

# North Descendants History Book

Percival Austin North  
23<sup>rd</sup> April 1897 – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1959



NELDA LENORE NORTH & KATHLEEN OLIVE NORTH  
DAUGHTERS OF PERCIVAL AUSTIN NORTH  
(GRANDSON OF GEORGIOS TRAMOUNTANAS & LYDIA VOSPER)



GEORGIOS TRAMOUNTANAS

LYDIA VOSPER



GEORGE HENRY NORTH

ELIZA ELIZABETH VALKEMA

CHILDREN :

George Henry Bernard North, Theodore North, Leo Claire North  
Harold Edmund North, Herbert Austin North, Ivy Mildred Eileen North,  
Percival Austin North, Ruby Meta North, Nora Anastasia  
North, Cyril Vincent North, Sylvester Hero North

*Percival Austin North (son of George Henry North & Eliza Elizabeth Valkema) married Olive Jellet.*

*Children:*

*Austin Dale  
Nedda Lenore  
Kathleen Olive  
Beverley Janice*

*Percival was born in Colton South Australia (1897), and died in Bordertown South Australia (1959). He made his home in Mundulla with his wife Olive, and raised their four children.*



**Eliza Elizabeth North sent this photo to her son Percy Austin with message.**



Olive North with eldest son Austin Dale.



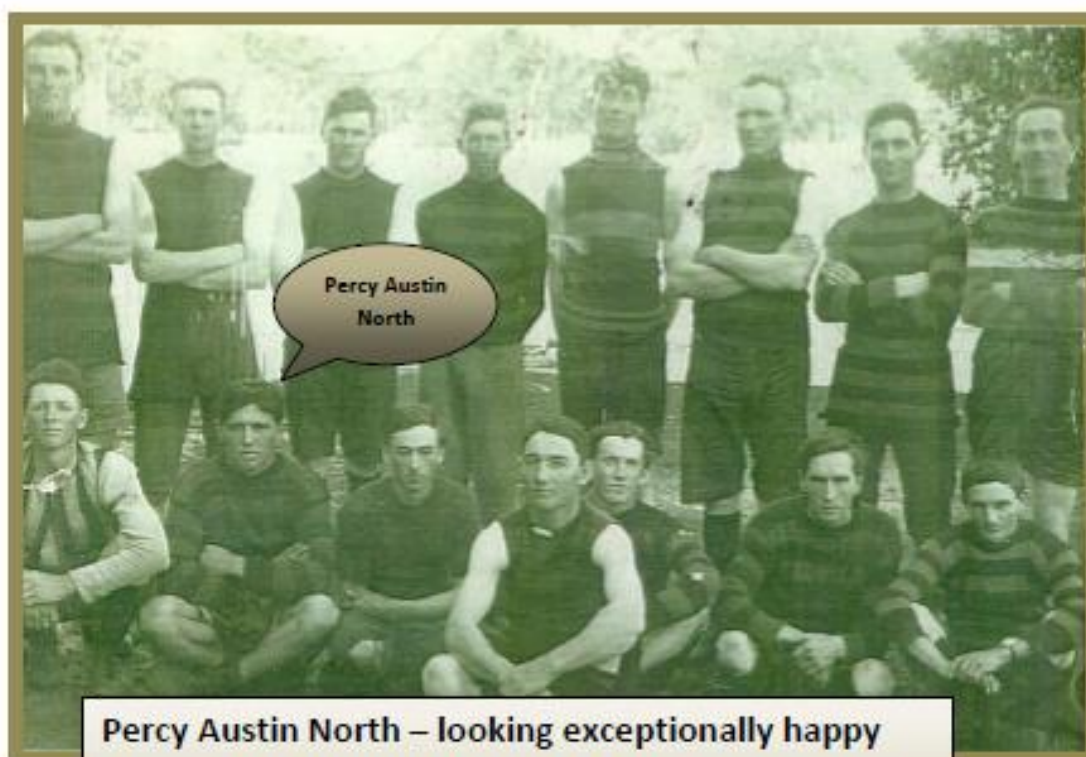
Kathleen Olive as a baby in pram at home.





Olive North with Nelda  
Lenore (2<sup>nd</sup> child) & Dale  
Austin (1<sup>st</sup> child) of  
Percival & Olive

## Photos of Percival Austin North:



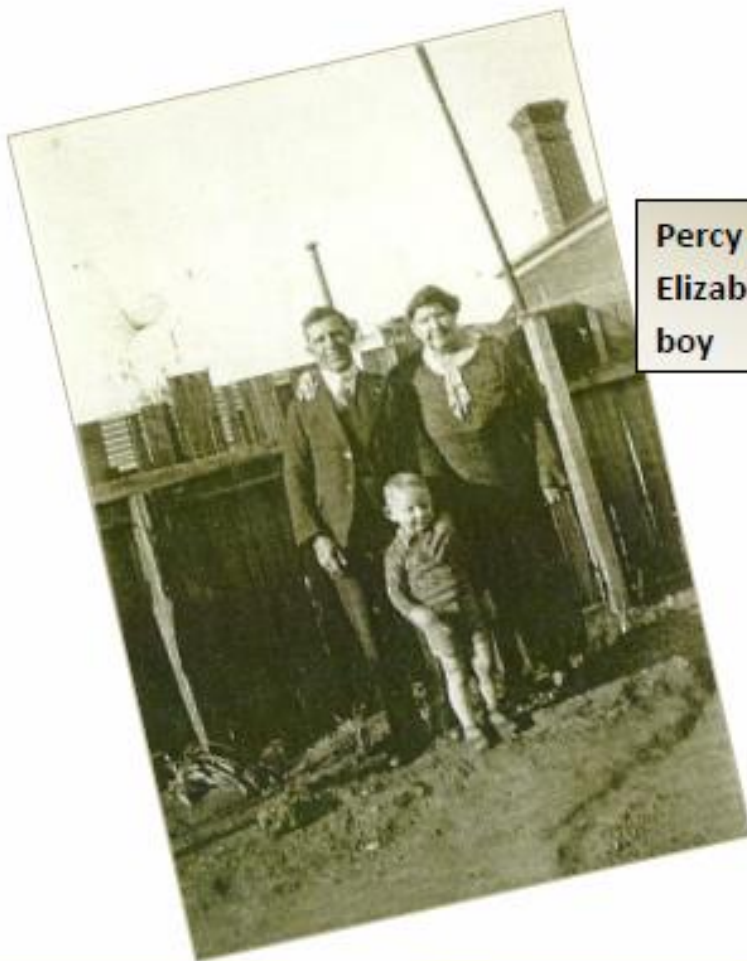
Percy Austin North – looking exceptionally happy after a football match! Thought to be on the West Coast (S.A.)



Percy Austin North (centre), mother Eliza Elizabeth (to his left), sister Ivy (to his right), sister Norah (seated)



Percy with sister Ivy's daughter Eileen at knee, behind sisters Ivy, Norah, Ruby & Ruby's daughter



Percy with mother Eliza Elizabeth & unknown little boy





**Percy Austin North with nieces, Floss and Audrey (Leo Clair North's daughters) at the Adelaide Railway Station.**



**Percy Austin North in workshop. Note – pipe in mouth!**





**Percy Austin North with grandson Gregory  
Austin son of eldest child Dale.**

## Nelda Lenore North :

Nelda Lenore, the second child of Percy and Olive North shares some of her memories of her life so far: 'I was born at Mundulla, South Australia on October 22, 1922, at home to Percy & Olive North,



Nelda  
Lenore

arriving one (1) month early (with a mid wife in attendance), and was wrapped up & put in a basket (no incubators in those days!). Mum said I might have weighed about 3 pounds but I survived and have had a fairly healthy life. I had all the usual childhood complaints. I went to school in Mundulla, loved school & loved sports, especially running and won quite a few races. I started playing hockey at 11 years, and played hockey in the winter and tennis in the summer. I went out working at about 15 years of age to Mr. & Mrs. Ryan's farm (near Mundulla) helping with the children and in the house. Lovely people! I stayed there nearly 3 years. My dad was fairly strict, I could go and learn dancing at the local hall, but on no account leave the hall and be home at a certain time.

My friend Joan and I decided we would get a job in Adelaide, so we put an ad in the paper, got loads of letters, and I went to Norton Summit General Store (in the Adelaide Hills) and she went to a suburb in Adelaide. My job was really good, consisting of telephone exchange, bank, post office and groceries, also a petrol pump out the front and I would help Mrs. Tonkin in the house when needed. Mr. & Mrs. Tonkin would go to Adelaide Tuesdays and Fridays for supplies, and I stayed there 4 to 5 years I think, and then went back to Mundulla. I got a job in the General Store there, which had a Post Office, Telephone etc. It was there that I met my husband Glen. He was in the Air Force and was able to do a course of painting and decorating with Mr. Jock Maney. After qualifying he decided he wanted to go farming, so he applied to go in the AMP Scheme, they were developing country at Willalooka, south of



Nelda Lenore North 17 years of



Nelda Lenore North weds Glen  
James Innac - Mundulla S.A.

Keith and north of Bordertown. The men worked on developing the land and we lived in Wiles Huts (very hot), at a settlement called Brecon while waiting for the land to be ready. By this time I had two children, Gavin and Jennifer, and then Brian came along. We were balloted for blocks after nearly 5 years, and the AMP financed everything. We had a house built and were given material to build two sheds, the wool shed and the machinery shed. We had to budget every year. We received £11.50 a week and had meat and milk provided. Our farm consisted of 1,000 acres and we raised fat lambs, about 3 lots per year, all proceeds went to the AMP. Our fourth child, Kathryn Ann was born whilst on our property at Willalooka. We stayed there for 8 years, then moved to Gippsland to milk cows at our relatives property (share farmed), and stayed there for another 7 years before building a home on our own property at Longwarry Victoria. Glen went

back to helping a builder and painting again and I went with him and helped paint. We also ran Friesian Heifers on our own property at Longwarry, and some of these were sold to Korea.

Our farm was sub-divided into three (3) sections, so we were able to sell off the other two (2) at a good profit. We stayed there about 7 years and then moved to Queensland. Our eldest son Gavin lived in Queensland and we lived in the same suburb (south of Brisbane) for 3-1/2 years, and then came back to Victoria, bought a home in Drouin and this is where I am still living today. My husband Glen suffered with emphysema and he passed away on September 14 2000.



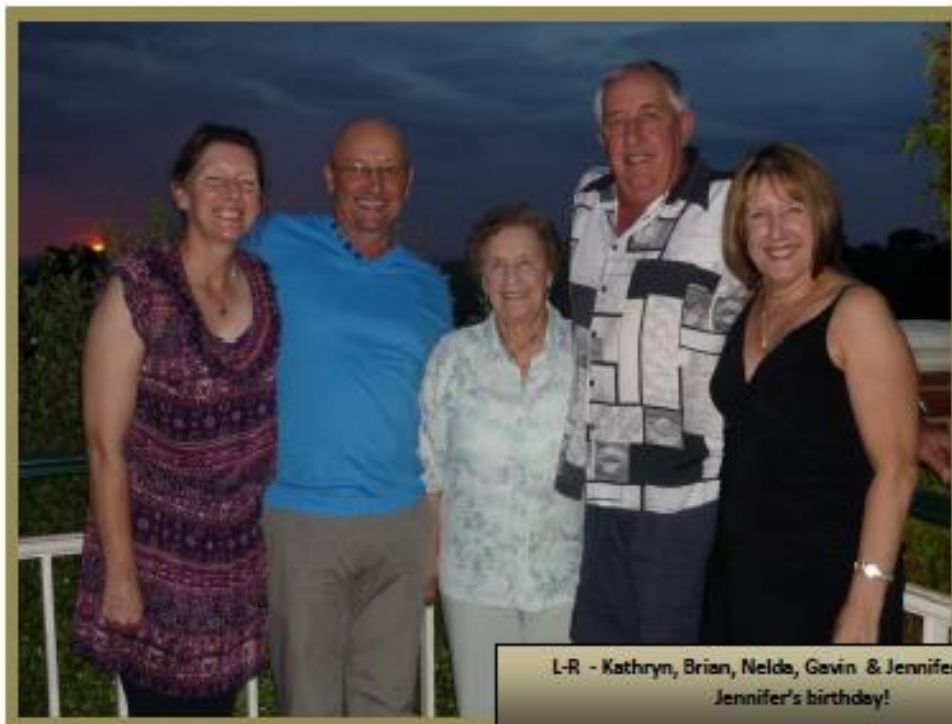
Nelda with brother Dale

I have been on my own now for 11 years and am turning 90 years of age in October; I am still enjoying my table tennis and also enjoy watching any sport on T.V. I keep very active with the Opportunity shop in Drouin and also participate in Fellowship meetings associated with the church. I also enjoy travelling with my friends, and have seen quite a lot of Australia. My four children, grandchildren and great grandchildren live relatively close by, so we keep in touch quite regularly.

I always say: *'Life is what you make it; you only have one life, so enjoy it while you can'*.



Nelda Lenore North with brother Austin Dale North on their way to school pictured with the family cat



L-R - Kathryn, Brian, Nelda, Gavin & Jennifer - taken at Jennifer's birthday!



POSTCARDS OF NELDA'S FAMILY :



Nelda with youngest daughter Kathryn Ann (15 months)

Nelda with eldest daughter Jennifer (15 years)



Nelda with beautiful baby son Brian James



Percy Austin North with granddaughter Jennifer (4 years old) at the Keith Show S.A.



Gavin David Jones eldest child of Glen & Nelda Jones



Rear – Brian & Glen,  
Front L-R – Jennifer, Nelda and Kathryn at home  
in Drouin, Victoria.

## Kathleen Olive North :



Kathleen Olive at aged 3 years

Well, I was born in the Bordertown Hospital on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 1934. I am the third child of Perc and Olive (nee Jellett) North. Apparently I was a late walker, and developed asthma and eczema at an early age and I was put into the Adelaide Children's Hospital around the age of 3 years. I remember at school always trying to keep my skirts down so that the other children couldn't see my bandaged knees.

Around the age of 5 yrs, my parents discovered that I was musical, as I started playing the old organ that was in the house. I started school at the age of 6 yrs, and I always remember my cousin Muriel showing me where to go and what to do. Our mother, unfortunately, didn't seem to show any interest in our schooling, although I do remember her turning up for inoculations and the school concerts!

By the time I was 10 yrs old, my parents decided to have me taught piano. So every Saturday morning, on the mail bus run, my sister Beverley (she was 2-1/2 years younger than me, and hated music!) and I

went into Bordertown to learn the piano. The teacher was an old maid called Annie Miels. So along with my sister and two boy cousins, I learnt to read music and scales.

My asthma caused me to miss 12 months of schooling, and when Grade 7 had finished, I was fifteen and set out to complete a course of first year high school by correspondence. The local shop keeper asked my parents if they would let me work in the shop, so at sixteen I gave up music and worked in the shop, and played hockey in the local team on Saturdays, for the next 4-1/2 years. Moved to Strathalbyn in the Adelaide Hills and was away for 3-1/2 years, came back home to work in Bordertown where I met my first husband, and produced two sons, Michael and Anthony and some years later a daughter, Hilary. We finally divorced and I remarried a Scotsman, we lived in Christie Beach on the South Coast. My second husband always wanted to take me back to Scotland, so in 1992 we went back to Scotland where I met his family. My second husband passed away in 2001, after 25 years of marriage. I still live at Christie's Beach and enjoy spending time with my children and grandchildren.



Kathleen Olive at 22 or 23 years of age, taken on the jetty at Milang, near Strathalbyn – very glamorous!



Kathleen (about 18 years old) with niece Elizabeth (daughter of Dale Austin North)



Kathleen at 16 years of age

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