

How He Met Dr. Chewings

HOW he met the late Dr Charles Chewings by chance is told me by **Albert Miles of Cooper Pedy.**

"I was hiking on my Pat Malone, as the Pizzer would say, from Darwin to Oodnadatta in 1910," he writes. "I called at Stirling station, 30 miles north of Tthree Well.

"Getting no response at the homestead, I looked round and saw indication of work at the well. I walked over, and a voice from below called, 'Pull me up.'

"I set to, and a surprised man reached the surface to see that his blackboy had turned white. The boy, however, turned up later.

"We had tea and a yarn, and at breakfast I said, 'I have met you before.' He replied, 'I don't think so.' I asked him if he had been in Queensland in the construction yard at Almaden in 1908. He said he had. I told him that I had handed many sticks of timber to him, and blown the bellows for him.

"Then we became reminiscent. He had travelled via Sydney, Adelaide, Thursday Island and Darwin. He was constructing waggons for the Ett-ridge railway, and I was his offsider.

"I support Mr. Finn's statement that Dr. Chewings could turn his hand to almost anything. He opened a cattle track from Tthree Well to Wave Hill in 1909, and he told me he got water at eight to 10 feet."

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