

Doris Jean SMITH, nee ASHBY & Neville Edward Deane SMITH

Biography as published in 1995

Doris Jean Ashby born 19/7/1916. 2nd of Mary and James Ashby of Kongorong, S.A

Parents : Maria Mabel (Mary) ASHBY (nee McLEAN) & James Edward ASHBY

Grandparents : Maria Elizabeth McLean (nee Kruger) & Charles Soward McLean

G-Grandparents : Anna Soward McLean (nee Janeway) & Archibald McLean

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

Doris's nicknames were "Chook" and "Old Hen".

Like the boys Jean was an excellent sportsperson and played tennis whenever the opportunity arose.

Jean worked on the farm and milked night and morning until the day of her wedding, even though she had 8 brothers.

Married: Neville Edward Deane Smith (b. 21/8/1916).

His occupation: Farmer of Port MacDonnell, S.A

Jean continued with farming after her marriage and supported her family as her husband Nev developed Multiple Sclerosis and spent 30+ years in a wheel-chair.

Death: Neville died 10/11/1985 aged 79 years.

Her eldest son Ian now runs the farm.

Since the death of her husband she has taken up bowling.

She cooks and preserves from her wonderful garden and sews for her many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Jean also cooks for meals-on-wheels.

Children –

1. Mavis Jean Smith – b. 1/6/1937. Died aged 5 days on 6/6/1937.
2. Ian Neville Smith – b. 22/11/1938. Married: Charlotte Jemima Feast (b. 13/8/1941). His occupation: Builder of Port MacDonnell. S.A. Children - Debra (b. 27/11/1959), Wendy (b. 15/12/1960) & Johny (b. 27/2/1961).
3. Colin Dean Smith b. 29/5/1944. Occupation: Fisherman of Pon MacDonnell, SA. Married: Susan Mary Dowdell (b. 10/4/1946) Children - Amanda (b. 13/11/1969), Kathryn (b. 4/2/1971), Matthew (b. 28/8/1972) & Damien (b. 16/7/1975).
4. Dennis John Smith b. 22/5/1947. Occupation: Fisherman of Port MacDonnell. Married Carol Anne Hosking (b. 5/12/1950) Children – Tarryn (b. 12/10/1972) & Shannon (b. 16/7/1974).
5. Judith Anne Smith D. 7/10/1950. Married; Paul Alistair Johnson (b. 10/10/1950). His occupation; Labourer of Port MacDonnell. Children – Wendy, Bronwyn (b. 22/4/1971), Melanie (b. 20/5/1975) & Jeremy (b. 21/7/1977).

• SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 436 & 437.
 • 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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