

The Hillier Family

Cyril and Nell Hillier arrived in Maleny in 1937 from Pomona where Cyril was a timber cutter. With their two children, **Daphne** 4 and **Lorraine** 2, the family share farmed on Foxtons' farm on Maleny Kenilworth Road. Later they moved to W.J. Bergann's farm at Witta where the family milked cows, reared pigs and grew and harvested corn as cattle fodder both at that farm and at Conondale. **Janet** and **Colin** were born at Maleny.



Nell & Cyril Hillier

All the children attended Witta State School. Lorraine always rode a horse to school and the rest of us either walked or rode a bicycle. We all had to get home in time to milk the cows. We supplied cream to the Maleny Butter Factory. The separated milk was used to feed the pigs and rear calves. Our cream carrier was Mr. **Arthur Brooker**. Our bread supply came back in the empty cans from the local baker. Cyril and Nell eventually bought land at the end of Schultz's Road. This was an unused, overgrown farm with an old farmhouse and shed with no electricity. Dad cleared the land and built a new dairy. With the help of our Grandfather we grew bananas on the slope of a hill. Mum ripened them in the shed in drums and we all helped pack them for market. This added to our income as we gradually increased our herd.

Daphne, Janet and Colin all attended Maleny State High School up to year 10 (Junior in those days). We travelled on Bert Brooker's school bus. Lorraine left school and went to work at Cookes' Bakery (the site of the Wood-Fired Bakery). Cyril and another local, **Ray Newsham** built the last lot of cattle sale yards in Maleny (where Woolworths now stands). Mum and Dad sold their farm and came to live in Maleny around 1974. Dad worked for a short time as a groundsman/cleaner at this school before his passing. Daphne taught here for 2 years (1960 - 1962) before marrying **Bob Hawkins**, the son of another local family. Three of their children also attended school at this site from pre-school through to Senior (Year 12).



Colin Hillier



Daphne, Janet & Lorraine

Boxsells Cattle Sales Yards built by Cyril Hillier & Ray Newsham.
Site of Woolworths Supermarket today.