Church Cottage North – Douglas and Rita Luke

Nicol Douglas Luke was born in Church Cottage on 13th March, 1919. He lived there until he married Rita Jean Hubble in Cairndow Church, 27th August, 1947.

Wooden Bungalow, Glen Fyne

We spent our early married life in the wooden bungalow, Glen Fyne. Hot and Cold water, toilet and small size bath. Wood burning stove. It was cosy. Tina McCallum was my good neighbour. Her husband Colin was a real tease and I nearly always found my push bike unstable; the basket having been filled with boulders from the river!

Dacia Cottage

Our next house Dacia Cottage. Lost our first child, stillborn in Rottenrow Hospital Glasgow. Sheena was born at Dacia in July, 1949. Outside flush toilet (electric light). Water heated by Triplex grate in the kitchen, bath in the kitchen. Main room had a fireplace. Bedroom was I believe at one time part of the stables. No garden.

Sawmill Cottage - 1951 - 1953

Our next cottage, Sawmill cottage, was detached and we were very proud of the RowanTree Arch in the rich garden. Douglas grew lovely vegetables and flowers. Kitchen, Truburn stove, sink with only cold water. Dry toilet. Two babies born here. Allan, 2nd March, 1952 and Nicol, 11th April, 1953 (Dr. Dougie McLellan and Nurse Shearer.) In the cottage above lived Ann and Bobby Callander. Their cottage was Bachiebaan. Tramped the blankets outside in the tin bath with Ann Callander.

Church Cottage North

Moved to Church Cottage when Douglas’ mother died to be with Douglas’s father Nicol. Kitchen, black Range. Other downstairs room had fireplace. Two rooms, in the attic, with sky light window. No water or sewage. Water from the burn and a dry toilet. Kitchen box bed removed to give us more space