

Archibald Sinclair McLEAN

Biography as published in 1995

ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR MCLEAN born 18/12/1856 at Strathalbyn - the 6th child.

Parents : Anna Soward McLean (nee Janeway) & Archibald McLean

Grandparents : Christina McLean (nee McPhee) & Donald McLean

HISTORY: He moved to Naracoorte with his father and brothers from "Melrose". Angas Plains about 1874, enduring the long and difficult journey by wagon and via the Coorong as described in his father's history. He remained with brother Charles Soward to aid their father in setting up his new farm at The Gap, 16 miles from Naracoorte until 1877 then joined George Henry at Dunmunkle. Victoria where George had gone sometime in 1874, and worked with him in partnership only briefly. Archibald's licence for section 30 at Dunmunkle was of 320 acres and was granted on 26/10/1877, having applied on the 1st of that month.

The official inspection of 16/3/1881 revealed a dwelling of 12 by 11 by 7 feet of bush timber and a bark roof and 70 acres under cultivation. Like his brothers he augmented his income by working on neighbouring sheep farms as well as attending to his crops. He was in partnership with Charles Soward (the last brother to arrive from S.A.) for 4 years until the latter set up on his own account and married. Archibald Sinclair did not marry.

He made his final payment on Section 30 on 18/7/1895 and was still the owner when public records ceased to be available for perusal by the public. It must be presumed that it remained his property up until the time of his death.

DEATH: on 15/2/1938 at Minyip at the age of 81 years. Interred at Minyip

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 427.
- 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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