

Jessie Maude DAVIS, nee McLEAN & William DAVIS

Biography as published in 1995

Jessie Maude McLean b. 25/11/1883 at Minyip, Vic.

Parents : Sarah Ann McLean (nee Milgate) & George Henry McLean

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

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

Married: **William Davis** (b. 15/3/1881). He died c. 1928. Death: of Jessie Maude Davis on 7/8/1954 aged 70 years at Chinchilla. Q'd, leaving 4 daughters.

History: By Violet Ottasoff (nee Davis) – Jessie's youngest child.

Jessie McLean (my mother) married William Davis (my father) in Minyip. Vic and moved to Queensland to join the Davis family (mother and brothers and sisters) who had moved to Queensland earlier and bought a property about 29 kms outside Chinchilla in the Wambo Shire. My 3 sisters, Rose, Elsie and Lucy were born and received part of their education at Wambo and the remainder in Chinchilla.

My family moved into Chinchilla and bought a dairy farm a short distance out of Chinchilla. My father suffered ill health for some time and sadly he died when I was 6 years old. Mother carried on working the farm, selling milk and cream to the townspeople. My sisters were old enough to help in the running of the farm. My mother was a keen gardener and always had lovely flowers blooming all seasons of the year. She also had a wonderful orchard and vegetable garden. I

don't know how she found time to do it all.

Violet's history is continued in her section.

CHILDREN:

1. Rose Amelia Davis b. 8/8/1910. Married: George Edwin Gray (b. 23/4/1904), farmer of Chinchilla, Qld. Deaths: Rose Amelia Gray of Chinchilla on 31/7/1992 at Chinchilla in her 8151 year. Her husband George E. Gray on 26/12/1966 aged 62 years. They had six children - Glen (b. 19/10/1936), Allen (b. 23/12/1937), Joyce (b. 31/1/1937), Rhonda (b. 30/3/1940), Lexie (b. 3/11/1942) & Margaret (b. 19/9/1949,). They were all born in Chinchilla, Qld.
2. Elsie Maud Davis, b. 14/6 1912. Married Francis Allen Gray (b. 26/9/1909) sheep farmer. Deaths: Francis on 19/3/1991 aged 82 years. Elsie Maud died at hospital in 1992 aged 79 years. Children - Francis (b. 12/5/1942) & Allison (b. 25/9/1944).
3. Lucy Margaret Davis, b. 14/9/1914. Married Oliver Gordon Hubbard (b 18/4/1908) farmer and cattle breeder of Chinchilla. Death: Oliver died 21/10/1992 aged 84 years. Children - Leonard (b. 26/3/1947) & David (b. 23/6/1951).
4. Violet May Davis, b. 1/2/1922 at Chinchilla. Married: Allan Ottasoff. [See biographies 5094](#)

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 419 & 422.
- 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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