

Annie Sophia RAGGATT

11-10-1877 to c.1930s

Biography as published in 1985 & 1995

Annie Sophia was the third child and third daughter of Mary and William Raggatt and was born at Carchap. Two of her cousins were born the same year, William Joseph Mott two days earlier at Coleraine, Victoria, and Caroline Jane Tucker in South Australia. Her grandparents were Rachel and Ewen McDonald and great-grandparents were Christina and Donald McLean.

Also in that year the first cricket Test match between England and Australia was played at Melbourne, and a census gave Australia's population as two million.

Sophie attended Carchap State School. In 1888 she received a book inscribed: 'Progress Award presented to Sophia A. Raggatt at School No. 2816 on July 20th.' While still a child she was stricken by a severe fever diagnosed as water on the brain and now known as meningitis. This impaired her health for the rest of her life.

Leaving school, she helped her mother at home and for a period was employed on the domestic staff of St Mary's Station. She lived with her mother and sister Norma in the family home in Baillie Street, Horsham, and later with her sister Jessie and husband Alec. Jessie's step-daughter Grace described Sophie as '*. . . a trick you couldn't put much over her, and she loved the pink colour, vieux rose, and always tried to have some clothes of that shade.*' Sophie's health deteriorated and, she died in a hospital at Ballarat some time during the 1930s.

- SOURCE : This biography was from page 177 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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