

Susannah Ann CHERITON

Biography as published in 1995

SUSANNAH ANN CHERITON born 8/8/1852 at "Field View Cottage", Belvidere. (Newspaper notice in the Adelaide "Register").

Parents : Jane Cheriton (nee McLean) & John Cheriton

Grandparents : Christina McLean (nee McPhee) & Donald McLean

She took a prominent part in the social activities at Strathalbyn and her name would be recorded as at a tennis party (1886) at "Castlelowe", home of Dr Blue or at a ball at "Watervilla" on 22/11/1894 given by Dr and Mrs Shone when she wore black velvet and lace with pink satin sleeves.

There had been a presentation reported on 5/3/1885:-

"On the afternoon of Friday last a number of ladies, being members of the Presbyterian church of Strathalbyn assembled at the residence of the Hon. James Rankine M.L.C. ("Braemar" afterwards owned by Matthew Rankine), for the purpose of presenting to Miss Cheriton some token of their high esteem and appreciation of her long association and unremitting service as leader of the choir."

This recognition took the form of a handsome gold bracelet set with diamonds and was presented on behalf of the donors by Miss Mary Rankine, who, in a neat address, expressed their kind sentiments towards the accomplished recipient. Miss Cheriton, to whom the movement had come as a complete surprise, while expressing her deep sense of the kindness of her friends, disclaimed any merit for what she had done in connection with the choir for which she had neither expected nor deserved any consideration whatever. It is needless to say that this view of the matter was unanimously dissented from. The bracelet was then produced and the act of investiture was duly performed. The attendance of the ladies on the occasion, though good, would have been better had it not been for the very cold and wet weather which continued unceasingly the whole of the afternoon. Susannah died unmarried aged 53 years on 27/11/1905.

OBITUARY: "Southern Argus" of 30/11/1905 (Thursday) :-

"We are sorry to record the death of Miss S. A. Cheriton only daughter of Mr J. Cheriton JP. of the town. She died on Monday morning after an illness extending over 12 months. She suffered from an incurable complaint but the end came more suddenly than was expected. She was 53 years of age and during her lifetime she had actively associated herself with various organisation. A large number of traps followed the hearse to the local cemetery on Tuesday afternoon where the Rev. G. C. Love B.D. conducted her burial service. Much sympathy is felt for the relatives, especially her father, whom she has cared for during quite a number of years with very loving devotion."

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 522.
- 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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