

Kenneth Charles ASHBY & Melba ASHBY, nee BLACKMORE

Biography as published in 1995

Kenneth Charles Ashby (nickname - "Chas." as a child "Wonky"), born 21/9/1920 at Kongorong

Parents : Maria Mabel (Mary) ASHBY (nee McLEAN) & James Edward ASHBY

Grandparents : Maria Elizabeth McLean (nee Kruger) & Charles Soward McLean

G-Grandparents : Anna Soward McLean (nee Janeway) & Archibald McLean

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

Occupation: Farmer of Mt Gambler, S.A., now retired.

Married: **Melba Blackmore** (b. 5/10/1922).

Chas worked for Livingston's on the Pines before and after his marriage to Melba. He was also expected to help out on the family farm if need be. After his marriage the couple lived with Melba's parents.

He joined the army at Christmas 1941 and was in Australia for three and a half years. During this time son Peter and daughter Judy were born. The last six months Chas served in Borneo. First in Brunei and then on Labuan Island. He was on the island when the war ended.

On his return he went back working for Livingston's until they built their own house on a farm bought from Melba's parents. Brian and Mignonne were born after they moved to the Kongorong property.

Chas and Melba sold the farm in 1977 and retired to Mount Gambler where Chas spends time with his wood turning hobby in between time travelling to visit their children and grandchildren

Children :-

1. Kenneth Peter Ashby b. 1/7/1942. Occupation: Carpenter of Northampton, W.A. Married: Mary Ann Rees (b. 21/5/1943). Children - Murray (b 1/11/1969) & Douglas (b. 28/8/19710).
2. Judith Evette Ashby b. 18/6/1943. Occupation: School teacher. Married twice. Married 1st: John Harris Bowering (b. 17/9/1944). His occupation Pilot. Married 2nd: Ken Thomas Dolman (b. 17/9/1943). His occupation Storekeeper of Beachport S.A. One child - Wendy (b. 9/9/1965).
3. Brian James Ashby b. 7/3/1950. Occupation: Milkman of Mt Gambier. Married: Josephine Joy Ryan (b. 30/9/1950). Children - Brooke (b. 29/3/1981), Kieran (b. 23/2/1984) & Rhiannon (b. 4/2/1992).
4. Mignonne Emily Ashby b. 24/11/1952. Occupation: Secretary. Married: Michael Stefan Madey (b. 24/2/1954). Occupation: Surveyor-Draftsman. Residence: Happy Valley, SA. Children - Brendan (b. 3/6/1975) & Paul (b 18/11/19770).

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 440.
- 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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