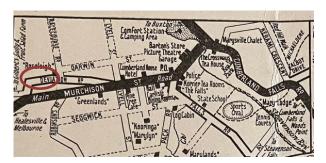
## **ROSELEIGH**

## including the Grieve Family

Roseleigh Guest House was built in the early 1930s by Thomas Charles Grieve, labourer and his son John Arthur, cabinet maker. The guest house was managed by Thomas' wife Rose until 1935 when Rose & Thomas retired and the family partnership was dissolved. Son John Arthur Grieve took on the management with his wife Doris.



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In 1942 when Melbourne Girls Grammar School aka Merton Hall evacuated<sup>1</sup> to Marysville Roseleigh was used to house the School Certificate<sup>2</sup> girls (15-19 years old) and 8 staff. They were soon joined by 27 girls who could not be fitted into Kooringa.

At Roseleigh outside classes were often held in the empty swimming pool because this provided protection from the wind and was a warm sun trap.

In November 1954 notices appeared in the Melbourne papers for the private sale of the freehold of Roseleigh Guest House in Marysville.

Bought by the Ackerman family, who already owned and ran the Marysville Chalet, it was named **Mary Moyne**. Mrs Elise Ackerman was originally from Port Fairy where her family ran Douglas House on the Moyne River. Run as a guesthouse for a short time, it was partly demolished and rebuilt as four flats one of which Ralph and Elise, the original Ackermans in



Marysville, lived in themselves until their deaths in 1978 & 1984.

Eventually Ken McLeod bought it and did some major renovations, then George Peters bought it and was still the owner in 2003<sup>1</sup>.

See Evacuated Schools Folder for details

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The School Certificate was a two year course in practical and cultural subject for those not sitting examinations for university entrance.

## **Grieve Family**

**Thomas Charles Grieve** (1874, Hackney, London-1946, Marysville, buried Marysville) married Emily Rose aka Rose Emily Pullum (1878, England-1965, Moonee Ponds) in Hackney in 1897. In England, Thomas was a fruiterer/costermonger ie sold fruit from a handcart in the street.

In 1914 the family came to Melbourne on the 'Beltana' and settled in Richmond North until early in the 1930s when Thomas snr, wife Emily, Rose Lillian Smith and son, John aka Jack Arthur formed a partnership to run Roseleigh Guest House in Marysville. The partnership was dissolved in 1935 when Thomas and Rose retired from running the guest house. John then took on the responsibility of the guest house.

Thomas Charles Grieves died in Marysville in 1946 and is buried in Marysville Cemetery. Rose Emily Grieves died in 1965 in Moonee Ponds.



## Their children:

- 1. **Thomas Charles Grieve jnr**, (1902, England-1989, ) married in 1921 to Vi Clara Thomson in Melbourne. In 1954 he was a timber worker living in Sandringham and in 1972 farming in Erica, son Thomas Charles III & Margaret farming in Traralgon South, 1972 timber worker in Erica 1963-77 retired in Noble Park.
- 1. Rose Lillian Grieve (1904, England- ) in 1926 married Hugh Leslie Smith then divorced in 1936.
- 2. **John aka Jack Arthur Grieve** (1905, England-1983, Marysville, buried Fawkner cemetery) became a cabinet maker and in 1933 married Doris Ezena Duff (1904- ). He took on the responsibility of Roseleigh guesthouse when his parents retired in 1935. Roseleigh was sold in 1954 and John and Doris lived on in Marysville 1962-662, 1980 Barton Ave, cabinetmaker. Jack was secretary of the Water Trust.
- 3. **Ivy May Grieve** (1912, England-1965, Bairnsdale) she married Alexander James Ficinus in 1938 and in 1949 Ivy May Finicus was in Falls Road, Marysville on her own. She divorced Alexander and went on to marry Raymond Charles Smith in 1955 and died in Bairnsdale in 1965.

From Reg Dean's history notes (2013)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Sands & McDougall Directory 1962-66