

# Janet McCredie HENNING, nee HALDANE & Frederick Harriot HENNING

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**Janet McCredie HALDANE** was born 16/2/1876 at Mt Templeton, S.A.

Parents : Eliza (nee McLean) & Robert Haldane

Grandparents : Catherine (nee Dawson) & Allan Mclean

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

She was educated at a private boarding school at North Adelaide, her home at Mt Templeton in the north of the state being still in an area in the process of development, education locally may not have been available. However the 1883 Directory shows her parents at the suburb of Maylands. Janet was then aged 7 so it is doubtful if she was a boarder. She was 12 when her father died and according to her obituary was at Kalgoorle, W.A. in 1895 when aged 19.

**MARRIAGE:** at St. Alban's Church of England, Perth. The assistant priest of St. George's Cathedral officiated. She married Frederick Harriot Henning (b. at Morphettville, S.A. on 4/8/1861).

**HISTORY:** Their first son was born at Fremantle WA. in 1897 and their second in 1898 at Coolgardie, WA. A studio photograph of Janet and her husband and sons is dated 1/1/1899 at Brisbane and on March 13th application for land selection had been made by Frederick at Winton and was taken up. on a seven year lease but a transfer was made to a Stephen Fairbairn on 19/11/1904. After this postal directories show Mrs Henning at Motley, west of Toowoomba while Mr F. Henning was at Kynuna. From 1905 < 1907 his address was Motley and Springside. The two boys were baptised at Hughenden on 15/11/1899 (Presbyterian) and the next three children were born there. They were unfortunate in striking droughts in Queensland and gave up the attempt to settle there and returned to Western Australia.

They were on a farm at Koombarkine in the Dowerin District when the sixth of their children was born in March 1906 and that same year Mr Henning of Koombarkine lent his big new buggy to the research team he conducted to look into the suitability of agriculture in the Cowcowing area. Mr F. Frazer, the secretary of the Progress Association drove the buggy over the thin stumpy "snake" tracks. They remained at Koombarkine.

**DEATHS:** Janet Henning died aged 54 years at Dowerin - on 19/6/1930.

Her **OBITUARY** in the local paper: "Early on Thursday morning there passed away at Dowerin Hospital, Mrs Janet McCredie Henning. Born at Mt Templeton near Balaklava\_ S.A. in 1876, the late Mrs Henning, then Miss Haldane, left her home in 1895, Kalgoorlie. to be married to Mr F. H. Henning, now of Koombarkine. Mrs. Henning has long been a resident of our district where she has won the respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends. She is survived by Mr Henning and a practically grown up family of seven sons and three daughters. To the family and her friends the deepest sympathy is extended. The funeral which took place yesterday was very largely attended."

**DEATH:** of Frederick H Henning in his 80th year, at Dowerin, on 5/7/1941,

His **WILL:** dated 20/8/1930. '

He appointed the Perpetual Trustee Company of W.A. as his executor and named his 10 children to share equally in his estate. He had Commonwealth Bonds, shares in Nestlé's Milk Co. and "shares etc" not named. Farm horses, sheep and their progeny, cart and harness, Beale Player Piano. scrub roller, saddle and bridle. Son Charles was to receive the family heirlooms including portraits of his people. He had a one third interest in his mother's estate from which a sister in Tasmania drew the interest reverted to him at her death. Another brother and sister whom he named would get the other two thirds. Some of his sons were indebted to him for varying amounts ranging from 100 pounds (\$200) down to 23 pounds (\$46) and these sums were to be deducted from their shares.

The Henning children and descendants were researched by Robert Haldane Henning of Wembley Downs, W.A

Janet & Frederick had 10 children :-

1. Frederick Rudolph Emil Dawson Henning born 8/2/1897 at Fremantle. Farmer of Dowerin, W A. Married: at Perth. Maysie Bird (b. 26/2/1899) - 7 children. Deaths; He died on 31/12/1960 aged 63. Maysie died at Perth on 30/7/1957 aged 58.
2. Charles Andrew Henning born 17/1/1898 at Coolgardie, W.A. Farmer of Koorda, W.A. He died aged 86 years on 8/12/1984. From a "History of Koorda": The Koorda farm property was purchased as virgin land in 1923. Mr Henning had first come to the area in 1911 while helping his father to deliver mail to Badgerin Rock. He was a foundation member of the Boorlaming Tennis Club. Other Activities: Booralaming Football Club President of the Koorda Football Association and Tennis Club, President of the Agricultural Society Member of the Koorda Road Board, foundation member of the Koorda Red Cross Society. Marriage: to Phoebe Rachael Best (b. 30/1/1900). They had 3 children – June, Malcolm and ????
3. Emil Harriot (Tom) Henning -born 4/11/1900 at Hughenden, Queensland. Died at Hammersley Hospital on 15/10/1974 in his 74th year. Married: at Northam. W.A.. Mabel Caroline Smith (b. 20/7/1903). They had one child - Colin Smith (apparently a step-son).
4. Katherine Janet Henning - Born 10/6/1902 at Hughenden. Queensland. Died at Subiaco on 24/5/1942 aged 41. Married: Claude deKey Whitsed b. 16/5/1902, farmer. They had 3 children – Lorna, George & Marlene. Death: Claude died aged 69 years on 2/6/1970.
5. Malcolm McCredie Henning - born 5/4/1904 at Hughenden, Queensland. Occupation: Farmer of Northam, WA. Died: 31/3/1964 in his 64th year. Married: Coral Thirza Dunn Her residence: Dowerin, W.A. They had 4 children – Janet, Keith, Norman & Bernice.
6. Guy Harriot (Ken) Henning - Bom 11/3/1906 at Koomberkine, W.A. (the new farm after the family arrived back in W.A. from Queensland). He became Deputy Director of Social Security. Perth. Married: Belinda Rose Whitsed (b. 19/4/1935) - sister of Claude Whilsed who married Ken's sister Katherine Henning. They had 2 children – Kenneth and Janet.
7. Alan Hamilton Henning born 25/2/1908 at Koomberkine, W.A.. Married: Lynda Doreen Hitchcock (b. at Jarrahdale in 1915). They had 4 children – Allan, Colin, Darryl & Rhonda. Deaths: He died aged 70 years on 18/1/1979. She died at Rockingham, W.A. on 21/6/1991.
8. Adelaide Tournau Henning born 28/2/1910 the 8th child of Janet (Haldane) and F. H. Henning, at Koomberkine, W.A. Married: Arthur Ernest Greengrass (D. 9/12/1906 - died 13/2/1957). His occupation: Gold prospector. Residence; not slated. They had 2 children – Janice & Noreen (twins?)
9. Freda Elizabeth Young Henning born 23/12/1911 at Koomberkine, W.A. Married: John Bernard Rohrlach (b. 10/10/1908) who died 17/4/1986. Residence: Kalgoorlie, W.A. They had 3 children – Ronald, Gerald & Elizabeth.
10. Robert Noel Eric Henning born 19/12/1914 - the 10th child of Janet (Haldane) and F. H Henning. Born at Koomberkine, W.A. Farmer. He died aged 42 years on 10/6/1957. Married twice. 1st marriage to Anna Madeline Nyal (b. 23/9/1915). She died 28/5/1968. Robert & Anna had 3 children – Peter, Aubury & Jennifer. 2nd marriage to Isobel Jean Stokes (b. 20/11/1927). Robert & Isobel had 2 children – Erica & Rosalind.

• SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 65 to 72.  
• 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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