

## Emilie Maria Fleiter (née Manitzky)

1881-1966

Emilie Maria Fleiter (née Manitzky), born 1 May 1881 in Mirchau, Pommern (now Mirachowo, Poland). The Manitzky family sailed into Brisbane in 1887. They lived with relatives in Waterford, then moved to Teutoburg (now Witta). Recollections of this time tell of eating scrub turkey, parrot, pigeon, and home grown sweet potato, pumpkin, arrowroot, and corn (ground to make porridge and corn bread). Cheese and butter were produced from a few cows. Emilie was an 1892 first day pupil at the local school. In the late 1890s.

A government photographer snapped her standing with Maleny man, Francis Dunlop, and some of the tall corn that grew on her family's farm. Emilie married Emil Fleiter in 1902. Together they raised a small family on a dairy farm in Witta before retiring to Brisbane in 1936. Emilie was a widow for 19 years before her death in 1966.

