Ivy Elizabeth JOHNSTON

Biography as published in 1995

lvy Elizabeth Johnston born at Leonora, W.A. on 4/10/1905.

Parents: Elizabeth Ann Johnston (nee McLEAN) & Matthew Johnston

Grandparents: Margaret McLean (nee Tannahill) & Hugh (the younger) McLean

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

Occupation: Tailoress. Unmarried.

History: Ivy was the 5th child of Elizabeth & Matthew Johnston. She was an enthusiastic Girl Guide in her youth and her Merit Card dated 3/12/1919 is still held by her family. She qualified as a tailoress in 1925 and worked at Charles Canns, Perth, for many years. She shared with her sister Margaret in the purchase of a house at Inglewood as well as the holiday one at Furnissdale near Mandurah, W.A. She helped with the raising of Gordon's two motherless sons and took great pleasure in her nieces and nephews, at times making miniature suits for the boys 'for special occasions. She moved to Derby in 1958 and was there employed at the Derby Hospital 95 their seamstress until her retirement and died at that town as shown above.

Death: on 15/6/1976 aged 70 years at the Derby Hospital, W.A. interred at Derby.

- SOURCE: This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 page 563.
- 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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