

One Branch of Thomas & Esther Porter's Family

Charles Henry Porter (Young Charlie) married **Irene Emily Ellen Sebbens** (Emily) in 1939 and had four children, **Irene, Heather, Stephen & Diane**.

Dad aged one, came to Maleny from Forbes in 1913. By 1916 his family had settled at North Maleny at "*Wongabel*". Dad built our home where he and Mum would spend the rest of their lives. Dad's parents also lived on the farm.

'Memories'

We remember happy childhoods, swinging on "monkey" vines in the scrub, swimming in the Obi and holidaying at Caloundra. We had dairy cows, pigs, horses, chickens, and grew corn. We often had a ride around the farm on a sledge pulled by 2 draught horses. We walked 3km to the School in Cedar Street. We lived too close to the school to be eligible for the school bus. Hazards walking home included snakes and magpies. Sometimes we would get a lift on **Mr. Cassel's** cream truck. At school we learnt to swim in the Obi, near the Showgrounds. There were no swimming pools then. If you misbehaved you could expect the ruler or cane. Once, some boys stole the ruler and cut it into 12 pieces, each keeping an inch.

After completing our primary and secondary education in Maleny, Irene became a Sugarcane Tester, married, raised 2 children and lives in New Zealand. Heather was employed in Exporting, married, raised 2 children and lives in Brisbane. Stephen farmed at "*Wongabel*", married, raised 3 children and lives at "*Wongabel*". Diane was employed in Accountancy, married, raised 1 child and lives in Brisbane.



Stephen Porter, Irene Millar, Diane Dobson & Heather Hewson. Taken at Charles & Emily Porter's house on North Maleny Rd the night of High School Reunion April 1987 Dinner.