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Wilfred Hercy WHITLOCK
(alias Jerry Whitlock)

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BORN 1st. May 1898 in Australia, possibly in Georgetown.
MARRIED "Ena" ? living at Frewena (100 miles east of Tennant Creek.
DIED in Alice Springs, 25th. May 1978. Obituary in *Centralian Advocate*, placed by
"Roma and Dick" ?

Came to England with Dorothy & Lawson soon after the turn of the century, placed in
an orphanage.

Emigrated to Alberta, Canada about 1911, enlisted in the 113th. Battalion in Calgary
about 1915 at age 17, Private 736712 (Scout/Sniper), demobilised 1919.

Worked as a Surveyor in Lethbridge, Alberta; and later as a Licensed Surveyor in
California until it was discovered that he had no USA Citizenship.

Returned to Australia about 1936, moving from Sydney to Northern Territories in
1938, surveying Roads etc. from Alice Springs to Darwin. His proposed route from
Katherine to Darwin was not used at first, as it missed out Pine Creek, later it was
adopted, needing only one bridge, and is 18 miles shorter. He was responsible for
grading a track from Tennant Creek to West Australia during the war

Frewena was established as a Grazing Licence in 1946 by Wilfred Hercy (Gerry).
The name is believed to be derived from his wife's name Ena and the property
including the headwater of the Frew river.

From 1948 was contracting and mining, after a time as "hotel keeper and gardener" at
"Frewena", 100 miles east of Tennant Creek. The Barkly Homestead roadhouse at the
turnoff to Borrooloola on the Barkly Highway between Tennant Creek and Mount Isa
in Queensland replaced that at Frewena and also one at Barry Caves in the late
1970s. He held Agricultural Lease 606 in the Emily Gap area from 1963 to 1976,
which he sold for £3,000. He lived at 45, Priest Street, Alice Springs (PO Box 111)
and contracted for work building, earthmoving, & road construction on stations. Also
sold and hired out equipment.

He was a member of the Labour Party, and joined the Royal Ancient Order of
Buffaloes in 1965. In October 1971 he was the Patron of the Returned Servicemen's
League, Alice Springs, being then the oldest member.

He died in hospital in Alice Springs, or perhaps in the Old Timers Home (? PO Box
2103) on 25th. May 1978. His friend and accountant in those last days was Helen
English, PO Box 1155, Alice Springs, N.T. 5750.