

Archibald McLEAN & Grace Estelle McLEAN (nee JONES)

Biography as published in 1995

Archibald McLean, 4th child of Hughie and Maryanne (nee McIntyre) McLean.

Born 4/7/1883 at Kingston Occupation: Mounted Police Constable.

Parents : Maryanne McLean (nee McIntyre) & Hughie McLean

Grandparents : Christina McLean (nee Black) & Hugh (the elder) McLean

G-Grandparents : Christina McLean (nee McPhee) & Donald McLean

Marriage: at St. Andrew's, Mt Gambler. The Rev. David Alexander Souter officiated – to Grace Estelle Jones. The witnesses were Bridgland and D. S. Wilson. They borrowed a car and travelled to Adelaide for their honeymoon. Archie was pulled over to the side of the road by a policeman for driving down the wrong side of King William Street, He was cautioned.

Death: of Archie at Port Noarlunga aged 81 years in April 1965. He was interred at Centennial Park Cemetery on 27/4/1965. Cemetery record.

Death: of Grace at the Victor Harbor Hospital following a stroke on 25/10/1970. interred at Centennial Park Cemetery.

CHILDREN:

1. Hazel Jean McLean bom 1915 at Beachport, S.A. Occupation: Nursing Sister. Marriage: Resided at Apsley, Victoria having married a school teacher, surname Thomas. Deaths: Hazel was killed in a car accident on 1/2/1949 aged about 33 years, returning home from the Stawell Gift. Her husband took his own life a few weeks later. No children.
2. Effie (Margaret) McLean born 31/1/1916 at Beachpon, S.A. She was an Army sister, worked in the Northern Territory and Adelaide. Married: Reginald Rattley. They had 2 children – John & Elizabeth. They had the Post Office at Barrow Creek. Divorced. Margaret returned to Adelaide with her children and lived at Fulham Gardens with Archie and Grace. Archie and Grace's son Angus and family also lived with them when they moved from Queensland. Grace went to Darwin for a while to help her son Jim and his children after his wife was electrocuted. Death: of Margaret aged 42 years of cancer on 27/10/1958 leaving 2 children. Interred at Centennial Park Cemetery in the Military Section. When Margaret passed away, Archie, Grace, John and Elizabeth moved to Port Noarlunga. When Archie died, Grace moved to Glenelg and then to Goolwa to be near son Jim. Reginald remarried and was at the Farrell Flat Post Office.
3. Alexander James (Jim) McLean born 8/3/1919 at Beachport S.A. 3rd child of Archie and Grace (nee Jones) McLean. Married twice : 1st during W.W.2 while sewing with the RAAF in England - to Margaret Blyth of Forrd, Northumberland at Berwick-on-Tweed, Northumberland. She came to Australia as a war bride. They had two children – Karthryn, Robert (Lester) & Jeanette. Death: by accidental electrocution on 28/12/1956 - interred at Darwin, N.T. She left 3 children. 2nd Marriage: to Betty Price (b. Hackham) nee Perry and widow of John Price of Pt Noarlunga, S.A. who had children Robert John and Margaret Ann Price. They married at the Catholic church, Sturt. On return from overseas, Jim had done gold mining then joined the Northern Territory Police Force. Due to war related illness he took early retirement and came south. He did bar work at Adelaide and moved to Christies Beach. Death: at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital on 5/10/1976 aged 57 (of a brain tumour). Interred at the Military Section, Centennial Park. His wife Betty, now Mrs Russ, having taken the name of her late partner of 12 years, Murray Russ, and resided at Tumby Bay, S.A., is now of Christies Beach, S.A.

4. Angus Ewen William McLean born 21/8/1921, Beachport, S.A. Married: Myrtle Beatrice Mills (b. 18/8/1920), Unley, S.A.). Angus & Myrtle had 4 children – Lorraine, Donald, Ian & Gary. They had They worked at Kalaby Station out from Olary, S.A. and other stations north. He was originally a butcher but took on station work. About 1946 they went to Nambour, Queensland and returned to S.A. at Christmas 1956 and stayed with his sister Margaret, Mrs Rattley at Fulham Gardens. The children call her "Aunty Plum". The Electoral Roll of 1958 shows them at Unley. Occupation: Angus was a barman, butcher, taxi driver and opal miner. By 1963 they had parted and Angus was at Charles St. Forestville and still "barman". They divorced. Death: of Angus aged 59 years at Woomera, S.A. on 17/10/1980 Remarriage: of Myrtle to Ronald F. Ludgate. There were no children from this second marriage. Residence; Goolwa, S.A. following a previous home at Clovelly Park, S.A.

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 213 to 215
- 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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