**JESSIE MAY PARTINGTON**

Jessie May Partington was born in 1911 at Willis Vale to Will and Annie May. She had 2 sisters and 2 brothers. For some reason she was always called Timmy from all her 9 nieces and nephews. Apparently she was a very sweet child and when she was older she was a lovely lady, she had so many friends. She was always ready to listen to anyone. She never had children, but her life was filled with her piano and organ playing. She had a beautiful singing voice, she started singing lessons aged 7 for 1 penny a lesson about 1918. She was to go on to sing in many choirs including the Philharmonic Choir. She sang in front of the Queen when she came to Australia in 1954 (Invitation & Photo).

She was still singing into her seventies. She always sang at Church and each Christmas at Carols by Canclelight.

She married Gordon Scholes in 1935 at the Methodist Church in Main Street, Greensborough. They lived on a huge block of land in Carnon St (3 titles) there are 11 2 storied unites on the block now. It is quite sad to think it was in the family since the 1800s, it was the original house that her uncles owned. She had it extended when her Mother went to live with her because Annie May could no longer live by herself at Willis Vale.

Gordon passed away in 1964 aged 56 of a stroke. Annie passed away in 1966 at Carnon St aged 83.

Jess lived there by herself until she married in 1968 to Stan Angus at the Uniting Church in Grimshaw Street. She then went to live in Alexandra St at Stan’s place; the Carnon street house had a caretaker, her friend’s daughter Vonda Embling.

Jess passed away in 1999 aged 88 of heart failure. In her will everything had to be sold, Beach House, Boat Shed at Rosebud, diamond rings, electric wheelchair, everything.

Her 9 nieces and nephews were very well looked after of which we were very grateful but that’s how it has been over generations with all the land, but Carnon St was the last.

The land originally went from Hailes St to St Helena. In 2001 Carnon St was sold for $420 thousand, a couple of years later it was sold again for over a million dollars.

A lot of the family were musical, it was probably passed down from David Medhurst who was Jessie’s Grandfather.

She is buried with Gordon and her Mother at Preston Cemetery. She learned to drive a car after Gordon passed because there wasn’t any sort of transport at Green Hills back then.

When we were small we often stayed with Timmy when Mum and Dad were away. She used to push the pram up St Helena Rd (unmade), Faye in the pram, Trevor on the end and Elinor walking beside her. As we got older it was fun walking up the fully through all the gum trees to her house.

She was like a second Mother to Shirley Parsons who lived next door, which is now the mud brick house built over the original house. Shirley later married Trevor in 1957 at the Methodist Church Greensborough. Shirley used to walk from Carnon St each day to Greensborough Primary in the 1940’s.

Jess and her brothers and sisters all attended the Greensborough Primary School after they milked the cows. They had to cross the river on a log with only wire to hang on to. Annie May was still crossing the log with her walking stick in her 60’s, Church every Sunday, she was always vising someone or shopping.