

Roland Arnold ASHBY & Erica Dawn ASHBY, nee JACKWAY

Biography as published in 1995

Roland Arnold Ashby b. 16/6/1938 - Nickname "Teaks". 10th and youngest child of Maria (Mary) and James Ashby of Port MacDonnell, S.A.

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

Married: Erica Dawn Jackway (b. 16/3/1936).

His occupation: Farmer of Kongorong, S.A.

Death: He died aged 23 years on 21/7/1959 (accidently). Interred at Mt Gambier.

When Teaks was small he was told to go out and get the duck eggs. He came back in and said "there are no eggs and the ducks are all asleep". The ferret had got out and killed them all See Warley's section for some of Teaks' exploits.

From the "Border Watch" dated 23/7/1959:-

"The funeral took place from Christ Church, Mt Gambler, this afternoon of Mr Roland Arnold Ashby who was killed in tragic circumstances while working on a water tank at the new home he had built for himself and his young wife. Mr Ashby who was 23 was killed about 3.30 on Tuesday afternoon when the concrete water tank collapsed at Kongorong. The tank contained about 1000 gallons of water. Mr Ashby was in a small room underneath the tank when a supporting structure gave way. A friend who was working with Mr Ashby. Mr E. G. Jarrad of Benara, was brushed aside by the collapsing structure but Mr Ashby was struck by the tank. Death was instantaneous. Mr Ashby who married Miss Erica Jackway about 4 years ago was the youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. E. Ashby of Port MacDonnell and was a native of the district. He was a keen cricketer and footballer. He and his wife were about to move into a new house which Mr Ashby had been building on his farm. A report of the death was prepared by Mount Gambler police for the Coroner. An inquest was deemed unnecessary

Child:

1. Craig Martyn Ashby-Fox b. 17/2/1960 (after his father's death) Occupation : Motor cycle mechanic of Mt Gambier. Married: Jennifer Hanel (b. 22/3/1960).

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page444 & 445.
- 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.
- CHANGES : Please contact us with additions, corrections or suggestions about any part of this family tree.
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