

4 Armstrong Court.
Wangaratta, 3677
30th Sept. 85

Dear Mr. Rodanigan,

It was with great regret that I read your letter yesterday. Unfortunately it was delivered to my son's Estate Agency whilst he was in Queensland for 2 weeks, ~~+~~

The day before he was due to come home my dear husband - Arthur Heyland - suffered a massive heart attack + died almost instantly. If only he had lived to read your letter he would have been so interested as he loved to talk of the old Ringwood days. He too was born in 1911, but suffered a stroke in 1979, since then he had to sit + read quite a lot, and was not able to drive to Ringwood any more.

My name was Clarice de Pelsenair + my parents purchased the Bunt Bridge Store from Mr. Williams when we came from England in 1923. I think he then lived at North Ringwood. I walked to the Crofton S. School for 3 months until the newly built school in Everard St. Ringwood East was opened. My husband, Arthur, was the first pupil on the roll when he transferred to Ringwood East.

from the Ringwood School. I can remember Hussey's mail coach, drawn by four spirited horses, tearing along what was then Whitehorse Rd., on its way from Warrandyte to Ringwood.

Arthur & I were also present at the opening of the Ringwood East railway station when the line was electrified to Lilydale. We were only school children & took part in the races arranged for us. Mr. William Whittle was our Head Master & a fine man. Arthur took part in the building of the weatherboard Baptist Church in ~~Ringwood~~ Dublin Rd. where he became secretary of the Sunday school & I played the piano. We were the 2nd couple to be married in that church, Bessie Herbert & partner being the first. We had our reception in the lounge room of the old Burnt Bridge Store. My parents sold out to Mr. Cheevers & unfortunately were killed at the South Lyndhurst railway crossing whilst driving to visit us when we had a dairy farm there.

You mention the quarry in Dublin Rd. and that there was no loss of life when it filled with water. Boys used it for high