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CLANSMEN'S CREST — A TOWER EMBATTLED (Argent.) MOTTO — VIRTUE MINE HONOUR ORIGIN OF NAME — MACGILLE-EOIN (Son of the servant of John.) BADGE—CROWBERRY

WAR CRIES-BAS NO BEATHA (Death or life.)

FEAR EILE AIRSON EACHAINN (Another for Hector.)

PIPE MUSIC-THE MACLEAN'S MARCH



Vaclear D'Chiry flan Marchan, Irene Roberts

John F. McLean

The Castle of Duart occupies a high cliff on the coast of Mull overlooking the mainland and the Islands of Mull, Tiree and Coll.

The ancient castle was a tower with walls of enormous thickness. In more recent years two buildings with connecting walls were added to form an oblong square of 170 X 72 feet.

From a very remote period this was the home of the Clan Gillean, later to be known as the Clan MacLean of Duart.

The Castle is presently occupied by the 27th. Chief of the Clan Sir Charles Hector Fitzroy MacLean.





The tartan is the oldest for which there documentary evidence. Hector MacLean, heir of Duart received a charter for the lands of Nerrabolsadh of Islay in 1587. The perpetual lease payment was 60 ells of cloth of white, black and green colours, which describes the MacLean hunting tartan.

Thirty years later when the lands were granted to Rory MacKenzie of Coigeach the cloth was described as white, black and grey, but when the lands were returned to the MacLeans in 1630 the colours again described the hunting tartan. The charter price per ell was eightpence.

The dress tartan is predominantly red. "he hunting tartan is predominatly green.







ARLY DATES IN SCOTTISH HISTORY

55 BC- Julius Caesar landed in Britain. 80 AD- Julius Agricola invaded what is now known as Scotland. 84-- - Mons Graupius 121--- Hadrian's wall. 139--- Antonine's wall (Graham's Dyke) 209--- Campaign of Severos. 501--- Scots settle in Argyll.

The Dalriadic was settled in Argyll by Fergus, son of Erc with his brothers Lorn and Angus. The land was divided among four tribes-the Cinel Gabran, Cinel Comgall (descendents of Grandsons of Fergus), the Cinel Lorn, and Cinel Angus (descendents of brothers of Fergus). King Aiden of Dalriada died in 606AD.

It is believed that Gillean was descended from the Kings of Dalriada through King Lorn's grandson Cinel Baoden of Morven. The Clan scattered through the Western Isles from Rum to Islay. Duart Castle, built around 1225, became the Clan Seat in 1390 under the Lordship of the Isles



he Betons, or in Gaelic, the MacBheatha were hereditary Sennachies* of the MacLeans, and were of Irish descent (O'Neil).

They assert the surname MacLean was originally MacGilleain from a famous Celtic warrior of the 13th century, Gilleain-Nan-Tuagh, or Gilleathain Na Tuaidth, Gillean of the Battle Axe, the son of Jerath. With his Clan he fought at the Battle of *Sennachie-one skilled in ancient or remote history, a reciter of tales, a bard among Highlanders relating traditions of the clans.

Largs (1265) against King Haaken of Norway to assert the sovereignty of King Alexander the Third over the Western Isles.

Gilleain's great Grandson Ian Dhu settled in Mull and he had two sons- Lachlan Lubanach, progenitor of the MacLeans of Duart, and Eachan (Hector) progenitor of the Mac Laines of Lochbuie. Charles, son of Hector, formed 'MacLeans of the North' on the Isle of Coll and attached to the Clan Chattan.

The MacLeans of Duart had been supporters of the MacDougalls of Lorn but in 1367 Lachlan married Margaret, daughter of John, rirst Lord of the Isles. He received a Charter for Duart Castle in 1390, and other Royal Castles off the Isle of Mull. He became Steward of the Lord of the Isles, and Baillie of Tiree. Eachan (Hector) received the lands of Lochbuie from his brother's father-in-law.

The MacLeans became very powerful and their territory included the Isles of Mull, Tiree, Islay, Jura, Scarba, and on the mainland, Morvern, Lochaber, and Knapdale. The four main branches were Duart, Ardgour, Coll and Lochbuie.

Red Hector of the Battles acting as Comdr. for the Lord of the Isles was killed with his brother Lachlan in 1411 at the Battle of Harlaw. As a result much of their land was forfeited by King James 1 but by 1493 Hector of Duart recieved confirmation of land previously held in 1390 by a Charter from King James 1V.

A descendant of Hector, John Og of Lochbuie actually recieved the Charter. He was killed with two of his sons in a feud with the MacLeans of Duart. The surviving son Murdoch Gear MacLaine, an infant, was taken to safety in Ireland leaving his estates to the mercy of the MacLeans. However, on reaching manhood, Murdoch returned with ten Irishmen and gained admittance to Lochbuie with the help of his nurse who recognised him by a mole on his neck. He captured the Castle and soon became master of his estates as well.

A pitched battle followed at a place between Lochbuie and Grulin where the MacLeans of Duart were defeated. Returning from the battle Murdoch came across the MacLeans asleep and when the leader awoke he found his nair pinned to the ground by a dirk he recognised as belonging to Murdoch. The two families were friends from that time on.

Murdoch's son John Mor, an expert swordsman appeared in Edinburgh and killed a famous Italian fencer who had challenged all of Scotland.

The MacLeans still supported the MacDonalds and on the Lord of the Isles council of 17 at least a third were MacLeans of Duart, Lochbuie, Torloisk, Coll, Ardgour and Kingairloch. As the influence of the MacDonalds faded, the power of the Campbells increased.

Lachlan Cattanach MacLean married Lady Elizabeth, daughter of Archibald Campbell, Earl of Argyll, sister of the Duke of Argyll. The Earl and Hector MacLean were killed at the Battle of Flodden in 1513.

Lachlan, resolving to get rid of his wife left her on a rock between Lismore and Mull at low tide. However, she was rescued by a

passing boat and delivered to her brother's house. In 1593 while visiting Edinburgh Lachlan was assassinated in his bed by Elizabeth's brother, Sir John Campbell of Calder.

In 1536 Hector MacLean of Duart with others signed a bond of Manrent (vassalage) to George, Earl of Huntly, but in 1579 he complained to council that Lachlan MacLean had captured his castle, and destroyed its furnishings. Presumably, this Lachlan was the son of Lachlan Cattanach. Between 1579 and 1581 he was in constant trouble. His wife was protected from him, he carried on a feud with MacDonald of Duyvag, was accused of beheading Hector MacLean of Allanson, of imprisoning Donald MacLean in Carnbulg and of directing the murder of nine men and two women on the Isles of Gigha.

John Garbh MacLean of Coll, son of the man with whom Lachlan was at feud, lived until the first year of Charles 1's Reign. He was a composer of music and played the harp.

In spite of his early escapades Lachlan Mor was Knighted and fought at the Battle of Glenlivat in 1594.

The MacDonalds infiltrated Islay and Jura menacing trade between Scotland and Ireland. A bitter feud developed leading to the Clan battle at Lochgruinard against the MacDonalds of Islay. Lachlan Mor with 80 principal men of his Clan and 200 soldiers were killed. His son Lachlan Barrack with other survivors escaped to their boats. The Battle of Benbigger followed where the MacDonalds were almost cut off by the MacLeans and two other Clans under orders from James VI.

The Castle was taken by the Campbells(Crown representative) in 1604 due to unpaid rent. Peace was achieved by signing the 'Statutes of Iona: Chiefs of the four Clan divisions appeared annually before a Privy Council.

In 1632 Lachlan was created a Baronet of Nova Scotia by Charles 1, and fought under Montrose at Inverlochy in 1645. He died in 1649, and was succeeded by his son Hector who fought in the Battle of Inverkeithing in 1651 where 500 MacLeans were killed by the troops of Oliver Cromwell. In this battle the Clan Chief Sir Hector MacLean was killed. When he was hard pressed by the enemy seven brothers went successively to his defence. All were killed. As one fell the next came up crying 'FEAR EILE AIRSON EACHAINN'- Another for Hector.

From 1648 the MacLeans supported the King but the Campbells continued to harass the young Chiefs of the Clan. Most of the land had been taken but the MacLeans supported Dundee at the battle of Killierankie in 1680, and joined the Earl of Mar in 1715.

In 1745 the MacLeans joined the Lachlans to form a regiment under Charles MacLean of Drummin. The regiment under command of Duke of Perth, Lord James Drummond appeared at Culloden Moor.

When Prince Charles Edward Stewart decided to fight for his father's throne he returned to the Highlands from France with seven men, and a small force of Highland and Irish troops. They set out for London and scattered a small government force near Edinburgh. They got as far south as Derby. Then, unwisely counselled, the half-starved

Clansmen met the troops of the Duke of Cumberland on Culloden Moor, 6 miles from Inverness. The Clans, on foot, met English cannons and cavalry charges. It was a bloody battle soon to become a massacre in



the afternoon of April 16, 1746. Lachlan, and his son Lachlan were both killed. Charles, upon hearing from his wounded son Alan that his son Lachlan had been killed, with sword in hand, charged the English line while others were falling back. Of 180 MacLeans in Charles' regiment only 38 survived. Sir Hector, Clan Chief was imprisoned in London for two years, then taken to Italy. Died in Paris in 1750.

The MacLeans were virtually landless and chiefless. An Act of Parliament in 1746 forced the Highlanders to surrender their arms and stop wearing any form of Highland dress. This Act was repealed in 1782.

In 1761 Capt. Allan MacLean of Torloisk raised the 114th. Foot (Royal Highland Volunteers). They saw no action but furnished recruits for other Regiments going to North America. In 1783 Sir Allan claimed and recieved the land of Brolass on Mull. A few Chiefs became landowners but they were gradually evicted and dispersed.

In 1900 the ruins of Duart Castle were recovered, and in 1912 Sir Fitzroy MacLean, 26th. Chief of the Clan was restored at the age of 77. He died at the age of 102 in 1936. His grandson Sir Charles MacLean of Duart is now Clan Chief.

MCLEAN FAMILY HISTORY



McLeans, Dumfries, Scotland to ElmsleyTwp. Canada

Research has not revealed the date or reason for the change from MacLean to McLean. Family records in Scotland show McLean, as do documents signed by

family members emigrating to Canada. It is therefore accepted that the spelling is McLean.



Chapel Farm, Dunscore Parish, Scotland

he Clan MacLean with headquarters at Duart Castle, Isle of Mull, were Highlanders. However, after various battles leaving the Clan 'virtually landless and chiefless', many families sought their living where they could find it. At the beginning of this story the McLean family lived in the Lowlands of Scotland on Chapel Farm, Dunscore Parish. Chapel Farm is about two miles from Dunscore in a glen called 'Glen Esslin', located about nine miles North of Dumfries. It is a fairly lonely place and not rich for farming. It is rather hilly and mainly used for sheep farming. It is however, very historical and known as the land of the Covanenters. Much blood was shed there for the right to worship in their own way.

Research at this time, 1982, shows our earliest ancestor to be William McLean, living for many years at Chapel Farm, Dunscore. He was born in 1747. He married Janet Huddleston and raised a family of seven sons and two daughters named; William, John, Thomas, Robert, David, Alexander, James, Janet and Margaret. It was while living at Chapel Farm that son John was educated at Wallace Hall Academy which is about nine miles from Dunscore. Wallace Hall is still in existence and regarded as a good school for higher education.

He became Doctor John McLean, Surgeon, Royal Navy. It was unusual in those days for sons of farmers to receive more than a basic education. The McLeans apparently held education in high regard and were affluent enough to give at least one son an unusually good education.



Longbridgemuir Farm, Ruthwell Parish, Dumfriesshire

which to some time prior to 1824, the family moved to Longbridgemuir Farm, about nine miles south of Dumfries. The farm was part of Comlogan Estate and belonged to the Earl of Mansfield, as did the whole of Ruthwell Parish until 1975. The present Earl disposed of the farms in 1975 due to death taxes on his father's estate. Nearby is Comlogan Castle of no historic value.

> Front view of Longbridgemuir Farm overlooking pasture, moors and a glimpse of Solway Firth. Famous for prize cattle and sheep.

Rear view shows lane off main road which leads to Ruthwell, two miles away. The AcLeans were evidently tenants on this estate.

The McLean family are believed to have been tenant farmers and as such occupied the Longbridgemuir farmhouse. This lovely stone building with what appears to be a slate roof is standing and occupied today. It is a lovely countryside and excellent farming land. Their emigration to Canada was probably caused by the lure of owning land and escaping heavy taxes.



earliest known phrases in the English language.

The Ruthwell Cross

William McLean, the father, died at Longbridgemuir Farm. His grave has been located in the churchyard at Ruthwell. The beautiful and historic Ruthwell Mount Kedar Church contains the Runic Cross. Famous people from all over the world come to see this Cross.

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Old to abstones in church of Ruthwell, Mount Kedar Church. October 5, 1978.

"In memory of William McLean, Longbridgemuir who died the 27th. of June 1824. Aged 77 yrs.



The above stone is the last resting place of our founding father, William McLean. His wife Janet, seven sons and two daughters emigrated by stages to Canada.



Emigration of Janet Huddleston McLean and Family he following narrative describes the emigration of Janet's family members, homes established in Canada, marriages,

children and known gravesites. All generations, whether Canadian or American born, appear on the master chart p.49 which is as accurate and complete as research can provide at this time. Thomas McLean 1792-1851



homas was the first to come to Canada. Records show him as a stone mason from Dunscore Parish, Dumfries Co., Scotland. He left left home on June 24, 1815 and disembarked at Quebec Sept.15, 1815. He came to Canada on the ship Atlas, the largest of the four ships leaving Glasgow for Canada in July and August. The Atlas was the first to sail, leaving on July 11, 1815 with 242 passengers, under the command of Captain Turnbull.

On board with Thomas was Archibald Morrison, a ship-carpenter from Glasgow, Scotland. The two settled side by side on Con. 6, Lot 23, Elmsley Twp. Thomas on the West half and Archie on the East half. Thomas received his location ticket #45 on April 23, 1816. Archie received his ticket #44. The land where Thomas settled changed hands later among the brothers, but has remained to this day in the ownership of the McLeans. By the spring of 1817 Thomas and Archie had each built a house 29X22 feet on their lots.

In 1824 the Crown granted Thomas 100 acres (all of NW half of lot 23). Morrison lived on the other half until it became the Coutts homestead. Thomas sold his land to brother William but by 1829 the property was deeded to Dr. John, to his son William J., to his son John F., to his son Thomas N. and to his son and present owner Ian. (Great, Great Grandson). Thomas moved to what is locally known as the Scotch Line, concession 1, Bathurst Twp. and con. 10 Burgess Twp. Sometime in 1818 Thomas married Janet Ritchie. Janet's father John settled on lot 10 East, con. J. Bathurst at the same time. The Ritchies came from Fintry Parish, Scotland. The family of Thomas McLean and Janet follows.

| | | | Conc. | Lot | Twp. |
|--------------|--------------|----|-------|-----|----------|
| Janet | Dec.27 181 | 8 | 6 | 23 | Elmsley |
| Jean | Dec.27 182 | 0 | 6 | 23 | Elmsley |
| Ann | Dec.20 182 | 2 | 6 | 23 | Elmsley |
| Mary* | Sept. 30 182 | | 1 | 14 | Bathurst |
| William** | Nov. 2 182 | 6 | 1 | 10 | Bathurst |
| Eliza | Jan.10 182 | | 10 | 4 | Elmsley |
| John | Jan. 6 183 | 51 | 1 | 13 | Bathurst |
| Mary Bee | May 10 183 | | 1 | 14 | Bathurst |
| Thomas Bryce | June 2 183 | 54 | 1 | 14 | Bathurst |

*Died Mar 13 1830 age 6. Craig St. Cem. Perth **Ritchie homestead

It is recorded that Thomas bought his final home lot 14, con. 1, Bathurst 100 acres from John McLaren, the original owner for 90 pounds. This farm was successively owned by McLaren, McLean, Elliott and Gilbert Wilson. It is now owned by a Polish Scientist from Ottawa. Thomas did not build a home. However, one building remaining on the final farm he occupied is worthy of mention.

A log school house, the second school in Lanark County, was built in 1818 at the corner of the Scotch Line and Allan's Mills sideroad. The log school was built on the right-of-way and was used until the present school was built in 1856.

During Thomas' lifetime it was known as the 'McLean Schoolhouse' and he was a trustee at the time of his death.

The school was moved in 1858 to the McLean farm having been bought for 16 pounds. The building still stands and was used by Gilbert Wilson as a pig house and workshop. When Thomas died in 1851 his son Thomas Bryce sold the farm to Walter Elliott in 1859. It was sold to Gilbert Wilson in 1866.

Elmsley Twp.was divided into N. and S. in 1842



William McLean

illiam McLean, elder brother of Thomas, came to Canada on board the Trafalgar arriving on July 31, 1817. He settled on lot 3, conc. 6 Burgess on March 16, 1818. His first marriage was to Ellen Rudsdale, in some places recorded as Helenora Rudsdale. Ellen's father, married to Fanny Plews, was a native of Clayton, Yorkshire, England. The Rudsdale family below:

| William m. McKerracherMary EnmaEllenMcLeanEmmaAnnPounderElizJaneNoonanSoph | za Motherwell |
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William and Ellen had two sons and three daughters: William Richard 1827-1909 Frances 1829-1891 Janet 1831-1910 Ann 1833-1901 John Charles 1836-1922

On Nov.11, 1837 Ellen Rudsdale McLean, mother of the family, met her death by accident. William was erecting a log shed and was drawing up the end of a log with her help. She was pushing from below when her feet slipped on the frozen ground and she fell striking her head on a stone. William came down to assist her but the log they were working with rolled down striking her on the head. Rev. Bell who conducted her funeral writes that "her friends were not called to sorrow as those who have no hope, for she was not only an industrious wife but a pious and good woman".

Her bereft husband was left with the care of five children, and facing winter. By March 1838 William had found Elizabeth McKay willing to marry him and take care of the children. The following excerpt from Rev. Bell's diary: "On the 29th day of March, 1838 I married by special license from Lt.-Governor, William McLean to Elizabeth McKay, both of the Township of Elmsley, John McLean Esq. and Robert McLean as witnesses...signed the certificateWilliam Bell, Minister".

William moved to lot 27, conc.5, Elmsley and it was there that at least some of his first second family were born (John Charles of the first in 1836 and Mary of the second in 1841). The children of William and Elizabeth were as follows:

Mary Bie (Mary)- March 8, 1842, lot 27, conc. 5 Hugh (infant)- Sept. 11, 1843, lot 27, conc. 6 Eleanor Ross (Ellen)- May 12, 1844 Elizabeth Jane Ross (Elizabeth)-June 27,1846 Sarah (infant)- Sept. 4, 1847 Jean (infant) Isabella Margaret (Isobel)- Nov. 11, 1852

By 1843 William and Elizabeth had moved to lot 27, conc. 6 Elmsley and built the lovely stone house pictured below.

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View of front of home from boat, late 1981. At one time it had a rough cast finish (similar to stucco). This has been removed and the stone work cleaned to show its original beauty. Present owners have added the balcony which now crosses the front. The home was sold to Arthur Hughes who married Mary McLean, daughter of William's second marriage. It was then sold to Henry McVeety whose family, George and then Ferguson, lived there until the farm was sold to Pat Miraw. However, the McVeetys retained land adjacent to the house, known as McVeety's Point, and built homes for themselves there.



Janet Huddleston McLean, Mother of the Family

anet came to Canada accompanied by one daughter arriving in 1827. The mother and

daughter were the only cabin passengers on the boat. Janet earned herself a special place in the hearts of the family by bringing with her a treasured possession, a grandfather clock. The works of the clock were wrapped in her petticoat for the crossing.

It is an eight-day clock bearing in bold letters across the face the name of the makers "McGIBBON DUMFRs". It has two massive stone or lead weights which are each wound to the top weekly with a large key. In the course of the week, the weights come down slowly on their pulleys. It strikes loudly every hour and shows the date of the month. According to records McGibbon of Dumfries were making clocks around 1787. They were probably just a family, clockmaker and his son, working from their house. Such crafts have long since disappeared. The clock kept in good order still tells the time in the home of Janet's great, great granddaughter, Ruby McLean Imeson.

Janet made her home with her son William in the stone house on lot 27, conc.6 Elmsley Township overlooking Rideau Lake. Her grave is in Craig St.





Cemetery, Perth, Ontario beside that of her son, Dr. John and her son William's first wife Ellen Rudsdale McLean.



The Memory of Janet Huddleston widow of William McLean Longbridgemoor Ruthwell Scotland who died at Elmsley Aug.23 1837

When the news of her death travelled back to Scotland, a notice appeared in the Dumfries Courier, Nov. 15, 1837. It referred to the death of Mrs. Janet McLean Aug.24, 1837, Elmsley, Upper Canada, widow of the late William McLean many years of the Chapel Farm of Dunscore.

Reference was also made of her son Dr. John McLean R.N. Surgeon retired of Perth, Elmsley, native of Dunscore and educated at Wallace Hall Academy.



Robert, David and Alexander

he date of emigration of the above brothers is not known, or the ships on which they sailed. David was in Canada as early as July 22,1823, the date on which he acquired his land. A Certificate in family papers shows that Robert was raised to Master Mason in the Masonic Lodge of St. Ruth of Ruthwell in 1824. An indenture shows him buying land in Canada Nov. 24, 1825. Dates of emigration for David is assumed as 1822 and Robert 1825.

The two brothers entered a partnership on lot 22, conc.7, Elmsley and established a home which remained in the McLean family until 1975. It was sold to Stuart Douglas and subsequently to Ken Coutts in 1981. There is evidence that Robert took possession of land in Burgess Twp. but it is not known if he built on it.

Less is known about Alexander. He is shown on the census of 1838, as living with his brothers on lot 22, conc.7, Elmsley.

The home of David and Robert McLean was very close to that established by Dr. John. They seemed to be in close contact, as evidenced by documents signed for each other. William's home was about three miles from Dr. John's west on the north shore of Rideau Lake.

Robert did not marry. Somewhat late in life David married Elizabeth Grierson but there were no children. More will be told of David's life as it affected the life of his nephew, William Richard McLean, under the heading "Descendants of William". Home of Robert and David is shown.



Home of David and Robert McLean Lot 22, conc.7, Elmsley Township. Owned successively by their nephew Wm. Richard McLean and his son Thomas McLean. Thomas shown lower left driving team.

Home of McLeans 1823-1975.



ames was the last of the brothers to come to Canada. It is known that he came from Dumfries to Canada about 1841 with his wife and at least one daughter, Barbara, 13 years of age. Because Barbara married Peter Mc Pherson and made her home near Oliver's Ferry (Munsie Lane now known as the Rideau Ferry Yacht Club road), more is known of her. Other children were Margaret, Jane and William.

The descendants of Barbara McLean and Peter McPherson to the extent known are shown below.





Sisters Janet and Margaret

t is known that one sister accompanied her mother to Canada, but we are not sure which. Janet McLean married Robert McLaren. The marriage record reads "On 6 March, 1835 in the town of Perth, Robert McLaren, Cordwainer (shoemaker) and Janet McLean of the Twp. of Elmsley in the District of Johnstown, spinster, were married by licence in the prepresence of James Templeton and Geo. RomanesRev. Thos C. Wilson, Minister, St. Andrews Church, Perth."

Though the above shows Robert McLaren to be a shoemaker, there is reference also to his being a distiller. Founded in 1831, the McLaren Distillery produced 'Old Perth Malt' a highly regarded whiskey, aged in wood rather than peat as used in Scotland. John A., his son, continued the business until his death near the turn of the century. John A. Stewart was the princpal heir and continued the operation until the Temperance Act put him out of business.

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The buildings were razed in 1916. The property became known as Stewart Park and is today one of the most beautiful Parks in Ontario.

John A. McLaren's Distillery 1831 "OLD PERTH MALT" Stewart Park might have been the John A. McLaren Park since it was the fortune amassed by John A. McLaren, son of Janet McLean and Robert McLaren which made it possible .

The transportation of kegs of whiskey from the distillery is of interest. Barrels were transported by wagon or sleigh from Perth to the Rideau Lake for shipment elsewhere. The warehouse where the whiskey was stored was located on Stonehouse Point on the Lower Rideau. The trip by the teamsters was not always tedious. They carried a gimlet, or small boring instruments to tap the barrel. Having helped themselves to the warming fluid they plugged up the hole and proceeded on their way thus fortified.

Bottles from John A. McLaren Distillery shown below are now collector's items. His heir, Stewart,formed a partnership with James Spalding and continued the trade.



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(From The Perth Courier of Oct. 11, 1940 p.7)

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TWO INTERESTING VOLUMES ADDED TO THE PERTH MUSEUM ---

---the following interesting letter recently received from Dr. R. A. McLean, of Rochester, N.Y. will doubtless be of interest to Courier readers---

> THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS Rochester, N.Y. Sept. 21, 1940

Archie M. Campbell, Esq. Honorary Curator, Perth Museum, Inc. Perth, Ontario, Canada

Dear Mr. Campbell:

I apologize for not having answered sooner your very interesting letter of the 4th inst. I thank you for the currency notes which you enclosed in your letter, and also for the wealth of historical material which you incorporated in your communication. I was much interested also in the copies of the Perth Courier which you sent me under separate cover. Of particular interest was the Centenary Courier and your "Perth "useum Notes."

Regarding the Hon. Malcolm Cameron, my relation to him is by marriage only. My father's sister, Jessie McLean, was married to his son, the Hon. Malcolm Cameron, P.P. for West Huron, and later Lt. Gov. of the North-West Territories. There is a further marriage connection inasmuch as my sister, Flora, was married to Judge Malcolm Graeham Cameron, .P., a grandson of the founder of the Perth Courier. Judge Cameron died a few years ago and Mrs. Cameron lives in New York City. With reference to my grandfather, Dr. John McLean, I cannot give you full particulars. But this much I can submit. Before coming to Canada, he lived near Dumfries, Scotland, as a physician was associated with a distinguished doctor, Archibald Blacklock, of Dumfries, after whom my father was called Archibald Blacklock McLean. Dr. McLean later became a surgeon in the Royal Navy and came to Canada in the year 1818 and settled in the town of Perth about the year 1824.

It was in Perth that my father was born and attended the public school, later going to Queen's University. Owing therefore to my grandfather's connection with Perth as well as my father's, I thought that you might be interested in having a book which originally belonged to each. I am sending you therefore a book entitled "Hamilton's Philosophy", inscribed , 1865, awarded to A. McLean for proficiency "Perth Public School, June in Classics", and a book of my grandfather's, Dr. John McLezn, entitled "Nosographie Philosophie, etc.", the latter volume may excite the curiosity of some of your local physicians. As to the valuable educational work you are doing in Perth and in a much wider community permit me to say a word. I can best do so by linking my own interest in the classics and the traditions of the past by an early association with an environment which you have done so much to create and foster in the community of Perth. In my father's house in South Elmsley was a miscellaneous collection of my grandfather's books, classical books of all sorts written in Latin, Greek, French, Portugese, etc., medical books, mostly written in Latin, Latin diaries, etc. My curiosity over the contents of these books was aroused while I was a boy on the farm attending the local public school. When I now look back over those early years after a lapse of so many years. I feel fully convinced that the work I am now doing in the University of Rochester, as a teacher of classics and archeology, owes its first impulse to a boyhood curiosity in my grandfather's books in our humble home in South Elmsley. The connection between the classics and a museum whose mission it is to preserve the traditions of the past is a close one. A museum such as you have in the town of Perth stands as a strong bulwark against some of the less ennobling factors which play too great a part in this modern world in which we live. It keeps a record of traditions which are worthy of being charished, and its educational value to the community increases with the years.

I have not forgotten my expressed wish to become a member (life) of the Ferth "useum. On that point you will hear from me before long.

Let me say in conclusion that it was a great pleasure to meet you on my recent visit to the town of Perth. I thank you for your many courtes ies and I hope that I may have the privilege again before long of seeing you and getting better acquainted with your rich storehouse of treasures.

> Very sincerely, (signed) R. A. Lelean

MOTE--The two interesting old volumes mentioned by Professor McLean have since been received and placed in the old book section of the historical and pioneer department of the Perth Museum. The older of the two, bearing the book plate of the pioneer, Dr. John McLean is entitled "Mosographie Philosophique, ou La Methodie de L'Analyse Applique a la "edicine", by Ph. Pinet of Paris and published in 1802. It is in French and deals with "Fievres" (fevers) and has 412 pages. The other book mentioned in Dr. McLean's letter further serves to link this cultured family to Perth-on-Tay and its famous public school. It's title "Philosophy of Sir William Mamilton, Bart; Frofessor of Logic and Metaphysics in Edinburgh University". Edited and arranged for the use of American schools and colleges...etc.--one cannot help wondering how many primary school students of today would be able to digest and enjoy a prize of such an advanced and substantial nature.

> Contributed by Archibald V. Campbell, Hon. Curator

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Copy of letter from Dr. Robert McLean son of Archie Blacklock and Flora Goodfellow. see p. 30

Copy of obituary -Dr. Thomas N. McLean→ see p.33

Document involving Janet Huddleston McLean, her son Robert, daughter Janet and her husband Robert McLaren Died

In Chicago. on Thursday. March 21st. 1912 DR. THOMAS N. HcLEAN Aquel 52 years

The Funeral

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Will take place on Saturday afternoon. from the usidence of his father. Mr. W. J. Me-Cron. Macque. at three o'clock to the Freey Currency.

persies at the nouse at 2:30 o'clock.

Friends and acquaintances will kindly se-

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Dale T. Wilson and Registrar

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TOWNSHIP OF NORTH ELMSLEY

| REGISTRATION | INSTRUMENT | OATE OF INSTRUMENT | REGISTRATION DATE | GRANTOR | GRANTEE | CONSIDERATION | LAND AND REMARKS |
|---------------|------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|---------------|---|
| Leeds | Leed | 16 June 182 | 4 | Crown | Thomas McLean | | All of the north west half of lot 23. 100 acres |
| Folio 45 | Deed | 29 May 1826 | 5 July 1826 | Thomas ∷cLean | William McLean John McLean | | West half of lot 23. |
| 7 <u>6</u> | Deed | 9 Jan. 1829 | 30 June 1829 | William McLean | ., John McLean | • | West half of lot 23. |
| 295 Lanark | v111 | 11 May 1840 | 5 Dec. 1840 | John McLean | W111 | | West half of lot 23. |
| Lanark 171 | W111 | <u>11 May 1840</u> | 20 Nov. 1840 | John McLean's0 | Will | | West half of lot 23. |
| 20-84 | Lease ~ | 7 Jan. 1869 | 17 March 1869 | James Morrison | Joshua Eaton | | Described. See Inst. Part of the north west |
| • | | | | Isabella Morrison | A. W. Wooley Henry McKay | | half of lot 23. Described See Inst. |
| 20-338 | Released | 10 May 1873 | 20 May 1873 | James Allan | William J. McLean | 31.00 | Part of the north west |
| | | | | Ralph Dodds | • | | half of lot 23. Overflowe |
| | | | | Executors | • • · | | land. Described. |
| 20-339 | Release | 24 April 18 | 73 20 May 1873 | William J. McLean | Queen Victoria | | A.O.L. See Inst. |
| | | | 19 20 May 10 / | Margaret McLean | Queen Victoria | 3192.00 | Part of the north west half of lot 23. Described |
| · · · · | | | | (Second Part) | •••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••• | | A.O.L. See Inst. |
| 20-813 | Release | 12 June 187 | 3 14 June 1878 | Thomas F. McLean | William J. McLean | \$200.00 | Part of the north west |
| | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | half of lot 23. Described. See Inst. |
| ?F-1576 | Deed | 14 July 188 | 1 AUE. 1888 | William J. McLean | John F. McLean | 36,000.00 | Part of the north west |
| | | | | Margaret McLean | | | half of lot 23. Described. |
| | | | | (Second Part) | | | See Inst. |
| 2K-3718 | Grant | 5 Jan. 1921 | 18 March 1921 | John F. McLean | Thomas McLean | | All of the north west half of lot 23. A.O.L. |
| | | | | Nellie A. McLean | e e ar e e | | See Inst. |
| 5751 | Ceed | 20 Dēc. 195 | 19 June 1958 | Thomas N. HcLean | T. N. McLean Limited | 327, 290. 50 |) All of the north west |
| | | | | Jessie McLean | | | half of lot 23. A.O.L. |
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| 36563 | Feed | 4 Sept. 1968 | 17 Sept. 1968 | T. N. McLean Limited | Kathleen E. Sinclair | | Of R.O.V., being part of the north west half of |
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Dr. John McLean 1788-1840

r. John McLean, second oldest son of William and Janet Huddleston, came to

Canada as early as 1813. As a surgeon in the Royal Navy he became associated with Admiral Bayfield and was commissoned by the British Government to accompany the Admiral on a survey expedition in the area of Lake Michigan and northern Michigan. Bay City, Michigan was named by the Expedition. For his service he recieved 800 acres of land in Canada and retired from service on half pay coming to settle in Canada around 1818. He has been described as a man of letters, intelligent and very agreeable company. He acquired the property originally settled and owned



by his brothers Thomas and William, lot 23, conc.6, Elmsley, He married Mary Fergusson and had four sons and three daughters.

Wm. John 1832-1921 m. Margaret Nicol 1830-1905 in 1859. Margaret's father Thomas Nicol came to Canada from Selkirk, Scotland in 1829 and settled on lot 25, conc.9, Elmsley. Wm. John, Master Mason and Shriner and Margaret lived on the homestead.

Janet T. 1833

Dr. Thomas F. 1835-1901 m. Margaret Kay.Dr. Thomas McLean M.D. practised his profession in the Goderich, Ontario area for years. He retired to Florida with his three sons, Keith, Gregor and Harry



around 1887. While returning from a trip north he became ill in Montreal and died in the Royal victoria Hospital.

Archie Blacklock 1836-1923 m. Flora Goodfellow. Archie was held in high esteem by all who knew him. While studying for the Ministry he attended Queen's University, Kingston as did his brother Thomas F. but due to poor health did not graduate. His wife predeceased him by three weeks in 1923. At the time of his death he was survived by three sons and four daughters.

John N. who stayed on the farm, Dr. Robert A. professor of classics at the University of Rochester, Archie of Idaho, Mrs. George Coutts of Loreburn, Sask., Mrs. Edward Clint of Grand Fork, Minn. Mrs. M.G. Cameron of Goderich, Ontario and Grace who lived at home.

- Charles 1839- m. Annie Riley Their children were Mary Fergusson, Charles Edwin Ellis and Archie Cameron.
- Jessie m. Hon. MalcolmCameron They lived in Goderich and he was the Member of Parliament from that area. Their children were Flora, Grace, Graeme and Allan.
- Mary m. Walter Hunter They had two sons and one daughter.





DESCENDANTS OF DR. JOHN MCLEAN

Wm. John, son of Dr. John, and Margaret Nicol raised five sons and two daughters:

John Fergusson 1858-1935 m. Nellie Palmer 1865-1956. They lived and farmed the Dr. John homestead. They had two sons and two daughters:

Wm. John 1899-1974 m. Mary E. (Minnie) Walker 1896- ., Elizabeth Allan (Bessie) m. James Coutts, Thomas N. 1893-1958 m.

Jessie McGregor and Mary 1902-1931.

Dr. Thomas Nicol M.D. 1860-1912 did not marry. He practised medicine in Fergus Falls, Minn.

David 1862-1936 m. Bella Gallagher 1867-1908 in 1889. They bought what was known as the Fraser Farm near Perth. He was a live-



stock drover and well known and respected in the area. He later married Agnes Willows and lived in Perth, Craig St. at the Tay river bridge. David and Bella had three sons and two daughters.

William 1890-1917, a Lieut. 130 Battalion, was killed at Vimy Ridge. Before embarkation he married Marguerite Wilson. Roy 1891-1941 did not marry. Marguerite 1895-1971 m. Thomas Spence 1887-1929 in 1922, Isobel 1896-1974 did not marry, Thomas K. 1904-1971 m. Grace Wilson in 1927. David later married Agnes Willows.



A summer house was built on the homestead property on the north shore of Rideau Lake. It became known as the 'Board Landing' and was the scene of many family gatherings and picnics. In the early days it is assumed that some supplies came in from the Lake in that area SKELETON IN THE CLOSET

Most families have a skeleton of some sort in the closet but the McLeans can boast a real one. The neighborhood boys of the time were always looking for an excuse to get upstairs when there was a meeting in William John's home. For up there was a real human skeleton to be seen. No doubt it was brought home by William John McLean's brother Dr. Thomas F. or his son Dr. Thomas Nicol McLean. Like most skeletons it has disappeared with time.

Granddaughters of Wm. John McLean

Margaret Houze Ruby McLean Marguerite McLean Edna Houze (Adam) Isabel McLean (Adam) Mary McLean (Dave) (John F.)



 Irene McLean
 Marguerite McLean
 Mary Houze

 (Archie)
 Bessie McLean
 (Dave)
 Minnie McLean

 (John F.)
 (Adam)
- Adam m. Minnie Moody and lived in Burgess for for a short time. Later he moved west to Millet, Alta. where he was a wheat farmer. Their family, three daughters: Minnie m. Rev. Harrison Villett, Ruby m. Clifford Bethune and Marguerite m. John Martin. Later Adam married Jean Moodie.
- Janet Richardson m. George Houze, a blacksmith by trade, lived in Lombardy, a village just south of Rideau Ferry. They had two sons and three daughters: Edna Isabel 1895-1970 m. Laird Meikeljohn -1969, Margaret 1896 -1981 m. Daniel Charles O'Brien 1899-1977, Dr. Harry George 1901-1959 m. Carmel Hunt, later m. Elizabeth, Dr. McLean 1903-1955 m. Grace Sayce and Mary 1906-1981.
- Mary 1866-1951 was a teacher in the local school (a short walk from the homestead) She went to Fergus Falls to take care of her brother Thomas N. and while there taught school. She married Eugene Jewett, a local banker, and lived there until his death. Mary returned to live in Perth until her death.



Back Row: Archie, Adam, Grandma Weir, Nellie, Dave, John Center: Agnes, Margaret (mother) Front Row: Arthur, Irene, Ernie Roberts, Jean





Home of Archibald Burns McLean and Margaret Weir

Archibald Burns McLean 1871-1944 m. Margaret Jane Weir 1875-1966, daughter of John Weir and Margaret Cuthbertson of the Highland Line, Dalhousie Twp. They lived in Burgess near Adam's farm before building a home on 100 acres on the 4th. conc. of Bathurst. During the building they lived in a log house which has since disappeared. They raised four sons and one daughter:

Archibald Nicol 1899-1971 m. Florence Thompson 1899-1957. He was an early employee of the Michigan Telephone Co. They lived in Detroit, later building a home in Royal Oak, Mich. They raised one son and two daughters.

Margaret Irene 1902- m. Ernest Roberts 1903-1964 in 1931. He was a printer by trade in Perth and Lindsay where they lived for a short time. Moving to Cannington, Ontario he became the publisher of the Cannington Gleaner for many years until his death. He had been active in the Masonic Lodge, and Lions club. They had one daughter.



Model T Ford -1916



John Fergusson 1905- m. Madelyne Speck . John also retired from the 1911-Michigan Telephone Co. They lived in Detroit for many years but are now living in Grand Rapids, Mich. He is a member of Masonic Lodge 152, Redford, Mich. Before going to Detroit he assembled many model T Fords, which came to Perth by freight only partially assembled. Then Family of Archibald Burns McLean and Margaret Weir: Arthur lohn Nicol

Donald

Mother 38 Irene

came the perilous adventure of teaching farmers how to drive on the narrow back roads. John and Madelyne have one daughter.

Arthur Weir McLean 1915-1983 m. Nena Dorothy Elliott 1921- , daughter of Arthur Elliott and Ada Gibson, born in England but coming to Canada at the age of three. After high school, Arthur came to Detroit, graduated from the University of Detroit and returned to Canada for four years as Flight-Lieutenant in the R.C.A.F. Member Masonic Lodge, Southfield #573 F&AM He continued in Commercial Art and retired with McLean Art Studios in 1979. Two boys.

Donald Keneth Earl 1918-1981 m. Norma Bailey 1922-1977 a nurse in the Perth Great War Memorial Hospital. Donald was a victim of polio at the age of two, but lived a full life in spite of the handicap. For several years he toured the smaller communities with a projector showing movies. He was a bookkeeper, a Mason, and later became Sec. Treas. of the County of Lanark. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, always getting his limit. He had a special licence to shoot game from his car. That worked out well except for one retriever that decided to bury the occassional bird for himself. Donald and Norma had one son. A year before his death Donald married Cass Damon Bannon in 1980.

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM MCLEAN

Looking back at the stone home built by the emigrating son William on the shores of the Rideau Lake, pictured on page 17, we find his first and second family living there together. To-day that home is still an impressive building. It contains three stories, and the walls are 25 inches thick. The stone work, now re-pointed, is beautiful. Despite the amount of room, William's eldest son, William Richard slept in winter months at age 15 in the family root cellar. This may have been for warmth, as the home was originally heated by fireplace. William's children gradually left home, the boys to seek their fortunes and the girls by marriage.

William Richard, the eldest son of William McLean and Ellen Rudsdale was invited by his unmarried uncles Robert and David to live with them, with the understanding that he would inherit the farm on which they lived (lot 22 conc.7, Elmsley). William Richard accepted this offer and made his home on that farm. However, when his Uncle David married Elizabeth Grierson, the inheritance picture changed and he eventually paid for the farm. Since his sister Frances did not marry, he built a home for her on his property. It was a two-story building, lathed and plastered, where she lived until her death. The house then became the family workshop. Because William Richard lived on in the home of his Uncles David and Robert, family documents from the Uncles remain in the possession of William Richard's descendants. They have always been kept in a cowhide folder and contain personal documents of David and Robert including the Crown grant of their farm land by King George 111.

Reference to the master chart shows William Richard's first marriage to Margaret Grierson and their three children: Ellen Rudsdale 1853, John Grierson 1855 and Elizabeth Underwood 1858. When William Richard's first wife died, the grandmother of the children moved in to take care of them. When William Richard married a second time, it was to young Mary Wilson, a neighbor girl who lived only one farm away. Two families were thus living under one roof with the unfortunate result that the first family living under the care of their grandmother failed to accept the new wife. Eventually all three of the first family left home and there is no record that they ever returned to visit their father. Also nothing is known of where they went or their descendants.

The chart shows William Richard's second marriage to Mary Wilson. Apparently some neighbors disapproved, saying to William that his young bride would not be able to do the work required of a woman of those days -spinning, cooking and all the chores associated with a home. William's reply was "Maybe she can't but she's doing it". The family of William Richard McLean and Mary Wilson are shown below. Cemetery

Thomas Greig 1865-1878 (Dyptheria) Isabella Jane 1867-1878 Archibald Duncan1870-1871 William Wilson 1872-1932 Rideau Ferry James Ernest 1874-1948 . 11 Robert Coombs 1877-1900 11 Edward Charles 1879-1952 Elmwood, Perth Thomas Archibald1881-1957 Rideau Ferry Oak Lake, Manitoba 1884-1959 Mary Isabel

When Thomas Greig and Isabella died in their teens, two later children were given their names-- Thomas Archibald and Mary Isabel.

The sons who lived to maturity -- William, James, Charles and Thomas all went west and homesteaded in the Qu'Apelle Valley, Marite All returned to the area of their old home in Ontario, selling their homesteads in the west. Their sister, Mary Isabel, married Ernest Steen, son of James Steen, County Armah, Ireland and Matilda Poiner, Ireland. Ernest Poiner Steen was born at St. Amedee, Quebec, January 2, 1877. He was working as an accountant in the graphite mine near the McLean home when married to Mary Isabel. They lived for a short time at Port Elmsley (previously Pike Falls) where the ruins of the stone building where the graphite was refined can still be seen on the banks of the Tay River. Finally Belle and Ernest Steen also went to Manitoba and it is there that their children--Winnifred, Gladys and Ernest established their homes, making a western branch of the family.

Thomas A.(Tom) lived on the farm where he



McLean home 1957 as it was in the time of Thomas and Eliza McLean. See earlier picture p.21 before veranda was removed

worked with his father William Richard. This historic land remained the McLean home until after the death of Thomas in 1957. His widow Eliza kept it until forced to sell due to age and health in 1975. The farm had remained in the McLean name for 150 years.

This story now reverts to William Richard and others of his generation. Work done in the community during his lifetime is mentioned here. It was first generation Canadians such as he who left a lasting inheritance in the community, at that time known as McCue, so called after the owner of the farm next to William Richard's. which contained a postoffice.Apart from a welltended community spirit, the tangible inheritances left by this first generation for those succeeding are the homes, school. a Presbyterian Church and manse and cemetery. The school known as the McLean School, S.S.#6, North Elmsley, was built on the Rideau Ferry Road near the church. It has been torn down and supplanted by a modern one at Port Elmsley. There was built at that time a stone Methodist Church still standing nearby though no longer used as a church. The story of the Presbyterian Church is in the excerpt shown here which contains names of other community founders.



BETHEL UNITED CHURCH Rideau Ferry, Ontario, Canada

In Sept. of this year (1967) the congregation of Bethei United Church at Rideau Ferry will commemorate a highlight in the life of their church, when they celebrate its hundredth year of service to the community. In 1867, a piece of property was purchased from Mr. William Richard McLean for the sum of \$5.00 and a log church erected thereon, which was known as, St. Mary's of North Elmsley. The first minister to serve on the field was, Rev. William Miller. Elders appointed were -Mr. Peter Coutts, Mr. Ebenezer Bell, Mr. John McKay, Mr. Wm. John McLean, Mr. Thomas Beveridge. Trustees were -Mr. Peter McPherson, Mr. John Coutts, Mr. Wm. Richard Mc Lean.

Rev. William Miller served on the field until 1870, then followed a number of summer students, and Lay ministers, who filled in until in August 1886 a call was extended to the Rev. Neil Campbell, who became the first resident minister, setving the people faithfully for eight years. During this stay, more land adjoining the church property was purchased from Mr. William Mc Cue for the sum of \$30,00 on which a manse was built.

Trustees appointed for the care of this building were: Mr. Henry Houze, Mr. James King, Mr. George Cherrie, Mr. James Morrison. Rev. Campbell was succeeded by the Rev. R. C. H. Sinclair of Carleton Place, and during his pastorate, additional property was secured from Mr. Wm. Richard Mc Lean for the purpose of building a new church, which was completed and opened during the summer of 1895.

By congregational action, the name for the church was changed from St. Mary's to Bethel Presbyterian, and remained as such, until Church Union of the Presbyterian and Methodist congregations, took place in 1927, when it became known as Bethel United Church. The fine edifice still stands, as a living monument to the memory of those pioneer men and women, who gave their time and talents, so unselfishly, to build up a Christian environment for their families to grow up in. Just prior to moving into the new church in 1995, the women, under the guidance of the Rev. Milne's wife of Smiths Fall, organized a Women's Missionary Society, which has been kept alive down through the ages, and later amalgamated with the women's working association of the church, to be known as the United Church Women of Canada. (U. C. W.)

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McLean School (built on McLean property) 1891 Standing at right Wm. Richard McLean Seated Wm. McCue

The name of William John McLean will be noted among other community founders. He was the eldest son of Dr. John McLean and first cousin to William Richard. Their homes were close and they were friends and helpmates. In their senior years, the cousins often spent Sundays in each others company. In the morning they attended services at the Presbyterian Church and in the afternoon went to the Methodist Church services. The community where they lived was no longer called McCue after the post office was closed. There was a post office nearby at Oliver's Ferry, so known because of Captain Oliver who ran a ferry across the Rideau Lake and operated an inn. The road from Brockville to Perth later crossed the lake at this point. A wooden bridge was built there in 1874, followed by a metal bridge and finally an overhead construction. Sometime after the year 1901, the name Oliver's Ferry was changed to Rideau Ferry, though the ferry service was discontinued when the first bridge was built.

This account now turns to the other members of the family of William McLean and Ellen





Janet McLean and James McVeety Home of Janet and James McVeety on the Bathurst Line



Rudsdale, the full sisters and brother of William Richard.

Daughter Janet married James McVeety in 1848 and they established a home on the Bathurst Line (boundary between Bathurst and Dalhousie Townships), They had a family of twelve children namely Thomas L., Elizabeth Ann, Catherine, Ellen, William John, David Henry, James Albert, Sarah Ann, Margaret Jane, Mary Isobella, Robert Francis, and Janet Etheretta. Janet and James McVeety left Ontario in 1881 and made their home in Ross County, Minnesota (Sec.12, Huntsville Township) Both parents died at the home of their son Robert Francis (Frank) at Swan River, Manitoba. Some descendants of Janet McLean and James McVeety are living in the area of Maberly, Ontario. Their daughter Ellen McVeety married an Avery and four of her granddaughters live in that area, namely MargaretMacLellan Cobb, Hazel Avery Fair White, Myrtle Avery Geary and Aileen MacLellan Patterson. The name Ellen dates back to Ellen Rudsdale and has been carried forward to her great great granddaughter Aileen MacLellan Patterson. Aileen is Gaelic for Ellen. Aileen Patterson lives at Maberly, Ont R.R. #1.

Daughter Ann (Annie Miller McLean) married John S. Coombs, a druggist in Perth. She apparently went west with a son. Her death is recorded in Brandon, Manitoba with funeral from her late residence 3rd Street, Brandon, and burial in Brandon cemetery. Her obituary in the Perth Courier reads as follows:

At Brandon, Manitoba, April 3, 1901 Ann Miller relict of the late John S. Coombs, Perth, Ontario, age 68. Born at Oliver's Ferry. Father William McLean native of Scotland, sister of William Richard McLean, Oliver's Ferry, Presbyterian. Left three sons Robert of Brandon, Manitoba, Joseph of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and John of Montreal. Daughter Ann died in Perth about twenty years ago.

John Charles, the other son of William's first family went to the Renfrew area and built a home near Beachburg, Ontario. Family members tell that during the first winter he and his partner lived under their wagon while they constructed a habitation. John Charles had eventually a solid log house on a well-tended farm and a family of fourteen children shown on the master chart. His grandchildren tell of his reading a book on the history of the Clan McLean with it s many bloody battles. John Charles, an upright and God-fearing man threw the half-read book from him in disgust saying he did not know they were such a wicked and warring bunch. He often visited brother William Richard and cousins at Rideau Ferry, maintaining a warm relationship there.



Wm. Richard McLean and John Charles McLean sons of Wm. McLean and Ellen Rudsdale (wm. Richard always wore long boots)

BEACHBURG, ONTARIO - Elizabeth L. Hoskins wife of John C. McLean born April 20,1845 died Sept. 21, 1901 John C. McLean born Feb. 13, 1836 died March 2, 1922 RIDEAU FERRY - William Richard McLean 1827-1909 his wife Mary Wilson 1843-1922

Of William's second family(children of William McLean and Elizabeth McKay), two girls Isabel and Elizabeth married Dietrick brothers. Ellen married George Livingstone. Reference to the master chart shows descendants of the above. Mary McLean was the last to live in the stone house built by William. At age thirty she married a widower, Arthur Hughes, and they had six children. Three generations of descendants of Mary and Arthur are shown on the master chart. Mary and Arthur Hughes moved to Dornoch, Ontario in 1878. The McLean home built by William passed into the hands of Henry McVeety and his descendants.

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Closing Remarks

The foregoing narrative has provided information on the emigrating generation and a few menerations born in North America. The master chart shows all descendants known at this time to the year 1983. The purpose of the narrative and chart is to provide a background for all family members. It is intended that any person with McLean lineage who acquires this book can add to it for his own purpose. Some may have information to complete past generations where they are incomplete. It is anticipated that owners will wish to keep up to date future generations, thus making a record enabling descendants to know their "roots". The master chart has proved a valuable reference while working on this project, and it is hoped that recipients of the book will find it equally useful.

How to read the Master Chart



As long as the family member is male, the name McLean is perpetuated. When a female member marries, the family, of course, takes on the name of the husband.

Examples of using the chart to follow one family is shown below. For this purpose, the eldest sons of emigrating brothers William and Dr. John have been selected, with the eldest son or daughter of each who had descendants following:

Willian McLean
William Richard McLean 1827-1909
William (Willie) McLean 1872-1932
Harriet McLean Ryder 1910-1956
Jacqueline Ryder Harrison 1936 John William Harrison 1965-

Dr. John McLean 1765-16+0
William John McLean 1832-1921
John Fergusson McLean 1658-1935
Thomas N. McLean 1893-1958
Ian ". McLean 1934-

or to select a descendant of Dr. John which shows seven generations.

 Dr. John McLean 1788-1840
William John McLean 1832-1921
John Fergusson McLean 1858-1935
William John McLean 1899-1974 (second son of John Fergusson)
John Allan McLean 1921 Mary Louise McLean Dore 1949 Denis Dore 1981-



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ADDENDUM

The first part of this addendum is to inform recipients of this book of the story of its production. For about thirty years Arthur Weir McLean whose parental home was on the 4th concession of Bathurst near Perth had worked from his own home in Southfield, Michigan to produce a McLean family history. It was uphill work for Art since his home in Michigan was far from the family roots in the area of Perth, Ontario. About 1980 he found that Mary McLean of Perth, Ontario, R.R. 5 was attempting a similar work. Mary had the advantage that her parental home was located on the site chosen by some of the emigrating family. She thus grew up in the community where some of her ancestors settled, and visited her parent's there frequently during her working years in Ottawa, Ontario. Mary and Art decided to pool their resources and produce a book that would cover the subject of the McLeans as comprehensively as knowledge and research permitted. In both cases the work was a hobby with the objective of recording the history of the McLeans for reference of future generations.

As the work progressed, their interest grew as research turned up much that was unknown to them previously. Also great interest was shown by a number of family members in their own generation who were equally vague about their "roots". By 1983 it was decided that the book as compiled at that date should be printed and made available to interested persons. Art was in an admirable position to look after the printing due to his long association with the printing business and "McLean Art Studio". He was "home" as he referred to the Perth area in the spring of 1983 and at that time happy to be in a position to fulfill his dream of printing a McLean book. His plan was to arrange for the printing of the book when some final corrections were included. Alas it was not to be. Art died after a brief illness in July of 1983.

Some time was required to determine how the work should be completed. Since Mary had worked closely with Art on the contents of the book, she was the logical person to see it finished. However the printing knowledge had been Art's field. His family delivered the unfinished work to Mary who decided to use it unchanged as the basis for a book. This is mentioned because recipients will find some manual corrections throughout. These were the final corrections Art intended to make before printing. They do not affect the content. However the book does not have the professional printed appearance which Art intended. The decision to proceed with the work in this manner has permitted a production without further delay and at a much lesser cost.

The above paragraphs explain how the book came into being and the manner of its production. Following are words of appreciation to the many persons who helped supply information and encouragement. The encouragement came from all who were aware of the work being attempted. At times the authors became discouraged and wondered if the effort was worthwhile. Always they were spurred on by the interest of others in the work, sometimes from cousins twice or thrice removed and living in points as distant as North Carolina, Oregon and California.

The book was made in 3-ring binder form for a purpose. The desire was to supply as truly as possible the background common to all families -- i.e. a record of the emigrating family and their beginnings in Scotland. It is anticipated that each family who can find his ancestral beginnings by identifying with some generation of the family can expand from there. An example is the family of John Charles McLean and Louisa Hoskins. A mini-chart (page 50) was prepared from information supplied by the family. Any family can do similarly, or build a record from one immediate ancestor.

In referring to the master chart (page 49) note the asterisk re Dr. John McLean's family. The upper portion of the chart prior to the asterisk contains information relevant to descendants of other emigrating family members. The lower half of the chart is relevant to Dr. John's descendants only.

Summary of Emigration Dates

Thomas 1815 1817 William Dr. John 1818 1822 David Robert 1825 1841 James Alexander unknown, was here in 1838 Janet Huddleston McLean and one daughter 1827 Other daughter - unknown

(The daughter Margaret shown on the chart is presumed to be the name of the other daughter, marrying Gordon Scott in 1844. To date there is no absolute proof that Margaret was the second sister's name. The basis of thinking this name is correct is a reference in Dr. Bell's diary that Margaret McLean of Elmsley married Gordon Scott of Cobourg June 1844. Witnesses James McLean and Charles Stiles.)

Special mention is made of some persons who contributed valuable information and research. In any work of this sort, one turns to older people who are often able to supply intimate details which bring the characters to life. Art gleaned what he could from his mother Margaret Jane Weir McLean who died in 1966. Mary was able to consult her mother Eliza Howe McLean who is the only living member of her generation. It was Eliza McLean who carefully ensured that the family records were retained when the home was sold as well as supplying items from her memory of years past or told to her by her husband, Thomas A. McLean, who had a great interest and knowledge of the family.

A family chart had been made some years ago by Mrs. Wm. John McLean, nee Mary E. (Minnie) Walker, which supplied a basis for the present chart. Gordon Wilson of Perth, Ontario who at one time worked in the library of Rocherter University where Dr. Robert McLean (see page 30) was a professor supplied information in quantity and quality. He had another reason to be interested in the McLeans since his family lived in the home once occupied by Thomas McLean, the first son to emigrate to Canada (see page 14). Gordon had access to the diary of Dr. Bell, Presbyterian minister of the time when the McLeans settled in the Perth area. Dr. Bell's work was very complete, so there were references to his visiting the homes of the emigrating brothers and their mother, Janet Huddleston McLean. We are indebted to Gordon for supplying this information, all freely and kindly given.

Another person who gave information was Garry McMorrin of Dumfries, Scotland. Garry delved into history in the Dumfries area and sent much information which has been incorporated into the book e.g., the Dunscore connection (page 10) history of the McGibbon Dumfries Clock (page 18) reference Dumfries Courier (page 19) etc. All this was freely and gladly given by letter across the Atlantic. Also Margaret Kroll, granddaughter of John Charles McLean supplied pictures of Longbridgemuir Farmhouse and graves in Scotland after a trip there in 1977.

To the above mentioned people goes a special thanks. Many other unmentioned people have helped and all from the goodness of their hearts. A thank you to one and all.

Having described the growth of the book and thanked persons whose contribution made it possible, the balance of this addendum deals with other subjects. It is recognized that the work will always be incomplete. Even when this book goes out to various people, a whole new flood of information may come forth. It will be welcome. Mistakes will be found and areas where families are incompletely listed. Amendments to the book will be difficult, but at least each family can correct its own.

Mary McLean who signs this addendum will be pleased to hear from family members who have knowledge which applies to this work or to put any person in touch with another from addresses supplied in requesting the book.

Gravesites of Emigrating Family

The following graves have been found in Craig St. Cemetery, Perth, Ontario, Canada.



In Memory of Helen wife of William McClane who died Nov. 10, 1837 age 37 years (Refer to page 16 of book) In Memory of John McLean Surgeon Royal Navy a native of Dumfries Scotland who died at Elmsley May 15, 1840 age 52 years (Refer to page 29 of book) The Memory of Janet Huddleston widow of William McLean Longbridgemoor Ruthwell, Scotland who died at Elmsley Aug. 23, 1837 (Refer to page 18 of book)

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Sacred in the Memory of Robert McLean who died at Elmsley June 9, 1844 age 45 a native of Dumfriesshire, Scotland



Memory of David McLean died Feb. 5, 1862 age 60 years native of Dumfriesshire, Scotland

(For both refer to page 20 of book)

In memory of THOMAS MELEAN who died 1851 April

In Memory of Janet McLean who died Dec. 11, 1855 In Memory of Thomas McLean who died Apr. 1, 1851 Age 50 years also two children of Thomas and Janet McLean Mary B. died Mar. 1829 age 5 years 6 months Sarah died June 1844 age 1 year 10 months

(Refer to page 14 of book)

To date, the above gravesites of the emigrating family or their wives are all that have been found. William McLean (page 16 of the book) owned a plot in Craig Street Cemetery but a marker or record of death has not been located for him or his second wife, Elizabeth McKay. The wife of Dr. John McLean, Mary Fergusson went to Goderich, Ontario after his death and is bur ied there.

Hereafter is listed dates and items which were to have been made in Art's final corrections. Amending the chart to include them proved too difficult. Additions and Corrections to Chart Page 52

Line 5 left - Marriage date Wm. Richard to Mary Wilson 1864 Line 6 left - Year of marriage Mary McLean to Arthur Hughes 1872 Line 5 right - Dates for the descendants of James (Jim) McLean and Eva Beveridge (lines 13 right to 19)

James 1898 - 1916 W W I - Age 18 Mary - 1900

Descendants of Mary McLean and Gordon Marsh

| 1927 |
|------|
| 1929 |
| 1930 |
| 1941 |
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<u>Evelyn</u> - 1901

Descendants of Evelyn and Victor Young

| 1929 |
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| 1930 |
| 1933 |
| 1935 |
| 1940 |
| 1942 |
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Descendants of Loraine and Edward Paire

| Laurie | 1959 |
|---------|------|
| Emily | 1962 |
| Gregory | 1965 |
| James | 1968 |

Descendants of Eugene Young and Arla Meeks

| Valerie | 1954 |
|---------|------|
| Vicki | 1964 |

Descendants of Maureen and Harold Hagan

| Karen | 1961 |
|-------------|------|
| Christopher | 1964 |
| David | 1966 |

Descendants of Bert Young and Eileen Studd

| Ryan | 1971 |
|---------|------|
| Donovan | 1976 |

Descendants of David Young and Suzanne Norris

Jason 1972

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Winnie - 1908

Descendant of Winnie Carter

Jeanette 1937

Richard McLean - 1912-1966

Descendants of Richard McLean and Margaret Jackson 1914

| Helen | 1940 |
|--------|------|
| James | 1942 |
| Eva | 1945 |
| Louise | 1947 |

Descendants of Helen and Donald Halpenny

| Hal | 1962 |
|--------|------|
| Laurie | 1965 |

Descendants of James McLean and Alma Looby

Joanne 1965 Peter Died in infancy - bur ied in Rideau Ferry Cemetery Robert 1973 Andrew 1976

Descendants of Eva and Dave Carr

| Henry | 1 9 66 |
|--------|---------------|
| Judith | 1 9 68 |

Descendants of Dr. John McLean

Line 3 left

Edith m. George Coutts Mary m. Ed. Clint Dr. Robert - son John Flora m. Graeme Cameron - daughter Diana had 4 boys

Line 7 centre

Children of Minnie and Rev. Harrison Villett George, Aubrey, Sylvain

Children of Ruby and Clifford Bethune Thomas, Lorne, Donald

Children of Marguerite and John Martin John, Garth, Ronald, Carli Jean

Line 9 right

Graham, son of Dr. McLean Houze is Dr. Graham married to Dorothy Schwabe.

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ARCHIBALD JAMES MCLEAN.

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By Alex Johnston, A.G.S. #1719 Lethbridge Branch

A well known name in the early days of Lethbridge that was of Archibald James McLean, known to everyone as "Archie" McLean.

Archie McLean was born in Aldboro Township, Elgin County, Ontario on 25 September 1860. His father was James McLean, a farmer who died in 1903 at the age of 84. His mother's maiden name was Clemantina McMurchy. In all there were four boys and two girls in the family: Archibald James, Daniel J., James, William, Annabella (later Mrs. Colin McPherson) and Mary (later Mrs. John McMurchie).

At the age of 21, Archie McLean came west to what is now Virden, Manitoba, but was then known as the Pipestone River district. For several years he operated a ranch south of the Pipestone. He brought in horses from Ontario to sell to local farmers and engaged in general farming as well.

In 1886, he moved to Alberta and established a ranch on the Belly River immediately north of what became the town of Taber. This ranch, which ran both horses and cattle, was known as the CY as it was owned by the Cypress Cattle Company. A shareholder was the Winnipeg firm of Osler, Hammond and Nanton. Its western director was Sir Augustus Nanton, who was a close friend of Archie McLean. The ranch covered a large area, with deeded and lease land running as far north as Retlaw.

Archie McLean was married at Hamilton, Ontario in 1904 to Miss Margaret Duncan. They had one son, James Duncan, born in Lethbridge on 20 January 1906. Margaret McLean died later that same year and was buried in Lethbridge.

By 1906, the CY was being crowded by the hordes of settlers moving into the region from the United States, Europe and eastern Canada so McLean sold his interests in the ranch.

In 1909, McLean was persuaded to run as an Independent Liberal in the second provincial election. He was invited into the cabinet as provincial secretary by Arthur L. Sifton, the second premier and, between 1910 and 1921, served as Minister of Fublic Works and as Minister of Municipal Affairs. He was defeated in the provincial election of 1921.

McLean was drawn back into ranching; he secured a lease on the Peigan Indian Reserve near Macleod and stocked it with cattle. He was assisted in this operation by his son, James Duncan, and kept the property until the early 1930's. He then made his home in Calgary, involving himself in various business ventures, including the management for the Dominion Bank of the Nakama farm holdings of the late George Lane.

In 1912, Archie McLean, then the Hon. A.J. McLean, became one of the "Big Four" in ranching in Alberta. It came about when a young showman-cowboy named Guy Weadick persuaded George Lane, Pat Burns, and A.E. Cross to ante up \$25,000 each with which to put on the first of the modern Calgary Stampedes. His three friends assured Weadick that McLean was good for the remaining \$25,000 and, when informed of their action three or four days later, Archie did make up the rest of the \$100,000 fund.

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Archie McLean died in Macleod on 13 October 1933 at the age of 73. An excerpt from the Lethbridge Herald of 13 October 1933 gives the following "The McLean family from Elgin County consisted of four information: brothers and two sisters: Hon. Archie of Calgary who died in Macleod; Daniel J., a rancher in Pincher Creek; James, killed in a car accident near Pincher Creek two or three years ago; William, who died in Ontario about two weeks ago; Mrs. Colin (Annabella) McPherson, who died in Ontario some years ago; and Mrs. John (Mary) McMurchie, who died in Macleod in October 1930."

The story is not finished yet. The Archibald James McLean Estate is not yet settled and a Calgary law firm is still looking for legitimate heirs. Here is an excerpt from a letter received by Mrs. Dolores Christie of the Lethbridge Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society from the Calgary lawyers: "In 1904, A.J. McLean married Margaret Duncan and a child, James Duncan McLean, was born to them in Lethbridge on 20 January 1906. Margaret Duncan died later that year and A.J. McLean never remarried. His son, James Duncan, died in 1963, unmarried and childless... In order to settle the Estate of A.J. McLean, we are trying to locate the descendents of two of his brothers and one of his sisters. One brother was Daniel J., a rancher in the Pincher Creek area and the other was James McLean. James is believed to have died in 1930 but that is the only information we have of him. sister was Annabella McLean who married Colin McPherson in Elgin County, Ontario on 23 September 1896. Both Annabella and Colin were 35 years of age when they were married. At the date of A.J. McLean's death, Colin McPherson was a veterinary surgeon in Carbon, Alberta. We believe that his wife, Annabella, had died prior to A.J. McLean's death in 1933... We require information as to the existence and whereabouts of any children or grandchildren of the aforementioned siblings of A.J. McLean as we are anxious to finally settle this Estate."

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| LI | NE OF Jacob McClaskey McKean Pioneer of Santa Ana, California |
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| 1. | Full name of pioneer John McClaskey Mckean |
| | Date and place of birth Sept. 24th, 1545 - Leesville, Ohio |
| | Date and place of death Santa Ana, California Buried July 27, 1917-Santa Ana. |
| 2. | Name of his father Dr. John McKean |
| | Date and place of father's birth West Virginia - Feb. 4th, 1810 |
| | Date and place of father's marriage Oct. 22nd, 1835 - Leesville, Ohio |
| | Date and place of father's death Nov. 2nd, 1890- Leesville Buried Leesville, Ohio . |
| 3. | Name of pioneer's mother (full maiden) Rebecca McClaskey |
| | Date and place of her birth Allegheny/ Penn Dec. 30th, 1816 |
| | Date and place of her death Crestline, Ohio, April 26, 1886 Buried Lessville, Ohio |
| 4. | Full maiden name of pioneer's wife Varlaetta Eleanor Moss |
| 24 | Date and place of marriage of pioneer May 10, 1881 - Crestline, Chio |
| | Date and place of her birth Aug. 6th, 1860 - Richland Co., Ohio |
| | Date and place of her death Buried |
| 5. | Name of her father Ross Moss |
| | Date and place of his birth April 25; 1817 - Wheeling, W. Va. |
| | Date and place of his marriage Jan. 23rd, 1845 - Richland Co., Ohio |
| | Date and place of his death Died Dec. 10th, 1855 Buried Crestline, Ohio |
| 6. | Name of mother of pioneer's wife (full maiden) Sounda Wilt Miller |
| | Date and place of her birth Feb. 6th, 1827 - Comberlend Co., Penn. |
| | Date and place of her death June 19th, 1891 Buried Crestline, Ohio |
| 7. | Names of pioneer's brothers and sisters with dates of birth, marriage and death, with names of persons to whom |
| | they were married Margaret Ann-Born Oct. 7th, 1836-Married to Robert Hall 1865-Died 1866. |
| | Alexander McKeen - Born June 27th, 1839 - Died 1911 |
| | William Mckean - " Sept. 2nd, 1841 " 1895 |
| | Jecob McKeen - " Sept. 22nd, 1345 " 1917 |
| - | Eugenia McKean - " Mar. 18th, 1852 " 1927 |
| - | Emme McKean - " Sept. 19th, 1854 |
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| 8. Names of pioneer's wife's brothers missisters with dates of birth, marriage and death, with names of persons to whom they were | married | | | | | | |
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| Elizabeth Wilt Moss - Born Nov. 5, 1846 - Richland Co., Ohio - Married Cyrus Kubee | | | | | | | |
| 20th, 1866- Died Nov. 19th, 1920. | | | | | | | |
| Mary Hulda Moss - Born Oct. 3rd 1843 - Richland Co., Ohio - Married Robert Wilson | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 23rd 1865. | | | | | | | |
| Jacob Elven Moss -Born Jan. 22nd, 1350 - Richland Co., Ohio - Died June 16th, 1895. | | | | | | | |
| Odelphia Jane Moss - Born Nov. 12th, 1855 - Richland Co., Ohio - Married Henry Carlisle | | | | | | | |
| Sept. 11th, 1877 - Crestline, Ohio- Died Jan. 23rd, 1929 - Buried Crestline, Ohio | | | | | | | |
| Egbert Orlando Moss - Born Oct. 23rd, 1857-Richland Co., Ohio - Died May 19, 1883. | | | | | | | |
| Marla Etta Eleanor Moss -Born Aug. 6th, 1861, Richland Co., Ohio -Married May 10th, 1851 J.M. McKean. | | | | | | | |
| William Miller Moss-Born Jan. 27th, 1867-Married Florence Nessman-May 8th, 1888. | | | | | | | |
| 9. In the following space give as complete a list as you can of the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of the pioneer cou all the dates and places of their births, deaths, and marriages. Give the full maiden name of all women married into the line. If give the dates of birth and death of all those married into the line. If you have information concerning the ancestry of any of the on a supplemental page. You are asked ONLY for what you have. Carry this information down to 1905. | you can. | | | | | | |
| 1. John Ross McKean -Born Jan. 20th, 1883 -Crestline, Ohio-Married to Annette J. Ahre | ms | | | | | | |
| Dec. 19th, 1918 at New York City. 2. Marla Fave McKean -Born July 31st, 1884-Crestline, Ohio-Married to Carey Demarce, | | | | | | | |
| Dec.,23rd,1913 at Santa Ana, Calif. 3. Della Rebecca McKean-Born Nov. 16th, 1886-Crestline, Ohio-Married to John F. Talbo | <u></u> | | | | | | |
| May 15, 1917 -Riverside, Calif. 4. Jacob Egbert McKean-Born Oct. 7th, 1888-Crestline, Ohio-Killed Feb. 11th, 1918- | | | | | | | |
| Jennings, LaAirplane accident. 5. Helen Marguerite McKean - Born Nov. 13th, 1894 -Santa Ana, Calif Married William | 3 | | | | | | |
| Wallace Wiemen -Sept. 25, 1918 - Redwood City, Calif. 6. Robert Moss McKean - Born Feb. 9th, 1908 - Santa Ana, Calif. | , | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Childred of Faye Demarce) Barbara Eleanor - Born Oct. 11th, 1916 | | | | | | | |
|) Doris Sue - Born Nov. 26th, 1918 | | | | | | | |
| and Carey Demaree) Patricia Rae-Born April 16, 1923 | | | | | | | |
| Children of Helen Wieman) Lois Helen - Born May 10th, 1923 | | | | | | | |
| and W. W. Wieman) | • | | | | | | |
| Lieut. Jacob Egbert McKean was killed in airplane accident during the World War, | <u>it ·</u> | | | | | | |
| Jennings, La., while stationed at Loke Charles, La. Was instructor and First Li | eut. | | | | | | |
| Buried at Santa Ana, Calif. | | | | | | | |
| Lieut. John Ross McKean served during World War on Transport Henderson. Then | | | | | | | |
| transferred to "Cormorant" Mine Sweeper as Commander and Capt. in North Sea. | | | | | | | |
| Decorated with Naval Cross for Distinguished Service - at Portsmouth, N. H., Nov. 11th, | | | | | | | |
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In the space below give interesting fac life of pioneer—i. e., where he lived before con to California or the Middle West; when he arrived; the route and method by which he came; what his business was and other facts of upportance.

Jacob M. McKean - Born in Ohio, came to California October 22nd, 1892. Was in

Dry Goods Business in Ohio. In California - Grocery and Real Estate Business until death.

Two sons, Lieut. John Ross McKeen and 1st Lieut. Jacob Egbert McKeen served in World War 1917-1918. Lieut. John Ross McKean was in Navy - Enlisted in Navy Jan. 17th, 1900 at San When the fleet went around the world he was on the Virginiz. Step Francisco. by step he rose to Ensign Commission -Then Jr. Lieut, -Then Sr. Lieut, Finally he was given command of Mine Sweeper "Cormorant" and ordered to North Sea to help sweep up the Mines laid during the var. Retunned to U. S. in 1919 and was given Naval Cross for Distinguished Service in the North Sea. Was Commanding Officer of Bobolink later. Then transferred to Pacific Coast and given command of the Mine Sweeper "Tern". After several more changes asked for retirement in 1930. Living in San Diego, Celif., now. Lieut, Jacob Egbert McKean enlisted in World War when the United States entered. Took his aviation course at Berkeley, Calif and San Diago, North Island. Killed Feb. 11th, 1918 during cross country flight. He was instructor at Lake Charles, La. Buried in Santa Ana, Calif.

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