

The Sallaway Brother's Story

Samuel and Isabella Sallaway arrived in Maleny, in 1908, from Alstonville, NSW, with four of their children: Effie Ann, 11 years, Herbert Edward, 9 years, Frederick Leslie, 5 years, and Reginald Alexander, 3 years old. Milton Sallaway, b. 1911, and John (Jack) Sallaway, b. 1913, were the last additions to the family and they also attended the Maleny State School.

In 1924, Fred and Reg Sallaway went into business together, trading as Sallaway Brothers, Motor Engineers, which was situated in the main street of Maleny. The business covered many things, such as a garage where motor repairs and services were carried out and petrol was sold. They were agents for General Motor Products, and Texaco Oils. They ran a Passenger Service to and from Landsborough, to co-ordinate with the Rail Services, as well as General Carrying business.

During World War 2, there were two gun emplacements established on North Bribie Island. These were referred to as the Forts. Each gun barrel, which came from the World War 1 ship, HMAS Sydney, weighed 9 ton, and were transported by Sallaway Bros on their 6 ton truck from the mainland via Caloundra to the North Bribie Island Forts. Sallaway Bros also carted much of the timber used to construct the Hornibrook Highway Toll Bridge. In the Nambour Chronicle, dated, 02 April, 1931, it is recorded that an Old Time Dance in aid of The Maleny Soldiers Memorial Hospital, was held in Sallaway Bros' new garage, and the takings amounted to 5 Pounds.

On 15th October, 1940, Reginald Sallaway was involved in an accident, whilst in the bush at Curramore. He was roping logs out of the gorge with a wire rope through a guide block tied to a tree when the sling rope broke and struck him on the head with great force. Dr. Parer and Maleny Ambulance arrived at the scene of the accident and after medical attention, he was transported to Maleny Hospital, where he passed away on 16th October. His passing was a great shock to his wife, Joyce, (formerly, Joyce Walker, a well known Maleny Family), and their two daughters, Grace, aged 7, and Margaret, 3 years. Sadly, he never knew their third daughter, Rhonda, who was born, February, 1941. Reg Sallaway's loss was also felt by all family members, his parents Samuel and Isabella, his sister, Mrs. E Horn (Crawford), and four brothers, Fred, (Maleny), Herbert, (Bundaberg), Milton (Monto), and John (Maroochydoore). His funeral was held on 23rd October, 1940 at the Lutwyche Cemetery. A huge crowd from Maleny attended as well as executive and staff of Texaco Oil, and General Motors.

In 1941, the business of Sallaway Bros. was sold. Fred and Gladys Sallaway together with their two daughters moved to Clifton, on the Darling Downs and purchased a Bakery Business. They returned to Maleny, late 1943, to their home which they had rented out during their absence. Prior to leaving Maleny permanently in 1951, Fred worked at Tesch's Sawmill and also at Tytherleigh's General Store. The family moved to Wynnum, where they entered into community life. Gladys Sallaway passed away in 1971 and Fred in 1984. Effie Sallaway married Arch Horn, who taught at Maleny School and one teacher schools in Queensland. Effie died in 1945. Herb Sallaway, didn't have any children, he had a farm in the Bundaberg area, where he died in 1978. Milton Sallaway became a teacher; he had one daughter and two boys. He taught at many schools in Queensland, finishing his career as Principal of Balmoral High after being the first Principal of Banyo High. He passed away in 2000, age 89 in Caloundra. John (Jack) Sallaway, the youngest member of the Sallaway family had three boys. He served an electrical apprenticeship in the Gympie Power Station and he worked in the Ship yards at Kangaroo Point during the war as an electrician working on Corvettes and Mine Sweepers. He eventually returned to Maleny after WWII and started an electrical contracting business in Maleny and surrounding districts. He died in 1998 aged 85.



Sam & Isabella Sallaway