

D – ROBERT AUGUSTUS CORK



Robert Augustus, Robert and Caroline's second son, was born on 25 August 1853 in Ulladulla, and was christened on 11 September 1853 in St James Church, Sydney. On the NSW Births, Deaths and Marriages website, Robert is listed as "Robert A Cook. The entry in the Register at the Mitchell Library, SAG reel 61, shows the name as "Cork", so there was an error in transcription. Frederick was also christened in St James Church, and there is a painting of the church in Chapter I C.

On 29 November 1882 Robert married **Lucy Ellen Garrad**, the daughter of William Garrad and Anna Maria Brook, who was born on 1 June 1863 at "Wickham Hill", Milton. Lucy

was the grand-daughter of Robert Garrad and Sarah Taylor. Robert Garrad, born 1789 in Wickham, Surrey, was convicted of robbery in 1808, receiving a death sentence later commuted to 14-years' transportation. In 1826 he married Sarah and by 1834 he had his own property at Narrawillie, "Wicken Hill" – more information in Chapter II A, Appendix VI.

Robert and Lucy had six children, all of whom were born in Milton:

Hilton Frederick was born in 1883, married Blanche Eliza Hughes on 9 January 1907 in Milton, and they had three children. Hilton died on 20 May 1967 in Orange.

Clarence Aubrey was born on 19 November 1885, married Martha Hush in 1910 in Braidwood and they had three children; Clarence died on 30 April 1956 in Caloundra Qld.

Camden Jubilee Robert was born on 16 June 1887, married Vera Pearson on 7 June 1916 in Tamworth (right) and they had four children. Camden died on 11 March 1974 in Armidale.

Annie Caroline was born in 1889, married Francis Cornelius MacNamara in 1920 in Sydney and they had two children. Annie died in 1971 in Singleton.

Daisy Greta was born in 1892, married Clifford James Hall in 1914 in Marrickville and they had one son. Daisy died on 9 December 1975 in Brisbane and was buried at the Hemmant Cemetery on the 9 December 1975.

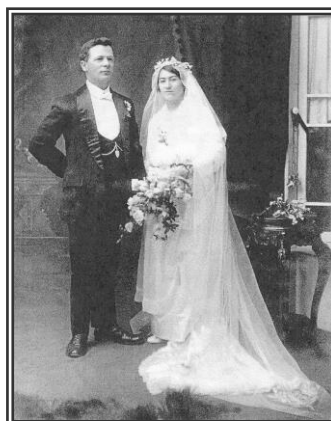
Ida Letitia was born on 3 August 1894, married Thomas Robert John Wilkinson on 3 December 1913 in Tamworth and they had three children. Thomas died on 24 April 1969 in Murwillumbah and Ida died on 14 October 1983.

The birth years given for Annie (1889), Daisy (1892) are those on the NSW Births, Deaths and Marriages website and differ from those in family records provided by Joy Higgs, which give 1888 and 1893 respectively.

Back row: Clarence, Daisy and Uncle Herbert

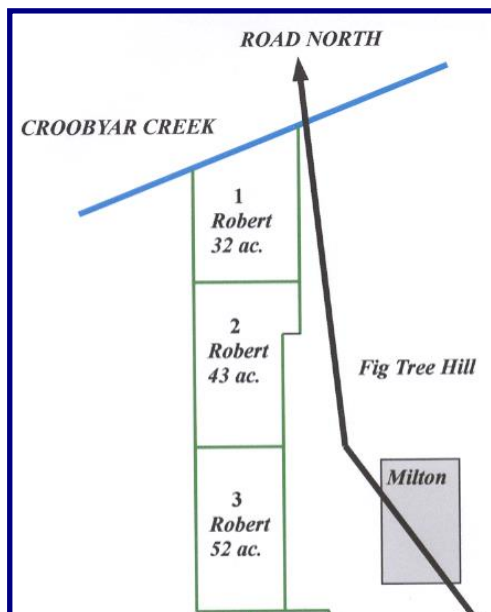
Middle row: Hilton, Lucy, Robert and Annie

Front row: Ida and Camden
(taken early 1900s)



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Robert Augustus, and Frederick, are not specifically mentioned in their father's will written in 1880 (Chapter I A, 1 C), where the emphasis was on Herbert Panton (Chapter 1E) and the young children from the second marriage. The location of Robert Snr's two main farms, "Bellevue" and "Hill Top", is identified in Chapter 1A, though "Hill Top" may only have been so-named subsequently.



The diagram is based on the details given in Chapter 1A

1. "Bellevue", later called "Bellevue"
2. and 3. "Hill Top"

Robert Augustus and Frederick were in their 30s and presumably self-supporting. Robert Augustus is identified as a "bacon curer" from East Milton when Clarence's birth was registered on 19 November 1885. In "Occupiers of Holdings – Milton-Ulladulla area – 1885" there is the entry "R A Cork Red Head, Milton: 80 acres, 2 horses, 40 cattle, 4 pigs." (Overview 7 The Corks That Kept Milton Afloat). "By 1891 it was recognised that the Corks of Milton were all corker shots" and he was one of the six Corks, which also included Frederick and Charles, who just lost a rifle match against members of the Volunteers and Reservists. As already mentioned (Overview 7 The Corks That Kept Milton Afloat), several of the Cork ladies were also corker shots – Alex McAndrew (p.25) names Mrs R.A., Mrs F.W.

and Mrs C. Cork, and the *Ulladulla and Milton Times* for 5 February 1910 (State Library) lists several in the mixed-pairs Shooting Match on that day, namely Mrs F.W., Miss A. (?Annie), Miss D. (? Daisy) and Miss Ida (daughters of Mr and Mrs R.A. Cork; their brother, Cam, is amongst the men listed).

The Electoral Roll for Moruya, Milton sub-division 1894-95 lists Robert as a "farmer", while the 1903 Eden Monaro Electoral Roll lists him as a "miner" (Overview 11 Census and Electoral Rolls); a letter from Barrie Wilford (Milton Ulladulla Historical Society) indicates that gold, coal and tin mining were all being carried out in the district. The address for him and his wife, Lucy, in 1903 was "Narawillee". Further information comes from Sand's Directory, where he is listed in for 1901, 1902 and then each year from 1906 to 1910. In each case his address is "Bellevue" (photograph), but in 1901-02 his address is also "Broulee", probably a reference to Frederick's properties nearby at Buckenboursa. From 1906 stock are listed – for the first year there were 11 horses, 92 cattle and 6 sheep, and in later years there were 8-10 horses and 87-90 cattle.



Robert is amongst those mentioned in the 1908 Show results (*Ulladulla and Milton Times*) for exhibiting "milking Shorthorns" where "Some fine examples of the breed were in evidence." At the same Show two of their daughters, Annie and Ida, won equestrienne awards. The letter from Hans Faust mentioned earlier (Chapter I A) says that their sons, Hilton and Camden, "were farming it when I was a boy", and Cam won first prize for a "Milch cow (tested)" at the 1910 Milton Show (results in Chapter I C). The report of their golden wedding celebrations on p.8 of *The Nambour Chronicle*, 9 December 1932, [next page](#), includes the information that "they resided on a farm at Milton until 1909, when they moved to Tamworth. In 1918 they moved to Nowra, still carrying on the occupation of farming, and in 1924 they came to Maleny where they have resided ever since."

They were one of the many families who moved to northern NSW and south-east Queensland (12. Families Moved North).

Golden Wedding.

MR. and MRS. ROBERT CORK.

Family Present Wallet of Notes.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Cork, of Maleny, celebrated their golden wedding at "Garrawilla," the residence of their daughter, Mrs. G. Hall, on November 29. A dinner was given in honour of the occasion, at which twenty-one persons (nineteen relatives and two friends) were present. Rev. Mr. J. D. Anderson presided, and a wallet of notes was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Cork from their family. The same wallet for the same purpose was used at the golden wedding celebrations of Mrs. Cork's parents. Mr. Cork and Mrs. Cork (who was formerly Miss L. E. Garrad, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Garrad, of Milton, N.S.W.) were married at the Methodist Church, Milton, on November 29, 1882, by the Rev. Mr. C. J. McCoy, and they resided on a farm at Milton until 1909, when they moved to Tamworth. In 1918 they moved to Nowra, still carrying on the occupation of farming, and in 1924 they came to Maleny where they have resided ever since. Their descendants are three sons and three daughters, Messrs. H. F. (Barry, N.S.W.), Clarence A. (Maleny), Camden J. (Sydney), Mesdames F. McNamara (Mullaley, N.S.W.), C. J. Hall (Maleny), and T. Wilkinson (Murwillumbah); sixteen grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Contemporary photograph of Robert Augustus and Lucy



Herbert, who did not marry, died on 2 May 1938, and left "All interest in the estate of my late father Robert Cork to my brother the same Robert Augustus Cork." (File 4/229942). He also left Robert his "gold chain and trinket and watch". The only other assets were his gun, which he left to Robert and Lucy's son, Clarence, and less than £2 in the bank (Chapter IE).

Lucy died on 27 October 1935 in Maleny and was buried in the nearby Witta Cemetery. The obituary (*The Nambour Chronicle*, 1 November 1935, p.5) reports her death

"On Sunday last at the Maleny hospital after a short illness, at the age of 73 years. The late Mrs. Cork was a native of Milton (N.S.Wales) and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Garrad, of that town. With her husband, Mr. R.A. Cork, she came to Maleny in 1923. She is survived by her husband, Mr. R.A. Cork, three sons, Messrs. H. and C. Cork (Sydney), Mr C. Cork (Maleny), and three daughters, Mrs. C. Hall (Maleny), Mrs. Wilkinson (Murwillumbah, N.S.W.), and Mrs. McNamara (Gunnedah, N.S.W.)."

Robert subsequently lived in Singleton at the home of his daughter, Annie, and died in the Dangar Hospital, Singleton on 1 April 1945; the Notice on p.5 of *The Nambour Chronicle* for 6 April 1945 records:

"The death at the Dangar Hospital, Singleton (N.S.W.) of Mr Robert Augustus Cork, at the age of 91 years, removes one of the former residents of the Maleny district. The late Mr. Cork was a son of the pioneers of the North Coast of New South Wales. He was born at Milton (N.S.W.) and for many years engaged in dairying and breeding of cattle in New South Wales. About 20 years ago

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he arrived in the Maleny district, but of later years had lived a retired life at the home of a daughter in N.S.W. His wife predeceased him 10 years ago. He leaves three sons and three daughters, amongst who are Mr. Clarence Cork (Maleny) and Mrs. C. Hall, formerly of Maleny, but now residing in Brisbane. The Rev. H.W.Griffiths (Palmwoods) officiated at the service and at the graveside in the Witta cemetery.”

They are two of 19 Corks buried in this cemetery between 1924 and 1996 (records accessed through Google search, with a further five up to 2006), and their memorial was amongst those photographed on a recent visit by Ken and Gwen (Chapter IV, where there are also photographs of the district.).

Right: *In loving memory of my dear wife and our mother Lucy Ellen Cork
Died 27th October 1935 Aged 72 years At Rest*



At base: *Robert Augustus Cork, died April 1st 1945, aged 93 years.
(As the obituary correctly states, he was 91.)*



Their son, Clarence and his wife, Martha, had also moved to Maleny (as mentioned in the obituaries), and their son, Aubrey Thomas, and his wife, Gladys, are buried in Witta Cemetery (Chapter IV).

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Details of Robert and Lucy's family can be found in James Cork Descendants