

Duncan Family of Boroondara, Ongerup

'Boroondara' is the Duncan farm at Ongerup, WA

George Oliphant Duncan (1888-1960), his wife Phyllis Martha (nee Fletcher) (1900-1981) and his sister Margaret (Meg) Duncan took up a war service block in the locality of Toompup near Ongerup in 1924. The developing wheat and sheep farm was named Boroondara after a Melbourne suburb as George was from Melbourne prior to serving in World War I and working on stations in the Carnarvon area. It was expanded in acreage in 1955.

George and Phyllis had three children: Ian (b.1925), Joan (b.1927) and Margaret (Peg) (b. 1928).

In 1950, Ian married Rosemary Chapman (b.1928) and they continued to farm at Boroondara. They had five children: (Angela (b.1951), Elaine (b.1953), Sandra (b.1955), Caroline (b.1957) and Ian (known by his second name, Fred) (b.1962).

Ian (Fred) Duncan and his family continue to farm the property. Fred Duncan found the negatives in the bottom of an old wardrobe in the original homestead in 1981.

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| 1-2 | George Oliphant Duncan 1888-1960. Born in Auburn Vic. Attended Box Hill Grammar. Enlisted 23/12/1915. 2nd Lieutenant 44th Infantry Battalion - France and Flanders. Discharged wounded 19/9/1918. Service # 240. Worked on stations near Carnarvon W.A. Then visited and worked for army buddy Rick Gaze in Borden before obtaining a War service block in locality of Toompup rail siding near the Warperup creek crossing in 1924. |
| 3-4 | Phyllis Martha Fletcher 1900-1981. Born in Fremantle, one of four sisters. Grew up in Carnarvon where her father managed Dalgety's and where she first met George, (working on a cattle station after return from service). The family moved to Albany in early 1920's. Re-acquainted and then married to George they 'settled' the farm 'Boroondara'. These photo perhaps around wedding date 28/8/1924. |
| 5 | Phyll's 'Shoebox'. The original 4 room homestead - 1925. |
| 6 | Phyllis, George, and her parents Cecil Telford Fletcher and wife Leah Gabrielle Joubert. Peerup Meenup creek 250 m below house - Mid-late 1920's. |
| 7-8-9 | The first 'bush yards' at back of house / the Rams / George and Jim Paterson shearing. |
| 10 | Phyllis with Ian Oliphant (20/6/1925) or Joan Phyllis (2/1927) in cane pram. Funny if it was pilot Ian, with propellers at an early age! |
| 11 | Child, (Ian?) leaving home with suitcase and pipe - 1927. |
| 12 | Lunch on top of hill in Front paddock while clearing land. Joan Phyllis in pram, |

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| | Ian, Phyllis, George and Jim P. House and shed over creek in background. |
| 13 | A rare photo of Margaret or Meg Duncan - the Photographer of this history, burning up trees with brother George and young Ian Oliphant - 1927. |
| 14 | Workman Jim P., George and ever present Ian in background. Cutting chaff for horse feed. Belt drive, boiler, and (lister?) engine. -1928. |
| 15 | G.O. mixing up ?molasses/horse feed? -1928. |
| 16 | Dam sinking with 6 horse team - 1926-28. Perhaps original 'stable dam' near old sheds. |
| 17 | Ploughing 'Boroondara' paddock with 8 horse team, driven by 'the teamster', George Kendall - 1926-28. |
| 18 | Extended homestead and model T Ford - around 1927. |
| 19 | George, Elsie and Louis Joubert around 1928. |
| 20 | Louis Joubert - (pronounced joo-bare) 1909-1990? Phyllis' cousin, fresh from Melbourne Grammar, arrived to begin work on farm around 1928. |
| 21 | A grand cereal crop - late 1920's. |
| 22 | Jim Paterson and Louis Joubert - 1928 |
| 23-24-25 | Jim Paterson, Louis Joubert and George - around 1930. |
| 26 | 'Aunty Meg' with Joan and Ian - 1928. |
| 27 | George driving 'Ronaldson Tippet' and Jim manning 'David Shearer' harvester 1928. Man on harvester in control of cutting height, and 'choke cutter', a steel bar the length of comb that would clear blockages of crop feeding in. |
| 28 | Roles reversed as above - 1928. |
| 29 | George 'bagging off' in the homestead paddock - 1928. |
| 30 | Model 'T' truck, Jim P and G.O - 1928. |
| 31 | Model 'T', Phyll, George, Jim, and Ian. Lunchtime in the field - 1928. |
| 32 | Meg, Joan and Ian harvest 1928. |
| 33 | Ian, Joan, Phyll and Tommy Thompson (the third man on the job in the paddock at harvest - filling and sewing bags). - 1928. |
| 34 | Reverse of above. |
| 35 | Joan, Phyll, Tom and George. |
| 36-37 | Harvest 1928. |
| 38 | Jim Paterson taking a break as family visits farm - 1928. |
| 39 | Louis Joubert - burning stubble? late 20's. |
| 40-41 | Louis and parents Elsie and George Joubert - 1930 ? |
| 42 | Phyllis visited by her parents 'the Fletchers' -1928 |
| 43 | Cecil Telford Fletcher, a keen gardener helped by young Ian - 1928. |
| 44 | Middleton Beach jetty, Albany - 1928. Leah (Joubert) and Cecil Fletcher with daughter Phyllis Duncan and grandchildren Ian and Joan. |
| 45 | Leah Gabrielle with daughter Phyllis and grand-daughter Joan, with well dressed onlookers enjoying Ellen Cove, Middleton Beach, Albany - 1928. |
| 46-47 | Ian Duncan and Des Gaze at Boroondara - 1928? |
| 48 | Joan with pram. 1930? Shortly before tennis court built between track and house in early 1930's. |
| 49 | Sunday morning preparation for tennis - early 1930's. Jim Paterson and Louis Joubert pulling roller over clay/gravel court with Ian in foreground and father George scraping concrete roller. |
| 50 | George, Ian, Phyllis, Joan, Jim P, Dulcie and 'Uncle Lou' Joubert - 1928. |
| 51 | Louis J, George D, George and Elsie J, Phyllis with Joan and Peg (Margaret)- born 17/9/1928. Must be 1932. |

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| 52 | 6 on left unnamed, then Leah, Cecil, George, (unknown man), Dulcie and Jim P. Kneeling is Phyll, Joan, Ian and Uncle Lou J. - 1928. |
| 53 | 'Aunty Meg' (Margaret) Duncan and brother George, George and Elsie and Louis Joubert, with Joan and Peg (also Margaret) in front. - 1930? |
| 54 | Picnic down the creek, perhaps by the first hand-built dam, now known as 'Broken Dam' paddock. G.O., Leah, Ian unsure of those seated, Unknown man and Cecil in background. 1929-30? |
| 55 | "Seeing the boat off" written on back of original picture. Unknown couple - maybe Phyllis' youngest sister? Joan, Phyll, Peg, Ian, George, Leah and Cecil - SS AWHINA - Fremantle Register. 1930? I would think at Albany port, returning to Fremantle or Carnarvon |
| 56-57 | Views west toward homestead from top of Front Paddock - late 1920's. |
| 58 | Unknown men hay carting |
| 59 | First cousins. Ian, Joan, Des Gaze, Peg and Gerald Gaze at Boroondara - 1930. |
| 60 | G.O. Duncan and Son. (still trading as...) Portrait taken in Katanning by Gweneth Harcourt (?) - - 1935? |
| 61 | Ian, Joan, Peg and Phyllis Duncan with uncle George Joubert. Elsie Joubert in rear seat. Hidden behind is Louis Joubert standing and another man seated on bumper. Horse team resting in background, ploughing, winter 1931 GN.32 is a 1929 'Graham Paige' soft-top motorcar. (conventional door handles.) Number plates still in use on farm today (2010) by Grandson Ian Frederick Duncan. |
| 62 | Ian, Peg, Joan, Phyllis and George Duncan around 1936? Front of homestead with fenced tennis court in background. Car is a 1929-30 Graham Paige hardtop, door handles together. Perhaps a hardtop better suited local conditions? |
| 63 | Ian Oliphant Duncan at home. Late 1930's |
| 64 | George and Phyllis with the 1939 Ford 'Fordor' deluxe sedan |
| 65 | Phyll (and cat) feeding the chickens |
| 66 | Cows below sheds in Front paddock |
| 67-68 | Ian on horse 'Teddy' , late 1930's "A bugger of a horse that used to 'pig-root' and many times I was thrown over his head" (I O D 2010) |
| 69 | Joan, Ian and Peg at home in winter, late 1930's. No leaves on Cape Lilac trees. |
| 70 | Ian on step. Joan taking photo of Peg with small box brownie ?? while Aunt Meg takes photo of all with her larger camera. - late 1930's |
| 71 | Joan (pigtails) and friends maybe at Jaekel's Pool, Warperup Creek, Ongerup, late 1930's? |
| 72 | Peg Duncan, Helen House (Kebaringup farm) Joan Duncan and Madeline Gaze (cousin) at 'Boroondara' around late 1930's? |
| 73 | ASHS prefects 1941 with Headmaster Hugh 'Whizzie' Laing. According to students he was a short Scotsman who 'belted around the place' and 'had to think in Gaelic and translate before speaking in English' ! Ian Duncan back row 3rd from right. Others are Norma Smith (3rd from left) next to tall chap Bill Reedie (nephew of earlier Headmaster) and Ron Gorman (far right). Daphne Fitzpatrick is one of the darker faced girls between Ian and Ron. ?? |
| 74 | Ian, Peg and Joan Duncan with mother Phyllis on Priory steps, Albany SHS, 1941 |

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| 75-78 | Photos of Ian, Joan and Peg taken by 'Aunty Meg' Duncan in Priory grounds, 1941. Meg was matron of the Priory - girls boarding house ASHS |
| 79-80 | Views of, and from, front verandah 'Boroondara' homestead , 1940's |
| 81 | The enclosed front verandah, where afternoon tea was always served after 3 pm. Pine table (after many years use by Grand daughters in Perth) is back in same room, now a sunroom/office |
| 82 | Leading Air Craftsman (L.A.C.) Ian Oliphant Duncan. 1943 - 18 yrs old. White stripe on cap denotes Trainee Pilot. Elementary Flight Training School at Cunderdin W.A. taught to fly Tiger Moths. Flight Training School in Geraldton W.A. converted trainees to twin engine Avro Anson's. Operational Training Unit in East Sale, Vic. converted to fly twin engine Bristol Beauforts |
| 83-84 | RAAF Flight Sergeant I.O. Duncan - Service # 441352. 20 yrs old - 1945. Served in Bougainville, Solomon Islands #10 L.A.S.U. (Local Air Supply Unit) dropping supplies into tiny jungle clearings for allied commandos at the war's end from old Beaufort bombers. Discharged as Warrant Officer 4/1/1946 |
| 85-86 | I.O. Duncan returned to farm in 1946. Motorbike is 1940-43 Indian Scout |
| 87 | Tambellup Football Association Team - Late 1940's Ian Duncan middle row far right. His cousin Gerald Gaze front row far right |
| 88 | Ian's harvest equipment early 1950's. Sunshine 'A L' harvester, Fordson Major (his first rubber tyred tractor), and Austin A40 ute. Note the seat and controls on harvester to operate both machines. Now a one man job. Steering wheel and rope and pulleys to start, stop and steer located on harvester so as operator can still operate comb height and choke-break described in pic. #27 |
| 89-90 | Photo taken to record the first '100 bags in a day'. Ian recalls this in 'Top' paddock. Rosemary Russell (Chapman) Duncan leaning on bags in foreground. Around 1950 |
| 91 | Rosemary Duncan (Chapman) bathing Angela (?) in kitchen of new house on 'Boroondara' - late 1951 |
| 92-93 | Clearing the 'West End' block near intersection of Broomehill - Jerramungup road and Lake Grace turnoff, 5 km west of Peerup Rd and 'Boroondara'. May not be Ian, driving. Much of this work done by local 'Road's Board' 1954-55 |
| 94 | View looking north on Peerup Rd toward Boroondara front gate. The floods of Feb. 1955 delivered seven inches (175 mm). |
| 95 | As above. Views inside front gate, Boroondara paddock |
| 96 | Ian and Rosemary Duncan's first 3 daughters, Sandra, Elaine and Angela - 1959? |
| 97 | Angela with lamb in front of 'Blackie' the dog, Elaine, Sandy and Carolyn Duncan. Taken at their Chapman Grandparents property 'Berrickee' Williams WA - 1960? |
| 98 | Rosemary Angela, Sandra Gaye (later changed to Gabriel), Elaine Janette and (seated) Carolyn Jane Duncan with their Aunty Lorraine Chapman at 'Berrickee', Williams - 1960 |
| 99 | Angela and Elaine Duncan riding to meet school bus at front gate 'Boroondara' 1961-62 |
| 100 | Elaine, Ian, Sandy and Carolyn Duncan - picnic lunch by a creek. 1961-62 |
| 101 | Ian Frederick and Ian Oliphant Duncan. 1963 |
| 102 | Young Ian Fred copying his Dad. Chamberlain 'Champion' in background. 1964-65 |

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| 103 | Fred Duncan on Grandfathers MF-35 (3 cylinder diesel) at 'Berrickee' Williams. 1965. Another one of these still in use on 'Boroondara' today |
| 104 | Fred on the 1953 Ferguson 4 cylinder petrol. 1964-65. 'Fergie' still in use today |
| 105 | Fred in front of 'Boroondara's' first 100 bale wool clip. 1965. Probably the last shearing in the original 'old' sheds |
| 106 | Fred seated on the tennis court roller in front of new TK Bedford. 1966. |
| 107 | Sandy and beloved Corgi 'Sophie' and brother Fred. 1966 |
| 108 | Carolyn Jane and her pet cats. 1968? |
| 109 | Fred on big sister's bike. 1966 |
| 110 | Ian Duncan at front gateway to 'Boroondara' 1986 |
| 111-112 | Ian in lupin (a legume) crop, 'Front' paddock 1986. Old shearer's quarters and Peerup-Meenup creek in background |
| 113 | Ian handling dried Lupins. Sold as high protein stock feed |
| 114 | "Dunc". - Ian in the workshop. 1986 |
| 115 | Ian Oliphant Duncan birth certificate. Albany 20/6/1925 |
| 116 | Phyllis Martha Duncan returned to live in Albany in mid 1970's |
| 117 | Article from 'Gnowangerup Star' newspaper 1974 |
| 118 | Brief recount of "Aunty Meg" written by Ian Duncan 2002 |
| 119 | Unknown photo taken much earlier than Meg's negatives, but turned up in collection. ? Could it be a generation further back ? Fletcher Joubert Duncan etc..? |

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