

The BROOKER Family

The Brooker Family migrated from England in the mid 1800's and settled in the Hunter Valley, NSW. **William and Florence** (Prince) and their two children, **Arthur** and **Clara**, moved to a selection in 1902 near the top of the Conondale Range. After clearing most of the timber, they sold and moved their dairy herd to Cooke's farm where they share-farmed. **Bill, Harold, Bert, Ron, Doug, Gordon** and **Jean** were born in this time. Florence was the local midwife and postmistress. William died in 1949 and Florence died 1961.

- **Arthur** served in WW1 and then worked around the Witta area as stock and general carrier and later cream and milk carrier. He married Maybelle Power and had three children, **Harvey, Kelly** and **David**.
- **Clara** died from illness in 1915, aged eighteen years.
- **Bill** moved to Gympie area and continued dairying. He married Ivy Murtha (decd 1960). They had four 4 children, **Graham, Murray, Jeanette** and **Margaret** (1). Bill returned to Maleny in 1964 and married Annie Burchill 1971.
- **Harold** worked around Maleny in the Co-op and hospital as well as dairying at Mt Mee. He married Joyce de Lanty. They had three children, **Joyce, Dick** and **Tom**.
- **Bert** served in WW11 and on return, worked at Tesch's sawmill. He established a soft-drink factory and was also the school-bus operator and the cream/milk carrier for Curramore. Later milk carrier for Wootha and Fuel distributor. Bert married Daphne Russell (decd 1985). They had two children, **Chris** (2) and **Peter**. Bert later married Anne King.
- **Ron** served WW11 and on return, moved to Brisbane. He married Lois Wilkinson.
- **Doug** moved to Brisbane after his marriage to Pearl Young. They had four children, **Brian, Trevor, Bill** and **Patricia**.
- **Gordon** died from meningitis aged three years.
- **Jean** married and moved to the Canberra area.

(1) Margaret and Robert Walker have lived in Maleny since 2008

(2) Chris and Jocelyn Brooker have lived in Maleny since 1975.



BROOKER Family 1918/1919 L - R: Bert, Arthur, Doug, Florence, Harold, Bill, William (Father) & Ron