

Re: McLean Family Tree

This letter is to advise that I am presently assembling information on the McLean Family as it relates to Jessie McLean, daughter of Neil McLean and Mary McKellar.

I enclose a copy of a family tree "rough draft" which incorporates most of the information I have been able to put together to date. As you can see I have hardly begun.

I will be sending copies of this letter to several individuals who have helped me greatly to date. Thank-you very much for your help thus far. I hope the information from the Malcolm McKellar descendants is some assistance to you in completing your files. Please advise by return if you wish a copy of the final draft.

I have some specific areas in which one of you may be able to help me out.

Specifically:

- 1) I have no details on the complete family of Duncan McLean and Janet Fisher. Is Neil McLean a son of Duncan & Janet?
- 2) I believe that Neil McLean had 3 daughters. Is there any information on ~~the 1st~~ 3rd girl??
- 3) I am interested in completing the birth dates and death dates in the missing blocks. Copies of obituaries and death notices appreciated.
- 4) Has anyone traced the families anyfurther back than Duncan & Janet McLean?
- 5) I have received some information on the ships of Captains Duncan Rowan, Donald McLean and Duncan McLean. ie. Ploughboy, Rescue, Algoma, Chicora.

Captain Duncan McLean was born near St. Thomas in the township of Southwold Co. of Elgin on March 29, 1840. In 1852, after the loss of both mother and father, he went to live with his brother-in-law Captain Duncan Rowan of Stony Island. He sailed with Captain Rowan until 1858 when he went with his brother Captain Donald McLean as mate on board the Ploughboy.

Captian Duncan McLean was a Master Mason, a member of the Manirou Lodge, Collingwood. He is buried in Kincardine cemetary.

I have virtually no information on Captain Duncan Rowan or Captain Donald McLean. I believe they are bured at Kincardine. (Knox Presbyterian).

As I have only been at this project for 5 weeks, I would appreciate any help in this task, not only information but ideas on how to get at information would be appreciated. An of course, if anyone has already done all the work, that would make it even better as I am also working on two other family trees!!

Thanking you in advance for any assistance you can give, I remain,

Yours very truly,

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P.S. I also have boxes full of unidentified pictures approximately 80-100 years old, most of them by Kincardine. Any photostats of known relatives would be appreciated.

Re: Colwell Family Tree

This letter is to advise that I am presently assembling information on the Colwell Family as it relates to Verna Colwell, daughter of Albert Colwell and Jessie McLean, formerly of Kincardine, Ontario.

I enclose a copy of a family tree rough draft which incorporates most of the information I have been able to put together to date. As you can see I have hardly begun.

I will be sending copies of this letter to several individuals who have helped me greatly to date. Thank-you very much for your help thus far. I hope that the information from the Verna Colwell descendants is of some assistance to you in completing your files. Please advise by return if you would wish a copy of the final draft.

I have some specific areas in which one of you may be able to help me out.

Specifically:

- 1) I do have a list of Francis and Jane Colwells' family but the information is very sketchy.
- 2) Do you have any information on the Colwells before they got to Canada? What year did they migrate? Passenger lists etc?
- 3) I have twins in my family, so we are interested in Thomas and Flora families and any other twins which may show up.
- 4) Albert and Jessies' children were all born in Kincardine. What did he do there before he came to Saskatoon in 1913?
- 5) How many more were in Samuel Colwells' family? ie. brothers and sisters.

- 6) We are interested in any stories, articles, obituaries or notices which would be associated with the family.
- 7) I have a couple of boxes of photographs taken in Kincardine which are approximately 80-100 years old. There are no names. Photostats of any pictures you may have which would help me identify these would be appreciated. If you have a good collection of photos and are familiar with the family, I will send you photostats of my prints for identification.

As I have only been at this project for five weeks, I would appreciate any help in this task, not only information but ideas on how to get at information would be appreciated, and of course, if anyone has already done all the work, that would make it even better as I am also working on two other family trees!!

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