

JOSEPH McDONALD, Son

Birth: 20 Apr 1858 Place: River Leven
Death: 7 Sep 1939 Place: Residence, Castra Road, Ulverstone Age: 81
Burial: 10 Sep 1939 Place: Ulverstone Cemetery, C.E. [Headstone]
Occupation: Farmer (1881 1888 1895 1897 1911) Splitter (1880) Labourer (1884 1885)
Occupation: Carpenter (1883 1887 1890 1893 1896 1912 1914 1921)
Residence: Abbotsham (1895 1897) Castra Road (1881 1884 1912 1921)
Father: GEORGE McDONALD (~1801-1878)
Mother: DELIA FURNER [ALIAS GILLAM] (~1815-1900)

Informant of birth was father, George McDonald, farmer, River Leven. [RGD 1754]

Witnesses to marriage were Arthur McDonald, J. Miller, and Emily McDonald. [RGD 791]

Court of Requests, Ulverstone, Crawford V McDonald. George T. Crawford sued Joseph McDonald for £6/10/- for cow and calf sold to defendant but which defendant refused to pay on the ground that the cow was not up to guarantee. It was however, proved by plaintiff that no guarantee was given, and a verdict for plaintiff was given for the full amount, with costs, was returned.' [North West Post 19 January 1888 p3 c1]

Cause of death was cancer of the stomach. Dr L. Gollan. Informant of death was J.C. Harman, Undertaker, Ulverstone. [RGD 461 Leven] See Advocate 9/11 September 1939 for death and obituary.

Will dated 1 July 1939. Witnessed by Frank B. Edwards, Solicitor, Ulverstone and H.J. McDonald, Agent, Ulverstone. Executors were wife Jessie and son Allan. [LSD 38/951] Probate sworn at under £533. [AD 960/64 p190 No. 23349]

Spouse: JESSIE JOHNSON ANDERSON

Birth: 9 Jul 1862 Place: Avoca
Baptism: 19 May 1865 Place: Port Sorell Parish, C.E. Age: 2
Death: 5 Dec 1948 Place: Residence, Castra Road, Ulverstone Age: 86
Burial: 7 Dec 1948 Place: Ulverstone Cemetery, C.E. [Headstone]
Occupation: Miller's daughter (1879) Domestic Duties (1912 1914 1921)
Father: JAMES ANDERSON (1829-1885)
Mother: MARGARET BAND (1830-1924)
Marriage: 24 Dec 1879 Place: House of Mr Anderson, Castra Road, C.E., by Lic.

Informant of birth was father, James Anderson, Miller, Avoca. Mother was Margaret Anderson, formerly Bonce [sic Band.] [RGD 472]

Baptism gives birth date as 3 July 1862. [C.E. Baptism Register p 33]

Worked as 'nursegirl' for Mrs Thomas Shaw, at *Molenda*, Castra Road, in 1878. [Diary]

Admitted to Hospital with dislocated shoulder. Discharged 1 April 1943. [HSD 370/2 Ulverstone District Hospital General Case Book 2 July 1938 - 2 February 1944 Case 2258 p 271]

Cause of death was arteriosclerosis and cardiac failure. See Advocate 13 December 1948 for obituary.

Children: HERBERT [Herbert Joseph] (1880-1964)
MURIEL ALVIE (1881-1964)
HORACE (1883-1974)
CHARLES (Died as a child) (1884-1887)
ALAN (Did not marry) (1885-1974)
ERNEST (1887-1971)
LILLA MAUD (Did not marry) (1888-1980)
WILLIAM GEORGE (1890-1978)
ALFRED CHARLES (1893-1955)
FRANK (1896-2003)
LLEWELLYN (1903-1992)

Born on 20 April 1858, Joseph was the first of the children of George and Delia McDonald to be born at River Leven.

Together with his younger brother Arthur, Joseph spent only a short time at school. The school had not been in existence for much of his early life and what education he had during his childhood would have been delivered by his mother and sisters. He was enrolled on 10 February 1873 at the age of fourteen. No doubt he trudged down the Castra Road each day to the little school house in Leven Street and returned each afternoon to do a man's work at home; passing load after wagonload of palings on their way to the wharves. He left after only seven months of formal education to take up bush work.¹

When Joseph was eighteen years of age a land conveyance was made by James Fogg for Joseph and Arthur McDonald involving a portion of Lot 490 to be held in trust until Arthur reached the age of 21.

The rents and profits were to be applied towards the support and maintenance of the two young men. James Fogg and E.B.E. Walker were trustees.² The land was finally conveyed to them on 28 February 1887.³ What provoked this action is not certain. The deed states, as deeds often do, 'for the love and affection which the said James Alfred Fogg hath towards the said Joseph and Arthur McDonald and for divers other good causes and considerations'. Possibly it is connected with their father, George the elder, departing the Leven to live at New Ground with his daughter Harriet Turnbull.

When he was 21 years of age Joseph married Jessie Anderson. Jessie was the daughter of James Anderson, a miller, and the marriage took place at her father's house on the Castra Road on Christmas Eve 1879. Witnesses were Joseph's brother Arthur and his sister Emily. The third witness J. Miller may have been a cousin of Jessie's.

The Anderson's were Scottish and came to Tasmania by the ship *Montmorency* in 1855. Jessie was born at Avoca in 1862. Before her marriage Jessie worked for Thomas and Hester Shaw at *Molenda* on the Castra Road where she was 'nurse girl to [their daughter] Charlotte'.⁴ Jessie had a large family, nine sons and two daughters, spread over a 24-year period. The first seven children were born in the first ten years of marriage with the last child, Llewellyn, born in 1903. Only one of the eleven children died in childhood: this was Charles who died as a result of his clothing catching fire when he was only two years and seven months old.

For a few years Joseph is listed as occupying eighty acres of land at the Leven with his mother living in a cottage on thirty acres of land. It is not until 1889 that Joseph is listed as owning a cottage or rather as an occupier of Delia's cottage and thirty acres.

In the mid 1890s Joseph and Jessie still lived on the Castra Road, supposedly near Joseph's mother Delia – on the same property but not in the same house.

Frank, their second youngest son, can just remember the house which was burnt down when he was very young, probably early in the new century. Joseph, being a carpenter, replaced the homestead, which still stands today although much modernised.⁵

Joseph died at Castra Road on 7 September 1939 from cancer when he was 81 years old. Jessie also died at Castra Road on 5 December 1948 when she was 86. In his will dated 31 July 1939, Joseph willed his property to his wife, and following her demise to his son Alan.⁶ Alvie and her spinster sister Lilla and bachelor brother Alan continued to live in the old family home for many years after the death of their parents.

¹ Ulverstone State School Admission Register: Entry No. 81.

² LSD: Book 6/2072 28 July 1876.

³ LSD: Book 7/7854.

⁴ Diary of Hester Shaw, *Molenda*, Castra Road, p 295.

⁵ Hearsay: Stuart McDonald.

⁶ LSD: Book 38/951.

HERBERT [Herbert Joseph] McDONALD, Grandson

Birth: 12 Oct 1880 Place: Castra Road
Death: 21 Jun 1964 Place: St John's Park Home for the Aged, Hobart Age: 83
Burial: 23 Jun 1964 Place: Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart [Headstone]
Occupation: Potato Agent; Carrier (1912 1914 1921) Produce Merchant (1953 1960)
Residence: Main Street, Ulverstone (1912 1914 1921 1953 1960)
Father: JOSEPH McDONALD (1858-1939)
Mother: JESSIE JOHNSON ANDERSON (1862-1948)

Informant of birth was father, Joseph McDonald, Castra Road. Father Joseph McDonald, splitter. Mother Jessie McDonald, formerly Anderson. [RGD 2660]

Enrolled at Ulverstone State School 5 August 1890, aged 9 years 10 months. Left school 1 July 1895 at the age of 15 years...wanted to work splitting. [Ulverstone State School Admission Register No. 646.]

Spouse: MARTHA MARGARET NORMAN

Birth: 1 Mar 1890 Place: Macquarie Street, Hobart
Baptism: Place: Baptist Church
Death: 19 Dec 1969 Place: Hobart Age: 79
Burial: 22 Dec 1969 Place: Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart
Occupation: Daughter of a butcher (1890) Domestic Duties (1914 1921) Home Duties (1960)
Residence: 90 Main Street, Ulverstone (1960)
Father: HENRY NORMAN
Mother: MARGARET ROBERTSON
Marriage: 21 Feb 1912 Place: Baptist Church, Ulverstone

Children: DONALD NORMAN (1912-2002)
MARJORIE JEAN [Jean] (1914-2005)
THELMA MARGARET (1915-1974)
BERYL IRENE (1919-)
DOROTHY JUNE (1923-)
RAYMOND ARTHUR (1925-)
STUART NOEL (1931-)

Informant of birth was M. Norman, mother, 413 Macquarie Street, Hobart. [RGD 232]

In 1912, at the age of 31 years, Herbert married Martha Norman. Their nuptial day was written up in the local press:

The Ulverstone Baptist Church was the scene of a most interesting ceremony on Wednesday, when Herbert Joseph M'Donald, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M'Donald, of Castra road, was united in marriage to Miss Martha Margaret Norman, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Norman, "Braeside," Ulverstone.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F.J. Dunkley (Launceston). The church was very prettily decorated by girl friends of the bride, who was attended by Alvie M'Donald, as brides-maid, and the bridegroom was supported by Mr. O. R. Norman. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dainty dress of Oriental silk. The bodice was finely tucked, and made with cross-over front and lace yoke, daintily trimmed with silk appliqué, and finished with silk fringe, the front being beaded; the sleeves were three-quarter, with tucked silk cap, and finished with appliqué. The skirt was slightly trained and finished with cross folds and silk French knots. The whole dress being finished with folded belt and large bows of

satin ribbon. The veil, the work of Miss Rand, was of net, with true lover's knots and horseshoes, surmounted with the usual sprays of orange blossom. The bride's going-away dress was cream voile coat and skirt, trimmed with black, and cream silk braid. The



bridesmaid wore a handsome gown of light grey taffeta voile; bodice finely tucked, transparent yoke, kimono of satin, same shade; sleeves finely tucked, satin turn back cuffs; panelled skirt folded, and buttons; finished with satin belt and bow. At the conclusion of the ceremony, and as the party left the church, the Wedding March was played. Confetti was showered upon the happy pair, accompanied by good wishes. About 50 guests were entertained at "Braeside..."⁷

⁷ Advocate: Friday 23 February 1912.

MURIEL ALVIE McDONALD, Granddaughter

Birth: 11 Oct 1881 Place: Castra Road
Baptism: 10 Jan 1883 Place: Forth & Leven C.E.
Death: 10 May 1964 Place: 24 Alexandra Rd,
Ulverstone Age: 82
Burial: 11 May 1964 Place: Ulverstone
[Headstone]
Occupation: Domestic Duties (1912) Dressmaker (1953 1960)
Residence: Castra Road (1912)
Residence: Not in Electoral Roll, Leven (1914)
Residence: 24 Alexandra Road, Ulverstone (1953 1960)
Father: JOSEPH McDONALD (1858-1939)
Mother: JESSIE JOHNSON ANDERSON (1862-1948)



Informant of birth was father, Joseph McDonald, farmer, Castra Road. Mother was Jessie McDonald, formerly Anderson. [RGD 2287]

Enrolled at the Ulverstone School 5 August 1890 at the age of 8 years 10 months. Left 1 July 1895. [Ulverstone State School Admission Register entry No. 648]

Lived with sister Lilla and brother Alan at Alexandra Road.

See Advocate May 1964 for death notice. Funeral from Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Ulverstone.

Spouse: CHARLES [or JOSEPH] GRAHAM

Birth: Place:
Baptism: Place:
Death: Place:
Burial: Place:
Occupation:
Father:
Mother:
Marriage: Place:

Children: ALAN JOSEPH (1913-1995)

HORACE McDONALD, Grandson]

Birth: 22 Apr 1883 Place: Castra Road
Baptism: 23 Nov 1883 Place: Forth & Leven C.E.
Death: 1 Sep 1974 Place: Melbourne, Victoria Age: 91
Burial: 5 Sep 1974 Place: Cemetery, Eltham, Victoria
Residence: Not in Electoral Roll, Leven (1914) Victoria (1939 1974)
Father: JOSEPH McDONALD (1858-1939)
Mother: JESSIE JOHNSON ANDERSON (1862-1948)

Informant of birth was Joseph McDonald, father, carpenter, Castra Road. Mother was Jessie McDonald, formerly Anderson. [RGD 2380

Enrolled at the Ulverstone School 5 August 1890, aged 7 years 4 months. Left the school 20 December 1895...wanted to work, splitting. Aged 12 years. [Ulverstone State School Admission Register entry No. 647.]

For marriage as MacDonald see VIC RGD 4245/1913.

"McDonald, Horace - Ninety-one years, died September 1st Canberra [sic], (late of Ivanhoe), beloved husband of Eileen (deceased), father of Bernard, Veronica (Mrs Touhy), Eric, and Kenneth, father-in-law of Meryl, Noel, Monica (deceased), Valerie, grandfather of Barry, Peter, John, Christopher, Phillip, Ewen, Fergus, Mark, Luke, Fiona and Paul, great grandfather Samantha, Darren and Esther Mae. R.I.P. Requiem Mass a Church of Mary Immaculate, Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe, Thursday, September 5 [1974] at 10 a.m. Buried Eltham Cemetery. E. Taylor & Son, Ivanhoe and Canberra Funeral Services. [The Age 3 December 1974 p22 c3]

Spouse: EILEEN TYRELL HODGE

Birth: 1891 Place: Collingwood, Victoria
Death: 10 Sep 1962 Place: 117 Waterdale Road, Ivanhoe, Victoria Age: 71
Burial: 12 Sep 1962 Place: Coburg Cemetery, Victoria
Occupation: Home Duties (1962)
Father: MAURICE HODGE
Mother: JOHANNA COFFEY

Marriage: ca 1913 Place: Heidelberg, Victoria

Cause of death was anaemia (4 weeks) and chronic myeloid leukaemia (3 years). Informant of death was son, B. McDonald, 52 Dresden Street, West Heidelberg. Parent's names recorded as Maurice Hodge (Boarding house proprietor) and Johanna Coffey on death certificate, but Morris and Annie are the names they married under. Born Richmond, Victoria and lived 71 years in Victoria [VIC RGD 18487/62 or 31920]

Children: BERNARD [Bernie] (1913-)
VERONICA MARY [Vera] (1915-)
ERIC (1917-ca1974)
KENNETH (1919-)

CHARLES McDONALD, Grandson

Birth:	12 Aug 1884	Place: Castra Road
Baptism:	8 Dec 1884	Place: Forth & Leven C.E.
Death:	17 Mar 1887	Place: Castra Road Age: 2
Burial:	18 Mar 1887	Place: Leven Church Yard, Ulverstone [Headstone]
Occupation:	Son of farmer	
Residence:	Castra Road	
Father:	JOSEPH McDONALD (1858-1939)	
Mother:	JESSIE JOHNSON ANDERSON (1862-1948)	

Informant of birth was Delia (x) McDonald, grandmother, Castra Road. Father was Joseph McDonald, labourer. Mother was Jessie McDonald, formerly Anderson. [RGD 3241]

Cause of death was burns. Informant of death was George Haydon, neighbour, Castra Road. [RGD 1271]

Buried with grandfather, George McDonald.

ALAN McDONALD, Grandson

Birth:	24 Sep 1885	Place: Castra Road
Baptism:	1 Nov 1886	Place: Forth & Leven C.E. Age: 1
Death:	15 Jun 1974	Place: District Hospital, Ulverstone Age: 88
Burial:	17 Jun 1974	Place: Ulverstone Cemetery, C.E. [Headstone]
Occupation:	Carpenter (1912 1914) Labourer (1953)	
Residence:	Ulverstone (1912 1914) Castra Road, Ulverstone (1953)	
Residence:	24 Alexandra Road, Ulverstone (1960 1964)	
Father:	JOSEPH McDONALD (1858-1939)	
Mother:	JESSIE JOHNSON ANDERSON (1862-1948)	

Informant of birth A. McDonald, Uncle, Castra Road. Father was Joseph McDonald, labourer. Mother was Jessie McDonald, formerly Anderson. [RGD 3320]

See Advocate 17 June 1974 for death and funeral notice.

Did not marry. No known issue.

ERNEST McDONALD, Grandson

Birth: 28 Feb 1887 Place: Castra Road
Baptism: 6 Jun 1887 Place: Forth & Leven C.E.
Death: 7 Nov 1971 Place: District Hospital, Ulverstone Age: 84
Burial: 9 Nov 1971 Place: Mersey Vale Lawn Cemetery, Devonport
Occupation: Labourer (1912 1914 1921 1953 1964)
Residence: Queen St., Ulverstone (1912 1914 1921)
Residence: Kings Parade, Ulverstone (1953 1960 1964 1971)
Father: JOSEPH McDONALD (1858-1939)
Mother: JESSIE JOHNSON ANDERSON (1862-1948)

Informant of birth was J. McDonald, father, farmer, Castra Road. Mother was Jessie McDonald, formerly Anderson. [RGD 3377]

See Advocate for death and funeral notice.

Spouse: MAUD BANNISTER

Birth: 27 Dec 1892 Place: Green Ponds
Baptism: 7 May 1893 Place: Kempton, C.E.
Death: 21 Aug 1969 Place: District Hospital, Ulverstone Age: 76
Burial: 23 Aug 1969 Place: Mersey Vale Lawn Cemetery, Devonport
Occupation: Domestic Duties (1914 1921 1953) Home Duties (1964)
Residence: Kings Parade, Ulverstone (1960)
Father: HENRY ALFRED BANNISTER
Mother: ELIZA ROSE
Marriage: 11 Aug 1911 Place: Ulverstone, Presbyterian

Children: [Unnamed female] (Died at birth) (1912-1912)
ROY EDWARD (1913-1986)
JEAN ANNIE [Nancy and Nan] (1915-1992)
GORDON WILLIAM (1917-2001)
STANLEY ALFRED (1918-2006)
JOHN ANDREW [Johnnie] (1930-1997)

Informant of birth was mother, Elizabeth Bannister, Constitution Hill. Father recorded as Andrew Alfred Bannister, Farmer. [RGD 1076] For his other children Andrew gave his name as Henry or Henry Alfred and his wife is Eliza. These are the names under which they married in 1883.

For baptism see Church of England Kempton Parish Baptism Register entry No. 874. NS356/9. Parents living Constitution Hill.

LILLA MAUD McDONALD, Granddaughter

Birth:	11 Oct 1888	Place: Castra Road
Baptism:	8 Jan 1891	Place: Forth & Leven C.E. Age: 2
Death:	14 Sep 1980	Place: Ulverstone Age: 91
Burial:	16 Sep 1980	Place: Ulverstone/Penguin Lawn Cemetery
Occupation:	Domestic Duties (1912 1914 1921) Home Duties (1953 1960 1964 1976 1980)	
Residence:	Castra Road, Ulverstone (1912 1914 1921 1953)	
Residence:	24 Alexandra Road, Ulverstone (1960 1964 1976 1980)	
Father:	JOSEPH McDONALD (1858-1939)	
Mother:	JESSIE JOHNSON ANDERSON (1862-1948)	

Informant of birth was Delia (x) McDonald, Grandmother, Castra Road. Father was Joseph McDonald, carpenter. Mother was Jessie McDonald, formerly Anderson. [RGD 3472]

Date of birth at baptism incorrectly given as 11 October 1890. See Advocate 15 September 1980 for death and funeral notice.

Did not marry. No known issue.

WILLIAM GEORGE McDONALD, Grandson

Birth: 8 May 1890 Place: Castra Road
Baptism: 8 May 1891 Place: Forth & Leven C.E. Age: 1
Death: 3 Apr 1978 Place: Royal Derwent Hospital, New Norfolk Age: 87
Burial: 5 Apr 1978 Place: Ulverstone C.E. [Headstone]
Occupation: Mechanic (1919) TGR ; Labourer (1921 1930 1964) Motor Mechanic (1940)
Occupation: Fencer (1950) Labourer (1953 1960)
Residence: Ulverstone (1919 1921 1923 1930) Risby St, Ulverstone (1920)
Residence: 15 Risby Street, Ulverstone (1953 1960 1964)
Residence: 7 James Street, Ulverstone (1976)
Father: JOSEPH McDONALD (1858-1939)
Mother: JESSIE JOHNSON ANDERSON (1862-1948)

Informant of birth was Delia (x) McDonald, Grandmother, Castra Road. Father Joseph McDonald, carpenter. Mother Jessie McDonald, formerly Anderson. [RGD 3385]

Witnesses to his marriage to his cousin Annie Stalker were Allan McDonald, Ulverstone, and Margaret Warden, North Motton. [Presbyterian]

Occupation: "Received his train drivers certificate from Ballarat around 1914." [Gail Mulhern]

See Advocate 3 April 1978 for death and funeral notice.

Also see Mercury newspaper.

Spouse: ANNIE STALKER, G Granddaughter

Birth: 6 Dec 1899 Place: Sprent
Death: 14 Oct 1983 Place: Royal Derwent Hospital, New Norfolk Age: 83
Burial: 17 Oct 1983 Place: Ulverstone C.E. [Headstone]
Occupation: Domestic Duties (1919 1921 1953 1960 1964 1976)
Residence: 15 Risby Street, Ulverstone (1960)
Father: DUNCAN STALKER (1867-1948)
Mother: ANNA MARIA [Hannah Maria] WARDEN (1877-1927)
Marriage: 7 May 1919 Place: Ulverstone, Presbyterian, by Lic.

Children:
EFFIE KATHLEEN (1919-)
REGINALD WILFRED (1921-1980)
ERIC NEIL [Mac] (1923-1993)
DOUGLAS WILLIAM [Bill] (1925-1990)
MARGARET JUNE (1930-)

Informant of birth was father, Duncan Stalker, farmer, Sprent. Mother was Anna Maria Stalker, formerly Warden. [RGD 2757]

ALFRED CHARLES McDONALD, Grandson

Birth: 21 Jan 1893 Place: Abbotsham
Baptism: 3 Feb 1895 Place: Forth & Leven C.E. Age: 2
Death: 27 Jul 1955 Place: [not stated] Age: 62
Burial: 29 Jul 1955 Place: Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart
Residence: 40 Duke Street, Sandy Bay (1920)
Residence: Hobart [?] (1939)
Occupation: Ironmonger (1920) Licensed Victualler
Occupation: Owner/Manager of the Mt Lyall Handle Company.
Father: JOSEPH McDONALD (1858-1939)
Mother: JESSIE JOHNSON ANDERSON (1862-1948)

Known as MacDonald.

Informant of birth was Joseph McDonald, father, farmer, Abbotsham. Mother Jessie McDonald, formerly Anderson. [RGD 2841]

Enrolled at Ulverstone State School 28 January 1901. [Ulverstone State School Admission Register entry No. 13]

Stated he was an ironmonger, aged 27 years, at time of marriage. Gave his birthplace as Ulverstone and his parents as Joseph MacDonald, carpenter, and Jessie formerly Anderson. Witnesses to marriage were Marion Murphy, Launceston, and F. MacDonald, Hobart. [Presbyterian Marriage Register, Entry No. 145]

'At Chalmers Presbyterian Church, Launceston, Saturday April 3 Margaret Forsyth, only daughter of Richard Forsyth of Launceston with Mr A.C. McDonald 5th son of Joseph McDonald of Ulverstone... Brother Frank McDonald, best man...'

Served in the 52nd Battalion. Regimental No. 5224. Rank Sergeant.

Buried Methodist section Cornelian Bay Cemetery FG93.

Marriage: 3 Apr 1920 Place: Chalmers Church, Launceston,
Presbyterian, by Lic.

Spouse: MARGARET ADELAIDE FORSYTH

Birth: 31 Dec 1893 Place: Westbury
Death: 21 May 1979 Place: Repatriation Hospital, Hobart, Age: 85
Burial: 23 May 1979 Place: Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart
Residence: St John Street, Launceston (1920)
Occupation: Tailoress (1920)
Father: RICHARD FORSYTH
Mother: MARGARET NELSON LIDDELL

Informant of birth was R. Forsyth, father, Westbury, Licensed Victualler. [RGD 2967/94]

Buried Methodist section Cornelian Bay Cemetery FG93.

Children: DONALD ANGUS McDONALD (Twin) (1921-2002)
BETTY MARGARET McDONALD (Twin) (1921-)

Two of Joseph's sons, Alfred Charles and Frank, enlisted at the time of World War I, Alfred as a private in the 12th Battalion on 26 July 1915 and Frank as a private in the 40th Battalion (C Company) 10 March 1916.⁸

Both Arthur Charles and Frank were educated at the Ulverstone State School, being enrolled in 1901 and 1904 respectively. Frank left when he was 14.

A family of Germans lived next door to the McDonalds and Frank recalls that as children they detested one another to the stage that gun threats became the order of the day, exacerbated no doubt by anti-German feeling leading up to and during the war.⁹ When he was seven he remembers going with his parents to the local football ground to see the burning of an effigy of the Transvaal President, Krueger.¹⁰ This was while the Boer War was in progress and nationalist fervour was at a high. Frank's family lived on the Castra Road where his father was a builder and also used to make the children shoes.

Alfred enlisted on 26 July 1915, at the age of 22 years and 6 months. He gave his occupation as salesman, and listed his next of kin as his mother, Mrs Jessie McDonald. He was 5 ft 7 inches tall and weighed 9 stone 13 lbs, had a fair complexion, blue eyes, and light brown hair and had a small circular scar on the back of his neck. He gave his religion as Methodist.

Appointed to the 16th Reinforcement 12th Battalion, at Claremont on 10 March 1916, he served with the 52nd Battalion at Etaples, France 1916. He was transferred to England in 1917 and was attached to the Pay Corps, London.

Alfred returned to Australia by the *Balmoral Castle* in 1918, and was discharged on 16 April 1918.

He married at Launceston in 1920:

On Saturday [3 April 1920] at 11 a.m. at Chalmers Presbyterian Church, the marriage was solemnised of Miss Margaret Forsyth only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Forsyth, Launceston, with Mr A.C. McDonald, fifth son of Mr. Joseph McDonald, of Ulverstone. The Rev. W.J. Harris performed the ceremony. During the service Miss Mitchell sang "Because." Miss Melross presided at the organ, and also played "The Wedding March" as the bridal party left the church. The bride, who entered the church with her father, by whom she was given away, wore a lovely trained gown of ivory satin and georgette. The bodice and gracefully draped tunic of georgette were elaborately embroidered with pearl and silver trimming. The satin train falling from the shoulders was finished with pearl tassels. Her exquisite veil was kindly loaned by her sister-in-law, of Melbourne. It was worn over the face, and finished with a swathe of orange blossom. She also carried a shower bouquet of white roses and dahlias, with sprays of asparagus fern, and finished with streamers of satin ribbon. Miss Marion Murphy, friend of the bride, attended as bridesmaid. Her frock of lovely maize georgette over maize charmeuse was finished with shadow lace and spoke-stitching. Her hat was of gold tissue, overlaid with coffee georgette, finished with tufts of feathers to match. She carried a bouquet of cream roses and autumn foliage. The bride's niece and nephew, Mollie and Keith Forsyth, attended the bride as train-bearers. Mr Frank McDonald, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Afterwards the wedding part and guests were entertained at a wedding tea at Chalmers Hall, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion with Easter daisies and palms. The bridegroom's gift to the bridesmaid was a gold armlet. Included amongst the numerous and handsome presents were cheques from the bride's father, the bridegroom's father and brothers, and the Rev. W.J. Harris.¹¹

Alfred and Margaret had twins, Donald and Betty. Alfred died at Hobart in 1955 and Margaret died in 1979.

⁸ Tasmanian Mail: 1 June 1916 p12-13 Complete List of the 40th (Tas) Battalion.

⁹ Ulverstone History Museum: transcript of interview 28 November 1998.

¹⁰ Ulverstone History Museum: paper written by Robin Allen.

¹¹ Examiner: Thursday 8 April, 1920.

FRANK McDONALD, Grandson

Birth: 26 Jun 1896 Place: Abbotsham
Baptism: 21 Mar 1897 Place: Forth & Leven C.E.
Death: 23 Aug 2003 Place: NWRH, Burnie Age: 107
Burial: 30 Aug 2003 Place: State Funeral, Ulverstone Age: 107
Occupation: Signaller, 40th Batt. WWI
Residence: Place: Sydney (1939) 1/70 Eastland Drive, Ulverstone (1993)
Father: JOSEPH McDONALD (1858-1939)
Mother: JESSIE JOHNSON ANDERSON (1862-1948)

Informant of birth was Alvie McDonald, sister, Abbotsham. Father was Joseph McDonald, carpenter, and mother was Jessie McDonald, formerly Anderson. [RGD 2694]

Admitted to the Ulverstone State School 27 Feb 1911. [No. 592]

Enlisted 10 March 1916. [TWR p315] Private, "C" Company 40th Battalion (Tas) Transport Section. [Tasmanian Mail 1 June 1916 p12-13.]

See Advocate 11 April 1917 p2...letter from the Front.

"Mr. J. M'Donald, Castra road, is in receipt of advice that his son, Cpl. F. M'Donald, M.M., 40th Batt., is returning to Australia by the transport *Anchises*, and will probably arrive at Melbourne about October 4." [Advocate Wednesday 17 September 1919]

See Advocate 27 April 1997 p3...101 years of age.

Living at:

16 Patrick Street, Ulverstone (1976 1980)

Centenarian. No known issue.

Last surviving decorated Australian of World War I. Also the last of the 40th Infantry Battalion, A.I.F. [<http://www.dva.gov.au/commem/news/fmcdonald.htm> 10 January 2004]

Spouse: LILIAN VAUGHAN PAYNE
Birth: ca 1901 Place: Fitzroy, Victoria
Death: 2 Jun 1978 Place: Brisbane, Queensland
Occupation: Home Duties (1976)
Father: ERNEST HECTOR HORNBY PAYNE
Mother: LILLIAS VAUGHAN BARNES
Marriage: 22 Dec 1928 Place: St Kilda, Victoria

Possibly the Lilis Vaughn Payne born Fitzroy North ca 1901. Parents Hector Ernest Hornsby Payne and Lilis Vaughn [sic] Barnes. [VIC RGD Births Index 26767]

For marriage as Lilian Vaughan Dean see VIC RGD Marriages Index No. 12995.

Still listed in 1980 Electoral Roll as living at 16 Patrick Street, Ulverstone [sic].

No Children.

His mother “Jesse” was “the best cook in the world” on her oven, which had a fire on top as well as underneath.

Frank states that he started work at the Ulverstone Railway Station for no pay, training as a clerk to man the station at Leith. It was here that he gained some knowledge of signals and telegraphy. When that job didn't eventuate he left and went to work at Cruickshanks'. When war was declared he was helping his father build a house for a Mr Ross on the Wilmot Road.¹² He tried to enlist in August 1914 but was rejected because of bad teeth. Following this rejection he went to Queensland cutting sugar cane at Gordonvale for a season and then returned to try again, this time successfully.

Frank recalls that while he was in France his mother sent a parcel at Christmas time with pudding, cake and a jar of cream. The cream was in a sealed jar, one which had had shoe blackening in it. His mother had filled it full to the brim and it had self-sealed and the cream, when Frank opened it to use, was as good as the day it was put in the jar. “It was beautiful.”¹³

A letter home was published in the Advocate of 11 April 1917:

Mrs Joseph McDonald of Castra Road has recently received a letter from her son, Signaller F. McDonald of the 40th Battalion. He writes from France stating that he has been having a lively time just before he wrote, as the Germans had been shelling their trenches very heavily, and the Battalion, he considers, has proved itself to be second to none. They have had a very rough time of it wherever they have gone in. Signaller McDonald thinks "Fritz" saves up his ammunition for the 40th, but our chaps stick to it nobly, and are a credit to Tasmania and to their officers. The enemy came over to have a look at them the other day, but was glad to streak back again. His stretcher bearers were very busy after it was over. He should remember it for some time, as the Tasmanian machine guns, gave them rats. Signaller McDonald concludes by stating that they were to have three weeks leave shortly.

A few months later Frank was in the thick of things at Messines, on the Western Front, and was present when the town was mined. As a Lance Corporal he won a Military Medal for conspicuous bravery at Passchendaele in September 1917, then a bar to his medal for gallantry at Clery-sur-Somme in August 1918.¹⁴ He received his Military Medal from Field Marshall Birdwood at a village called Stienkurk in France. During the war he was gassed on three occasions.¹⁵

He attended a signals school in Paris from 9 March 1918 to 12 April 1918. At that time Paris was being shelled by a huge gun called 'Big Bertha'. It was 60 miles away and was reported to have a barrel 25 feet long. He undertook more training in England while waiting to be repatriated, and eventually returned to Australia in 1919 aboard the *Anchises*.¹⁶



¹² Ulverstone History Museum: transcript of interview 28 November 1998.

¹³ Ibid.

¹⁴ Mercury: 25 April 1998: David Carrigg, *Our survivors: six of the best*.

¹⁵ The Ulverstone Post: 18 November 1998. French honour medal for war veteran.

¹⁶ Ulverstone History Museum: paper written by Robin Allen, and Adv. Wednesday 17 Sept. 1919.

Frank was awarded the highest French military honour, the Legion of Honour by the French nation in November 1998. This medal was awarded to all living personnel who served on the Western Front in France between 1916 and 1918.

On a wet August day at Ulverstone his country honoured him in death with a State Funeral.

LLEWELLYN McDONALD, Grandson

Birth:	8 Jun 1903	Place: Ulverstone
Baptism:	9 Mar 1905	Place: Forth & Leven C.E. Age: 1
Death:	27 Jun 1992	Place: Place not stated Age: 89
Burial:	Jun 1992	Place: Private funeral Ulverstone/Penguin Lawn Cemetery, date not stated
Occupation:	Labourer (1928)	
Residence:	Ulverstone (1928) 24 Alexandra Rd, Ulverstone (1976 1980)	
Father:	JOSEPH McDONALD (1858-1939)	
Mother:	JESSIE JOHNSON ANDERSON (1862-1948)	

Admitted to the Ulverstone State School 27 Feb 1911. [No. 593 and No. 1065]

Llewellyn married Mary Jane Wilkins in 1924. He gave his occupation as caretaker, and his age as 20 years. He was living at Ulverstone and gave his birthplace as Ulverstone and his parents as Joseph McDonald, carpenter, and Jessie McDonald, nee Anderson. [St John's Parish Marriage Register entry no. 234]

Funeral Directors - M.M. Vincent & Sons, Ulverstone. [Advocate Monday 29 June 1992]

Spouse:	MARY JANE [Dolly] WILKINS	
Birth:	28 Mar 1907	Place: Upper Castra
Baptism:	25 Apr 1907	Place: Forth & Leven Parish, C.E.
Death:	1 Feb 1986	Place: District Hospital, Huon Age: 78
Burial:	4 Feb 1986	Place: Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart [Cremation] Occupation: Domestic duties (1924)
Father:	SAMUEL WILKINS	
Mother:	MARTHA FLUKES	
Marriage:	19 Jan 1924	Place: St Paul's Church, East Devonport, C.E., by Lic.
Children:	BRUCE (1925-) FAY (1927-2006) EUNICE (1929-) AVIS (1931-) DAWN (1933-)	

A Mary Jane Wilkins, daughter of Samuel & Martha Wilkins, was baptised 25 April 1907. [Baptism Register Parish of Forth & Leven CE]

Mary Jane Wilkins married Llewellyn McDonald in 1924. She gave her occupation as domestic duty, and her age as 16 years. She was living at Ulverstone and gave her birthplace as Upper Castra and her parents as Samuel Wilkins, labourer, and Martha Wilkins, nee Flukes. Witnesses to marriage were K.M. Lee, Ulverstone, and M.R. Lee, East Devonport. [St John's Parish Marriage Register entry no. 234] Not living at 24 Alexandra Road, Ulverstone in 1976 [E.R.]

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See Mercury 4 February 1986 p21 for death notice.