

Margaret Olive JOHNSTON

Biography as published in 1995

Margaret Olive Johnston born 18/4/1899 at Strathalbyn S.A.

Parents : Elizabeth Ann Johnston (nee McLEAN) & Matthew Johnston

Grandparents : Margaret McLean (nee Tannahill) & Hugh (the younger) McLean

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

Occupation: Dressmaker.

Unmarried.

History: In her twenties Margaret started a clothing manufactory in partnership with her sister Myrtle under the name of M. & M. Johnston and this business is now owned by their nephew Malcolm. She learned oil painting together with her sister Clover & her paintings are now held by family members. She was strongly independent and obtained her driving licence in the 1920s. Her first car was a 1926 Whippet and then in 1931 a Pontiac. In partnership with yet another sister, (Ivy) she purchased a house at Inglewood, W.A. & a holiday home at Fumisdale and welcomed family members at any time. The holiday home was open to them all.

She was much involved with the raising of the motherless sons of her brother Gordon (Malcolm & Russell). In later years she travelled Australia & New Zealand and she was renowned for her weekend drives taking family and friends far afield in W.A. She finally retired at the age of 79.

Death: in 1986 aged 86 years - her burial place is at the Pinnaroo Valley Memorial Park, Padbury, 19 kilometres north of Perth.

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 559..
- 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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