

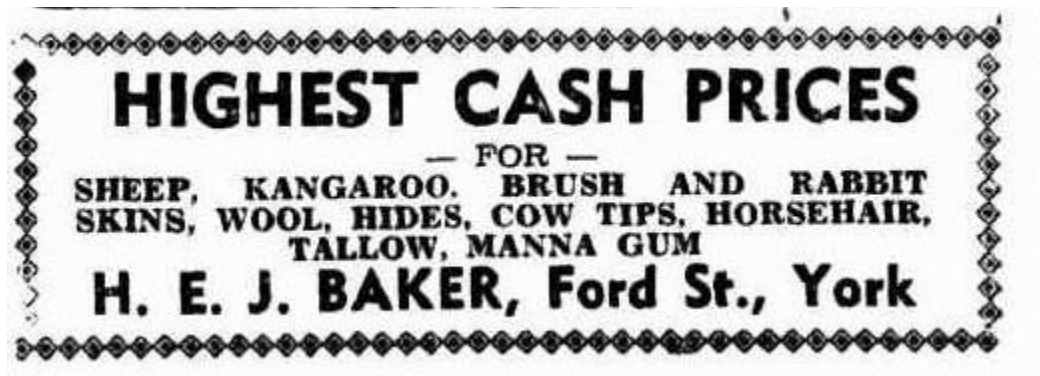
## **Manna Flats Road**

First surveyed 1897-1990

No report exists of the naming of the road but there are two possibilities.

1. That it is a derivation of Manyuring Spring. “Manyuring” being the aboriginal name for Sandsprings as reported by the Government Surveyor Phillip Chauncy in 1846. “Manaring Lake” near to Half Way House, also existed on 1886 maps. It was Chauncey who also named Mount Observation-taking sights from there to Mounts Dale and Ommanney.

2. That it refers to “Manna Gum”, or “Manna Wattle”. The gum extracted from these trees was valuable and achieved high prices as an export to Europe for use as an adhesive in the bookbinding industry. The bark of the Manna Wattle was used in the tanning trade as it was high in tannin. In 1867 it was reported that a York storekeeper had 50 tons of Manna Gum ready for export. Men were earning 7shillings to 15 shillings a day gathering gum. The name “Manna Flats” has been used as a place name in other areas where the Manna wattle is prevalent (such as Woodanilling and Pingelly ) so it is likely that this **is** the derivation of the name.



The Manna Wattle was traditionally used by Noongar people. The seeds were ground into flour which was mixed with water and formed into small cakes which were baked in the ashes. The seeds were used both unroasted and roasted. Roasting changes the flavours to more mocha, hazelnut, making it perfect for flavouring biscuits, cakes and ice cream. The trees edible gum was also eaten by Noongar people.

The trees themselves were useful windbreaks and shade for stock.

The area around Mount Observation was also an early twentieth century charcoal production site. Some ruined charcoal burning structures remain on some properties.

## **Possible owners of land at Manna Flats**

1880/90- George Monger- Advertised in the *Eastern Districts Chronicle* to stop horse hunting or the use of enclosed yards at the Manna Flats.

York, Sept. 22nd, 1880

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**NOTICE.**

**A**NY person found horse-hunting on my Run or using any enclosed yard at the Manna Flats, without my written permission will be dealt with as the law directs.

GEORGE MONGER.  
York, Sept. 28, 1880.

1916- J.H. Monger- advertised for tenders to fence the Manna Flats.

**FENCING.**

**300** ACRES (three hundred) at Manna Flats to be fenced. Tenders are invited up to **SEPTEMBER 30**. Neither the lowest or any tender necessarily accepted.

For particulars apply to  
**J. H. MONGER & Co.**  
York, Sept. 3, 1892.

1930s-George Edward Boyle

## OBITUARY

### Mr. George Edward Boyle

After an illness extending over several weeks the death of Mr. George Edward Boyle, a highly respected resident of Henry road, occurred at the local hospital on Thursday of last week. Mr. Boyle, who had been prominently engaged in agricultural pursuits during the greater portion of his life, was born at York 68 years ago. For many years he successfully farmed a property in the Greenhills district which is now the home of Mr. A. W. Cameron. He was also associated with Mr. Robert Carr in carrying operations in the early days of the Goldfields. Of more recent years he had interested himself in his "Manna Flat" land on the western side of the town and in other ventures. Of a quiet, unassuming nature, Mr. Boyle was highly respected by all who knew him. He is survived by his widow, one daughter, two sons and a stepson, to whom deepest sympathy has been extended by a wide circle of friends.