

# Jean BANNING, nee WARNER & Sybren (Syd) BANNING

Biography as published in 1995

Jean Warner, born 11/7/1932, in Melbourne (only child).

Parents : Rebecca Warner (nee Bailey) & Joseph 'Harvey' Warner

Grandparents : Beatrice Mary Warner (nee Sturgeon) & Thomas Warner

G-Grandparents : Christina Sturgeon (nee McLean) & George Harvey Sturgeon

G-G-Grandparents : Mary McLean (nee Stacey) & John McLean

G-G-G-Grandparents : Christine McLean (nee McPhee & Donald McLean

Married: At Winiam, Sybren (Syd) Banning. (b. Pingjum, Friesland, Holland

Occupation: Farmer. Residence: Frances, S.A.

HISTORY: Of Jean and Syd Banning. The Warner family between them brought up Jean at the Winiam farm, grandparents Beatrice and Thomas Warner, Aunt Sylvia, Uncle Leslie, as well as her father, Les, all took a hand.

Jean and Syd purchased a small farm at Broughton, and a larger one at Yanac. the latter being increased to 2000 acres (they were 5 years at Broughton) - this together with land owned by son, Kenneth, was sold in 1980 when they purchased at Frances, S.A.

Dutch born Syd lived near the "Big Dyke" surviving the German occupation during World War II, although severe fighting took place around his village.

After High School he obtained his bookkeeping certificate, and then worked in an office at Leeuwarden. He was conscripted into the Dutch Army, serving in Indonesia for 6 months. He took the opportunity to emigrate to Australia arriving by plane in Sydney, being sent to Bathurst, then 2 days later took a train to Adelaide with £6/-/ (\$12) in his pocket.

He found farm work at Naracoorte, then went into partnership with a friend at Nhill in the eucalyptus factory they established. He was naturalized soon after his marriage to Jean. Today (1994) Syd still does all the book and computer work of the Frances farm. They had 5 sons, of which 4 survive.

Children: born 1955, 1956 1958 1959 & 1961 – all born in Nhill.

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 279 & 281.
- 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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