.12.1943 and Father Rosendo gave him the last sacraments.

**Further Reference:** *Kalumburu War Diary* by Fr Eugene Perez OSB.

**Author's Note:** At Kalumburu native death's registered around this date, numbered twelve. They all occurred through natural causes and were buried at Tingun.

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**PHILLIPS** Henry, drowned while fishing from rocks, which have now been named in memory of him - Phillips Rock/s off **ROTTNEST ISLAND**.