

Eaton

Peter Gordon Eaton

b. 1934. D. 2013 m. Jennifer Bursill 1958

Brother Jack

Sister Bernice

Son Greg. b 1962

Photos. D000300, 391, 1228, 1416, 1844, 2288, 2497, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2561

Peter Gordon EATON

Brother Jack, sister Bernice

1934 Home in Springvale South

1938 Infantile paralysis

1939 – 45 Dingley Primary School – strap

Friends – Ian Lamb
Watson family

92 students in 1945

Walked on, rode a bike to school down Rowan Road

Ride bikes

Footy on Springvale Road (and get annoyed if a car came)

As a family – cricket in driveway

Sneak and play in Gartside factory ground

Tennis was the social life

Bus to pictures in Springvale

Dance at tennis club hall

Square dancing

Aub Garbellino band

Jack Souter played saxophone

1946 – 49 Oakleigh Tech

Joined PMG at 15 years old as a technician in training

Worked for PMG until 1994

1949 50 families in Dingley

Market gardeners

Poultry

Dairy

Interview Conducted by Anne Schaeche on behalf of
the Dingley Village & District Historical Society.

Interview – Jenny Eaton (nee Bursill) and Peter Eaton – 19.6.09

I went to the Eaton's home at 367 Old Dandenong Road, Dingley Village. Jenny's father bought property from the Longmuirs.

Jenny's son Greg was in the first intake at Marcus Road Kindergarten. At that time the fees were \$10 per term. (Jenny donated a receipt)

J: I remember the principal at the school saying people were complaining about having to make voluntary contributions to the school yet they paid more at the kindergarten.

Money – What Things Cost

J: We could buy broken biscuits – not that we ever had much in the way of spending money. There was a ... oh, there's still a shop opposite the school in Heatherton but that was ... if you had any money.

Weir's Shop

I don't remember him being referred to as Captain but he was a Weir. Mrs Weir ran the shop. He was always there. I can see [the shop] as if it was still there now, just a little store with the usual goods of a little old shop then. There was another one up at Springvale South run by the Mackay family. But ... yes, it had a verandah and one of the first public telephones. I can remember sort of in my final year of Dingley [Primary], what we got to do was empty the toilets ... that was our privilege. The senior boys and I would ... we'd have to go and ... empty a few 'bins' ... and ... at the end of it (I think they made us wash our hands) ... we used to get three pence each and I used to take that and so would the others I think and Mr Weir would cut us off, you know those big square blocks of cheese in the old days, he used to cut us off about that much (one inch thick) for three pence. So that sticks in my mind but we could buy our school books and our pens and pencils ... and things in there ... but ... I remember the block of cheese ... he-he.

J: to P: So you wouldn't have had any pocket money? Apart from that, we didn't get any.

P: No, we brought our lunch to school.

Home Duties

Qn: Were you responsible for any duties around the home?

P: Not so much I don't think. I'm just trying to fit it in; I lived in three different houses up alongside the ---- in Springvale. Used to have to go and Dad used to ... he bought ... he swapped the house in Glenhuntly for the farm, and he could live off the farm. He had chooks, he had room for a horse and plough and we grew our own veggies and things. And then in all of our houses he used to grow veggies and I know I used to have to pick the veggies for the tea and this sort of thing but not a lot of duties I don't think.

J: Swapping the house [for the farm] meant that Peter's dad was able to provide for his family 'on the spot', with the eggs and whatever. He was a carpenter and he built wooden wheelbarrows and hawked them around. So that was in the Depression time. It was very