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May 2002	Dairies of Oatley	Billy Brooks Thel Donaldson

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TOPIC: Dairies of Oatley Oatley

PAPERS BY: Billy Brooks (2)

Glenn Stevens

The Sec. T. O. H. G.

22 Miller Rd

Terrebonne

Dear friend,

Your letter to hand & I would like to say something about the past dairies of Batley, there was three that I remember; No. 1 was Garmans on the Batley side of Boundary Road, it was a big dairy with a lot of cows, Russell Marsh, who had fruit & veg shop, his parents & his brother had milk runs & I'm not sure if they had a Dairy or they were vendors. I have a faint recollection of a Dairy being at West Batley, The 3rd one I know a lot about, as I worked there, It was on the corner of Woonona Rd & Hurstville Rd. Jack Hickey was the Reg. owner. Jack started in Batley area with two cows & used to serve a few customers close to where he lived, that was about the middle of the twenties, his business grew & he shifted to Woonona Rd & Hurstville Rd. His herd grew to over twenty cows, they were kept in Judd's paddock abndy of Hurstville Rd, they were hand milked & mostly had fresh. I worked on the milk cart

two deliveries, Morning & afternoon.

Jack eventually went broke losing all the business, he used for his cows on credit also the feed, plus he had two race horses but that's another story, I'll close off, I'm hoping you find this information usable.

Yours truly

Billy Burt

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EXTRACT FROM LETTER SENT BY

BILLY BROOKS 22.6.20012

There were three dairies in Oatley. First one was Gorman's on Oatley side of Boundary Road. He remembers as a big dairy with a lot of cows.

Mr & Mrs Marsh and one son either had a dairy or were vendors at West Oatley. Billy has a faint recollection of a dairy at West Oatley.

Then there was the dairy that he knows most about because he worked there. It was on the corner of Wonoona Parade and Hurstville Road. Jack Hickey was the registered owner.

Jack started in Oatley Avenue with 2 cows and a few customers. That was in the twenties, and as his business grew, he shifted to Wonoona Pde and Hurstville Rd. His herd grew to over and maybe 30 and they were kept at Judd's paddock and Hurstville Rd. The cows were hand fed and milked.

Billy worked on the milk cart with two deliveries per day. (Everyone had their billycans ready.)

Jack eventually went broke as he bought his cows and feed on credit plus he had 2 racehorses.

Billy says that's another story!

Secretary.

See full letter next page →

Mrs. Glenn STEVENS
22. KITCHENER ST
DARTMOUTH - 31. 5. 002

Dairies at Dartley bring many happy memories - The first person to start a dairy was a lady Mrs. Melbie Forrest and that was in Dartley West, she lived just around the corner in Gungah Bay Rd. from Acacia St, After Mrs Forrest came Mr. Scarratt, he had his business in the same area & sold out & started a dairy farm in the Peakhurst West.

Then came Mr. KIMBERS - a favourite with the kids my age - THEN - He opened his business down in the Gully - known then as Snake gully, it was down the end of Acacia St, I remember ambling down with the billy can to have it filled with lovely fresh milk, quite often I had to make a second trip down because I would sit on the side of the dirt road & drink the milk.

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Shel Donaldson
(nee Mitchell)

Mrs. J. Dever previous Jack McDowell's wife
44 Mulga Rd

Mrs Dever rang to say she remembers

Mrs Spedding having the dairy at
60 Mulga Rd to 1925

Mr. Wilton after having to obtain a licence
had the dairy from 1925 on.

It was relocated to 94 Myall St and
went down over Kings Bay Rd and from
other information the cows roamed into
the bushland from Acacia Street.