

Chief Protector of Aborigines  
 B.O. 54 Murray St  
 Perth



Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of 16<sup>th</sup> inst with copy letter attached.

The explanation is simple and Mrs Davis has only herself to blame for what occurred.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> January I gave her Rations for her two sons Harold & Jack but as I discovered that these two boys had been working I raised the question with her. She then informed me that during Mr Hess' period she had never at any time drawn Rations for the two boys above referred to. Therefore the matter resolves itself into this — viz that on the 18/12/33, 25/12/33 and 1/1/34, Mrs Davis drew 30 lbs flour & corresponding rations for Harold Davis & Jack Davis which she knew she had no right to draw. But — she makes no mention of that —

I explained to her that I must reduce her ration at once and would deduct 70 lbs flour over supplied on the 1/1/34 — from the ration on the 8/1/34 if she had enough to go on with. I informed her that I would not bother about the balance but would let it go at that.

over -

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Wesley Manse,  
Brookton.

Jan 23rd. 1926

The Chief Protector,  
Aborigines Dept.,  
Perth.



Dear Sir,

I have received a request to marry the following parties, both of whom are half-caste.

BERT BENWELL - Widow of Brookton  
ALICE BAITS - Widow of Brookton (late of Harvey)

I shall be glad to receive the necessary written permission from you.

Yours faithfully,

*W. G. Howe*

Minister.

*bpa.*

a/s

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6th February, 1934.

Rev. A.G. Howse,  
Wesley House,  
BROOKTON.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 23rd ult., I know of no reason why Bert Bennell and Alice Davis should not be married. I take it you are quite satisfied that Bert Bennell is a widower. If these people are marrying on the supposition that they are going to live on Government rations, then I hardly think that they are in a position to marry at the present time. On the contrary, if Bert Bennell is able to support his wife, well and good.

Yours faithfully,

CHIEF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES.

*Miss B  
desire a presentation  
of marriage to the police  
- 5/2/34/3/34*

CHIEF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES  
Brought up for  
re-consideration

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*WPD*

B/EB.

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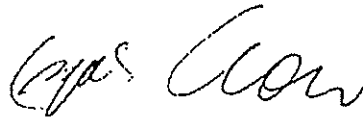
24th. December, 1937.

Constable G. Tillotson,  
Protector of Natives.  
BROOKTON.

 Referring to your letter of the 13th. instant, the Deputy Commissioner ( Mr. Bray. ) has no recollection of a conversation with Mrs. Davis in reference to the rental of a house, but possibly Mrs. Davis is referring to an interview I had with Fred Collard, when I told him at his camp that his classification as a native depended on whether or not he could assert himself and live away from natives. Mrs. Davis was at Collard's camp at the time and she may have overheard my remarks to Collard.

Mrs. Davis is apparently trying to improve her mode of living and should be encouraged to do so. She is entitled to live in a house like any other person and I have no power to prevent her doing so.

<sup>size</sup>  
~~However~~, the question whether 10 persons should occupy a house of three rooms is also a matter beyond my jurisdiction. This aspect, if there is room for complaint, is one for the attention of the local Health Authority and in this regard Mrs. Davis, as the occupier of a house, is subject to any health requirements like any other person and she suffers no disability in this connexion by reason of her colour.



COMMISSIONER OF NATIVE AFFAIRS.

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D.C.N.A.

I fail to see how the local whites can object to the Davis family renting a house, but perhaps the trouble is the over-crowding conditions. Ten people in three small rooms does not sound too good, this however, is a matter for local Board of Health.

This family are very mixed, but I remember some of them and they are not a bad type. They came from Yarloop after the father was killed by a bull ( in 1932 ).

*E. D. Dando*  
C. in C.

23/12/37

H/G

177/31 132/28

11th February 1935

Constable J. Hess  
Protector of Aborigines  
BROOKTON...W.A.

In regard to the accounts for £5/5/-  
and £1/1/- owing to Dr. Walker by Bob McGuire and Mrs  
Bennell respectively, will you please let me know  
whether payment has been made in either case.

*Handwritten signature and date*  
J. Hess  
12/2/35

CHIEF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES

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NOTE :

When at Brookton on the 8th inst. I was informed by Dr. Flecker as Health Officer that complaints were being made about the home of Mrs. Davis who was then living in a small house in the town. Later I visited Mrs. Davis where she was working, and also saw the house where she lived, and she admitted that her relatives came there frequently and she found it difficult to keep them away. I warned her that if it continued she would probably be compelled to go elsewhere, and she said that she would endeavour to effect an improvement. The trouble is the sanitary part of the business. The neighbours complain that all and sundry use the conveniences at all times of the day and night. I think there is something in the complaint, and the matter must be watched.

REC'D  
22 APR 1938

*an Jk*

*Con.*  
C.N.A.  
14/4/38.

THE COMMISSIONER.

Please see pages 91 to 93. The matter is really one for the Local Health Authority.

22-4-38

*[Signature]*  
D.S.H.A.

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File brought up for Action  
or Instruction... 10 MAY 1938

1 JUN 1938

File brought up for Action  
or Instruction... 1 JUL 1938

*Both Wm. Davis  
and his wife were  
half castes.*

Send to
10/4/38
Recd to
<i>Alan</i>
11/6/38
<i>Alan</i>
7/1/38
<i>SBR</i>

DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS.

(Place) Barnabston (Date) 18/7/38 <sup>96</sup>

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Commissioner of Petitions.

Sir,

In reply to yours N/s 17/31 dated the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. re Mrs. Davis & Family, there has not been any further complaints received against them living in the town.

G. Lillerton p.c. 1236

20 JUL 1938

~~and~~  
Any further action desired pl?  
E.O.S. 21/7/38

No  
RB  
21.7.38

File brought up for Action  
on APR 1940  
or Instruction on APR 1940

18/4/40 to card up  
10/5/40

File brought up for Action  
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S/B.

10th November, 1932.

The Manager,  
Millars' T. & T. Co. Ltd.,  
YARLOOP.

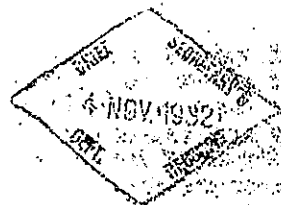
Dear Sir,

I am returning herewith your account amounting to £3.18. 9d., for rationing the Davis family during October, as I am unable to check the account owing to the price of each commodity not being shown.

Would you please insert these prices and return as soon as possible in order to prevent delay in payment.

Yours faithfully,

CHIEF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES.



*File*

CHIEF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES

File brought up for action  
or instructions

5. DEC 1932

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NOV 1932
<i>W</i>

THE CHIEF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES.

There is an amount of £13/2/11d. outstanding in the name of William Davis now deceased for maintenance of Harold and Jack in the Settlement.

Submitted for consideration regarding the writing off of this amount.

*[Handwritten signature]*

ACCOUNTANT.

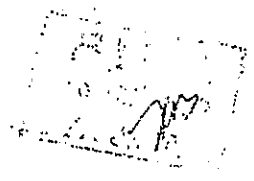
19/9/32.  
J/H.

*Accd. Write off. The family is destitute*

*Don.*  
*20.9.32*

*Noted & listed for writing off.*

*File*  
*20/9/32*



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B/S.

177/31

1st September, 1932.

Constable O'Brien,  
Police Station,  
Y A R L O O P.

In connection with your telephone message to me re the death of William Davis, I desire to inform you that the contract rate of £5.5.0 for the funeral includes the amount of £1.12.6 for cemetery fees, and in accordance with my verbal approval this Department is prepared to pay accordingly.

F.I. BRAY,  
DEPUTY CHIEF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES.

CT/B.

177/31.

10th June, 1932.

Mr. William Davis,  
Top Yard,  
YARLOOP.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 23rd ult. asking that your two sons Harold and Jack be returned to you at Yarloop, I have to advise that arrangements have been made for them to leave Mogumber on Saturday morning, the 11th inst., and they should arrive at Yarloop by train leaving Perth at 2 p.m.

I trust that these boys will be able to find employment in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

CHIEF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES.

*Lofterson  
13/6/32*

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GP/D.

3th June, 1962.

The Superintendent,  
Moore River Native Settlement,  
M O G U M B E R.

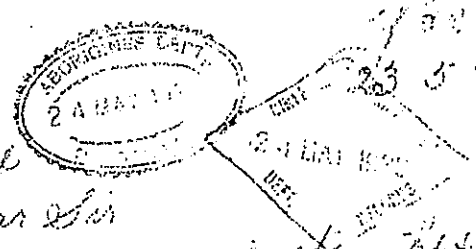
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I attach herewith two Railway Ticket Orders  
for Jack and Harold Davis, Mogumber to Perth. If these boys are  
sent down by Saturday morning's train it will enable them to  
proceed to Yarloop by the 2 p.m. train the same day.

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QUEST PROCEEDS OF ABORIGINES.

Top Yard  
of 1932  
23 5 1932



Mr. H. Will  
Dear Sir

just these few lines to you to ask you to my to have Harold & Jack from account it is of no use there being up to any thing it would matter have them home with me some but not send any work out but as soon as you send me the boys back the boys will make there will be my catching kangaroos & setting traps there are plenty of hoes around this year in the mean time I am looking out for a bit of business for this time and to take them for good the money I have them very

Top yard  
by arloofs  
April 13. 4. 1932.



Mr. Howell  
Dear Sir

We received your letter telling us that you have secured work for my two Boys Harold & Jack & you also asked me for my consent to send them sawdy I would only be to glad if you would send them out to work. The constable here told me that he rung up & told you, that I give my consent & said the boys would not be going away for a few days yet so would you kindly let me know when you intend sending them away & and would you please send Tom's money down to him as soon as possible. as he needs it.

I remain Yours  
Truly William Davis

Copied for files  
Personal of Jack & Harold  
134/32 + 135/32  
Tom is out  
Looking for work.

FOR QUICK SERVICE USE THE TELEGRAPH THE INFORMATION ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM WILL INTEREST YOU

# RECEIVED TELEGRAM.

The first line of this telegram contains the following particulars in the order named.  
Time Lodged. No.

TO: 42  
OFFICE OF THE TELEGRAPH DEPT.  
Sent at 12AP32  
Ch'nl WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
By

Station From: 4 ONSLOW  
Words: 8 10A

Remarks: DELAYED BY INTERRUPTION  
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Sch. C. 542. 3/1930.

To: PROTECTOR ABORIGINES  
PERTH

17 APR. 1932

FARES ARRANGED THIS END

HACK  
11-27A EW

ABORIGINES DEPT.  
21 APR. 1932  
PERTH, W.A.

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To: ABORIGINES DEPT  
PERTH

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DECK PASSAGES PAID HERE BY MANUTARRA STATION FOR TWO NATIVES.

KOOLINDA  
PARKES CO  
11-33A EW

ABORIGINES DEPT.  
12 APR. 1932  
PERTH, W.A.

## YARLOOP.

Dear Sir,

I have an opportunity of placing your two boys now at Moore River Native Settlement on a sheep station in the North-West, and subject to your approval I propose doing this. They would probably have to sail from Fremantle on Friday, so I desire you to reply to this communication immediately. It would be better to wire, or get the Officer-in-Charge of Police to telephone to save time.

The boys will only draw a small wage at first, but they will be learning how to earn their own living in a suitable calling.

Yours faithfully,

CHIEF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES.

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11/4/32

HACK,  
NANUTARRA,  
ON SLOY.

PROPOSE      SENDING      TWO      BOYS      NAMED      DAVIS      KOOLINDA      FIFTEENTH  
SUBJECT      PASSAGES      PREPAID      YOUR      FEED      REPLY      URGENT  
ABORIGINES

11/14/32

4/6/32

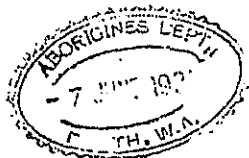
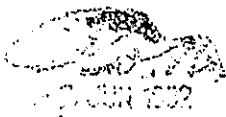


to Mr  
to PA  
Perth

Yours to be sent by 21 May 1932  
The Evans boys, returning to their home  
I think it would be a good idea to let  
them go home. They have been well  
behaved while here but I think they  
will be better away from here.

Scopio on  
13/11/32  
/32

Arthur.



CT/B.

177/31.

5th February, 1932.

Mr. William Davis,  
YARLOOP.

Dear Sir,

I am attaching herewith an account amounting to £11. 1. 6d, being maintenance of Harold and Jack Davis in the Moore River Settlement to the 31st January last. The Accountant informs me that no payment has been made by you since the boys entered the Settlement and this is contrary to your undertaking signed by yourself and Mrs. Davis on the 3rd September last.

As I understand that you are still permanently employed, some effort must be made by you and an amount sent forward immediately.

Yours faithfully,

CHIEF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES.

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A. 177/31

31st December, 1931.

MR. WILLIAM DAVIS,  
YARLOOP.  
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Attached please find account showing  
£8. 17. 3., due to this Department to the 31st inst.  
Please forward a remittance early.

ACCOUNTANT.

*Bhe*

25/1/32
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*Acct*  
File found  
of instructions

*G. P. A.*

*Mr. Davis has not made any  
payment since the boys have been at the  
settlement. Account showing £11-1-6 due  
to 31st inst attached.*

*G. P. A.*  
27/1/32 ACCOUNTANT

Chief Protector,  
Aborigines Dept.,  
Perth.

RECEIVED  
15 NOV 1931

I have to report in connection with your communication dated 29.th. October that I have ~~interviewed~~ interviewed William DAVIS with regard to the matter, and he informs me that he wishes to pay the amount himself, and intends to do so when he has the money.

DAVIS is at present in employment with Millars T & T Coy. and is earning the basic rate of £3-11-2. From inquiries made he has lost very little time.

Yarloop,  
16/11/31.

*L. H. Brown*

Const. 1391.

ABORIGINES DEPT.  
18 NOV 1931  
PERTH, W.A.

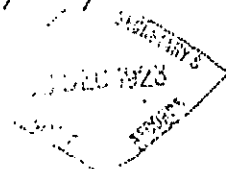
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Mrs. Davis is not a mission girl, she was brought up by her mother, Mrs. W. P. Lee, at Post-Office at Willyndam, who at present resides at Blake St. West Perth. Waroona Hotel

Waroona  
Dec 17<sup>th</sup> / 23

The Officer in Charge  
Aborigines Dept.



Dear Sir

I am writing to ask permission to have Mrs. Davis, a half caste woman to do the cooking here, at the above address. I am without a cook, & she is willing to come if I can get permission. She has lived here for 4 years with her husband & children, who have all a good name & are respected in the district, she is a strict teetotaler, & is anxious to earn a few shillings to help support her children, & I am certain our local police would give her & her husband an excellent name & rating to have an early favourable reply.

Oblige Yours Truly

(Mrs) C. Lee.

Mrs. Davis (before name was Alice W. Lee) was married to a Banker at Perth by Post Office at Willyndam, and is a Simpson's coffee & tobacco dealer, before his marriage. C. Lee

CHIEF SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

ABORIGINES.

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CT: Half-Caste DAVIS Family of Yarloop

Personal File.

3/23 Attd.

MENTS'

For Previous Correspondence re Davis Family see 157/29

For papers re Thomas William Davis see 157/29

- " " " Harold Davis see 134/32.
  - " " " Jack Davis see 135/32.
  - " " " Ted Davis see 270/32.
  - " " " May DAVIS see 200/44
  - " " " Dorothy DAVIS see 199/44
- Brands " 28/100*

NOT TO BE WRITTEN UPON.

Chief Protector of Aborigines,  
Perth.

12 JUNE 1931

The Attached forms filled in as required  
by you.

I also report further with regard to question 11  
on Circular No 108 that there are a number of the  
children, members of this DAVIS family, who could with  
advantage be removed to an Institution, and in my  
opinion should be removed in the interest of other  
children in this district.

William DAVIS is at present in the employ of Millars  
T & T Coy. at Yarloop.

There are two boys Harold aged 16 yrs and Jack aged  
14 years both of these have left school and are out  
of employment, and have little prospect of getting any  
at present. These boys can be seen roaming the streets  
at all hours of the day and night with no definite  
object in view.

There are three girls and one boy still attending  
school their names and ages are as follows Ted 12 yrs.  
Ethel 10 yrs. Dorothy 8 yrs. and Barbara 6 yrs. These  
children attend the State School at Yarloop and I am sure  
that their presence is objectionable to some people.

The influence created by the association of the boys  
who have left school and Ted with the other children in the  
District should in my opinion be avoided if possible.  
Ted has a particularly bad record at the School as a thief  
and a liar, and his association with other children is  
unlikely to be to their benefit.

Yarloop,  
11/6/31.



*L. H. Brown*  
Const. 1391.

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C.S.O. 2713/23.

J.

17th November, 1924.

Dear Sir,-

With further reference to your application of 22nd September, I have to advise that the Hon. Colonial Secretary has approved of a certificate of exemption being granted to you, and I enclose certificate herewith.

Encls: 1.

I would point out that if the privileges of this certificate are abused it will be cancelled forthwith.

Yours faithfully,

For DEPUTY CHIEF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES.

Mr. William Davis,  
(Half-caste),  
WAROONA.

C.S.O. 2713/23.

J.

17th November, 1924.

The Officer in Charge,  
Police Station,  
P I N J A R R A.

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C.S.O. 2713/23

Wm. Davis, half-caste, Waroona - Application  
for exemption (Section 63)

With further reference to above, and your report of 27th ultimo, I have to inform you that a certificate of exemption has been granted to Davis, who has been advised that should the privileges of exemption be abused at any time the certificate will be cancelled forthwith.

*Mr. M. Lead*  
*17/11/24*

For DEPUTY CHIEF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES.

THE UNDER SECRETARY.

(1) Wm. Davis, a half-caste of Warona, has applied for exemption from the provisions of the Aborigines Act as provided for by Section 63 of the Act.

(2) Davis is about 39 years of age, and his mother came from the Roebourne district. He is married, has eight (8) children, and follows the occupation of a labourer, sometimes taking small contracts. The Police advise that he is of good character, is not addicted to drink, and does not consort with natives and other half-castes.

(3) This appears to be a case where the provisions of Section 63 of the Act might be applied, and, in view of the favourable Police report, I recommend that the Hon. Minister grant the exemption. Certificate attached for Hon. Minister's signature, if approved.

6/11/24.  
A.J.

*[Signature]*  
DEPUTY CHIEF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES.

*[Signature]*  
APPROVED

*[Signature]*  
Honorary Minister  
for COLONIAL SECRETARY

*D.C.P.A.*

CONFIDENTIAL.

THE OFFICER IN CHARGE,  
POLICE STATION,

.... P. J. N. J. A. R. R. A. .

ABORIGINES ACT, 1905.

Section 63 - Exemptions.

I have received a communication from ... T. DAVIS .....

... asking that he be exempted from the provisions of the Aborigines Act, and in order that I may be in a position to place the matter before the Hon. Colonial Secretary for his consideration shall be glad if you will please supply replies to the sub-joined questions, and to return the form to me as early as possible.

DEPUTY CHIEF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES.

- (1) What is full name of Applicant for exemption? William
- (2) Alias (if any) Davis
- (3) Age 39 yrs
- (4) Parentage } Mother Aboriginal Noobown District  
                  } Father unknown
- (5) Where does Applicant live, and what is his mode of living? Waroona Labourer & Contractor
- (6) Is the Applicant married? yes. If so, what members of his family live with him? wife and 8 children
- (7) How does Applicant earn his living? clearing contract
- (8) Does Applicant in any way consort with other natives or half-castes? No living with wife & family in a house at Waroona
- (9) Does Applicant bear a good character? yes
- (10) Is Applicant addicted to drink? no
- (11) Is the Applicant likely to introduce liquor amongst other natives or half-castes? no. He is a temperate & diligent man. He has two years & has not seen him mix with other aborigines

DEPUTY CHIEF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES.

Information asked for herewith.

Station P. J. N. J. A. R. R. A.  
Date 27.10.23

(Signature)  
OFFICER IN CHARGE.

Minister of Aboriginal  
Department

Waroona  
22.7.24

Dear Sir

I wished to be released from the  
Aboriginal act which I am not accustomed to the  
aboriginal habits I am a married man with  
seven children I have always had a house to  
live in for my ~~own~~ family I have been mostly  
contracted working public works, Timber Halling,  
I am well known in the Murray Wellington  
district I have been here for years,

of  
the

I remain,

Yours  
W. Davis.

Half past

*Handwritten notes:*  
Mr. [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear]  
In [unclear] [unclear]

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT FORM SENT  
TO POLICE, PUNJAB, 14/10/24.

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11/11/24

C.S.O. 2713/23.

30th April, 1924.

J. Dear Madam, -

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 16th instant, asking for a permit to work at an hotel as cook, and regret to inform you that such permission cannot be given.

Yours faithfully,

For DEPUTY CHIEF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES.

Mrs. A. W. Davis,  
WAROONA.

C.S.O. 2713/23.

21st December, 1923.

C. J.

Dear Madam, -

With reference to your communication of 17th instant, requesting permission to engage half-caste woman Mrs. Davis as a cook, I have to advise that Regulation No. 28 under the Aborigines Act prohibits the employment of aboriginals and female half-castes on licensed premises. It is regretted, therefore, that your request cannot be acceded to.

Yours faithfully

For DEPUTY CHIEF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES.

Mrs. E. Lee,  
Waroona Hotel,  
WAROONA

*Good name & are respected in the district, she is a strict teetotaler, is anxious to earn a few shillings to help support her children, & I am certain our local police would give her & her husband an excellent name trusting to have an early favourable reply.*

*Yours truly*  
*(Mrs) E. Lee*

*per la*

*She worked for a while and also Simpson's coffee house C.K.*

Chief Protector,  
Aborigines Dept.,  
Perth.



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177/31

re Death of William DAVIS H.C Abo.

Replying to your memo dated 1.st. inst. I have to advise that subsequent to my telephone message to you The Secretary of the Yarloop Branch of the Timber Workers Union interviewed me with a request that they take over the funeral arrangements which they were prepared to pay for. I acceded to their request no Departmental ex-  
-pence was therefore incurred in connection with the funeral.

With regard to the family of Deceased, who left a wife and 10 children ages ranging from 20 yrs to 7 months, it appears to me that something will now have to be done in connection with them.

There are three boys Thomas, Harold and Jack ages 20, 17, and 15 respectively who have left school and who have their full time on their hands. There is also another boy Ted about whom I recently submitted a report to the Police Dept, and which you are already aware of, this boy has been temporarily expelled from school and there fore has also all his time on his hands. There are also a number of girls of younger ages in the family.

Ted 93  
Alice 11  
Constance 9  
Barbara 6

The above boys are in constant association with the white boys and girls of Yarloop and I do not think that it is in the best interests of either the white children or the black children, that this association should be permitted to continue. I am of the opinion that they should be sent to some place where they will be able to mix with persons of their own race.

While living DAVIS did have a certain amount of control over the children and kept them somewhat within bounds but their mother has no control whatever, and it is reasonable to forecast that they will have to be placed under some other restraining agent.

The whole family are housed in two small rooms, and apart from the present moral aspect of the situation, we have to consider their maintenance. Recently The Deceased was working on part time only, and I can say with a fair amount of certainty that Deceased owed Millars' T & T Coy, for whom he worked a good deal of money and it was this fact that kept him in employment, as he had to sign an order authorising Millars to deduct an amount in payment for the food supplied.

The prospect of any of the boys receiving employ-  
-ment in the district is most remote as there are a good number of white men both single and married out of employ-  
-ment and the prospect for them is even almost as remote.

This family has received as much monetary assistance as can be reasonably expected from the employees of Millars in times such as these, when they themselves are only on part time work. Will you please advise what is to be done with them. Should they make an application I will issue them with rations pending instructions from your Dept.

Yarloop,  
5/9/32.

L. H. O'Brien  
Const. 1391.

H/S

18th September, 1931.

The Officer in Charge,  
Police Station,  
YARLOOP.

Referring to yours of the 17th inst., I have to advise that Harold and Jack Davis reported at this office last Friday morning, the 11th inst. There was no train to Ngumber that day, so they were looked after by the Department until the following morning, when they were despatched to Moore River Native Settlement. The boys duly arrived there, and are now duly in the charge of the management.

and these boys came direct from

DR. ALFRED JACOBS  
TELEPHONE: HARVEY 54  
SURGEON  
HARVEY, 2.30-3.30  
(SUNDAY EXCEPTED)  
6.30-7.30 (SATURDAY AND SUNDAY EXCEPTED)  
YARLOOP AND COOKERUP,  
WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY MORNINGS  
BRUNSWICK, BENDER AND WOKALUP  
THURSDAY MORNING

*Harvey.*

*Sept 20, 1931.*

PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES.

*Aborigines Dept.*

*W. Davis and family,  
Yarloop.*

*Professional Services*

*£5.10.0.*

Brought up to Date  
D. J.  
30/9/31.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
22 SEP 1931



*Reimbursement Mrs Davis £4.4.0  
Voucher ext. for 3 shs 1.6.0  
£5.10.0*



Chief Protector,  
Aborigines Dept.,  
Perth.

I have to report with regard to your memo dated 8.th. inst. re Harold and Jack DAVIS, that when I went to interview William DAVIS he informed me that the two boys had been sent to Perth by 2am. train on the morning of 1 Thursday 10.th. inst. and he instructed them to report to your office, he states that they knew where to go.

Mrs. Davis states that she has not heard from them since they left Yarloop, and would like to know whether they arrived safely on otherwise.

Mrs. DAVIS states that she has not heard from her other son Tom for about 4 months and would be pleased if you could advise her of his whereabouts.

Yarloop,  
17/9/31.



*John Lewis*  
Const. 1391.

*W. G. Cole*

*Harold & Jack DAVIS arrived in Perth on Friday 11th of 10th inst. from Yarloop to M.P. No. 2 on 10th/10/31. Railway ticket order issued for the boys had no number - was under 2500. Ticket from Yarloop to Perth. Date 12/10.*

*Notes:*

*Boys arrived at M.P. No. 2 on 12/9/31.*

*11 SEP 31*

*14 SEP 31*

The Officer in Charge,  
Police Station,  
I.A.R.P.O.P.

If William Davis will sign the enclosed letter,  
and I think his wife should sign too, I will make arrangements to  
relieve him of the two boys forthwith.

A duplicate copy is enclosed, which can be re-  
tained by Davis.

CHIEF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The enclosed copy is for  
my records only. 5. SEP 1931

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MB

YARLOOP.  
3rd Sept. 1931

177/31

The Chief Protector of Aborigines,

PERTH.

Dear Sir,

I, William Davis of Yarloop, hereby request you to take charge of my two sons, Harold aged 16 years and Jack aged 14 years, and place them within the Moore River Native Settlement for further education and training.

I agree not to interfere in any way with these boys while at the Settlement, and not to take them away without your permission.

I also authorize you to hold these two boys until each of them is 18 years of age, unless in the meantime you place them in employment. If placed in employment by you I will not at any time demand all or partion of the wages paid to them, but will leave entirely to you the disposition of such means as they may earn as seems best to you in their interests.

Further, I agree so long as these boys are maintained at the Moore River Native Settlement to pay the sum of 5/- weekly on account of each of them from the date of their arrival at the Settlement, and so long as they are maintained therein. I agree that in the event of my failing to keep up payments in this connection you are at liberty to send the boys home.

Further I agree to pay the boys' fare from Yarloop to Perth when first sending them to the Settlement.

In the event of any untoward circumstances occurring to one or other of these boys while in the care of the Aborigines Department, I agree to make no claim whatsoever against the Aborigines Department on those accounts.

Yours faithfully,

*W. Davis*

Wife's signature *Mrs Davis*

Witness *L. H. Green P. 1391*

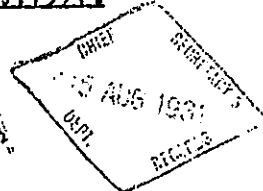
Chief Protector of Aborigines,  
Perth.

I have to report in answer to your letter dated 16.th. July 1931 that I have again interviewed William DAVIS in connection with this matter and he informs me that he is anxious to have these boys Harold and Jack taken to a settlement and is prepared to pay the required fee of 5/- per week each.

Yarloop,  
4/8/31.



*L. H. Brown*  
Const. 1391.



RECEIVED  
CHIEF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES.

Yarloop,  
4/8/31.

Chief Protector of Aborigines,  
Perth.

12 JUNE 1931

The Attached forms filled in as required  
by you.

I also report further with regard to question 11  
on Circular No 108 that there are a number of the  
children, members of this DAVIS family, who could with  
advantage be removed to an Institution, and in my  
opinion should be removed in the interest of other  
children in this district.

William DAVIS is at present in the employ of Millars  
T & T Coy. at Yarloop.

There are two boys Harold aged 16 yrs and Jack aged  
14 years both of these have left school and are out  
of employment, and have little prospect of getting any  
at present. These boys can be seen roaming the streets  
at all hours of the day and night with no definite  
object in view.

There are three girls and one boy still attending  
school their names and ages are as follows Ted 12 yrs.  
Ethel 10 yrs. Dorothy 8 yrs. and Barbara 6 yrs. These  
children attend the State School at Yarloop and I am sure  
that their presence is objectionable to some people.

The influence created by the association of the boys  
who have left school and Ted with the other children in the  
District should in my opinion be avoided if possible.  
Ted has a particularly bad record at the School as a thief  
and a liar, and his association with other children is  
unlikely to be to their benefit.

Yarloop,  
11/6/31.



*L. H. Brown*  
Const. 1391.

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