

The LAWLEY Family

Edward & Elizabeth (Downes) Lawley, married in 1892 and immigrated to Brisbane from Shropshire England. They departed Brisbane after the "Great Flood" and moved to Maleny, with Elizabeth carrying baby **Ernest** on horseback, led by Edward. They initially lived in a house opposite the original site of the first Maleny School but later bought land at the top of the hill overlooking town on North Maleny road. A house and cattle bails were built, cattle bought and a new Dairy, '*GreenRidge*' was underway. They had four children 1. **Ernest Edward Downes**, 2. **Ethel Mary Elizabeth**, 3. **Edgar Walter Hill** and 4. **Norman Horace Edward**. It is believed that all four children were educated at North Maleny School, Pre- 1913.

1. **Ernest Lawley** married **Minnie Clark** from '*Rockview*' Reesville in 1917. They created a Dairy Farm named '*Arley*' at Kings Lane, Reesville, breeding Illawarra cattle. They had three children, **Evelyn May Downes**, **Alan Edward** and **Valerie Claire**, all of whom were educated at the original old Maleny School. **Evelyn** never married and lived her whole life at '*Arley*'. She was a well-known Music teacher to pupils from all around the neighbouring districts. Evelyn helped to organise many school Eisteddfods and concerts as well as acting as the accompanist at many local functions. **Valerie** married **Roy Beusang**, a Dairy and Beef Farmer from Conondale. Their three children, **Rodney**, **Judith** and **Barbara**, all attended Maleny State High School. **Alan** married **Jessie Williamson** in 1949. Together they worked '*Arley*' with Alan's Dad (Ernest) continuing to breed quality Illawarra cattle. Alan and Jessie had five children, three of whom, **Robyn Alison**, **Edward Downes** and **Gregory John**, attended Maleny State Primary and High Schools. **Robyn** married **Ken Webster** and now lives and works the Webster farm '*Yaralla*' at Wootha. They had three children, **Alison**, **Mark** and **Peter** who were also educated at Maleny State Primary and High Schools. All three are still living and working here in Maleny with the next generation currently attending local schools. **Edward** Downes Lawley married **Robyn Bayfield** in 1975. He and Robyn had three children, **Michelle**, **Adam** and **Deborah**, all of whom were educated in Maleny. Edward remarried **Karen Biggs** and continues to farm beef cattle on his property, '*Arley Park*', a part of the original '*GreenRidge*', as well as running a Construction Company. **Gregory** Lawley married **Cathy Smeeton** and had four children, **Jason**, **Michael**, **Daniel** and **Jessica**, all were educated at Maleny Primary and High Schools.



Gregory, Edward & Robyn Lawley

2. **Ethel Lawley** married **Lew Rough** and they had two children **Enid** and **Norman** both educated in Maleny.
3. **Edgar Lawley** married **Nellie Smith** and worked the original Dairy Farm '*GreenRidge*'. They had two children **Walter** and **Una** and both were educated at Maleny School. **Walter** married **Teana McGill** and continued to live at '*Greenridge*'. They had two children, **Kerry** and **Karen**. Both were educated at Maleny Primary and High Schools. **Kerry** Lawley married **Fiona Cruden**, they still live in Maleny and have two children **Keiryn** and **Nicholas** both educated at Maleny Schools. **Una** Lawley married **Nathan Alport** and moved from Maleny.
4. **Norman** married **Vera Hush** and moved from Maleny. They had one son, **Brian Edward**.