

Herbert & Rose Clay



Herbert George Clay born 10th June 1884
The 5th child of Richard John Clay and
Mary Ann Carnegie
married 15-9-1909

Rose Tully born 10th April 1887
The eldest daughter of John Tully and
Rosina Eliza Cook

3 children:

Vernon Herbert b.1910

Mavis Rose b.1912

Elsie Mildred b.1915



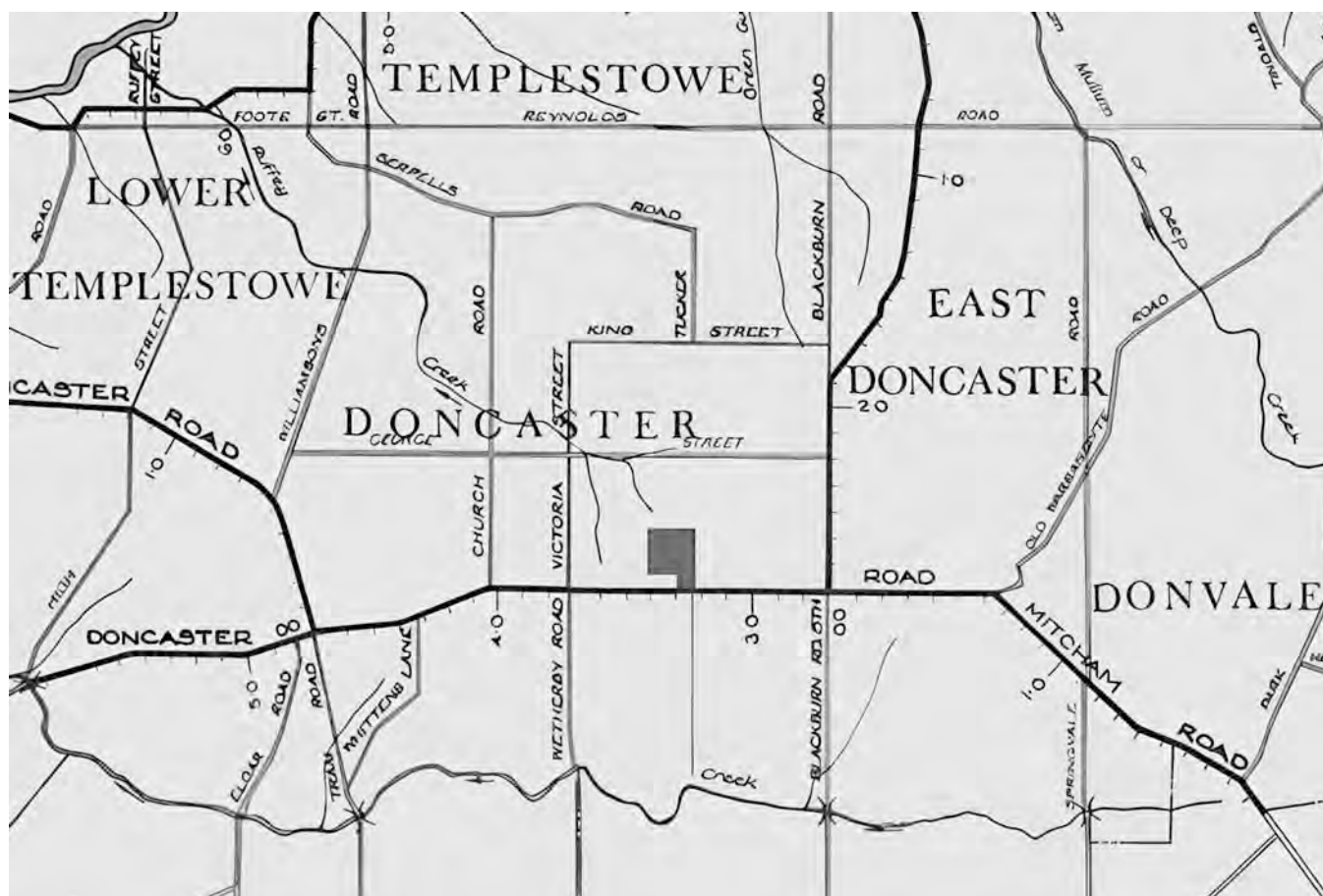
Rose & Herbert with family abt,1919



Herbert and Rose Clay's Wedding 15th October 1909
Ada Tully, Vern Swift, John J Tully, Nellie Tully, Nellie Clay

In the early 1900s, Herbert was an orchardist working 21 acres of family land in Dehnert Street, Doncaster. It was part of the original Reinholdt Dehnert's block that had been growing grapes in the 1800s. He later acquired an adjoining 13 acres owned by his mother, Mary-Ann. This land was a portion of the land previously owned by John Robert Wilson.

John Robert Wilson emigrated from England in 1847, and it is thought that he was one of the first to establish himself in Doncaster. He bought land in Doncaster in 1852 and two years later, built the Doncaster Arms Inn on Doncaster Road at the corner of Victoria Street. Selling the Inn in 1857, he bought land further east along Doncaster Road from Victoria St to Blackburn Rd. ("It is also thought that John Wilson named Doncaster after Doncaster, England.") – DTHS



Location of the Orchard

Herbert worked the orchard growing peaches and pears using the horse-drawn equipment of the period, which included a single furrow plough, spray pump, dray, harrows and a woodern roller. Working with horses meant a lot of walking, and it was made more difficult for Herbert because he had a "Club foot. "



Horse drawn "Bave-u" spray pump - typical



W4 International tractor pulling a "petty" plough - typical meant that Herbert's will was executed; leaving Vern with the property, one sister with the family home, and the other received "Blue-Moon" shares and a cash payout.

It was not until the 1920s and 1930s that tractors started to replace horses.

The depression years were difficult times, and the family was required to help in the orchard. Herbert's eldest daughter, Mavis, was called in to help by working alongside her brother Vern during these difficult years.

It was in July 1946 when Herbert died. Rose having already passed away two years earlier,

Vernon taking over after his father's death worked the orchard with hired help until his two sons left school to work on the orchard.

After four generations of Fruit-growing in Doncaster, the family orchard was sold to developers in 1961 at a time when the urban sprawl was overwhelming the orchards in the district.

Herbert was a quiet man of short stature, deeply involved in the community.

- He played cricket as a wicket keeper, and was awarded a cup for the "greatest number of catches" over the 1904-5 season.
- He was also Secretary to the Doncaster Football Club in the 1920s and early '30s.
- He had an administration role with the Doncaster brass band.
- Herbert was a committee member of the newly formed Doncaster Progress Association in 1911.
- He was a member of the Doncaster Rifle Club.

DONCASTER FOOTBALL CLUB		ENGAGEMENTS 1933	
SEASON 1933.		April 29—Mitcham-Ver. v. Doncaster	
OFFICERS:		May 6—Doncaster v. Ringwood	
President:		" 13—Tunstall v. Doncaster	
Mr. W. E. Goodson.		" 20—Doncaster v. Warrandyte	
Vice-Presidents:		" 27—Doncaster v. Croydon	
Mr. E. Aumann, Dr. P. Commons,		June 3—Blackburn v. Doncaster	
Mr H. Zerbe and Mr. J. Snell.		" 10—Doncaster v. Kilsyth	
Delegates:		" 17—Bayswater v. Doncaster	
Messrs E. Aumann, H. G. Clay and		" 24—Doncaster v. R wood East	
D. Sleeth.		July 1—Doncaster v. Mitcham-Ver.	
Auditors:		" 8—Ringwood v. Doncaster	
Messrs. A. Pump and G. Cameron.		" 15—Doncaster v. Tunstall	
Secretary and Treasurer:		" 22—Warrandyte v. Doncaster	
Mr. H. G. Clay.		" 29—Croydon v. Doncaster	
		Aug. 5—Doncaster v. Blackburn	
		" 12—Kilsyth v. Doncaster	
		" 19—Doncaster v. Bayswater	
		" 26—Ringwood East v. Doncaster	
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Doncaster Brass Band 1920

Back: 1. Philip Tolley, 2. Harold Smith, 3. Ralph Corbett, 4. Alf Petty, 5. Fred Tolley, 6. Fred Neal, 7. Archie Crouch
 Centre: 1. Tom Manns, 2. Ernie Aumann, 3. Fred Tolley (snr), 4. Lawrie Smith, 5. August Zerbe, 6. John Tully,
 7. **Herbert Clay**, 8. John "Jack" Hewish, 9. Tom Carr
 Front: 1. J Smith, 2. Horrie Corbett, 3. Jim McKinley, 4. J W Plunkett [Band master], 5. Roy Tully, 6. Ted Bienvenu, 7. Albert Aumann



Doncaster football Club – 'Premiers 1929'

Back: Jack Crossman snr. (trainer), Bill Beavis (trainer), Therold Smith, Frank "fritz" Bullen
 Mr W.E. Goodson (President), **Herbert George Clay (Secretary)**, Les Britt (Timekeeper)
 George "stiffy" Bullen, Wally Rhodes, Ben Crouch (trainer), C. "tiny" Davis (trainer)
 Centre: Joe McKane (boundary umpire), Harold Britt, Jack Crossman, Jack Clay,* Horrie Bullen
 Ted Aumann (captain), Jim Riddell, David Sleeth, Doug Britt, Cliff Whitten, Arty Peter-Budge
 Front: George Zelius, Albert Zander, Billy Crossman (mascot), Rupert Zerbe, Vernon Clay
 * 'Jack' Clay - John Clifford Clay - son of Arthur Rowland Clay



Rose died in Aug 1944, leaving Herbert broken hearted until his death in July 1946.

Rose and Herbert are buried in the same grave in the Box Hill Cemetery Victoria Australia.

Inscription reads: "In loving memory of Rose loving wife of Herbert Clay died 18th August 1944
also Herbert beloved husband of the above died 2nd July 1946"



Notes:

"Herbert George Clay, fruit grower, was first rated in 1909-10 for a house on 21 acres of land in Dehnert Street, on the north side of Doncaster Road".

"In the early 1940s, Herbert Clay not only owned his Dehnert Street house but also his father's [Richard] former orchard house [Hinton] on the south side of Doncaster Road. This property was located on 36 acres stretching from Leeds Street to Blackburn Road. This land was eventually subdivided in 1945 into 142 lots, known as Greenacres Estate, by the beneficiaries of the estate of Richard Clay".

Entries in the 1906 Doncaster rate book.

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"LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1901"
SECTION 236. RATES, &c.
"CONSTITUTION ACT AND BY-LAWS."
SECTION 1 (3).
1911

An ASSESSMENT to the GENERAL RATE for the SHIRE OF
in the year 1906 after the Rate of Twelve Pence in the Pound, by

SOUTHERN PROVINCE.

DONCASTER DIVISION.

No. on the Date.	NAME, ADDRESS, AND OCCUPATION OF PERSON RATED.				Ownee, Lessee, or Person in Possession of the Property.	OWNEE.		DESCRIPTION AND SITUATION OF RATEABLE PROPERTY.
	SURNAME.	Christian Names.	FULL ADDRESS— Street, Suburb, County, District and State or to what County and State it may be the Division.	Trade or Occupation.		Name.	Address.	
41	Bullen	William	Doncaster	Fruitgrower	0.			House and 19 1/2 acres land, York Road
42	Bullcock	William James	Doncaster East	Farmer	0.			House and 6 1/2 acres land, Warrindale Road
43	Bullcock	William James	Doncaster East	Farmer	0.			57 acres Lots 17, 18, 27, 28, 29, 30 Doncaster South Side
44	Bullcock	Wm. Alexander	Doncaster East	Fruitgrower	0.	W. H. Kibbell	Doncaster	House and 2 acres land, York Road
44A	Bullcock	Wm. Alexander	Doncaster East	Fruitgrower	0.	W. H. Kibbell	Doncaster	House and 10 acres land, Lots 22, 23 Doncaster South Side
45	Bullcock	Wm. Alexander	Doncaster East	Fruitgrower	0.	W. H. Kibbell	Doncaster East	House and land, Main Road
46	Burrows	Thomas		Drum-maker	0.	W. H. Kibbell		Lots 26 & 27, Sec. 26 Warrindale
47	Callender	John Edgar	147 Graham St. North Melbourne		0.			Pl. Lots 28 & 29 Doncaster High St. Subst.
48	Cary	Lydia	John Taylor Elizabeth St. Graham South Melbourne	Gentleman	0.			Lots 36 & 37 King's Orchard
49	Chapman	Frederic	Doncaster East	Gentleman	0.			Lots 19 & 20 Doncaster Small Town
50	Chivers	Arthur	Doncaster East	Fruitgrower	0.			House and 34 acres land, Scotts Road
51	Clay	Richard	342 1/2 Victoria St. Melbourne		0.			Lots 46 & 47, Sec. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 Warrindale
52	Clay	Elizabeth & Henry	Doncaster	Fruitgrower	0.			House and 17 acres Warrindale Road
53	Clay	Mary Ann	Doncaster	Gentleman	0.			9 1/2 acres land, Council Street
54	"	"	"	"	"			1 1/2 acres land, Main Road
55	Clay	Richard	Doncaster	Fruitgrower	0.			20 acres land, Main & Blackburn Roads
56	Clay	Richard	Doncaster	Fruitgrower	0.			Plot 100 & 101, Main Road, Main Road
57	"	"	"	"	"			Plot 102, Main Road
58	Clay	Edward	Doncaster East	Fruitgrower	0.			6 acres land, Blackburn Road
59	Corbett	David	Doncaster	Gentleman	0.			House and land, Main Road



Tully sisters' Ada, Nellie, **Rose**, Elsie abt.1904



Rose (Tully) & Herbert Clay
Outside the Doncaster Church of Christ abt.1942



Clay house in Dehnert St. Doncaster Photo abt.1960
The house was built for Herbert George Clay & Rose (Tully) in 1909



Standing: Hilda Petty, Albert Tully, Myrtle Petty, Herbert Petty, Ada Tully, Irene Plumb, William Petty
Sitting: **Herbert Clay**, Rose Tully, Frank Matters Social outing abt.1908

