

Ina Jean DONALDSON

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Biography as published in 1985 & 1995

Ina Jean is the eldest child and first daughter of Jenny and John Donaldson and was born at *Pine Hills* near Warialda. Her first cousin, Ian Douglas McDonald, son of Alexander John McDonald, was born in Victoria in May that year. Her grandparents were Rachel and Ewen McDonald and great-grandparents were Christina and Donald McLean.

World events included the end of the Spanish-American War when the USA acquired the Philippines; H. G. Wells wrote, *The War of the Worlds*, and Imperial penny postage was introduced.

Ina was taught at home by a governess until the death of her father, when she attended school in Armidale and was sent from there as a boarder to Sydney Church of England Girls Grammar School, SCEGGS. Later she attended Presbyterian Ladies College, Sydney, where she gained her intermediate certificate. After leaving school she lived at home, helping her mother and later caring for her in her old age. Ina now lives at Harris Park, Sydney.

- SOURCE : This biography was from page 221 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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