

Lachlan Gordon McLEAN & Olive Gore McLEAN (nee THORNE)

Biography as published in 1995

Lachlan Gordon McLean born 8/5/1889 at Minyip, Vic.

Parents : Sarah Ann McLean (nee Milgate) & George Henry McLean

Grandparents : Ann Soward McLean (nee Janeway) & Archibald McLean

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

Married: Olive Gore Thorne (b. 14/2/1890, Warracknabeal, Vic.)

History: Lachlan attended Dunmunkle State School. He then worked on the family farm with his father and brothers. Early in 1916 he joined the Army and served in the 4th Machine Gun Squadron in Egypt and Palestine. Both his parents died while he was in the army. After discharge he returned to farming at Boolite and in 1920 married Olive Thorne. Rev. John Tyson conducted the service at the home of Olive's Uncle Fred Burton at Minyip. In 1925 they moved to Culgoa in the Mallee to a farm there. In 1950 he retired to Swan Hill.

Deaths:

Lachlan on 30/10/1969 at Swan Hill, Vic. aged 80.

Olive died at Swan Hill on 29/4/1980 aged 90 years.

Both are buried in the Swan Hill Cemetery.

CHILDREN:

1. Isabel Jean McLean b. 31/7/1922, Warracknabeal, Vic. Married: at Bendigo, Vic. Allen Francis Harris (b. 6/11/1921, Launceston. Tasmania). Residence: Geelong, Vic. Death: of Allen Harris at Highton, Vic. on 26/12/1980 aged 59 years. Children - Lynette (b. 26/11/1946, twin), Faye (b. 26/11/1946, twin) & Susan (b. 17/11/1950) – all born in Kerang, Vic.
2. Dorothy Mabel McLean b. 2/10/1925, Warracknabeal, Vic Married: at Swan Hill, Vic. Archibald Robinson Conn. Residence" Horsham, Vic. Children - Jennifer (b 3/2/1955, Swan Hill, Vic), Elizabeth (b. 3/2/1957, Kyneton, Vic) & Graeme (b. 13/8/1962, Horsham. Vic).
3. Peggy McLean b. 19/1/1928, Charlton, Vic Married: Kenneth Thiel (b. 8/3/1926, Kerang, Vic.). Residence: Kerang, Vic. Children - Robyn (b. 19/5/1959), Carolyn (b. 10/11/1961), Geoffrey (b. 20/1/1964) & Malcolm (b. 18/5/1965) – all born in Kerang, Vic.

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 424 & 425.
- 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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