

Donald and Christina McLean

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CIRCULAR No 7.

Dear Family Members,

This circular is being typed in Adelaide during our return from 12 months Eastern States tour, and prior to commencing trip to Western Australia, returning to Adelaide in early December, 1992. All mail to above address will be re-addressed immediately to me in W.A.

SUBSCRIPTIONS & DONATIONS

I emphasized in my last newsletter that our funds are low, and asked for subscriptions for 1991 & 1992 - and I thank those members who have responded. I ask those who haven't done so to send in their \$2 subscriptions for 1991 & 1992, as the cost of circulating this newsletter is over \$140. At present I am financing our Family History enquiry on a limited income. I would also appreciate 2 or 3 postage stamps from each member to help me.

DONALD & CHRISTINA McLEAN HISTORY ENQUIRY.

When I commenced this work my complete family records were kept in a single lever arch folder. I have now established separate folders for Allan, John, Hugh (elder) & Mary, with Hugh (younger)-Ann-Margaret & Jane combined at present. This covers eight of ten known family children, plus Archibald McLean and Rachel McDonald who have published history by Dianne Facey & Jill McDonald.

However, Jill McDonald's book contains information on Hugh (y), Ann, Margaret & Jane, which we hope to extend.

I have been able to collect quite a lot of information during the last 12 months, and am hoping to extend this in W.A. during next few months.

At the present time I feel reasonably satisfied the way information is coming to hand, and a good deal more expected from a hitherto unknown source.

STRATHALBYN NATIONAL TRUST.

The Trust through ~~Mrs. Nae Connell~~ and a qualified researcher, Miss Margaret Stevenson, in Strathalbyn have completed 4 generation genealogical and historical research into the Rankine family (recognized as founders of Strathalbyn). In the course of this the McLean name constantly came up, being intermingled in many ways.

As a result they have now decided to research into 4 generations of McLeans, viz., Donald & Christina, then sons & daughters; grandsons & granddaughters and to the great generation.

This will, when completed, be of great value to our Committee and I am assisting them with our research.

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FAMILY MEETING.

In my last circular I mentioned my intention to have a Family Meeting on my return to Adelaide. However, in view of extending our trip to Western Australia, and after discussion with President Marie I've decided to hold this over until next January, 1993, when I hope a clear picture of all our information can be looked at.

In the meantime I would remind you of my request in Circular No 6 on page 2 regarding genealogical and historical information. Please think about this and write to me if you have any problem. Particularly I'm thinking about photos, newspaper references and account books.

COMMITTEE RECORDS.

Some of you may be interested to know just how I am keeping records in the confines of our caravan. Well for a start I can tell you it is not particularly easy! Inside all the lever arch folders I have Esselyte Cop ysafe A4 size open top clear folders, which each holds 2 sheets of A4 paper back to back. In a full lever arch folder this means about 160 A4 pages.

Each folder has a name viz Allan or names viz Ann, Margaret & Jane. These stack on floor in a spare corner, being added to as information comes to hand.

I also have a card index, 8 inch x 5 inch, over 300 of them recording all family members I know, with addresses and sundry information.

This is working well and now I need to hear from all of you with further information.

Of course, all this has cost money to establish but is best way of ensuring information is protected and detailed for future use.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

I would like to thank Jill McDonald & Dianne Facey, for offering the free use of all or any information contained in their book and large brochure publications on family history of "Rachel & Ewen McDonald" (Rachel being 9th child) and "Descendants of Archibald McLean and Ann Soward Janeway" (Archibald being 6th child). These publications are available Rachel book from McDonalds for \$25, and Archibald book from Dianne Facey for \$5.

MARRIAGE DATES.

The recording of these dates has been dispensed with in our records.

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AIMS OF COMMITTEE.

At the present time my aim on behalf of the Committee is to collect as much information in all respects as possible to enable a book on "Donald & Christina McLean" to be published. When I have done this the Committee can then look at all this data, and consider just how a book can be undertaken.

There are several options in doing this, and this will be looked at in depth.

EXAMPLE OF SUPPLYING GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL INFORMATION.

On page 4 of this circular I have attached a SAMPLE of a chart that I request everyone receiving this circular to prepare and forward to me.

I am anxious to check all dates and names for accuracy, and to know the personal record of all of our people. This arises partly from the opinion of Miss Mona McLean, aged 87 years and in good health, who is my cousin. Mona is a retired school headmistress and in a position to give an opinion to be listened to on this topic of McLean history. She believes that everyone involved should write a short outline of their life and achievement in order that it can be used in book preparation.

I ask you to study that attached sample and complete same for yourself in this form.

It doesn't have to be typed, don't be backward or shy, we want to know as much as we can find to prepare the best possible McLean history up to date of book publication.

Rachel & Archibald descendants can indicate the relevant page and reference to original descendant, and supply updated information from there on, with personal history.

Send to me at the above address.

IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

I shall be contacting all known descendants of D. & C. McLean, I can pick up your history then.

TWO MISSING LINKS

We have no information on 2nd child of D. & C. McLean, Ewen McLean, born 1915 Argyllshire, Scotland, arrived on "Navarino" 6/12/1837; and Donald McLean, born 1925 Argyllshire, Scotland, arrived on "Tomatin" 11/3/1940, possibly married Mary Smith.

Please forward any information available or known as to these two men.
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DONALD & CHRISTINA McLEAN
b. 1772 d. 10/10/1856 (nee McPHEE)
b. 1791 d. 9/4/1869

JOHN & MARY McLEAN
* (nee STACEY)

b. 6/2/1816 d. 4/4/1903
b. 1829 d. 15/11/1872

EDWIN JAMES McLEAN
b. 16/10/1871 d. 23/8/1950
m. Olivia Mary PARKER #
b. 23/5/1885 d. 2/8/1955

ALFRED PARKER McLEAN
b. 5/5/1920 d.
m. LOLA BLACKMAN
b. 1/11/1923 d.

have 3 children and 5 grandchildren
as under:-

(No 1)
Fiona Elizabeth HESSLING (nee McLean)
b. 1/5/1954 d.
m. Philip Alexander HESSLING
b. 13/6/1955 d.
who have 2 children

Heidi Elizabeth HESSLING
b. 23/12/1977 d.

&
Zoe Alexandra HESSLING
b. 6/11/1981 d.

(No 2)
Lachlan Allenby McLEAN
b. 7/7/1955 d.
m. Debbie Jane GODDARD
b. 4/9/1959 d.
who have 3 children

Jade Allan McLEAN
b. 29/1/1984 d.

Emma Jane McLEAN
b. 24/2/1988 d.

Kyle James McLEAN
b. 15/8/1989 d.

(No 3)
James Reginald McLEAN
b. 28/9/1964 d.

not married
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* John McLean's second wife was Elizabeth DIXON b. 23/12/1834 d. 29/11/1906
Edwin James McLean was first married to Adelaide Rose HULL b. 24/4/1918 d. 24/4/1918

HISTORY OF ALFRED PARKER McLEAN, born 5/5/1920
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Descended from Donald and Christina McLean, by John McLean and Edwin James McLean, Alf was born in Strathalbyn, being eldest son of Edwin and Olivia McLean.

He grew up on Edwin's farming property "Maplemore" at Angas Plains, south of Strathalbyn. This property of 740 acres, was situated opposite John's "Waterloo" homestead, and comprised land on each side of the main road extending southwards towards Milang.

In 1938 at the age of 17 years Alf joined the SA Police Force as a Junior Constable. He completed training in 1941, and served in South Eastern, Metropolitan and North Western Divisions, being appointed Officer-in-Charge, Kingoonya Police Station in 1950.

Alf married Miss Lola Blackman, of Ararat, Vic, in 1953 and was transferred to Cowell on Eyre Peninsula. He also undertook the duties of Secretary, Cowell District Hospital. As a Senior Constable in 1956, he received a Commendation from Commissioner for unusual physical courage and exceptional tact in the single handed unarmed arrest of an armed offender at Cowell.

Later in 1956 he resigned from the Police Force on appointment as the District Clerk, District Council of Franklin Harbour, occupying that position until 1974 when he resigned from the Council to become Chief Executive Officer, of Glenelg District Community Hospital in Adelaide. He retired at age of 65 years in 1985.

During his Police, Council and Hospital career, Alf received considerable support and assistance from his wife, Lola, in her capacity as a trained nurse.

Alf regards a highlight of his career, as being invited to return to Cowell in 1982, to officially open the new District Council Chambers in Main Street, Cowell.

Since retirement Alf organized the 1988 McLean Family Reunion.

IF NECESSARY, USE ANOTHER SHEET OF PAPER TO EXTEND RECORD OF INDIVIDUAL FAMILY HISTORY.