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#### Things to see:

- Mangowine Homestead (1875) Phone: (08) 9046 5149
- McCorry's Old Hotel (1912) Phone: (08) 9046 5187
- Nungarin Heritage Machinery & Army Museum Phone: (08) 9046 5108

#### Things to do:

- Cemetery Heritage Walk
- Town Heritage Walk
- Mangowine Heritage Walk

#### Things to Enjoy:

- Eaglestone Rock Talgomine Reserve ■ Danberrin Rock ■ Spring Wildflowers

## Things to Experience:

- Nungarin Wheatbelt Markets
- Annual Mangowine Concert

### Information

Brochures and information on heritage walks and current attractions

Nungarin Visitor Centre (in Post Office Building, Railway Ave) Tel: (08) 9046 5148

or Nungarin Shire Council - Tel: (08) 9046 5006

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#### Manyowine Homestead

### Opening times

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 1.00-4.00 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays 10.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m.

Wednesday closed

Group bookings by arrangement

#### Mangowine Homestead

(08) 9046 5149 RESIDENT CARETAKER

Barbecues and playground Public toilets

#### Camping & Caravans Welcome



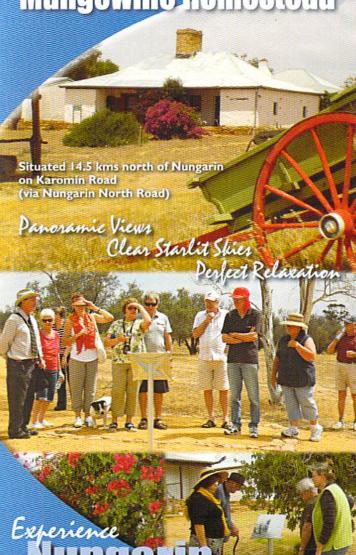






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# The Story

Charles Adams and his wife, Jane, became the first settlers in this district when they moved to Mangowine in 1874. Mangowine Spring is an historic spot, having been first noted in 1836 by Surveyor J.S. Roe when he explored the district in search of water that was desperately needed for the expanding sheep flocks in the colony.

No authentic record of the meaning of 'Mangowine' has been retained. 'Munga' is an Aboriginal word meaning nest, while 'gnow' means mallee fowl, and 'ine' denotes place of, so perhaps 'Mangowine' might mean 'the place of the Mallee fowl'. Roe noted that mallee fowl were numerous in the area, and nearby Mt. Grey resembles the shape of a mallee fowl's nest.

Jane's parents and her brother,
Alex, settled at nearby Moujakine where
they discovered the first nugget of gold, which
led to the development of the Yilgarn gold fields
in 1888. As prospectors moved along the track,
Mangowine became an important stopping place
for water and accommodation, until 1893 when
the rail link between Merredin and Perth was
completed.

Charles died at the comparatively young age of 49, and is buried at Mangowine alongside one of his granddaughters. Jane was left with 9 children still at home, the youngest only 4 years of age. To supplement the family income, Jane gained the contract for fortnightly mail delivery through Kellerberrin to Mangowine and northwards. The mail run took a week to complete and was delivered by Jane's son, Charles jnr, who was only 15 years old at the time.

