

Mary Christina HEAD & DOYLE, nee McLEAN & Edwin H HEAD & William DOYLE

Biography as published in 1995

Mary Christina McLean, b. 18/5/1879, at Kingston, S.A.

Parents : Maryanne McLean (nee McIntyre) & Hughie McLean

Grandparents : Christina McLean (nee Black) & Hugh (the elder) McLean

G-Grandparents : Christina McLean (nee McPhee) & Donald McLean

Married: Edwin H. Head, (b. 1883).

Residence: Kingston, S.A.

Recollections of daughter Eileen (page 210) :

"My mother (daughter of Hugh and Maryanne) married Edwin Head who died aged 36 in 1919. She had a very sad life, losing her husband, a daughter Jean, three sisters, three brothers and her mother and father before she was 40.

My father had the first motor car in the South East - a Sunbeam Talbot. He had a contract to build a bridge and when it was finished he drove to inspect the job, and as he pulled up the car burst into flames. After my fathers death my mother carried on the business for a year, but found it hard telling men what to do, so she sold it.

My grandmother (Maryanne McLean) lived with us until her death. I remember it so well - the coffin was in our dining room and the relatives all sitting round the coffin."

Death: of E. H. Head of the Spanish Influenza Epidemic in 1919, aged 36 years at Melbourne. He was buried in Melbourne.

Remarried: William Doyle, residence not traced.

Death: of Mary Christina Doyle, aged 56 years, in 1935. She was taken ill of a sudden stroke in Rundle Street, Adelaide, helped into Kodak Photography Store, and died there shortly afterwards. She was buried in West Terrace Cemetery.

CHILDREN:

1. Eileen Lucy Head, b. 10/12/1906. Marriage: to Norman Alfred Lee. [See biographies 5040.5](#)
2. Thelma Ruby Head b. 13/9/1908 at Kingston S.A. Married: M. K. (Kenneth) Thyer of Angaston. [See biographies 5041.5](#)
3. Jean Mary Head - Born 1917 at Kingston. Death: She died aged 13 years in 1930 and interred at Kingston S.A.

• SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 210 to 213.
 • 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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