

Arthur Maxwell Keith ASHBY & June Elsie ASHBY, nee CHAMBERLAIN

Biography as published in 1995

Arthur Maxwell Keith Ashby b. 4/8/1934 at Kongorong. S.A Nickname "Warley"

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 Kongorong and Queensland.

Married: June Elsie Chamberlain (b. 15/1/1938).

Her occupation: Teacher.

Teaks and Warley were two little horrors as children Many of their horrifying practical jokes on their prospective brothers and sisters in law are not fit for publication but here are a couple. They cut the teat off a dead cow and put it in a pocket (both denied how it got there). Hoping for visitors they went to the table for a meal. Teaks threw it to Warley who threw it back and forth until Warley missed it and it fell in the cream. Neither was game to tell their mother (Mary) because they would have got a hiding. When she came to serve out the cream. out came the cows teat. Warley tells that this was definitely after the depression and he says he got the hiding for not catching it. Another of their favourite pranks was putting the pet lamb in the visitor's bedroom.

The boys were also very accurate shots with a sling-shot and would brag between themselves as to who was the best. One dared the other that they couldn't hit a moving target. A duck walked past with 9 ducklings. The dare was on. The duck was the biggest so she was the target. Sling!! The duck dropped stone dead. Teaks and Warley would never tell who was the culprit and their mother never knew what happened to the mother duck. The 9 ducklings were taken inside and reared in the warm kitchen.

Children –

1. Leon Neville Ashby b. 13/6/1959. Occupation: Dairy farmer of Aramac, Queensland. Married: Jane O'Connor (b. 15/3/1964). 5 children - 1983, 1985, 1987, 1988 & 1992.
2. Bronwyn Rae Ashby b. 5/9/1960. Occupation: Dental therapist, Mt Compass, S.A. Married: Robert Jacobs (b. 14/8/1959). Residence' Springsure, Queensland. 4 children – 1984, 1985, 1987 & 1991.
3. Robyn Lynne Ashby b. 8/1/1962. Unmarried. Occupation: With Telecom, Mt Gambier, S.A
4. Geoffrey Neil Ashby b. 1/7/1966. Occupation: Farmer of Nene Valley, S.A. Married: Leonie Feast. 2 children 1989 & 1991.

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 444.
- 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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