

James Ernest Hopetoun McLEAN & Joanna Frances McLEAN, nee O'DONNELL

Biography as published in 1995

James Ernest Hopetoun McLean, b. 26/7/1891, at Kiala, 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

Married: at Adelaide Johanna Frances O'Donnell, b. 26/8/1894 at Lake Boga.

James was a returned servicemen serving in France during the 1st World War (Light Horse Brigade). He was wounded there on at least two occasions. (He was with his brother, Colin, who was killed in France.) He did guard duties in Melbourne during the 2nd World War.

His two sons, D. H. McLean and D. J. McLean, and his daughter, Mrs L. J. Gill (nee McLean), all served during World War 2 in the armed forces as volunteers.

James was a farmer in the Murrayville area but poor seasons finally forced him off the land just after the second World War. He then worked at the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital until he retired at age 65.

Death: He passed away in the same hospital on 31/1/1968 in his 77th year. He is buried at Springvale Cemetery.

Johanna came to Murrayville in 1923 as a school teacher and taught at Rusbridge State School about 8 miles north of Murrayville.

Death: She passed away on 1/8/1972 just 25 days short of her 78th birthday. She is buried beside James in the Springvale Cemetery.

Residence: They resided at 14 Marshall Ave, Clayton, Vic. until their deaths.

James owned a stripper and written on it with black lead pencil was the following:

*The Shearer was a Shearer
When the Big "E" was a pup
The Shearer is still a Shearer
When the Big "E" is buggered up*

(These were makes of strippers (harvesters))

11 CHILDREN:

1. Douglas Hopetoun McLean, b. 20/9/1924 at Murrayville (returned 2nd AIF Service) Married: at Preston. Vic, Valda Dorothy Kenney. b. 1/8/1927, at Burwood, Vic. Residence: 9 Childe St. Stawell, Vic. Enlisted in the A.I.F. at the age of 17 years and 4 months. Served in the South West Pacific area from 13/2/1942 to 15/8/1946. Served with the P.M.G. Department and Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board, Vic. then the last 30 years with the Victorian Public Service as follows: Dept of Crown Lands and Survey as Inspector of Land Settlement; Inspector of Lands; Land Management Officer. Retired at Stawell 20/9/1984. 3 children – Glenda, Janet & Robert.

2. Dudley James McLean, b. 26/8/1925, at Murrayville. Dudley served in RAAF in New Guinea during the 2nd World War. He became a tailor with a well known Melbourne tailor, then went on to owning several shops, i.e. milk bars and self service grocery. Now retired to Rosebud. Married: Betina Merle Wilson, b. 4/9/1923 at Melbourne. Divorced, no children - died on 11/4/1986. 2nd Marriage: to Leanora Agpasa, b. 16/11/1952, at Phillipines and has legally adopted two children - Jay & Ray. And Dudley and Leanora gave birth to one child – James. Residence: 275 Jetty Road, ROSEBUD, Vic. 3939.
3. Lorna Joan McLean, b. 19/8/1926 at Murrayville, Vic. Lorna served in the AMWAS (Australian Medical Women’s Army Service), 2nd World War). Married: Edward (Ted) James Gill, b. 20/10/1926 at Mornington. Residence: 54 Kars Street, Frankston, Vic. 3199. 3 children – Hazel, Arthur & Edward.
4. Colin Ernest McLean, b. 8/10/1927 at Murrayville. Married: Betty May Priest, b. 23/6/1933, at Warren, N.S.W. Residence: Clo J. McLean, 14 Maxine Place, ORANGE, N.S.W. 2800. They have 7 children – Colin, Barbara, Elizabeth, Donald, Peter, Timothy & Mary.
5. Hugh Brae McLean, b. 13/8/1929. Not married. Residence: 2/38 Rosemore St, ROSEBUD, VIC. 3939. Served 6 years in the Royal Australian Army Armoured Engineers (1947 - 1953) with rank of Sergeant. Educated at Goongee State School.
6. Helena Frances McLean, b. 12/5/1931 at Murrayville. Occupation: 21 years working on Defence (mainly experimental) also ex P.M G. Married: Peter Henry Skinner, b. 28/1/1927 at London, U.K. Residence: 46 Shepherd Street. BRAYBROOK, VIC. 3019. 2 children – Barbara & Maree.
7. Donald Henry McLean, b. 18/6/1933 at Murrayville, S.A. Married Eleanor Frances Watson. See separate biographies 5067.
8. Malcolm Edward McLean, b. 7/7/1934, at Murrayville. Married: Delphine Price, b. 1945 at Melbourne. (now divorced). Malcolm did National Service in the Army at Puckapunyal, Vic. in 1952. Residence: 60 Prospect Hill Road, Fountain Gate, VIC. 3805. 2 children – Shane & Kenneth.
9. Ian Maxwell McLean, b. 8/8/1935, died 22/12/1937.
10. Gemmell John McLean, b. 14/7/1937, at Murrayville, Vic Married: Jennifer Margaret Bodsworth. See separate biographies 5068.
11. Alistair Bruce McLean, b. 5/3/1939, at Murrayville. Married: at Melbourne, Janice Jean Humphries, b. 19/9/1943, Melbourne, Vic. (Divorced) Residence: 51 Argyle St. Donvale, Vic. 3111. Children - Darren & Craig.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 297 to 302. • 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. • CONTACT : Visit our website www.christinaanddonaldmclean.com or Strathalbyn Museum phone 08 8536 2656 to discover more about your family – and about privacy and copyright. |
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