

# Mary Honora BENTON, nee McLEAN & Douglas George BENTON

Biography as published in 1995

**Mary Honora McLean** b. 9/9/1934 at Port Pirie. Her parents were Alen McLean & Margaret (nee Browne).

Parents : Susannah Mary (nee Beaber) & John Stuart Duncan McLean

Grandparents : Catherine (nee Dawson) & Allan McLean

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

Married: Douglas George Benton (b. 22/4/1932, Pt Pirie) at St. Mark's Catholic Cathedral, Pt Pirie. They had 2 children – Kathleen & Gregory. They lived at that town for six years following their marriage, then in 1958 shifted to Gills Farm, Andrews. However, farming did not suit Doug as he was a builder and while doing his apprenticeship at Pt Pirie he had worked on the new St. Mark's Cathedral where they married. From Andrews he set up as a builder and contractor at Booborowie and built many houses in the area as well as the Mt Bryan School and other prominent buildings. His son Greg is in partnership.

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 120.
- 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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