

1. INFORMATION FROM MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE NO. 320

The wedding took place, on 2nd March 1871, at the residence of Mr. Edgley of Emerald Hill, of James Gartside (aged 32 years, engineer of Oldham, England) and Georgiana Elizabeth Edgley (aged 24 years of London, England). The marriage took place according to the forms of the Wesleyan Methodist church. The minister was Edwin I. Watkin and witnesses were Edward Edgley and Edgley.

Particulars on the certificate show that the parents of the couple were as follows:

Jonathon Gartside (a miller) and Ann Spencer

James Francis Edgley (coal merchant) and Georgiana Caroline Power.

2. From records it has been ascertained that the barque "Anna" arrived in Melbourne on 31st March 1851. It carried 23 cabin passengers and 96 intermediate passengers and left Liverpool on 20th December 1850. No shipping records are available and as James would only have been 11 years old at the time it seems likely that he came out later than 1851.

The barque "Sea Nymph" left Portsmouth on 22nd September 1852 and arrived in Melbourne on 11th January 1853 carrying 149 passengers on a Mutual Co-operative principle. The master of the ship was William Ward. It seems likely that the Edgley family arrived on this ship but more research is required.

3. From information received from the Old Cheltenham Cemetery Trust:

James Gartside was buried in Grave No. 71 Compartment 45 in the Church of England section on 9th August 1918. Also buried in this grave is Alfred James Gartside on 2nd November, 1943.

Georgiana Elizabeth Gartside was buried on 7th March, 1921 in Grave No. 72 compartment 45.

Ada Gartside (baby) was buried on 1st January, 1890 in Grave No. 26 Compartment G.

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## Gartside, Charles Percival

**Born** 28 October 1887 (East Brighton, Victoria)

**Died** 11 August 1958. (Dingley. Springvale crematorium)

**Parents:** James, engineer, and Georgiana Edgley, both b. England

**Marriage:** 6 May 1914 Eva Lillian Battley; 2s.

**Occupation:** Cannery owner

**Religion:** Church of England

**Education:** Cheltenham State School



**Career:** Market gardener with brothers at Dingley; from c1916 Gartside Brothers Ltd, vegetable dehydrators, became managingManagingexpanded to pickling and canning, from c1950 deep-freezing; first in Aust. to grow mushrooms artificially and to use pea-vining, introduced cantaloupe seeds to Aust.; JP; life member and donor Dandenong Cricket Association; visited USA in 1930s; Rotarian; Freemason. Dandenong shire councillor 1922-1940, president 1926-1927, 1932-1933

**Party:** United Australia Party; Liberal Party; Liberal Country Party; Independent

**Party Note:** Hollway supporter, expelled from Liberal Country Party Sept 1952, voted with Labor to refuse supply to McDonald government Oct 1952.

House	Electorate	Start *	End *	
MLC	South Eastern	June 1937	June 1955	Defeated

**Appointments:** Minister of Health Dec 1948-June 1950, Minister of Public Works and of Prices Oct 1952. Public Works committee 1947-1948.

References: Who's Who in Australia 1938-1955; Herald 7 Dec 1948; Age 12 Aug 1958; Dandenong Journal 13 Aug 1958; West, K., 'Power in the Liberal Party', Melbourne, 1965; White, K. B., 'A Political Biography of Thomas Tuke Hollway', MA thesis, La Trobe University, 1975; personal information.

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## THE GARTSIDE FAMILY OF DINGLEY

James Elias Gartside of Oldham Lancashire U.K. Born 1834. Came to Australia on the ship "Anna" in 1858 to prospect for gold. Died at Dingley in 1916 at age of 81 years and 10 months.

Married in St. Johns C. of E. Lonsdale Street, West Melbourne about 1870 to Georgina Elizabeth Edgley of Kent U.K. Born 1847 and came to Australia in the ship "Sea Nymph" arriving at Sandhurst 1852. Died 12th May 1920 aged 73 years and is buried in the Methodist section of the Melbourne General Cemetery.

Georgina gave birth to 12 children alone and unaided, 9 survived, 5 sons and 4 daughters.

The first child a daughter was smothered by a black cat when 3 months old. James worked for Alfred Buncle at North Melbourne (taken over by Cliff & Bunting) and stayed with the one firm until he retired aged 75 years. He bought 10 acres of land in North Road, Ormond where William Albert Gartside was born.

Sold this and bought 10 acres in Farm Road, Cheltenham and set up his eldest son Alfred James Gartside in market gardening until the land boom burst in 1891 and the Banks foreclosed, he then rented his own property.

When James retired he lived with his two bachelor sons, Alfred James and Henry Jonathon.

All the 5 boys (the Gartside brothers) attended the Cheltenham State School and after leaving at a very early age that, Alfred James, Gerald Spencer, Henry Jonathon, William Albert and Charles Percival worked with market gardeners to learn and save enough to buy seed to start on their own.

Henry and Gerald Gartside came to Dingley and started gardening about 1902.

Before this Attenburroughs, a retired English couple, settled first and tried farming 131 acres. He died and left 2 sisters who built and dedicated the Dingley Christ Church.

Sam Kingston bought this property.

Whitfords then bought the 131 acres between Boundary Road and the church. About this time Burrs lived opposite what is now the Kingswood Golf Club. Also about this time, 1890's to 1902, James Murphy, LeBon, Booker, McClures, Jim Hallinan, James Brownfield came to the general area.

## Life of a boy.

~~1923~~ 1923. Now that was a vintage year. On the 26 th day of February , I, Douglas Norman Gartside, was born at Shalimar Private Hospital Cheltenham, to 38 year old Henry Jonathan Gartside, and his new young bride of 22 years, Nellie Beatrice Bodley. They were married at Christ Church Cheltenham on the 26 th. June 1922.

Some 14 days after my birth, I was taken to the house that was to be my home for the next 26 years.

This house was in Centre Dandenong Rd. Dingley, on the left hand side road of the road coming from Cheltenham, on which site the Kingswood Golf Club clubhouse now stands. It was originally built for Henry Jonathan's father and mother , however, at the time of his marriage they were both deceased and Henry (better known as Jack) was living with his brother Alf, who was, and would remain a batchelor and be part of the family until his death in 1943.

The house stood back some 250 yards from the road, in a block of 10 acres of native bush, including a few large Manna gums which were the home of koalas and possums. The unpainted galvanised washhouse was separated from the house, and was to be my introduction to redback and huntsmen spiders, and the need to be careful of putting little fingers into unknown places. The area was also the home to thousands of small bats, and as my young hearing was such that I could readily hear them , I spent many night hours listening to them finding their way around amongst the trees. I remember one night waking to find a bat, flapping and squeaking about my head . I confess to some alarm until it found its way out the open window.

The scrub was a naturalists delight , and contained a great range of flora and fauna. One of my first pets was a three-legged bandicoot, which was native to the area at that time. It met an untimely death when it fell and hanged itself between a pipe and the water tank. Despite the game that abounded I never owned a gun nor felt any instinct to be a hunter.

The space under the tank was open and about 5 feet from the ground. It housed a coolgardie safe. The introduction of electricity and the refrigerator saw the demise of this clever device, which consisted of a frame over which was draped cotton towelling. This was kept damp from a water trough on top, by towelling wicks draped over the side, and fed by capillary action. So long as the safe was hung in a shady spot, and was supplied with a good flow of air, the evaporation of water from the towellig sides provided cool-storage suitable for butter, milk, meat etc..

Before the availability of electricity, which arrived in the early 1930's, lighting was provided normally by kerosine lamps. Any venture outside was undertaken with either a candle or a hurricane lamp. This was a modification of the normal lamp, having a carrying handle and better protection from the wind.

Adjustment of the amount of light in either lamp was made by turning a knurled knob, which in turn wound the flat wick further out of its holder .The amount was very much restricted by how much the lamp smoked as this would rapidly foul the glass with soot. Other lamps used acetylene gas , generated by dropping water onto "carbide", or gas generated from petrol under pressure, and burning inside a mantle. Some of the more sophisticated kerosene lamps also used a mantle, which provided more light without smoking.

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ProBus Speaker 2/11/95 Norman Gartside  
'Walk Down Memory Lane'

I was born on the 12th of September, 1925 and have lived here all my life. I bought half an acre of land for 100 pounds and built on that. I have been lucky enough to travel the world and I still believe Australia is the best place to live, especially our corner of the world - Dingley. Some nice early memories I have about growing up in Dingley is the 'high tea' that we used to enjoy. This was some type of roast, potatoes, salad and beetroot. After dinner of a Sunday evening the family would sit around the piano and sing along to songs like 'Dingley Bell' which was released in 1955. I learnt to play three musical instruments and the guitar was a particular favourite. However what put an end to my guitar playing was when the tip of my finger was lost in an accident at the factory, on the 'sweet corn canning line'.

I believe there were five major events which brought about the development of Dingley Village. The settling of the Village by the five Gartside brothers, my dad and his four brothers in around 1902. Then in 1916 they established a vegetable cannery. Another major development was the establishment of the Dingley school in 1925 and in 1935 the Kingswood Golf Course was established.

My father was a councillor in the Shire of Dandenong for thirteen years. He was elected to the Executive Council and was Vice President of the Metropolitan Board of Works. We were always very proud of dad. As a man he was not educated, only at a primary school level, but he was self employed. He was a supportive and sympathetic man to the needs of people. He became the Minister of Health and was a conservative politician and member of the conservative party, the Unite Australia Party. Dad knew Robert Menzies very well.

The naming of certain roads in the district has an interesting history. Marcus Road and Clarke Road were named after the author Marcus Clarke, who lived on the corner of Spring Road for a period of time. Clarke who was also a librarian, had a friend Adam Lindsay Gordon, a poet, whose family in England had a home called 'Dingley Bell'. He and Marcus thought the area in which Marcus resided resembled the family land back in England, and called it 'Dingley Bell'. Spring Road got its name from the water springs along side Spring Road down to Oakleigh.

When I was born, both sets of my grandparents had died. My father's father was from Lancashire in England and arrived in Australia on one of the migrant ships. My father's parents settled on the grounds of a little yellow cottage and had thirteen children. Some died at childbirth. There were five boys and four girls. Since in those days it was a man's world, I will only talk about the boys. The brothers went on to work as market gardeners. Every market garden business had a market man who would take the vegetables to the Victoria market every week. We were no different. A problem during those times was the lack of water and a lot of vegetables we took to market were not sold. My father had the idea of dehydrating vegetables to preserve them. The brothers went into the cannery business and got an American expert to show them how to do it. They later had to fire him as he was sending them bankrupt and they went into the quick freezing of vegetables.