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20/11/91

CIRCULAR NO 6

Dear Family Members,

I am typing this circular in our caravan at East's Lane Cove River Van Village at North Ryde near Sydney, as Lola and I are making a long trip through NT, Q, NSW, VIC, & TAS returning to Adelaide next May, 1992.

Following the family Reunion held on 18th-20th March, 1988, the Committee appointed at that time has remained in existence, with a change of President from Laurie McLean, Kongorong to Acting President Marie Keller, Brighton, S.A.

At that time the possibility was discussed of compiling a complete Family History, but although some work has been done in this regard (see later) nothing positive has resulted.

INCORPORATION

The most important step taken by the Committee has been to prepare a Constitution, which has been Incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act, 1985, under seal of Commissioner for Corporate Affairs. Copy is available to any family member on request.

DELAY RE FAMILY HISTORY

This is probably mainly due to the fact, that I have been engaged in a family housing project which has occupied a lot of my time - this is now completed. It is also due the fact that Lola & I have been away a good deal on trips, and in particular have been away from home now since beginning of July and will not be back in Adelaide until next May.

DONALD & CHRISTINA McLEAN

Arrived at Holdfast Bay, S.A. in "Navarino" on 6th December, 1837, with following 10 family:- Allan, John, Hugh (elder), Hugh (younger), Archibald, Rachel, Mary, Anne, Margaret & Jane. Also mentioned in our history are unproven children who may have arrived later, Ewen & Donald.

Jill McDonald has published a book "Ewen & Rachel McDonald" and Dianne Facey a comprehensive pamphlet on "Archibald McLean. Descendants of Allan McLean have a Committee working on history. Something is known of John (my great grandfather) also each Hugh, but not much re last four named girls above, except as outlined in Jill McDonald's book.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS \$2 EACH PER ANNUM. (please cut this piece off enclosing with cheque)
It is requested that subscriptions for 1991 & 1992 be remitted to above, noting member names hereon, with address.

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Acting President; Mrs Marie Keller Telephone; (08) 298 2938
Honorary Secretary/Treasurer; Mr Alf McLean

REGARDING REQUEST FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS

Normally I can get paper and photo-copying free, but in present circumstances I have to pay for same. This will in fact break the "bank" so I am financing costs until subscriptions can be received. This circular is costing over \$100 to circulate to almost 300 known family members!

PROPOSAL FOR KNOWLEDGE ON FAMILY HISTORY

I am proposing during our year long trip (and I've already started in Queensland and NSW) to meet up with as many family members as possible. I have a lot of people to seen in Victoria and S.A. I know I will not be able to find everyone, so I'm hoping for as much flow of information as possible to my temporary Melbourne address.

I expect to report to you all again in early February as to progress, and "gaps" in information.

As I am travelling around I do not need to be reimbursed in any way for that, but where I have direct out-of-pocket expense such as phone, postages, photo-copying expenses, circulars, all these incidentals I expect to recoup from Council funds. Could be others I've not mentioned.

REPORT TO COUNCIL COMMITTEE

By the time we get back to Adelaide I hope to have a clearer picture of what verified knowledge I have, and where "gaps" require further enquiry.

I then expect to submit a comprehensive report to the Committee for decision on further action. Obviously I have a book in mind, but this will depend on the Committee, and how it can be produced.

TO EACH PERSON RECEIVING THIS CIRCULAR.

(1) Have you completed a Genealogical Research Library Ancestral Lineage Chart for each generation from Donald & Christina applicable to yourself. If not, advise me how many forms you needed and I will forward same to you. Then post to Mrs Dianne Facey, Box 114, P.O. MILLICENT, S.A. 5280.

(2) I am particularly looking for any memorabilia from your family line (back to Donald & Christina) - this is letters, photos, books, odd notes, trinkets, written accounts prepared by you of things you were told from way back (they must be factual), household objects handed down, old clothing, ornaments, furniture, diaries, note books, account books, business records, published books, and the like. Keep in mind Shire & Hospital records, records of any Local Organizations, viz. Show Society, or Football Club, ANY Certificates of any type - in fact just anything that would help in putting together a picture of "where we've come from" There may be stories you were told as a child, put them on paper so that the Committee can assess them.

(3) It maybe in Victoria & S.A. where the majority of my enquiry will be that perhaps I can organize some meetings to reduce the amount of travel. Just keep it in mind and I'll pick up on that in January, 1992.

(4) I haven't overlooked the W.A. section of enquiry, and I will be writing separately to some people in W.A. on various aspects.

(5) If you need assistance to develop knowledge, contact me.

CONCLUSION

I am looking forward to finding a lot of letters in Melbourne, not only with subscriptions, but telling me about yourselves and how much you can contribute in knowledge. Regarding photos size does not matter, they can be reduced or enlarged for book purposes.

I know I am typing this on the back of the piece you're sending back with subscriptions, so I'll just finish off hoping to catch up with as many of you as possible one way or another.

ALF McLEAN
HONORARY COUNCIL SECRETARY