

Laurence Albert Allan McLEAN & Elizabeth (Lizzie) Hannah McLEAN, nee HERON

Biography as published in 1995

Laurence Albert Allan McLean – born 24th December 1878 at Stathalbyn.

Parents : Sarah (nee Thompson) & Allan (jnr) McLean

Grandparents : Catherine (nee Dawson) & Allan (snr) McLean

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

Laurence was educated at the Strathalbyn School after which he went kangaroo shooting in the Ninety Mile Desert, Coonalpyn. From there he joined the Militia at Fort Largs and did gate duty at Government House, Adelaide. His next move was to Western Australia where he found work at Arnott's Biscuit Factory. Two daughters were born in Perth. By 1912 they were back at Adelaide and Laurie joined the Railways as a special constable and at this time they lived at Barnard St. North Adelaide. Their son Angus was born while they resided here. In 1914 they built a house at 9 Llandower Avenue, Payneham and the children were able to attend East Adelaide School. Laurie played the flute and saxophone and enjoyed listening to classical music, the gramophone being the source of records in those days. He rode a bicycle to and from his Payneham home to his work at the Adelaide Railway Station. During W.W.2 he went to and from Melbourne with the troop trains.

Deaths: Lizzie in 1955 - Laurie in 1956. Both were cremated.

CHILDREN:

They had 3 children :-

1. Irene McLean born 27/12/1902 at Perth, W.A. Married: Leonard March, friend of her brother Angus at the Payneham Presbyterian Church. They had 2 children – Jean & Donald. They farmed at Snowtown, S.A. a difficult life for a girl used only to the city. The Depression forced them back to Adelaide in 1933 and where they remained until Len. died in 1979. Irene was gifted in all handcrafts and religion played a strong part in her life - choir involvement and Sunday School teaching. She followed her mother's interest in the Berean Bible Society for over 50 years. Death: Irene entered the Elgar Private Nursing Home, Box Hill, Victoria in 1985 following a stroke and died on 18/8/1990 aged 88.
2. Jean Laurel McLean born 31/1/1905 at Penh, W.A. Jean worked as a milliner at Donaldsons. Adelaide (site of which became the Myer Emporium in 1929) until her marriage. Married: Frederick Major Stoba (b. Liverpool. England 5/1/1903) at St. John's Anglican Church, Adelaide. They had 1 child – Pauline. They lived at Hyde Park, then Clarence Park until 1940 when they went to the family home at Payneham. Frederick died 1/3/1970 at Adelaide. Jean now (1994) lives with her only daughter Mrs Pauline Murray at West Lakes, S.A.
3. Angus Allan McLean born 1/3/1912, S.A. He attended Norwood High School, learnt Scottish dancing, played the saxophone and won several gold medals. He later played with a dance band. He worked as an electrician at Daniels, then learnt the butchery trade at the Adelaide Meat Stores. Married: Helen Guion. They had 2 children – Helen & Allan. Residence: Bankstown, N.S.W. Died: in Sydney, N.S.W. on 1/6/1976.

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 86 & 88.
- 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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