The Campbell Family History

by Anne Dougan (nee Campbell)

The Campbell family settled in the Booroobin area in 1907. George Richardson Campbell and his wife, Harriet travelled the precarious road to the area by horse & sulky with their five children, Pauline, Rita, Charlie, Mary and Claude, who was only one at the time. They went on to have twelve children. I am the youngest of six children born to Claude who married Theresa Coston. The twelve Campbell children began their education in a provisional school, which was actually a room in Fred Martin's house. It consisted of two pit-sawn board desks and forms made by my Grandfather and Fred Martin. Attending this school were 5 Campbells, 3 Ewins, 3 Millers and 2 Chandlers. The teacher was Miss Mary Ming.



Claude & Theresa Campbell

This provisional school had to be closed when the Martins needed their room back, so my Grandfather built a school room close to the original Campbell house. After six years, a State School was built not far from the farm, owned by my Uncle **Laurie**. Today, the farm is still in the possession of my brother, **Terry**.

My older brothers and sisters all attended the "Booroobin School" for at least a part of their education. The only way to get to school was by horseback. While the older three children, **Dennis**, **Patricia** and **Mary**, completed their schooling at boarding schools, the younger three, **Kay**, **Terry** and myself were able to travel to Maleny where I began at the school which was situated on the present site of the Kindergarten. At the end of my first year, the school was moved to its present position where I completed my Primary & Secondary education.

Since then, my three children, **Craig, Kylie** (twins) and **Matthew** have all successfully completed their schooling at Maleny State School. I am at present teaching at the Primary School.



Third generation of the Campbell family - Craig, Kylie and Matthew Dougan attended Maleny Schools.

Below: David & Anne Dougan (nee Campbell) with their 3 children – Craig, Kylie & Matthew