

James Dawson McLEAN

Biography as published in 1995

JAMES DAWSON McLEAN born 25/6/1853 at "Meadow Bank", Strathalbyn.

Parents : Catherine (nee Dawson) & Allan McLean

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

This was the "Uncle Jimmy" who came to the rescue of his niece Eliza Haldane (later Mrs Poole) and supplied the money for her dress for the special concert. It is not known if he left Strathalbyn to work "up north" as a drover or on cattle stations as did his brother John Stuart Duncan. He would have been aged 25 when his father Allan moved to Collinsfield near Redhill in 1878 and was not then married so when his fathers new farm failed in the 1880's he would have been obliged to go his own way even if he was still with his father.

MARRIAGE: James, later in life, married a widow, Mrs Pearson. She had a daughter from a previous marriage. For a time they ran the Temperance Hotel at Blackwood.

DEATH: James died 4/7/1931 aged 77 years. at his residence in Sturt Road Brighton.

He left no descendants.

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 78.
- 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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