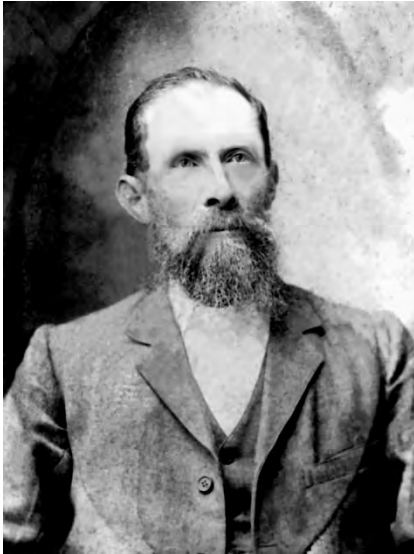


Henry & Marion Crouch



Henry Crouch born 7th May 1854
4th child of Henry William Crouch
and Sarah Lewis
married on 5th Sept 1876

Marion Longmuir born 20th Jan
1856

Henry was born in Collingwood,
Melbourne in 1854 to his father's first
wife Sarah Lewis

Henry and Marion had 14 children



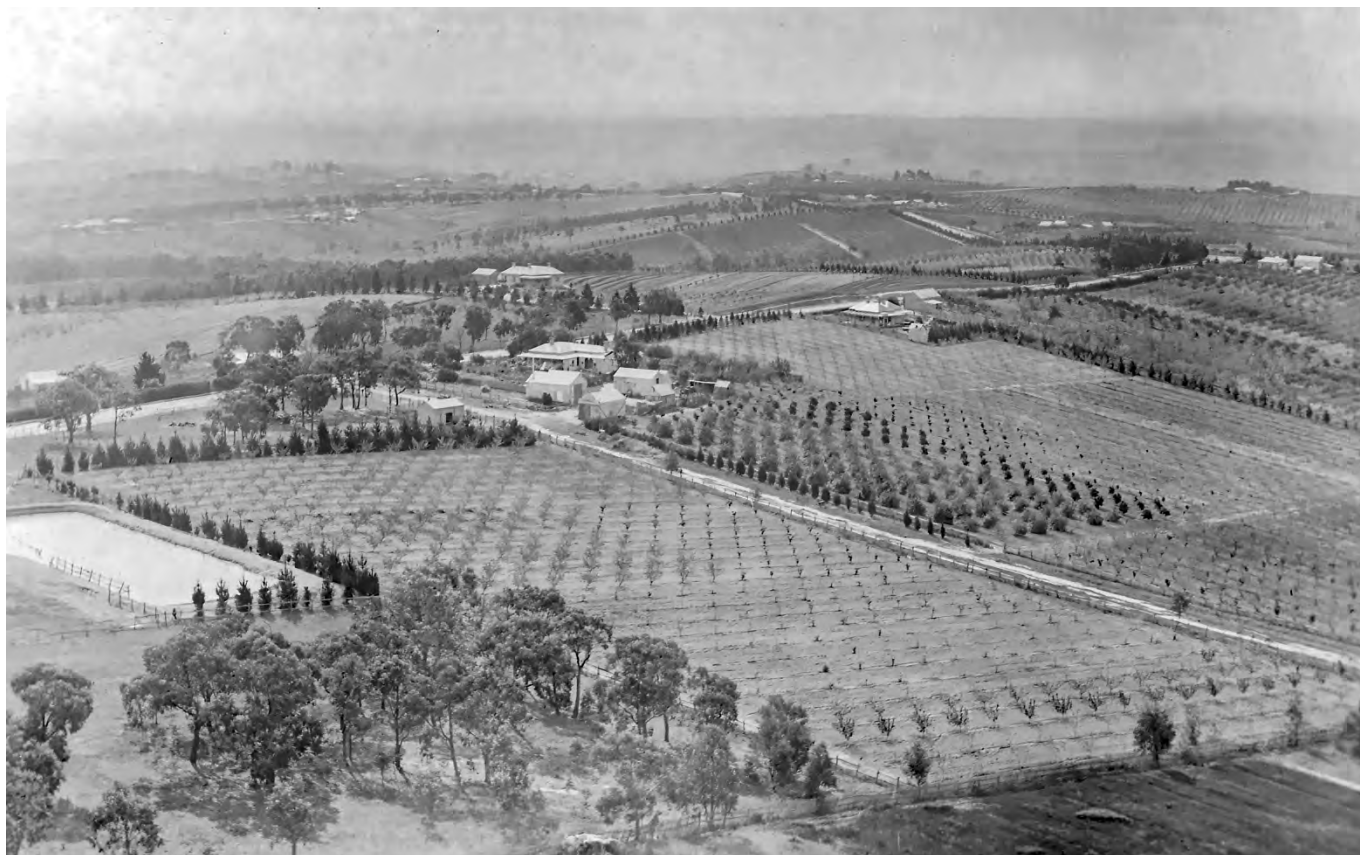
1. **Henry William Crouch** b.23-7-1877 d.31-7-1919
2. **Robert Crouch** b.17-10-1878 d.4-7-1923 [m 28-9-1904] **Laura Letts Beale** b.25-8-1878 d.1-7-1965
3. **May Crouch** b.15-8-1880 d.7-5-1965 [m 14-10-1908] **John "Jack" Henry Hewish** b.7-1-1878 d. 5-6-1927
4. **Alick Crouch** b.26-4-1882 d.12-2-1962 [m 6-3-1907] **Elizabeth "Lizzie" Annie Middleton** b.1882 d.9-9-1914 (died from TB)
[m2 1915] **Florence Ellen "Nell" Middleton** b.29-10-1893 d.22-11-1942
[m3 1944] **Eva Mary McDonald** b.23-10-1894 d.14-12-1989
5. **Lewis Crouch** b.14-4-1884 d.15-4-1973 [m 7-10-1908] **Emily Read** b.1879 d. 1961
6. **Archibald Crouch** b.3-4-1886 d.30-11-1966 [m 26-9-1917] **Jean Lee**
7. **Ruby Ellen Crouch** b.2-9-1888 d.28-11-1950 [m 12-5-1915] **Hugh Caldow** b.1881 d.9-2-1952
8. **Albert "Bert" Crouch** b.25-5-1890 d.11-8-1947 [m 21-8-1918] **Charlotte "Lottie" Bienvenu** b.13-4-1899
9. **Stanley Crouch** b.7-6-1892 d. 1975 [m 28-4-1920] **Elizabeth "Bessie" Bienvenu** b.13-4-1899
10. **Daisy Jean Crouch** b.28-6-1894 d.19-2-1897
11. **Reta Laurel Crouch** b.10-2-1897 d.18-1-1987 [m 28-3-1923] **Horace George "Horrie" Nelson** b.21-11-1894 d.11-12-1969
12. **Hazel Marion Crouch** b.30-8-1898 d.1960 [m 18-10-1923] **William John Lee**
13. **Norman Crouch** b.29-11-1900 [m 21-3-1925] **Queenie May Watson** b.7-5-1900
14. **Myrtle Winfred Crouch** b.22-8-1902 d.20-10-1970 [m 31-3-1936] **Frank Russell**

It was 1862 when his father Henry William bought 30 acres in Strip Rd. now Church Rd. from Robert Campbell of the Carlton Estate for 337 pounds. Like most of his fellow would-be orchardists. Henry W Crouch had little if any, experience with tilling and tending the land.

"Eight-year-old Henry jnr. had an important job helping his father with the building - holding the candle so his father could see as he worked on it by night after the usual gardening and orchard work was done. The tired little boy would fall asleep, to be woken by his father asking him if could see. No, he muttered. "Well," asked his father, "how do you expect me to?" The candle would be put in his hand again." - DTHS

"Henry Crouch used to be away from school for four, and later, six months each year. By the time, he was sixteen he had become a useful worker." - The Story of Education - Pt3 in 1973 08 DTHS Newsletter

By the 1890s Henry William, owned 27 acres "Alabama" and Henry (jnr) eventually owned 99 acres of land in the Williamsons road area through to Church road. This land was handed down through the generations to and owned by "Harry" Crouch a grandson of Henry jnr. at the time when it was subdivided for housing.



"Hillcrest" (centre rear) viewed from the Doncaster tower in 1907
Williamson's road running diagonally into the distance from left centre.

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An ASSESSMENT to the DONCASTER SHIRE RATE for the period ending the
made this 2nd day of March in the year of our Lord, 1896, after the

SOUTH EASTERN PROVINCE. BULLEEN DIVISION.

No. on the Rate.	Surname of Person Rated.	Christian Names of Person Rated.	Trade or Occupation.	Address.	Name of Owner of Rateable Property.	Origin, Lease, Assignment or Transfer.	Description and Situation of Rateable Property.	No. on the Rate.
60	Clay	Mary Ann Mrs	Gentleman	Doncaster			9 1/2 ac Orchard Council Street	
61	Clay	Edward	Gardener	Doncaster East			5 1/2 acres Blackburn Road	
62	Coak	William John	Farmer	" "			5 acres Lot 20 Doncaster Small Farms	
63	Collins	John	"	Mitcham	E & J Mortgage Bank		10 1/2 ac & House Park Road	
64	Commercial Bank						80 acres & House Andersons Creek Road	
65	Corbett	David	Gentleman	Doncaster			House and Land Doncaster Road	
66	Corbett	David Joseph	Fruitgrower	"			41 ac Orchard & House Doncaster Road	
67	Cox	Charles	Farmer	Doncaster East			4 ac Lot 33 Doncaster Small Farms	
68	Cox	Richard	"	" "			5 ac Lot 25 " " "	
69	Cox	John William	"	" "			5 ac Lot 8 " " "	
70	Cronan	William	"	Doncaster			19 ac & House Elgar Road	
71	Cronan	Thomas & John	"	"			44 acres Andersons Creek Road	
72	Crosseman	Charles	Labourer	"			5 1/2 ac & House Doncaster Road	
73	Crouch	Henry	Fruitgrower	"			99 ac & House Williamsons Road	
74	Crouch	Henry William	"	"			24 ac " " "	
75	Cumming	James	"	"			21 ac " " Leeds Street	
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Henry's community involvement included - a shire councillor for 10 years, and four times Shire President.

<i>Councillor:</i>	<i>From:</i>	<i>To:</i>	<i>Shire President:</i>
Robert George Cameron	1892	1893	
Tom Petty	1892	1894	
Matthias John Henry Thiele	1893	1894	1895/6
	1894	1898	
William Sidney Williams	1893	—	
Frederick Pickering	1894	1909	1896/7; 1900/1; 1902/3;
	1915	1916	1907/8
Henry Crouch	1894	1900	1897/8; 1903/4; 1908/9;
	1902	1916	1912/13
Ferdinand Finger	1894	1908	1905/6
Johann August Zerbe	1896	1917	1901/2; 1910/11; 1915/16
William Stutt	1896	1902	
James Kent	1900	1904	
John Cronan	1908	1915	1911/12
Henry John Crossman Clay	1909	1924	1913/14; 1917/18; 1921/22
John Herbert Robinson	1910	1913	
William Jessop May	1913	1915	

The Argus, Melbourne, Wednesday 24 October 1934

Deaths

CROUCH. - On the 18th October, Henry, loved husband of Marion, and loving father of Henry (deceased), Robert (deceased), May (Mrs. Hewish), Alick, Lewis, Archie, Ruby (Mrs. Caldwell), Albert, Stanley, Daisy (deceased), Reta (Mrs. Nelson), Hazel (Mrs. Lee), Norman, and Myrtle, aged 80 years, late of Doncaster.

The Argus, Melbourne, Saturday 20 October 1934

Funeral Notices

CROUCH. - Doncaster Tent, I.O.R. 129 - Members of the above Lodge are respectfully informed that the remains of their late Brother HENRY CROUCH will be interred in the Boroondara Cemetery, Kew. The funeral is appointed to leave 226 Union road, Mont Albert, THIS DAY (Saturday), at 2 p.m., arriving at the cemetery at 2.15 p.m. A. F. MILLER, Secretary. A. W. PADBURY and Co., Funeral Directors.

Both Henry and Marion are buried in the same grave [BAPT A 0531] at Boroondara cemetery.

First Name	Middle Name	last Name	Date	Age	Site location
HENRY	WILLIAM	CROUCH	02-08-1913	88	BAPT A 0207
HENRY	WILLIAM	CROUCH	04-08-1919	42	BAPT A 0530
HENRY		CROUCH	20-10-1934	80	BAPT A 0531
MARION		CROUCH	07-07-1939	83	BAPT A 0531

*Henry & Marion's
14th Child - Reta Laurel
on 23rd March 1923
married...
Horace George "Horrie" Nelson
with the reception held
at "Hillcrest" Doncaster*



"Hillcrest" Williamson's Road Doncaster



Reta Laurel Crouch and Horace Nelson's wedding day at the Crouch "Hillcrest" property - 28th March 1923

1. Reta Laurel Crouch, 2. Horace George Nelson, 3. Ruby Crouch, 4. Hazel Crouch, 5. Henry Crouch jnr, 6. Jean Crouch (Lee), 7. May Hewish (Crouch)
8. Maisie Hewish, 9. Allan Hewish, 10. Ron Hewish, 11. Norman Crouch, 12. Albert Crouch, 13. Alick Crouch, 14. Archibald Crouch 15. Edna Crouch,
16. Florence Ellen Crouch (Middleton), 17. Elizabeth "Betty" Crouch, 18. Linda Crouch, 19. Valma Crouch, 20. Reta Jean Crouch
21. Elizabeth "Bessie" Crouch (Bienvenu), 22. William Stanley Crouch, 23. Charlotte "Lottie" Crouch (Bienvenu), 24. Albert Henry Crouch
absent: John "Jack" Hewish Marion Crouch (Longmuir)

Wedding photos of Henry & Marion's family...
(10/12 marriages)



Robert Crouch & Laura Beale 28-9-1904



John Hewish & May Crouch 14-10-1908



Alick Crouch & Elizabeth "Lizzie" Middleton Wedding 6-3-1907

Back: Albert Crouch, May Crouch, Archibald Crouch

Front: Hazel Marion Crouch, Enid Salome Crouch, Reta Laurel Crouch,
Louise Adelaide Middleton, Florence Ellen "Nell" Middleton



Lewis Crouch & Emily Read 7-10-1908



Archibald Crouch & Jean Lee 26-9-1917



Hugh Caldw & Ruby Crouch 12-5-1915



Albert Crouch & Charlotte Bienvenu 21-8-1918



Horace George Nelson & Reta Laurel Crouch 28-3-1923



William John Lee & Hazel Marion Crouch 18-10-1923



Norman Crouch & Queenie Watson 21-3-1925