

Tozer Family

William Henry Tozer married **Florence (Frances)** Mary Lott in Wales. He worked on the railways. They came to Pemberton in the early 1920s as Group Settlers on Group No. 8 at Eastbrook.

William and Florence had 6 children

- **Charlie**, who married Ada Branigan (midwife)
- **Vera**, who married Marcus Gooding
- **Cecil** - unmarried
- **Bill** - unmarried
- **Ralph** – died aged 5 from pneumonia

As the Depression began to hit hard, Charlie was able to secure a job at the Pemberton Mill, for which he was very grateful. He was said to be a very loyal worker and never forgot the opportunity given to him.

Charlie was an experienced bushman and expert tree feller. Such was his expertise that in 1946 he and Jim Loverock felled a tree as an exhibition for the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester when the royal couple were on a farewell tour on the eve of the end of the Duke's term as Governor-General. The Duchess wrote and thanked the men for their demonstration and included a photograph as a memento.

In 1981, aged 75, Charlie was the narrator for the film *Crosscut* produced by the Education Department about the WA Timber Industry. The film won a special commendation in an international contest and was filmed in Manjimup, Pemberton and Donnelly River.

Charlie and Ada produced three children, Mick, Leonie and Noel. The family continued to be timber oriented.

Duke and Duchess of Gloucester

Made Royal Visit to Pemberton last week



Mick (Frank Mervyn Law), Leonie (married Osboine), Noel who married Valerie Kern (Rowe) and had 3 children (Trevor, Tony and Catherine)

Heading towards the depression. Asked for a job and eventually got one at the mill. Very grateful very loyal and never forgot. He and Jim Loverock (first forester at Norhcliffe) felled the tree for the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. In 1947. Photo of Charlie in the land army.

Movie called Crosscuts 1983. Charlie narrated filmed at Deanmill. Interviews with newspaper

Charlie and his son, Noel were fallers for the mill. They lived in the house on Karri Rise where his seat now sits.

Noel had endless stories to tell, one being his mother's connection to the Ned Kelly family.

Leonie daughter.....Raelene