

THIRD CHILD OF JAMES AND ALICE RICE

CATHERINE MARY

Catherine was born in Ireland and married Hans Peter Olesen in St Ignatius Church, Norwood, S.A. on 8th January, 1882. After their marriage, they lived firstly at Binalong, N.S.W. and then Hans obtained work with the South Australian Railways and the family moved back to South Australia, living at Burra, Dry Creek, Glenelg and finally in Holland Street, Southwark. The children were taught the Bible from front to back, and later astounded their teachers by their in-depth knowledge. Catherine (Kate) often told the story of Hans Peter's arrival in S.A. It became "folk lore" in their family. When Germany annexed Schleswig Holstein (Denmark) and brought in conscription for boys 13 years and up, the Olesen boys, one by one, were sent away (it is said with a clean handkerchief and a Bible) rather than serve under the Kaiser. Hans served in the British Merchant Navy for 11 years and then "jumped ship" at Wallaroo. He was caught by the "coppers" at Lower Light with the price of 2/6d on his head. As it was a Friday evening, they did not think it was worth keeping and feeding him over the weekend for 2/6d, and so released him!

There were seven children:

1. James Christopher

James settled in New Zealand, married May Henry and had one son, Lynton Henry, who died without issue.

2. Henry Peter

Harry worked in the South Australian Railways as an engine driver, and in seniority drove the Melbourne Express. He married Catherine Ronan of Hamley Bridge and had four children:

1. Kathleen - educated St Aloysius College and is a very good pianist and accompanist. She worked for a leading transport company until retirement, since when she has worked with the Sisters of Charity at Hutt Street, helping in the care of the needy.

2. Veronica Claire (Ronnie) - worked as a telephonist in Adelaide and country centres. She married John (Mick) Casement and lives at Apsley, Victoria, and has five children:

1. Mary Elizabeth - trained as a teacher. Married to Ken Frost, a farmer, raising sheep and cattle - also has a photography business. They have two children:

1. Natasha

2. Matthew

2. Michael - died aged four years.

3. Austin - is a Chief Petty Officer in the Royal Australian Navy, presently instructing at HMAS Cerebus. Married to Helen Wall and has one daughter:

1. Claire Therese

4. Peter - trained as a teacher, but decided it was not for him. Works for Mars Confectionery at Ballarat and has had work experience in the U.S.A. Married to Judith Kane and has four children:

1. Sarah
2. Benjamin Peter - died aged six months
3. Belinda Jane
4. Gemma Louise
5. Veronica Anne - is a production manager and designer for a clothing manufacturer. Married Don Smith and had two children:
 1. Sefton
 2. Tanya
 Second marriage to Johann Homstrom and has one child:
 3. Lawrence

3. Mary Josephine

Educated at St Aloysius College and qualified as a hairdresser. Married William (Bill) Smith and has lived at Glenelg, Port Augusta, Oodnadatta, Crafers and now lives in retirement at Daw Park. They have six children:

1. Josephine Mary - married to Terence Jeffries (bank officer) and has three children:
 1. Catherine - solicitor at Clare, S.A.
 2. Paul - employed by A.G.C.
 3. Christopher - student, Year 11.
2. David - L.L.B., practices as a Barrister. Married to Mary Conroy and has two children:
 1. Julian - student
 2. Andrew - student
3. Helen - married to Ron Smith and lives at Alice Springs. They have two daughters:
 1. Josephine) both play under-age hockey
 2. Fiona) for the Northern Territory
4. Pauline - married to Ian Devitt and have their own business at Tea Tree Plaza. They have two sons:
 1. Simon
 2. Paul
5. Richard - B.A. (Hons in English) is a teacher at St Ignatius College. Married to Susan Wendy Hall.
6. Celine - B.A. (Hons in English and Fine Arts) works as a graphic artist at Telecom. Married Stephen Lawrence and lives at Auldana.

4. Bernard Peter

Peter joined the PMG in 1937 as a telegraph messenger. In World War II he served in the Royal Australian Navy for four years on the corvettes "Shepparton" and "Macquarie", in the New Guinea and Solomon Islands areas. He is an accountant, AASA, and worked in various Commonwealth departments, at Woomera and the Weapons Research Establishment, Salisbury, until retirement. He married Lexie Cameron and they have five sons:

1. James - a medical practitioner at Mount Gambier. Married to Diedre Wilson and has 2 children:
 1. Benjamin
 2. Kate
2. Barry - a podiatrist at Parkhome, married to Carol Mildred.

3. Geoffrey - customs officer at Port Adelaide.
4. Trevor - studying for a Ph.D in botany at Hobart University.
5. Neil - B.A.(Accounting), is in the Central Taxation Office, Canberra. Married to Jane Spinks.

3. Alice

Alice married Marcus Longwill at Queen of Angels Church, Thebarton. They had four children - John, Bernard, Kathleen and Helena. She later married a Mr Wade. Of the second marriage, six children were born. The children of both marriages settled in Victoria and contact has been lost.

4. Peter Christian - lived only 15 days.

5. Catherine Mary

Catherine was a telephonist with the PMG and was one of the first intake of girls into the public service. She married in Melbourne to John Blackney, a Methodist minister, and had seven children:

1. Thomas - was a teacher in Victoria, retiring as headmaster. He married Hazel Neilson (also a teacher) and had two children:
 1. Stephen - a computer whizz! Married to Sally Walter and lives in London.
 2. Margaret - is a graduate and lives with her mother in Eaglemont, Victoria.
2. Helen - married to Stanley Falk and has two sons:
 1. Peter - married and lives with his wife, Ellen, in Canada. They have two children:
 1. Bina Lee
 2. Adam
 2. Gordon - married to Dawn and has three sons:
 1. Paul
 2. Bradley
 3. Matthew
3. Margaret - married to John Thompson.
4. Ruth - lived 18 months.
5. Peter - is an accountant and lives on King Island, Bass Strait. Married to Margaret Keanan and has four children:
 1. Paul
 2. Roger
 3. Amanda
 4. Carolyn
6. John - was a teacher in W.A. until his death. Married to Dorothy Rewell and had three children:
 1. Christopher - married to Sue.
 2. Peter
 3. Jennifer - twin of Peter. Married to Leslie Williams and has two sons:
 1. Bradley
 2. James

7. Cathleen - a mothercraft nurse in Victoria and NSW. Met Stephen Charnell (then radio officer on the "Canberra"), moved to London and married there in 1960. Kate is now an executive with Unilever in London. They have four daughters:

1. Karen - was married to Ehud Nevo in a traditional Jewish ceremony on the Kibbutz Hamadya, Israel, where they now live. They have one son:
 1. Gal - is presently the youngest member of the Rice descendants.
2. Sara - has just completed a B.A. at London University. She has visited Australia and met many of her relations.
3. Ruth - an engineering graduate specialising in computers.
4. Elizabeth - final year nursing student.

6. Botilla Maria

Tilly married William Cantwell in Queen of Angels Church, Thebarton. She was a very fine needlewoman and made many pre-wedding gifts of worked linen for her relatives. She was much loved by all. She cared for her father, Hans Peter, until his death in 1938.

7. Johanna Elizabeth

Jo completed her secondary education at St Marys Dominican Convent, Adelaide and worked as a telephonist in the PMG. She married Francis (Frank) Flaherty in Queen of Angels Church, Thebarton and had two daughters:

1. Ruth - educated Dominican Convent, Adelaide and St Aloysius College before training as a nurse at Calvary Hospital. She married Alexander (Bill) Campbell and had seven children:
 1. Bronwyn Frances - swimming instructor, netball and basketball player. Married to Ralph Shaw and has two sons:
 1. Darcy
 2. Haydn
 2. Joanne Jean - is an exceptional artist with no formal training and who works in many mediums. Has lived in New Guinea for the last 6 years where her art is renowned. She presented one of her drawings to Pope John Paul during his visit there. Now lives in Ferntree Gully, Victoria, with her husband, Peter Walker, and their four children:
 1. Michelle
 2. Elizabeth
 3. Christopher
 4. Evyn
 3. Bruce - works at Orana Sheltered Workshop.
 4. Kerry William - has his own welding contract business and is very experienced in Tai Kwon Do. Married to Kay Chapman and has one son:
 1. Kade
 5. Peter Roy - is a chef, who also writes music (plays in a band) and plays, some of which have been performed in Adelaide. He lives in Sydney, is married to Karen Bellingham and has a daughter:
 1. Mia
 6. Allen Matthew - B.Ed. - is a secondary school physical education teacher at Andamooka.
 7. Alexa Jane - lived one day.

2. Colleen - educated at Dominican Convent, Adelaide and joined the Savings Bank of South Australia on leaving school. Married George (Bruce) Douglas in 1963. She and her husband have travelled extensively. They went by ship through the Panama Canal and home via the USA and Japan. Another trip with their young daughter, they crossed Russia on the Trans Siberian Railway and along the old silk route, then by ship through the Bosphorus to Greece. In 1986 they visited Israel to attend the wedding of her cousin, Karen Charnell and have recently returned from a two months holiday in the U.K. and Italy. They have one daughter:

1. Margaret - student.

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The following nominal list of immigrants embarked per ship *Airlie*, is published for general information
John Carr, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration

Nominal list of Immigrants per *Airlie*, sailed 23rd March, due 12th June 1877

SURNAME	NAMES	OCCUPATION
RICE	James Alesia Bridget	Agricultural laborer

Single Men

RICE	Patrick	Agricultural laborer
RICE	Joseph	Agricultural laborer
RICE	Thomas	Agricultural laborer

Single Women

RICE	Mary	Domestic Servant
RICE	Catherine	Domestic Servant
RICE	Annie	Domestic Servant

Colonial Passage Certificate Holders - 3 Irish

Colonial Full Paid Passage Certificate Holders – 1 English

United Kingdom Assisted Passage regulations - 8½ English, 2½ Irish

United Kingdom Free Passage Regulations - 172½ English, 25½ Scotch, 191½ Irish