

Christina Jessie LAMPARD, nee RAGGATT, 22-5-1816 to 1-2-1952 & Alexander William LAMPARD

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Christina Jessie was the second child and second daughter of Mary and William Raggatt, and was born at Carchap, Victoria. Her cousin Maurice Leslie Tucker was born in South Australia just a month before. Her grandparents were Rachel and Ewen McDonald and great-grandparents were Christina and Donald McLean.

In the United Kingdom, Benjamin Disraeli was created Earl of Beaconsfield, and in the United States, Colorado became the thirty-eighth state to join the Union.

Jessie attended the Carchap State School then helped her mother at home. Later she too was employed on the domestic staff of St Mary's Station. She was a fine cook and housekeeper and clever at embroidery and drawing, especially of animals.

In 1913 at the Church of Christ manse in Horsham, Jessie married Alexander William Lampard who farmed at Polkemmet about fifteen miles north-west of Horsham. He was born on May 23, 1870, a son of James and Margaret Lampard of Polkemmet, who had farmed at Wellington, South Australia, before moving to the Wimmera.

James Lampard was born at Hartfield, Sussex, England, on July 10, 1833 and arrived in South Australia in 1839. He died on November 6, 1905 and is buried in the Polkemmet cemetery. Margaret, his wife, was born in Munlochrie, Ross-shire, Scotland, in 1835. She died on June 18, 1907 and is buried in the Polkemmet cemetery. There was a family of two sons and six daughters. Alexander, known as Alec, had been married previously to Lily Butler, who died on December 10, 1905, after the birth of their only child, Grace Muriel on December 2. Lily was the sister of Mary May Butler, who was to marry Jessie's brother, Archie Raggatt, in 1906.

Three years after Alec's second marriage, he sold his farm at Polkemmet to a Mr. Meyer. Alec and Jessie bought an orchard in Pryors Lane on the outskirts of Horsham. There were no children of the marriage, but Jessie was always 'Mum' to Alec's daughter Grace. Ian McDonald of Mockinya remembers, as a child, being taken by his father Bill to buy fruit and vegetables from their relatives, the Lampards.

Alec died on April 18, 1936, aged 66 years, and is buried in Horsham cemetery. His wife Jessie lived for many years in their home with her widowed sister, Tot Taplin. Jessie died aged 74 years, at her home on December 1, 1952, and was buried in Horsham cemetery. A headstone marks the grave.

In the early 1930s, at the Horsham Church of Christ, Grace married Leslie Gordon Smith, a wheat farmer from Kalkee about fifteen miles north of Horsham. They had one son, Gordon Alexander Laurence, born on February 29, 1936. He was a leap year baby who therefore has a true birthday only once in four years. Laurie married Jan Feary of Ballarat, Victoria, and they run the family farm at Kalkee. They have four sons: Richard Laurence born May 12, 1963; twins Simon Andrew and Michael Alexander, born July 12, 1966; and Guy Morrison, born May 10, 1974. Grace and Les live in retirement at 8 Cecil Street, Horsham.

The *Horsham Times* reported Alec's death.

LAMPARD on April 18th Alexander William Lampard, dearly loved husband of Jessie Christina, and loving father of Grace (Mrs L. G. Smith). A patient sufferer at rest.

The *Times* also published his obituary.

Well known throughout the district, Mr. Alexander William Lampard, of Young's Irrigation Colony, Horsham, passed away on Sunday after a long and serious illness. Deceased, who was 66 years old, was born at Wellington, Sth. Australia, and came to the Wimmera 44 years ago. In his early career he was apprenticed to a blacksmith at Apsley and afterwards took up farming pursuits at Polkemmet. About 24 years ago he came to Pryor's Lane and conducted an orchard. He was married at Polkemmet to Miss Lily Butler and there was one daughter (Grace, Mrs. L. G. Smith of Kalkee). His wife predeceased him 33 years ago and he married again, his second wife being Miss Christina Jessie Raggatt, who survives him. Deceased was a staunch member of the Church of Christ at Polkemmet and Horsham, and earned the esteem of many friends by his upright character. The funeral took place at the Horsham Cemetery yesterday and was representatively attended. The Pastor of the Horsham Church of Christ, Mr. J. Methven, conducted a service in the church and at the graveside. The coffin bearers were Messrs. J. Lampard, L. Smith, R. H. Hunt. A. McDonald, A. Raggatt and G. Miller. Messrs A. Weight & Sons had charge of the arrangements.

Jessie's obituary was published in the *Horsham Times*.

Mrs. Christina Jessie Lampard, of Pryor's Lane, Horsham, died at her home on Monday. She was born at Noradjuha 74 years ago and was the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. William Raggatt. At the age of 34 she was married to Alex Lampard who predeceased her. They had no family. She lived in the Riverside district for many years where they were orchardists. The funeral was held at the Horsham Cemetery on Wednesday, after a service at the Horsham Church of Christ, conducted by Pastor Jackel, who was assisted by Pastor Cremin at the graveside.

Coffin bearers were Messrs. J. Lampard, C. Wik, P. Raggatt, M. Raggatt, W. Oliver, and Les. Smith.

- SOURCE : This biography was from page 176 of "History of Ewen & Rachel McDonald & Descendants" by Jill McDonald which was originally published in 1985. It was republished as part of "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" in 1995.
- 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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