

Allan John (Jack) Ormiston McLEAN & Mary Margaret McLEAN (nee NEEDS)

Biography as published in 1995

Allan John (Jack) Ormiston McLean, born 5/10/1889 at Bill's Gully, Victoria.

Parents : Ellen Joanna McLEAN (nee FORD & Donald Henry McLEAN

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

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

Jack chose land at South Danyo, Victoria, in 1910 and cleared it after buying a large roller. The block was covered in mallee of varying sizes.

Married: **Mary Margaret Needs**, (born 17/1/1887) daughter of William Needs of Lameroo, SA. the first wedding celebrated at the newly built Church of England, Lameroo, S.A.

Residence: In 1949 when his mother died Jack was of Merbein, Victoria.

Deaths:

Jack died on 1/4/1967, aged 77 years.

Mary Margaret died 30/6/1966 aged 79 years.

CHILDREN (4):

1. Murray Donald McLean, bom 1914, after Mary was driven 27 miles by buggy to Pinnaroo, S.A. Lived 12 days (This was a period of widespread drought in South Australia).
2. Eileen Ethel McLean, born 1/8/1915, at Pinnaroo, S.A. Married: Roy Gordon King, born 18/2/1909, at Stawell, Victoria. Residence: 78 Anderson Street. Warracknabeal, Victoria. 5 children – Jennifer, Raymond, Allan, Leslie & Noel.
3. Nancy Jean McLean, born 7/12/1916, at Pinnaroo, S.A. Married: Lance John Cook, b. 23/11/1913 at Warracknabeal, Vic. Death: Nancy Jean died on 3/6/1989. Lance John died on 30/8/1977. 3 children – Larry, Kay & Wendy.
4. John Laurence McLean, b. 18/4/1920 at Murrayville, Vic. John did not have good health and did not have permanent employment. He enlisted in 1941 and served with the 36th Port Landing Craft Company of the Australian Army Transport Corps. He saw service in New Guinea and the islands, and for his initiative and leadership, was promoted to the rank of Corporal, a rank which he held until his discharge in March 1946. Death: He subsequently contracted cancer which caused his death at Warracknabeal on 18/10/1977. He did not marry.

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 296 & 297.
- 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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