

## Friedrich Johann Vandreike 1864 -1955

It's 160 years since the birth of Friedrich Johann Vandreike on 21 August 1864 in Pomerania, Prussia (now Poland). Friedrich arrived in Queensland as a young man and worked in the Logan District. He and his older brother, Hermann, selected land in Witta in 1887 and became the first Europeans to live in the district. Friedrich married Bertha Kelk in 1903 and they raised a family on their dairy farm near the Witta School. He owned one of the first cars in Witta and gave rides on the school picnic day to raise money for the Red Cross during WWI. Friedrich died in 1955, aged 90 years and was buried in the Witta Cemetery.



The Vandreike Family of Witta during WWI

