

Eleanor Mabel RANKINE (nee BUNDEY) & James (Jamie) Beevor RANKINE

Biography as published in 1995

Eleanor Mabel Bunday born 3/9/1882 at East Wellington, SA.

Parents : Rose Ann Bunday (nee McLEAN) & Albert Edward Bunday

Grandparents : Ann Soward McLean (nee Janeway) & Archibald McLean

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

Married: **James (Jamie) Beevor Rankine** (b. 25/1/1877) son of Capt. James Rankine and his wife of "Wyndgate", Hindmarsh Island and "Braemar", Strathalbyn. His mother was nee Isabel Agnes Beevor. Jamie was born at "Glenbar", Strathalbyn. He was not born deaf but became so after a severe childhood illness and in adulthood could hear gramophone music faintly if he sat close. He was educated at Townsend House, Brighton, a school for the hearing impaired and there met Eleanor who had been born profoundly deaf.

They were engaged for 9 years before marrying c. 1913.

They built "Woodford" with very large rooms on part of the "Wyngate" land at Hindmarsh Island as his widowed mother and some of the family still occupied the main house. Jamie farmed at the island.

Neither of their two girls inherited the deafness of both the families but decided when quite young not to risk having possibly deaf children of their own. (information from the Rankine Family History by E.M.S.)

Deaths: James died suddenly at the Victor Harbor Hospital on 6/10/1935 aged 58 years. Interred at Strathalbyn Cemetery.

Eleanor Rankine lived in her latter days at Renmark with her younger daughter Mrs John Sharley and died there on 10/2/1969 aged 86 years.

CHILDREN:

1. Isabel Bunday Rankine b. 7/3/1914 at Hindmarsh island, S.A. Married Twice in Africa. No children. 1st marriage: to Hugh Frazer. Divorced (he remarried and had family). 2nd marriage: to John T. A. Pearce, British District Commissioner at Kenya, Tanganyika and Somaliland, Africa. He retired to Papua New Guinea where he was Director of the then new University at Lae and they finally retired to Buderim, Queensland. Death: of Isabel Pearce on 1/3/1983 of Alzheimer's disease aged 68 years. John later remarried at Buderim.
2. Nancy Bunday Rankine b. 14/11/1919 at Goolwa, S.A. Married: at Scotts Church, North Terrace, Adelaide, John Frederick Sharley (b. 8/4/1919). Occupation: Real Estate agent, and 4 years Mayor of Renmark. Residence: Renmark, S.A. Death: Of John F. Sharley at Renmark in 1990. Children - Anthony (b. 6/2/1959) & Jan (12/9/1960).

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 416 & 417.
- 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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