

# Henry Ernest Hall

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## Biography

Ernest in about 1905.<sup>1</sup>

Henry Ernest Hall was born on 7 September 1869 in Roebourne,<sup>3</sup> the first child of William Shakespeare Hall<sup>4</sup> and Hannah Boyd Lazenby<sup>5</sup>.

Around 1904 he was managing Andover Station and went to shoot a bullock for meat but when the animal charged him he managed to shoot himself in the leg and was left lame for life. The doctor (a Catholic, Dr. Mansell) charged him £100 to treat the broken bone, and despite the high price managed to set it badly.

In about 1916 he moved to Jarmen Island off the coast of Cossack to join his brother Harold Aubrey Hall<sup>6</sup> as a lighthouse keeper.<sup>7</sup>

Ernest was known as the “strongest man in the nor-west”.<sup>8</sup>

In 1926 he wrote the following letter to the Sunday Times in Perth:<sup>9</sup>

LEPERS IN THE NOR'-WEST

Complaint from Cossack

H.E. Hall (Cossack) writes: “I wish to call attention to the manner in which the people of this town are treated by the authorities, who

are not satisfied with bringing the Derby lepers close to Cossack but also allow the white attendant from the leper station to visit the town and enter the public places, including the telephone box; I might mention that there is only one medical man for the whites and lepers.”

He died of pneumonia,<sup>8</sup> aged 71 on 6 June 1941, in Perth.<sup>3</sup> His ashes were interred in the Hall grave in Cossack Cemetery.<sup>8</sup>

Death notice:<sup>3</sup> “HALL.Henry Ernest, elder son of the late William Shakespeare and Hannah Boyd Hall, of Cossack, W.A., brother of Aubrey Hall and Joy Clifton: born at Roebourne. W.A.. September 7. 1869. died at Perth. June 6. 1941.”

## Related items (3)

### Ernest, Aubrey, and Hannah Hall

IDENTIFIER: 152

TYPE: Photograph

DATE: c. 1905

DESCRIPTION:

This was one of two photos in the same envelope. The other was “Aubrey Hall profile 1920s”.

### Inscription on the reverse of a cut photo of Ernest Hall

IDENTIFIER: 155

TYPE: ArchiveComponent

DATE: c. 1920

DESCRIPTION:

### 1940-05-17 Mackay at Munda Station to Ernest Hall

IDENTIFIER: 318

TYPE: letters

DATE: 1940 May 17 Friday

DESCRIPTION: Letter from Roderick Loudon Mackay at Munda Station to Ernest Hall in Cossack.

## Notes

See also Roderick Loudon Mackay’s biography<sup>10</sup> at WikiTree.

<sup>10</sup><https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Mackay-6951>

<sup>1</sup>Ernest and Aubrey with their mother Hannah Hall, in Cossack.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>3</sup>Family Notices (1941, June 10). *The West Australian*, p. 1. Retrieved November 25, 2017, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article47147242>

<sup>4</sup><https://hmwilson.archives.org.au/people/william-shakespeare-hall.html>

<sup>5</sup><https://hmwilson.archives.org.au/people/hannah-boyd-lazenby.html>

<sup>6</sup><https://hmwilson.archives.org.au/people/harold-aubrey-hall.html>

<sup>7</sup>Autobiography by C. B. Berryman, 1983. <https://archive.org/details/C.B.Berryman1983>

<sup>8</sup>Inscription on the reverse of a cut photo of Ernest Hall. Date unknown. <https://hmwilson.archives.org.au/items/155.html>

<sup>9</sup>Lepers in the Nor-West (1926, August 29). “Sunday Times”, p. 11 (Second Section). Retrieved November 25, 2017, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article58248168>

## Transcription

(Mundabullangana)

Munda Station

Pt Hedland

17/5/40

To Mr E. Hall Cossack

Dear Erney

I am trying to get as much information as possible regarding the earliest pioneers of the North West, and I will be much obliged to you if you will find time to drop me a line giving what you know of [? earliest] day pioneers / Such as first [? publicans] in Cossack &

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Roebourne, first pearlers, first pastoralists etc. I am not sure how old you are, but I was born in 1864 & came to Cossack on 17th April 1879 two days before Billy Cook. You will know more about this matter than any man living today. I trust you will be good enough to let me know Trusting this finds you O.K. & wishing you the best.

I am yours sincerely

R.L. Mackay