

PERRY FAMILY

Three generations of Perry's contributed to Marysville, amongst them is Marysville's only dentist, a host & hostess of Kerami Guest House who became farmers on the Buxton road and a well-known artist.

Herbert Lindley Perry was 63 when he left Mentone to come to Marysville about 1939. His son Wykeham Charles Perry and wife were already running Mary Lodge, Eric Dowdle's rebuilt Kerami.

Healesville & Yarra Glen Guardian, 16 Sept 1939

Marysville Surgeon Dentist.

Believed to be Marysville's first resident dentist, Mr. H.

Lindley Perry announces that he may be consulted at

his surgery, Main street, Marysville. Mr. Perry's

telephone number is Marysville 16

Herbert Lindley Perry snr died in Marysville in 1948.

Wykeham Charles Lindley Perry, eldest son, was born in 1908, in Fitzroy to Herbert Lindley Perry and Elizabeth Beatrice Lee. He married Bessie Mavis Brown in 1935.

Table Talk, 9 Apr 1936

The NEW KERAMI, Marysville

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Wykeham and Bessie worked for Eric Dowdle at Marylands from 1936 to 1945. Wykeham was a professional photographer who took many of the Rose Postcards of Marysville. He then bought the *Cloverdale* property on the Buxton Road and renamed it Dalewkye.

The Age, 1 Aug 1950

Ayrshire Cattle Do Well in Cold

MARYSVILLE, Monday. — Mr. Wykeham Perry, who has farmed in this valley for several years, reports Ayrshire dairy cattle are found to do particularly well in this cold climate. Ayrshires are gaining popularity in this district because of their ability to withstand the severe winter

experienced where snow falls in the valley as well as on the nearby ranges. Mr. Perry has been able to improve crops by effective artificial watering over a wide area by mobile pump and tractor through a system of revolving sprayers. Farming has progressed considerably during the past decade, due to a large extent to the putting into practice of modern farming methods. Winter rains so far have promised well for a good season in the

dairy and valley pasture country of the Taggerty and Acheron rivers, which is the northern outlet and only non-forest area of the district. This fertile valley of carefully tended farms, where huge silo space and experimental plots point to an intelligent

use of scientific agriculture, promises well for the future. The valley is richly endowed with an abundant water supply, for in a comparatively few miles the Steavenson, Taggerty and Acheron rivers link with the Goulburn.

They had eight children - Wykeham, David, Helen, Ann, Leslie, Mary, Susan (died within a year), Jane and Catherine. With seven surviving children the family struggled, farming did not give much of an income and they were supported by the community. Colin Barton returned home much affected by his WWII experiences, avoiding adult interaction, he had much time for the children of the town. In particular the Perry children. Colin would organise to take them to and from school. The children were not too impressed by being in the back of the dirty butcher's truck.

Wykeham snr died in 1997 and is buried in Marysville Cemetery.

Wykeham Perry jnr was born in 1936 and came to Marysville with his parents as an infant. He had a talent for drawing from an early age and pursued it at every opportunity. Necessity meant that he needed to work and ended up in the Australian Public Service in Canberra. Here he joined the Canberra Artists Society.

As a self-taught artist, he had his first solo exhibition in 1974, which was a complete success. Starting with watercolours he learnt to paint with oils. He exhibited in suburban and country Art Shows winning numerous prizes from 1972 to 2003.

Back in Victoria he settled with his wife, Wilma in Eildon, an area that provided him with much inspiration for his landscape paintings.

A recognized landscape artist in 1990, he was featured in the book published by the Australian Rotary Society, featuring 70 living Australian realist artists. The section on Wykeham is included in this Folder along with other articles which give the details of Wykeham's life.

He died on the 25th April 2021 aged 84.

David Perry in 2006 was still running the family property Dalewkye. He became a great contributor to the local area. He joined Buxton Fire Brigade in January 1956 and served as an operational member until 2008. After more than 50 years as a firefighter, he stepped down as an active firefighter but continued to support the brigade in other ways.

David died in 2022.