

Hello Phillip & Diana,

Here is email three. These two photos were taken at the old Fly Point landing ground, that my father Boy Vidgen constructed back in 1935. He erected a small galvanised iron shed on the strip, in which he kept fuel and oil for any small planes that were flying to New Guinea. This was prior to the construction of the airfield on Horn Island. Many noted aviators landed there, such as Lord Sempil on his round the world flight, and Miss Barbara Hitchens who flew up to New Guinea in the 1930s. I have in my possession a letter from the then Prime Minister of Australia, Sir Joseph Lyons, dated 1935, thanking my father for his contribution to Australian Aviation, by constructing the Fly Point landing ground. The captions on the photos, apart from my mother Werna, reflect the Jenkins (?) and my mother's relatives, John and Nina Garlick. Uncle John Garlick was Chief Civic Commissioner for New South Wales in the 1920s, while his wife Nina was associated with the J.C. Williamson Theatre group, and introduced the first paper cups into public use in their theatres. I assume that my father must have taken the photos as he is not represented in them. I hope you will find these photos of interest and please feel free to contact me at any time.

Kind regards,

Grahame Jardine-Vidgen

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Fly Pt.Mrs Jenkins-John and Nin Garlick-Werna Vidgen-Mr Jenkins-1938.jpg

Fly Pt.L-R.John Garlick-Mr Jenkins-Werna-Aunty Nin Garlick-Mrs Jenkins-Unknown-Somerset-1938.jpg