

The BURNETT Family

In 1922 **William Henry Rixson Burnett** and his wife **Minna Hanna Henrietta** purchased the Maleny Hotel, moving from Yandina with their two sons **Rixson** and **Walter**. It was a single story building which they raised and extended. The previous licensee was Georgina Ostwald Murphy. The hotel offered guesthouse style accommodation for people travelling and holidaying in the mountains. The hotel was noted for its' silver service and fine table settings with much of the food being grown and produced by the staff who were very loyal to the family.

Their son Walter attended Primary School at Maleny and Secondary School and University in Brisbane. He studied Pharmacy and then returned to Maleny and purchased the chemist shop and newsagency in Maple Street.

In 1930 at the age of 21, Rixson became the licensee but it was reverted to his father in 1942 for reasons unknown to the family. On 2 May 1939 Rixson married **Margaret (Peg) Wiley McLean** who was the local librarian and they built a house next door to the hotel where they lived and raised their family. Peg attended Primary School at Maleny. Her family ran McLean's Café and Bakery also in Maple Street. Rixson and Peg's children **Margaret, David, Jenny** and **Ricky** all attended Primary School at Maleny. The family continued to operate the hotel through World War Two and sold to the Roberts family in April 1949.



Maleny Hotel 1907

