

# Elisa Ann HALDANE, nee McLEAN & Robert HALDANE

Biography as published in 1995

**ELIZA ANN McLEAN** - 4th child of Allan and Catherine (nee Dawson) McLean was born on 25/3/1851 at "Meadow Bank", Strathalbyn.

Parents : Catherine (nee Dawson) & Allan McLean

Grandparents : Jane (nee Hamilton) & James Dawson and Christina (nee McPhee) and Donald McLean.

**MARRIAGE:** on 20/8/1873 at "Meadow Bank", to Robert Haldane (b. 1838) son of John and Janet (nee McCredie) Haldane from Ayr, Scotland. He arrived by the "Bolton", aged 10 years in 1848 and was a much younger brother of the Thomas Haldane who married Eliza Ann's aunt Eliza Dawson in 1852. Robert was aged 35 and Eliza Ann 22.

At the time of the marriage Robert was of "Union Grove", Gawler, but they farmed "Kilkerran", Mt Templeton, S.A. 12 miles from Balaklava and north of Adelaide until into the 1880s. He was a JP. They moved to Dover St. Maylands, close to the city where their youngest child to survive (another Eliza) was born in 1883. They were next at Vaughans Mansions in Hackney (Still standing as Romilly House, North Terrace) and Robert died at this address in 1888 as did Eliza's mother Catherine McLean, in 1892. Robert was aged 50 years.

To provide for her still young family Eliza Ann boarded medical students from nearby Royal Adelaide Hospital Once again they moved house, to Fountain Villa in Pirie Street, Adelaide which in later years was demolished to make way for the Blood Bank. Their last address was 4 Botanic Terrace.

## DEATHS:

Robert on 22/11/1888 and Eliza Ann aged 60 on 28/11/1911.

They were buried at West Terrace Cemetery.

Eliza and Robert had 6 children :-

1. A still-born son on 9/6/1874 at "Meadow Bank". Strathalbyn
2. Janet McCredie HALDANE – born 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 1876 in Mt Templeton – married Frederick Harriot HENNING. [See biographies 5013.](#)
3. Percy James Haldane born 4/2/1878 at "Meadow Bank", Strathalbyn. He was registered at Mt Barker and was the last of the grandchildren born at the Allan McLean house at Stralhalbyn as he removed to Collinsfield near Redhill later that year. Percy was educated at Pulteney Grammar School, Adelaide, after the family moved to the city from Mt Templeton. He was a wizard at figures and made a ready reckoner which was much sought after by the racing fraternity for whom he worked as a penciller at race courses. Percy married Ida Pearl Phillips (b. 7/7/1892). They had 1 child – Roma (Jean). Percy died aged 42 years in 1920. Ida died aged 61 years on 10/2/1954.
4. Allan Robert Haldane born 4/5/1880, Mt Templeton, S.A. Married Alice Stacey at Broken Hill. They had 1 child – Gladys. Occupation: Hairdresser and barber (relatives say - but only to the BEST people). Residence: Broken Hill - Directories - Mile End in the 1920s, then Edwardstown, S.A. where he died, aged 74 years in 1954.
5. Catherine Dawson McLean Haldane born 23/6/1882. She died aged 6 days on 29/6/1882.
6. Eliza Haldane born 29/10/1883 at Maylands near Adelaide. Married George (Robert) Poole. [See biographies 5014.](#)

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 65 to 77.
- 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.
- CHANGES : Please contact us with additions, corrections or suggestions about any part of this family tree.
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