

Lindsay Donald McLEAN & Mary (Madie) Janet McLEAN, nee CHANT

Biography as published in 1995

Lindsay Donald McLean born 18/4/1899 at Beulah West, Victoria, the 10th child of the 12 of Charles (Soward) McLean and Maria (nee Kruger) of Kongorong, S.A.

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

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

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

Married: **Mary Janet Chant** (b. 22/6/1906) called "Madie".

After their marriage Lindsay worked on a wheat property out from Murray Bridge and then share farmed for 2 years at Brinkley in the same area. Lindsay won a cup for his wheat crop at this time. They had good seasons and in 1928 bought a new A Model Ford car.

When the depression struck in 1929 they had to leave Brinkley and couldn't get other work and ended up losing everything as the depression deepened. They returned to Kongorong and lived with Lindsay's parents for a time and eventually Lindsay got work with one of the Government schemes of the day.

They moved to Mount Schank about 1935 and then to Allendale East about 1940. In 1943 they moved to German Creek (Kongorong) and worked for Jim Chant, Madie's father. In 1946 the property was divided among the family and Lindsay and Madie took over a portion of the eastern end of the property and continued to work part of it till Lindsay died in 1960.

In 1953 they bought the property known as "Louden Hill" in the OB. Flat district. This was a dairy farm and Bruce, one of their sons, started the "Louden Hill" Holstein Freisian Stud there. The property was sold about 1963.

Deaths:

Lindsay McLean on 10/9/1960 aged 61 years.

"Madie" died on 1/9/1969 aged 63 years. Both interred at Mt Gambler.

CHILDREN (7):

1. Vernon Lindsay McLean b. 13/11/1926. Married: Mavis Jean Teltord (b. 19/10/1927). Occupation: Dairy farmers of Kongorong, S.A. Four children – 1950, 1952, 1957 & 1967.
2. Laurence Elliot McLean b. 28/7/1928. Married: Marcia Ellen Noble (b. 2/10/1924). Occupation: Dairy farmer of Edenhope, Victoria (formerly of Kongorong). Death: Marcia died 22/11/1986 aged 62 years. Laurie is very interested in the family history being President at our first reunion. He is a keen piper. Seven children – 1950, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1958, 1959 & 1962.
3. Donald James McLean b. 2/8/1930. Occupation: Merchant Navy. Death: He died 1/2/1950 aged 19 years. From the "Border Watch" of 4/2/1950: "On February 2 at the Royal Hospital, Newcastle, Donald James son of Mr and Mrs Donald Lindsay McLean of Kongorong, S.A. aged 19, result of accident. His brother Brian died in the Hamilton Hospital in December from injuries sustained in a motor cycle accident. The funeral of Donald James left the residence of Mr McEachern of Moorak on Tuesday for the Mt Gambler cemetery.
4. Brian Maxwell McLean b. 29/7/1932. Occupation: Shearer. Death: on 23/12/1949 aged 17 years at Hamilton Base Hospital, Victoria. From the "Border Watch" of 22/12/1949: "Brian Maxwell McLean aged 17 years 01 Kongorong died in the Hamilton Base Hospital on Tuesday from severe head injuries sustained when his motor cycle failed to negotiate a turn near Dunkeld on Friday night. The youth was returning to Dunkeld after a run on his machine along the Victoria Valley Road. He failed to take the turn and crashed

through a post and rail fence. Three panels of the fence were smashed. He was removed to the Hamilton Hospital by ambulance. McLean had been shearing on the Mount Sturgeon Estate and had returned to Dunkeld on Friday afternoon after completion of his duties. Although not a dangerous road the Victoria Valley Road is classed as one that has to be negotiated with care. A man was killed at the same bend in similar circumstances four years ago. The youth was a son of Mr and Mrs L. D. McLean of Kongorong. He was a student of Mount Gambler High School leaving about three years ago. In recent months he had been shearing. The funeral took place at the Mt Gambler Cemetery this afternoon."

5. Robert Bruce McLean b 1/2/1935, Married: Ruth Elizabeth Leggett (b. 27/10/1933) at Mt Gambler Occupation: Dairy farmer of Bamawm, Victoria Six children – 1957 in Mt Gambier, 1959, 1961 in Tongala, Vic, 1965 in Tongla, 1969 in Echuca, Vic, 1972 in Echuca.
6. Elga Jean McLean b. 9/4/1937. Married: Ronald John Ielasi (b. 14/2/1940). Occupation. Dairy farmer of Murray Bridge, S.A. Four children – 1962, 1965, 1965 & 1968.
7. John Graham McLean b. 11/12/1940. Married: Bernice Adele Ware (b. 24/11/1941) - d. 27/7/1994 at Dalby. Occupation: Mail Contractor of Dalby, Queensland. Three children – 1962, 1964 & 1972.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 451 to 454.• 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.• CONTACT : Visit our website www.christinaanddonaldmclean.com or Strathalbyn Museum phone 08 8536 2656 to discover more about your family –and about privacy and copyright. |
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