



Changing Pastures

Arnolds in Australia 1848 - 1993

Second child of
Johann Wilhelm and Johanne Maria Ernestine Arnold

Frederich Wilhelm Arnold

BORN: 11 July 1892 at Munyabla, N.S.W.
DIED: 26 November 1952 at Yackandandah, VIC.
BURIED: at Yackandandah cemetery, VIC.
MARRIED: 20 February 1918 at Myrtleford, VIC.

Jeanie Ruth Lack

BORN: 30 May 1890 at Beechworth, VIC.
DIED: 28 August 1970 at Yackandandah, VIC.
BURIED: at Yackandandah, VIC.

Frederich Wilhelm Arnold, known as Willie or Bill, was the younger of twin brothers born at his parents home at Munyabla. He walked to school at Pleasant Hills some seven miles (eleven kilometres) from Munyabla.

In 1903 the family moved to Back Creek, Victoria. When aged twelve years Willie contracted rheumatic fever and in later years suffered from its after-effects. In the next year Ernie left school and began wood cutting and helping on the farm. He was a member of the Arnold brothers chaff-cutting team.

His parents organised sing-songs around the organ every Sunday and invited several families to come along. The Lack family was one of these families and this contact led to Willie meeting and in February 1918 marrying Ruth Lack. In October 1918 his twin brother, Ernie, married Ruth's sister Olive.

Willie and Ruth initially lived at the Lack's house at Osbornes Flat but in 1924 they moved to Willie's former home at Back Creek following Willie's parents move to Wodonga. Ruth looked after the Post Office which was literally on the dining room table.

In 1928 they moved to High Street, Yackandandah to a confectionery shop run by Ruth's father. This enabled their children to receive a better education. They moved again in 1932 to Hammond Street, Yackandandah. In 1938 they repurchased the farm at Back Creek and lived there with their son Roy and his wife May, until 1948 when they returned again to Hammond Street.

Willie then bought a farm at Bells Flat but lived there for only two years before deteriorating health forced the couple to move to live at the home of his

twin brother Ernie. His last years were spent quietly with his loved ones at his bedside. Willie died on 26 November 1952.



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