

Bryant Family –

Walter James Bryant, a fitter and turner, and his wife **May**, arrived in Victoria from Birmingham around 1919 to work on a dam, but found on arrival that it had already been completed. Desperate they decided to join May's sister, who was a group settler in Jardee. Walter first worked on the Northcliffe railway, then as his skills were recognised by the Mill, he started work in the machine shop there.

Walter played an important role in the startup of the hydro-electric scheme in Pemberton but was posted onto other engineering projects in places like Geraldton. Walter and May produced three children in Pemberton, **Gordon, Hazel** and **Bill**. All the children went to school in Pemberton.

Bill, the youngest, born in 1933, was particularly interested in physics and science, and when he finished school he went to a technical college and university in Perth. Moving to Victoria, he became a physicist, also working on computer technical programs. He taught Fortran and Cobol computer languages at university level.

Later, Bill worked on the atomic bomb test at Maralinga in South Australia and went on to work all around the world. On retirement, Bill returned to Pemberton and with his wife **Sondra Reader**, started the Heritage and History Group in 2013.