

## **BURSILL**

### **Donald Charles Bursill**

B 1903 Sidcup, Kent, UK. Married Linda Baker, daughters Nola (McDonald) and Jennifer (Eaton)

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## THE BURSILL FAMILY OF DINGLEY

### DONALD CHARLES BURSILL

BORN AT SIDCUP, KENT, ENGLAND IN 1903. ARRIVED IN MELBOURNE ON THE "ESPERANCE BAY" IN 1923, AGED 20, AND WAS MET AT THE WHARF BY MR PETERSON, ONE OF THE MARKET GARDENERS LOOKING FOR STRONG YOUNG MEN TO WORK ON THEIR FARMS.

HE WORKED FOR MR PETERSON IN MOORABBIN LEARNING ON THE JOB UNTIL 1939 WHEN HE PURCHASED THE MARKET GARDEN IN DINGLEY FROM THE LONGMUIR FAMILY.

HIS MARKET GARDEN WAS BOUNDED BY BOUNDARY RD, OLD DANDENONG RD AND CENTRE DANDENONG RD TO THE CHURCH PROPERTY.

MARRIED TO WINDA BAKER OF BERRIMAL, VIC, HE WORKED ON THIS PROPERTY UNTIL HIS DEATH. HIS TWO DAUGHTERS NOLA (MRS McDONALD) AND JENIFER (MRS EATON) BUILT THEIR HOMES IN OLD DANDENONG RD ON PART OF THE FARM. (MR + MRS EATON HAVE LIVED IN THE SAME HOME FOR 52 YEARS.)

DON WAS INVOLVED IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY OVER MANY YEARS eg. COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE HEATHERTON HALL AND ANNUAL CARNIVAL, TRACTOR DRIVER ESTABLISHING DINGLEY OVAL, PRESIDENT OF CHELTENHAM BOWLING CLUB.