

John (Jack) Sherwood McLEAN & Jean McLEAN, nee KELLY

Biography as published in 1995

John Sherwood McLean ("Jack"), born 21/10/1921 at Stratlialbyn, S.A.

Parents : Olivia Mary McLean (nee Parker) & Edwin James McLean

Grandparents : Mary McLean (nee Stacey) & John McLean

G-Grandparents : Christine McLean (nee McPhee & Donald McLean

Married: Miss **Jean Kelly**, of Milang, S.A. at Strathalbyn, S.A. (born at Hamley Bndge on 24/10/1921).

Residence: 23 Luard St., Milang.

Jean has always been involved in farm and community activities. She is patron of the Milang Tennis Club and responsible for court hire.

Jack inherited a portion of the "Maplemore" property from his father, E.J. McLean. and then gradually expanded his agricultural holdings over the years.

The properties are now divided between his two sons, Darryl and Trevor McLean, who have helped with buying and working of more recent purchases. The emphasis has been on minimum tillage, grain legumes, cereals and irrigated lucerne, watered from bores and also Lake Alexandrina. Merino wool and fat lamb production completes the farming enterprise.

Jack quotes as a guide and for the information of future generations, that he has farmed the 1937 - 1995 era in a continuous period of prosperity with few adverse seasons.

This period of farming was never experienced by our fore-fathers, and the present capital value of property is due to inflation.

As an example in this famed 60 year period, farm labour has gone from \$4 to \$6 a week, to \$400 to \$600 per week, with the resulting mechanisation and improvement in implements replacing labour.

Jack McLean has been an indefatigable worker for the Milang district all his life and in 1989 was awarded a Certificate of Merit by the District Council of Strathalbyn for his long standing and constructive service to the Milang district.

He has been a member of the Milang Institute Committee for a number of years and worked many hours on the upgrading of the building for the Centenary in 1984.

He is the Patron of the Milang Bowling Club and has been a member for many years. He helped in establishing the second green in 1987 and numerous other works including extensions to the clubhouse.

He has been a member of the Milang Tennis Club since 1955 and worked in building the new clubhouse and providing other valuable assistance.

He was elected Hon. Secretary of the Bremer and Angas Irrigators Association in 1971 and continued in that position until 1983. Largely through his efforts, irrigators in the area were made aware of the need to conserve the underground water basin.

He has been a member of the National Trust, Strathalbyn Branch for a number of years and was Chairman in 1974 at the time of the opening of the Strathalbyn Museum.

He was a member of the District Council of Strathalbyn between 1964 and 1976.

He is past President of the Strathalbyn Fishing and Game Club, Finnis Water Scheme, Milang Historical Society and the Milang Agricultural Bureau (having recently received his 50 year award), also the Milang Progress Association.

Three children :

- Darryl McLean – born 3/5/1948 in Strathalbyn. [See biographies 5078](#)
- Trevor McLean – born 20/9/1953 in Strathalbyn. [See biographies 5079](#)
- Pamela Wheare, nee McLean – born 16/2/1955 in Strathalbyn. [See biographies 5080](#)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 327 to 329.• 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.• CONTACT : Visit our website www.christinaanddonaldmclean.com or Strathalbyn Museum phone 08 8536 2656 to discover more about your family – and about privacy and copyright. |
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