

Eliza POOLE, nee HALDANE & George (Robert) POOLE

Biography as published in 1995

Eliza was born 29/10/1883 at Maylands near Adelaide.

Parents : Eliza (nee McLean) & Robert Haldane

Grandparents : Catherine (nee Dawson) & Allan McLean

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

MARRIED: at St. Paul's C. of E. Pulteney St. Adelaide to George (Robert) Poole (b. 23/1/1877, Black Point, York Peninsular, S.A.)

DEATHS: George Poole on 28/8/1942 at Hilton, aged 65 years. Eliza died at the Royal Adelaide Hospital on 26/9/1972 in her 89th year.

HISTORY: Eliza was only 5 years when her father died in 1888 so the family circumstances were not so affluent as she grew up in Adelaide. Before her marriage she worked as a housemaid at Grayson's Coffee Palace (now the Grosvenor Hotel) on North Terrace, Adelaide. Her husband George (Robert) Poole had a dairy at West Hilton where they lived and had their 5 children.

There is a family story that when she attended the Flinders Street State School, Adelaide, she was very disappointed at not being chosen for the "Thousand Voice Choir" held annually. Showing a determined spirit she went to the Head Master and asked to be included. "Can you sing?" he asked. Of course the answer was yes, so she had her wish and her uncle Jimmy McLean provided the money for her dress.

However there is a flaw in this story. Only the top class, which in the compilers day was Grade 7 was permitted to take part, In Eliza's time there were only 5 grades and as soon as the pupil obtained the School Certificate the child could leave no matter what the age. The compilers mother, born 1893 and 12 in 1905 and in the top class, said that there were no "Thousand Voice choirs" until alter W.W.1. (ended in 1918). Therefore it must have been a concert at Eliza's own Flinders Street School.

They had 7 children :-

1. Thomas Robert Poole born 11/10/1907 at West Hilton. Married: Lorna Ray Crockford (b. 16/10/1910, Maylands, W.A.) at Perth, WA They had 2 children – Thomas & Robert. Lorna died at Henley Beach S.A. on 17/9/1989 aged 78 years Thomas Robert Poole resided at 34 Malurus Ave. Lockleys, S.A. and he died on 17/1/1995. .
2. James Benjamin Poole - Born 28/11/1909 at West Hilton. Married: Viola Shellette Gledden (b. 20/12/1914 at Hartlepoole, England). Her residence: 10 Waite Rd, Urrbrae, S.A. They had 3 children – James, Joan & Glenys. Death: of James Benjamin Poole in his 82th year on 9/12/1991.
3. Mary Haldane Poole born 4/6/1912, West Hilton. Married: at Holy Trinity Church, Adelaide, Archibald Dudley Abbot (b. 20/12/1908). Residence' 42 Malarus Ave. Lockleys, S.A. They had 4 children – Jeffrey, Ralph, Judith & Meredith. Death: He died at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Woodville, aged 68 years on 11/4/1977.
4. Sylvia Nance Poole - Born 14/6/1914, West Hilton. Married; at Holy Trinity Church, Adelaide, Frederick Ralph Phillips (b. 18/7/1908 at Peterborough, S.A.). They had 3 children – Kenneth, Marion & Robert. Residence: 18 Glenferrie Ave. Myrtle Bank, S.A. Death: Frederick Phillips died at Bumside, S.A. aged 70 years on 30/11/1978.

5. Audrey Laurel Poole - Born 4/4/1917 at West Hilton. Married at Holy Trinity Church, Adelaide, Laurence William George Grant (b. 24/4/1918, Maylands, S.A.). They had 4 children – John, Laurence, Miriam & Anthony. Residence: 17 Fulham Park Drive Lockleys, S.A. Death: of Laurence Grant at the Royal Adelaide Hospital on 31/5/1976 aged 58 years.
6. Arabella Stuart Haldane b. 4/8/1886 at Adelaide. Died in infancy at Adelaide.

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 73 to 75.
- 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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