

John (junior) CHERITON & Milfred Jane CHERITON, nee McCORD

Biography as published in 1995

JOHN CHERITON born at "Field View Lodge" on 22/8/1854 (but merely registered as an unnamed male).

Parents : Jane Cheriton (nee McLean) & John Cheriton

Grandparents : Christina McLean (nee McPhee) & Donald McLean

He spent all his working life at the Belvidere farm. but like his father took an interest in public affairs.

MARRIAGE: In 1878 he married **Mildred Jane McCord** (b. 20/2/1854) daughter of James McCord of "Burnside Estate", Strathalbyn at her father's house.

CIVIC RECORD OF 1922: John Cheriton junior, born at Belvidere in 1854, son of the late John Cheriton of Strathalbyn who came to S.A. in early 1840 (error, 1848) from Devonshire. For 68 years Mr Cheriton has resided at Belvidere and during that time has taken a prominent part in district affairs. He has been Chairman of the Bremer District Council for 20 years and has occupied many responsible positions. President of the Strathalbyn Agricultural Society, past President of the Strathalbyn institute and ex-member of the Australian Order of Forresters, Strathalbyn branch. In patriotic work Mr Cheriton has taken part and for a time of the local repatriation committee.

In 1881 John junior had been very angry at damage done to the property and was by then farming without his father. In the "Southern Argus" dated 5/7/1881 he published the following:-

"Field View Lodge, July 5th. TAKE notice that on account of my fences being destroyed on or after this date ANY PERSON found trespassing on the undermentioned sections, Hundreds of Bremer and Strathalbyn, VIZ. 2773, 2761, pan 2762,2763, 2764, 2765, part 2760, 514, 508, part 2799, part 2774, part 2761, pan 1189, 1188, 1181, 1184, 1187, 2628 and 505, will be PROSECUTED. All horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, etc. will be IMPOUNDED."

DEATH: on 14/10/1925 of Mildred Jane Cheriton aged 71 at "Field View Lodge", Belvidere. She was interred at the Strathalbyn cemetery.

DEATH: on 19/8/1940 at Fullarton, S.A. of Cheriton (junior) 3 days before his 86th birthday. He had retired to a suburb of Adelaide leaving his sons to continue the Belvidere farm.

An **OBITUARY** was printed in the "Southern Argus" of 21/8/1940:

"The Death occurred at Fullarton on Monday of Mr John Cheriton, son of the late Mr J. Cheriton the well known auctioneer of Strathalbyn. More than 50 years ago Mr Cheriton took up land at Angas Plains where he farmed successfully until he retired in favour of his sons. There are four sons in the family - Mac., Gordon, Jack and Graham. Mac. and Gordon predeceased their father, the latter being killed in the Great War. There are also three daughters, Jean of Sydney, Maisie of Paris, and Mrs Shoebridge of Horsham, Victoria. The funeral was conducted yesterday afternoon. The Rev. Sydney Smith officiated at the graveside. John and Mildred are in grave 2/37 at the Strathalbyn Cemetery."

CHILDREN:

1. James McCord (Mac) Cheriton b. at "Field View Lodge", Belvidere 23/7/1879. Married Emily Ida Mary Martin. [See biographies 5201](#)
2. Jane (Jean) Cheriton - born 9/6/1881 at "Field View Lodge", Belvidere. Except that she resided in Sydney and died there unmarried (she was living in 1940 when her father died) nothing further has been traced.
3. John (3rd) (Jack) Cheriton - born 1/11/1882 at "Field View Lodge", Belvidere. The Directory of 1922 has: Horticulturist, Berri. River Murray, irrigation area. He married Maude Shultz of Winkle, S.A. on 5/2/1910. There were no children and he died c. 1962.
4. Mary (Maisie) Donaldson Cheriton born 6/6/1884 at "Field View Lodge", Belvidere. She was living at Paris, France in 1940 and was caught up in the German occupation and was imprisoned for the duration. Afterwards when she returned to Australia she lived at Sydney with her sister Jean for a time and then joined her sister Mildred, Mrs Shoebridge of Horsham, Victoria. The date of her death at Horsham is not known.
5. James (Gordon) Cheriton born 20/12/1885 at "Field View Lodge", Belvidere. He was a salesman before joining the First A.I.F. He was unmarried and aged 31 years when he was killed in action in France on 3/5/1917. His name is on the Honour Roll of those serving in the wars, at the Belvidere Hall as is that of his nephew John (Shirley) Cheriton who was with the 2nd A.I.F.
6. Graham Rankine Cheriton born 5/7/1887 at "Field View Lodge", Belvidere. His occupation was "salesman". He married Laura Millicent Clark. Their address in 1922 was 133 Park Terrace, Wayville but by 1966 in the telephone directory with the entry in his wife's name, they were at 12 Greenhill Road, Wayville. Graham was by then in business at Grenfell Street, Adelaide – Cheriton and Rashleigh, Land Agents. He died aged 83 on 20/2/1971. Laura died in 1964. Their only child was Mollie Mildred Cheriton who was born 1923. Her occupation was "clerk" and she resided with her parents at Wayville. Following their deaths she lived at Somerton Park. She died unmarried in 1986 aged 63 years and was cremated at Centennial Park.
7. Mildred McCord Cheriton born 1/9/1889 at "Field View Lodge", Belvidere. Married aged 44 years, William Shoebridge of Horsham, Victoria. No children. Died in 1950 (ref : Nancy Gemmel's 'Old Strathalbyn', p194)

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 524 to 526.
- 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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