

Ethel May Victoria LACKMANN (nee McLEAN) & Clarence Ferdinand LACKMAN

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Ethel May Victoria McLean, 3rd child and 1st daughter of Donald Henry and Ellen Joanna McLEAN,

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

Born. 22/7/1893, at Kiata, Vic.

Married: at Adelaide, S.A. to Clarence Ferdinand Lackmann, b. 8/10/1891, at Miriam, Vic

Deaths:

Ethel died at Murrayville, Vic. in her 86th year, on 15/5/1979.

Clarence F. Lackmann, died 17/1/1947 at Melbourne, Vic.

Clarence Lackmann served overseas with the 1st A.I.F. and was wounded in action in France. He was again serving with the Garrison Forces in World War II, and served at Kerang, Murchison, Colac and Broadmeadows. He died while still serving in the Australian Army at the Hreidelberg Hospital, from thrombosis at the age of 56 years, leaving his wife, Ethel, and 11 of their 12 children.

Clarrie worked his farm north of Murrayville prior to entering the A.I.F. and worked many long hours lumping wheat at the Murrayville Railway Station, and rearing sheep also.

He was an outstanding sportsman in the district, winning many trophies for his golfing prowess. He also played cricket and football.

12 CHILDREN:

1. Colin James Lackmann. b. 28/11/1918 at Pinnaroo, S.A. - killed in action with 2nd A.I.F. in Tobruk on 15/9/1941. Lance/Bombardier Colin James Lackmann was named after his uncle, Colin Donald Sydney McLean, 5th and youngest child of Donald Henry and Ellen McLean, who was killed at Brae, France, while serving with the 1st A.I.F. Colin was educated the Murrayville State School. He first worked as a slaughterman and delivery man for a local butcher, then went mustering cattle in Queensland and New South Wales. He then joined the Royal Australian Artillery at Queenscliff, Vic., and enlisted in the 2nd A.I.F. in 1940. He participated in the siege of Tobruk for 5 months, and was killed only days before they were to be withdrawn from the area when Tobruk was handed over to English troops. Like his namesake, Colin McLean, he was just 22 years and 10 months of age at the time of his death. A "Rat of Tobruk" he was killed on 15/9/1941.
2. Lila Olive Lackmann, b.1/7/1920, at Murrayville, Vic. Married Thomas William Povey, b. 6/6/1904, at Stoke on Trent, UK. at Murrayville, died on 8/2/1980. Lila now resides at 41 Leonora St, Robinvale, Vic 3549. She is now known by surname of McDonald. Three children – Marlene, Wendy & Kerry.
3. Geoffrey Lionel Lackmann, born 15/11/1921. 2nd AIF and a Tobruk Rat. Married Elsie Isobel Brown (nee Graham), b. 10/6/1919 died 2/8/1987 at Robinvale, Vic. Geoffrey also served in New Guinea and Borneo. He was a good cricketer and footballer in the Murrayville area, and for many years in charge of the Robinvale Golf Club. Residence: 9 Carrington Street, ROBINVALE, VIC. One child – Colin.
4. Kevin Ellis Lackmann, b. 23/8/1923, at Murrayville, Vic. Married: Joan Marjorie Turner, b. 27/4/1924. at Tamworth, NSW. (a nurse). No children. Residence: (Box 56), Murrayville, Vic. 3512.

5. Valerie Veronica Lackmann, born : 17/10/1924 at Murrayville, Vic. Ex-W.A:A.A:F. during World War II. Married: at St. Kilda, John Francis Peter (Hans) Nas, born 5/9/1926 at Roemondt Holland, ex Dutch Navy Lt Residence: 1/44 Audrey St. Ascot Park, S.A. Five children- Elizabeth, Yvonne, Stuart, Paul & Marita.
6. Raye Gaynor Lackmann, b. 25/10/1925, at Adelaide. Occupation: Nurse and ex-Womens Australian Auxilliary Air Force. Married: Harold H McLennan, b. 15/8/1915 at Melbourne, Vic. (Ex-AIF). Occupation: Medical Practitioner, who died on 10/2/1981. Residence: Warragul, Vic. 3820 One child – Harold
7. Audrey Mae Lackmann, (twin of Wanda June) Born 6/6/1927 at Adelaide, S.A. Ex member of Womens Australian Auxiliary Air Force. Married: Harold Proctor, b. 24/10/1919 at Wentwonh, NSW, member of 2nd AIF, (now divorced). Residence: Audrey resides at 2 Harrow Road, Brahma Lodge, S.A. Five children – Wayne, Craig, Glennys, Cherie & Brett.
8. Wanda June Lackmann, Born 6/6/1927 at Adelaide. S.A. Occupation: A member of the Australian Womens Army Service. Married: Victor John Jonasson, b. 19/3/1929. a farmer. Residence: (Box 577) Murrayville, Vic. 3512. Four children – Rodney, Sharon, Janet & David.
9. Donald William Lackmann, born 24/7/1930, at Murrayville. Married: in Broken Hill, Judith Hamilton, b. 26/10/1935, at Port Adelaide, S.A. Ex-Australian Army). Death: Donald William Lackmann died of cancer at Murrayville, Vic, on 21/12/1979. Five children – Donald, Geoffrey, Helen, Donella & Marcus,
10. Florence Ellen Lackmann - Born on 9/6/1932 at Murrayville, Vic. 3512. Married twice. 1st: Colin Hand (now divorced). 2nd: William Caird at Red Cliffs Vic. Residence: Royston Rd, Robinvale Vic. Two children – Rex & Christine.
11. Brian Eric Lackmann, Born 19/11/1933 (twin with Yvonne Jean) Married: Margaret Elizabeth Witchell, b. 16/2/1936, at Burwood, Vic. Residence: 25 O'Toole Road, Cranbourne, Vic. 3977. Four children – Tracey, Karen, Kelly & Joanne.
12. Yvonne Jean Lackmann, Born 19/11/1933 at Murrayville (twin with Brian Eric) Married: James Allan Siddons, b. 19/7/1933 at Melbourne, Vic. Residence: Robinvale, Vic. 3549. Five children – Julie, Kristine, Roslyn, James & Hayley. James (junior) was a national cricketer - Sporting History: Australian Cricket Team Tour of Pakistan 1988, Victorian Sheffield Shield Team 1984 to 1991, Winning Victorian Sheffield Shield Team 1990-91 (scored 100 not out), Captain/coach S. A. Sheffield Shield Cricket Team 1991 to 1994/95, Winner Sheffield Shield Cricketer of the Year 1992/1993 Victorian U19 Cricket Team 1983 and 1984, Vic and Australian Under 16 Cricket Team 1980, Sunraysia Football League Best and Fairest Award, 1983, Sydney Swans Australian Rules AFL Player 1984, Married: Detha Rose Noter, b. 9/12/1965, at Robinvale, Vic.

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 302 to 308.
- 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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