

Pioneer Family No. 1 - Charles and Mary Meyland

Generation No. 1

- 1. CHARLES MEYLAND (SAMUEL AUG) was born Abt. 1842 in Switzerland, and died 1909 in Ringwood, Victoria. He married MARY ANN WATKINS 1869, daughter of EDWARD WATKINS and SARAH CARRY. She was born Abt. 1835, and died 1926 in Ringwood, Victoria.

Children of CHARLES MEYLAND and MARY WATKINS are:

2. i. CHARLES EDWARD MEYLAND, b. 1873, Berwick, Victoria; d. 1952, East Ringwood, Victoria.
- ii. SUSANNAH AUGUSTA MEYLAND, b. 1871, Brunswick, Victoria; d. 1911, Croydon, Victoria; m. HARRY LACEY, 1897.
- iii. SARAH ELIZABETH MEYLAND, b. 1874, Brighton, Victoria; d. 1969, Box Hill, Victoria; m. ALFRED HALES CLEMENTS, 1905.
- iv. MARY LOUISA MEYLAND, b. 1876, Brighton, Victoria; d. 1956, Lilydale, Victoria; m. HENRY ALLEN, 1911.
- v. CAROLINE EMILY MEYLAND, b. 1877, Essendon, Victoria; d. 1962, Kew, Victoria; m. FREEMAN.
- vi. SUSAN LAICE MEYLAND, b. 1880, Hawthorn, Victoria; d. 1969, Casterton, Victoria; m. EDGAR WILSON CLEMENTS, 1906.

(Alfred and Edgar Clements were brothers)

Generation No. 2

- 2. CHARLES EDWARD MEYLAND (CHARLES, SAMUEL AUG) was born 1873 in Berwick, Victoria, and died 1952 in East Ringwood, Victoria. He married ALICE BLOOD 1905, daughter of WILLIAM BLOOD and EMMA AINGER. She was born Abt. 1884, and died 1960 in Ringwood, Victoria.

Children of CHARLES MEYLAND and ALICE BLOOD are:

- i. ALICE MEYLAND.
married James Bould
- ii. HERBERT ERNEST MEYLAND, d. 1922, Ringwood, Victoria.
- iii. EDITH EMMA MEYLAND, b. 1905; d. 1980, Ringwood, Victoria.
married Doug Maggs, children Topsy & Irene
3. → iv. WILLIAM CHARLES MEYLAND, b. 1908.
married Bess, children Ron & Marie & Joyce
- v. • DAVID EDWARD MEYLAND, b. 1909; d. Bet. 1980 - 1998.
had son Alan (who lives in WA) wife was Lillian
- vi. • ARTHUR HENRY MEYLAND, b. 1911; d. 1985.
- vii. GEORGE ALBERT MEYLAND, b. 1914; d. 1998.
married Alice (Molly), children Myrl & Geoff
- viii. JOHN STANLEY MEYLAND, b. 1916; d. 1983.
- ix. CHARLES FREDRICK MEYLAND, b. 1919; d. 1922, Ringwood, Victoria.
- x. OLIVER JAMES MEYLAND, b. 1920. d. 8.5.99
married Dorothy Jean Gilchrist had issue Ruth & Ray & Robert, found a Robert Bruce Meyland who died in 1950 (an infant)

The Meyland Story

From Great Granddaughters of Charles Meyland, Myrl Rebbob and Marie Ricardo

- Charles Meyland Snr. purchased 23 acres of land in Mt Dandenong Road East Ringwood (then known as Oxford Road Croydon situated on the north side of Maroondah Hospital) in June 1891 where he planted an orchard and lived with his Wife Mary and family. On his death in 1909 the property was sold to Herbert Edward Watson.
- Charles Meyland's only son, Charles Edward Meyland (1873 - 1952) purchased an orchard with a cottage thereon in Eastfield Road, East Ringwood in the early 1900's. The property backed onto the railway line from East Ringwood through to Croydon.
- Charles met Alice Blood (1884-1960) daughter of Emma and William Blood and they married in 1905. The Blood family was pioneer orchardists in Ringwood and surrounding districts.
- The children of Charles and Alice were all born at the family home in Eastfield Road. The older children in the family when they became of school age, walked from Eastfield Road into Ringwood to attend school.
- In 1924 Charles and Alice sold the orchard in Eastfield Road, East Ringwood and took up residence on an orchard in Whitehorse Road, East Ringwood. The orchard in Whitehorse Road (now Maroondah Highway) was situated along Whitehorse Road from where the BP Service Station now stands back to what was known as the gully, just below Everard Road in East Ringwood. The property was fenced with post and barbed-wired fencing and a large band of pine trees extended the length of the property along Whitehorse Road. The orchard consisted mainly of cherries, apples, pears, peaches and plums.
- Charles and his sons were shareholders of the Ringwood Co-op Cool Store 1915-1960. The Meyland brothers all grew small crops, raspberries, tomatoes, peas and broad beans between the small trees to supplement income awaiting trees to produce fruit.
- Arthur, George and John (Jack) Meyland were amongst the first children enrolled at East Ringwood State School No. 4180 when it opened in 1924. Charles and Alice Meyland were members of the first School Committee.
- Edith Meyland married Douglas Maggs who came from a family of well known orchardists. The Maggs family had orchards in Wonga Park Road (Now Kalinda Road) and Whitehorse Road, (Now Maroondah Highway).
- In early 1930s Bill Meyland purchased land in Old Lilydale Road running through to Holland Road. He planted an orchard and built a home (still standing No 23). Bill married Bessie Gowland daughter of Harry and Jane Gowland. Jane was well known in East Ringwood and Ringwood district as the local community nurse.
- David Meyland purchased an orchard at corner of Plymouth and Grandview Grove (now Bemboka Road) Waranwood. David married Lillian Sharp. The Sharp family was well known orchardists in Heathmont.
- George Meyland together with wife Molly in early 1940's purchased an orchard on the then corner of Old Lilydale Road and Whitehorse Road through to Burnt Bridge (now known as Burnt Bridge Shopping Centre). Toward the end of 1950's early 1960's George sold the orchard and purchased a grazing property at Hoddles Creek where he raised some prime Hereford cattle.
- John (Jack) also purchased an orchard in Grandview Grove, Waranwood. John married Patricia Harman, an East Ringwood girl. Later they sold the orchard and purchased a dairy farm at Neerim South.
- Oliver Meyland left school and worked with his father on the family property. In 1948/49 Oliver took over the family orchard and later moved into the homestead with wife Dorothy. A small section of the apple orchard was removed, and a cottage built for Charles and Alice.
- Daughter Alice, the only surviving member of the Meyland family worked in the family home and the orchard until she married James Bould. Alice and James retired to Phillip Island where James passed away. Alice is still living on the Island.
- On 14th March, 1952 Charles passed away doing what he loved most. He was on the ladder picking apples, must have felt unwell, alighted from the ladder and sat under the apple tree. He passed away with his picking bag full of apples still fastened around his waist.