

James McCord (Mac) CHERITON & Emily Ida Mary CHERITON, nee MARTIN

Biography as published in 1995

James McCord (Mac) Cheriton b. at "Field View Lodge", Belvidere 23/7/1879.

Parents : Milfred Jane Cheriton (nee McCord) & John (junior) Cheriton

Grandparents : Jane Cheriton (nee McLean) & John Cheriton

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

Married **Emily Ida Mary Martin** of Milang (b. 1881).

Mac Cheriton continued to farm the family acres at Belvidere and later in life with the aid of his son John (Shirley), until c. 1937.

He lost his wife Emily in somewhat sensational circumstances on 9/10/1929 as the "Southern Argus" reported the next day.

"Thursday 10/10/1929 - Death of Mrs J. M. Cheriton at the Strathalbyn Show. Tragedy at the Strathalbyn show: Sudden death of a most popular lady resident. A gloom was cast over the crowd gathered at the Strathalbyn Showgrounds yesterday when it became known that Mrs J. Mac. Cheriton, one of the most popular residents of the district, residing at Belvidere, had died with terrible suddenness while standing at the stand where his Excellency the Governor and Lady Hore-Ruthven were being welcomed at the Show. Mrs Cheriton who was apparently in the best of health and spirits and was chatting to friends, grew faint and almost instantly collapsed, dying at once. Dr Hurst of the Adelaide Hospital was close at hand as well as nurses Mann (2) and noticing the fall went to her assistance just as her husband caught her and laid her on the lawn. Dr Hurst tried to revive her without success and ten minutes later Dr Willing of Strathalbyn examined her and found life to be extinct. The sad event cause a profound shock to those who became aware of the tragedy but those present knew nothing of it for some time, the removal of the deceased lady from the grounds being affected within a few minutes. To her very large circle of friends the shock of her death will be a severe one, and her bereaved widower and family will have most heartfelt sympathy with them in their terrible loss.

Mrs Cheriton's aged father, Mr Martin, late of Milang who resided with her and is in feeble health is feared to be so shocked that it may be fatal to him. When the Governor Sir L. Hore-Ruthven learnt of the tragedy he was much distressed and desired that his expression of deep sympathy should be conveyed to the relatives. The matter was reported to J. W. Elliot JP. (Coroner) who. after enquiries, deemed an inquest unnecessary."

A farewell to Mr James (Mac) Cheriton was held on 14/4/1837 at the Belvidere Memorial Hall when he retired from farming, and was reported in the "Southern Argus" - Farewell to Mr James "Mac" Cheriton was arranged by friends in the locality. A speech was made by Mr Syd Wakefield who said Mr Cheriton had done wonderful work for the Memorial Hall. Mr Cheriton was Secretary for the fortnightly dances held for the previous six years. Mr Vivian spoke on behalf of the Agricultural Bureau of which Mr Cheriton had been a member and of the Improvement Society and Primary School of whom representatives spoke. He was presented with a wallet of notes as a mark of appreciation for what he had done for the residents of the district. Mr Cheriton responded suitably and a musical and elocutionary evening followed then supper and dancing."

Sadly, this was the end of farming at the "Field View Lodge", begun in 1851 by me original John Cheriton.

DEATH of Mr James (Mac) McCord Cheriton: reported in the "Southern Argus" as on 25/5/1938. There was no Obituary or place of death given, only that he was aged 59 years and had died suddenly. He was buried with his wife at Strathalbyn. He had died at Mile End. Adelaide, when living with his son and daughter-in-law.

One child :-

1. John (Shirley) Martin Cheriton b. 20/2/1914. Married Ellen Julia Sweetman. [See biographies 5202](#)

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 524 to 526.
- 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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