

# Family History

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## MIDDLETON FAMILY – BRIAR HILL

Jesse Middleton b 1888 Salford UK      m 1913      Florence Clarke b 1889 Salford UK  
    fth William Middleton                      fth Henry Clarke  
    mth Mary Powell                              mth Caroline Wilders

Jesse and Florence were married on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 1913 in Pendleton, England; they had their first five children there. Florence and Gloria were born in Australia.

Jesse came to Australia alone, in 1923, on the ship "SS Berrimer", to arrange a home for his wife and family, Florence and the children followed 12 months later, in 1924, aboard the ship "SS Bendigo".

They bought a block of land at 35 Sherbourne Road, Briar Hill, where, Jesse built a weatherboard house.

When the depression of the 1930's came, Jesse lost his job as a Wood Machinist. He was out of work for awhile, and then worked in the country in the forests, cutting trees, it was here he developed pneumonia, and later Parkinson's disease was unable to work. Florence and the older children had to work to support the family. Prior to 1931, they moved to Gladstone Road.

Census Records show: In 1947 when Jesse died, his wife Florence, daughter Florence, son Doug and his wife Dorothy were living in Gladstone Road. Florence (mother) lived there until her death in 1961.

Jessie Wilders was living in Sherbourne Road.

Also, in 1954 Kathleen Middleton was living in Mountain View Road,

    Russell Gast. Middleton was living in Mountain View Road,

    Gloria Ada Middleton (dressmaker) was living in Sherbourne Road,

    Maurice Edw Middleton was living in Para Road.

Children of Jesse and Florence

|                |        |                    |                          |
|----------------|--------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Rhoda          | b 1914 | m Roy Willett      | daug. Joyce Mrs Simpson  |
| Douglas        | b 1917 | m Dorothy P.Grover | daug. Heather Mrs James? |
| Jessie Wilders | b 1918 | not married        |                          |
| Hilda          | b 1921 | m Arthur Wiltshire | sons Peter & David       |
| Henry Ernest   | b 1923 | m Margaret         | from NSW                 |

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Florence                      b 1927 Aus     m John Jeffery                      daug. Gloria  
Gloria                         b 1929 Aus     m - Williams

The family was involved with the Methodist Church in Greensborough

Doug, a Boiler Maker and his brother Ern ran an engineering business in Briar Hill.

Jessie was a tailoress, and then worked in the haberdashery store in Greensborough.

Jesse Middleton died at Mont Park in 1947 aged 59.

Florence Middleton (Clarke) died in Greensborough in 1961 aged 73.

They are both buried at the Nillumbik Cemetery Diamond Creek.

June Hall nee Evans

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