

Ian Angus DONALDSON 17-3-1903 to 19-5-1949 & Victoria May DONALDSON, nee HUDDY

Biography as published in 1985 & 1995

Ian Angus was the third child and first son of Rachel Jane and John Donaldson, and was born at *Pine Hills, Warialda*. His cousin Ewen, only child of Angus and Flora McDonald of Longreach, Queensland, was born a few months later. His grandparents were Rachel and Ewen McDonald and great-grandparents were Christina and Donald McLean.

In the United States, Wilbur and Orville Wright made a successful flight in an aeroplane with a petrol engine. In the United Kingdom the author Evelyn Waugh was born, and London had its first motor taxis for hire. In Western Australia the Goldfields Water Scheme was completed, taking water from Mundaring Weir at Perth to Kalgoorlie.

Ian was educated at home by governess until his family moved to Armidale following the death of his father. There he went to Armidale Public School. When his mother moved to Sydney he attended Wychebury Preparatory School and Scots College, where he played in the school's rugby team for two years. After leaving school Ian became a jackaroo on Percy Mott's property, *Gladesvale, Dalby, Queensland*. Following Percy's advice Ian bought a property, *Kunkulla*, sixty miles from Burketown near the Gulf of Carpentaria, in Queensland. Ian's brother Norman spent five years working with him on Kunkulla. At first they ran sheep but the dingoes killed so many they were forced to turn to cattle raising.

In the second half of the 1920s, Ian married Victoria May Huddy. They had two sons. After World War Two he sold *Kunkulla* and became a publican at Charters Towers, Queensland. Ian died, aged 46 years, on May 19, 1949, at Aramac, Queensland, and is buried there. Victoria lives in Brisbane near her two sons and their families.

Children of Ian and Victoria :-

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| 1. | <i>Angus</i> John Donaldson | Born 14-9-1929 |
| 2. | <i>Ewen</i> Vivian Donaldson | Born 24-9-1932 |

- SOURCE : This biography was from page 233 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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