

The ANSELL Family

by Lorraine Albrecht (nee Ansell)

The Ansell farm is at the end of Ansell Road, which joins Witta Road at the junction where the Sports Ground and the Cemetery are situated. My Grandmother was **Ricka Bobermein**. She came to the district from the Logan with two of her brothers, **Charlie** and **John**. They had two properties – one on each side of the creek.

Ricka married **Edward Ansell**, who was thought to have been one of the first to drive a motorised vehicle to the district. They had two children, **Ian** and **Eileen**, who both attended the Witta School. Edward left the farm after a few years and went to work in the city. Grandmother, along with her brothers and her children Ian and Eileen, worked the farm. Being so far from town did not stop Ian and Eileen being taught piano, singing and drama and they were involved with concerts held at the old School of Arts Hall in Maleny, as well as other venues around the area.

Ian married **Beatrice Gentner** in 1940 and they had four children – **Lorraine, Ross, Una** and **Cecily**, who also attended the Witta School. They were very involved in the Community helping out at the School with Sports Days, Christmas Break-ups, Working Bees, Tuckshop, the P&C Committee and Card nights at the Pavilion etc. Every Monday night was Table Tennis night in the barn on the farm and people used to come from all over the district to play, even as far away as Nambour.

Ian enjoyed taking people to the Bobermein Waterfalls, which were at the back of the property. In the early days you had to walk down the creek to get to them, but when Ross took over the farm he built cabins up the back of the property and put a man-made track down to the falls, which is much better. The farm has been divided into blocks now, although the homestead is still there, all the other buildings have been pulled down.



L – R: (standing) Cecily, Una, Lorraine & Ross (seated)