

Florence Ivy Pearl DOWRIE, nee MOTT 29-6-1892 to 16-2-1932 & Jim DOWRIE

Biography as published in 1985 & 1995

Florence Ivy Pearl was the eighth child and second daughter of Margaret and Charles Mott, and was born at Gunjerwarildi near Warialda. Four first cousins were also born in 1892: Olive McDonald at Nurrabiel. C. W. S. McDonald at Noradjuha, Christina May McDonald at Polkemmet and Murray Raggatt at Carchap, all in Victoria. Her grandparents were Rachel and Ewen McDonald and great-grandparents were Christina and Donald McLean.

Contemporary news told of poet Alfred Lord Tennyson's death. In France, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec painted *At the Moulin Rouge*, and Australia's eastern colonies faced a growing financial crisis.

Ivy, known as Blue, attended Black Mountain Public School and New England Girls' School, Armidale, where she obtained her leaving certificate. She liked music, was a keen photographer and, for some years, kept house for her bachelor brothers at Glendon.

While visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Dell and Roger Hawken, in Brisbane, Ivy met her future husband, Jim Dowrie, one of Roger's engineering students. On April 13, 1925 Ivy married James Wilson Dowrie at St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Armidale. The Reverend Norman McKie officiated and the bride's three-year-old niece, Margaret Hawken, was flower girl.

Jim was born on August 6, 1898 in Brisbane, the son of James and Mary Dowrie, nee Holliday, of Brisbane. James senior, born in Gartcosh, Lanarkshire, Scotland, was a machinery salesman and engineer. With his brother George Dowrie who died in 1928, he had started G. & J. Dowrie - Engineering Shop in 1893 in Brisbane. James died in 1948 and was cremated at the Mt Thompson Crematorium. Mary Holliday was from Beenleigh, Queensland, and had been a school-teacher. She died in 1947.

Young Jim attended Normal Primary School, Brisbane Central Technical College and the University of Queensland where he obtained his bachelor of engineering degree. During the last year of World War One he was in the Australian Flying Corps and stationed at Point Cook, Victoria. Before his marriage and before joining the family business, Jim lived for some time in England. Ivy and Jim had a son and daughter, and the family lived at Yeronga and then at 339 Annerley Road, Annerley, Brisbane. On July 30, 1957, Jim died of a coronary occlusion. He was cremated at Mt Thompson Crematorium.

For the last years of her life Ivy lived with her daughter Dell and family in Melbourne. Ivy died on February 16, 1982, just before her ninetieth birthday, and was buried at Springvale Cemetery, Melbourne.

Children of Ivy and James

Florence <i>Adelaide</i> Dowrie	Born .30-4-1928
James Mott Dowrie	Born .4-4-1931

- SOURCE : This biography was from page 131 of "History of Ewen & Rachel McDonald & Descendants" by Jill McDonald which was originally published in 1985. It was republished as part of "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" in 1995.
- COLONIALISTS : Christina and Donald McLean and their ten children migrated from Argyllshire to South Australia in 1837. This was in the earliest years of the colony. The McLeans initially settled near Adelaide where they grew the first wheat crop in SA. Then in about 1840 they pioneered the Strathalbyn area. There are now well over 20,000 descendants spread across Australia and elsewhere.
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