

# Jane Catherine CROSSMAN, nee INGLIS & Arthur CROSSMAN

Biography as published in 1995

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**Jane Catherine Inglis** born 9/11/1878 at Strathalbyn.

Parents : Jane (nee McLean) & Frank Inglis.

Grandparents : Catherine (nee Dawson) & Allan McLean

G-Grandparents : Jane (nee Hamilton) & James Dawson and Christina (nee McPhee) & Donald McLean

Jane's mother appears to have returned to Strathalbyn for the births of her elder children while her husband Frank Inglis remained working at Kanyaka Station from where he moved to Wilson near Hawker S.A. and finally to Tarcowie.

She married farmer Arthur Crossman at Wilson in 1896. He was a farmer, born 10/4/1871 at Saddleworth, son of Henry Crossman (1828 ~ 1914) of Tarcowie, who had arrived in 1851 from Taunton, Somerset, with his wife Pamela Badman (1830 - 1911).

The eldest children – Grace, Lily and Don - were born at Wilson but in 1902 the family moved to Broken Hill. Arthur rode his bicycle from Peterborough to Broken Hill and Jane followed later when he had provided a home for her. He worked at the timber mills where he was head sawyer. Another son, Frank, was born at Broken Hill in 1915. During World War I Grace and Lily were on the picnic train going to Silverton on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1915 when the train was attacked by some Turks. Not far out of Broken Hill an ice-cream pushcart with a Turkish flag attached to it, was parked beside the track. The operator Gool Mahomed, an Afghan of 20 or so years and an Indian camel driver Mullah Addulla, opened fire on the passengers with rifles they had hidden amongst the icecream cans. They were responsible for killing a teenage girl and two men besides wounding others on the train. Grace and Lily were in the next truck to where the girl was killed. The gunmen retreated when police arrived and took cover behind rocks after shooting another man in his backyard. The police and local militia-men opened fire into the rocks and Mullah Addulla was found dead and Gool Mahomed died in hospital some hours later. The citizens were outraged and that night the German Club was destroyed by fire.

After Grace, the eldest daughter, married, the rest of the family shifted to Caltowie and Arthur worked on the farm of his brother-in-law. Their second daughter, Lily, married in 1924 at Caltowie and returned to Broken Hill. Later Jane and Arthur purchased a farm just beyond Caltowie where they lived until 1949 when they retired to the town and the youngest son Frank, continued with the farm. Arthur died in 1953, Jane in 1955 and both are buried at Caltowie.

**Residences:** They lived at Wilson, Broken Hill and Caltowie S.A.

**Deaths :** Jane died aged 77 at Caltowie on 15/11/1955. Arthur aged 82 on 11/12/1953. Both are buried at Caltowie.

They had 4 CHILDREN:

1. Grace Hamilton Crossman b.18/11/1896 at Wilson. Married: at Mica St. Methodist Church, Broken Hill to Frederick Albert Percival Hocking (b.1/11/1897 Broken Hill). They had 2 children – Keith & Harold. Death: Grace Hocking died at Adelaide on 25/9/1960 aged 63 years.
2. Lily Pamela Crossman, born 29/6/1899 at Wilson S.A. Married twice. 1st Marriage: at Caltowie S.A. to John Molloy Nixon (b. 31/3/1898 at Broken Hill where John died aged 49 on 13/2/1948). Lily & John had 6 children – Arthur, Thelma, Donald, Pamela, Alen & Eva. Lily's second husband was to John Henry Phillips (b. 19/1/1900, Kalgoorlie) at Broken Hill, where John died aged 68 on 13/10/1968. Lily died at Broken Hill on 26/9/1991 aged 92 years.
3. Donald Arthur Crossman 3rd child of above born 9/2/1903, Wilson S.A. Married: Mary Evelyn Blunsden (b. 10/4/1902 at Carrieton, S.A.) at Caltowie S.A. They had 3 children – Catherine, Lucy & Bernice. Deaths: Donald died 1/6/1977 and Mary died on 14/9/1969 at Jamestown. Both interred at Caltowie.
4. Frank Leslie Crossman - born at Broken Hill on 29/3/1915. Married: at Caltowie to Marjorie Elva Lehmann (b. 14/5/1912 at Jamestown). They had 2 children – Beryl & Jean. Death: Frank died at his home at Jamestown aged 77 on 2/12/1992.

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 47 to 51.
- 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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