

Alice Lottie Martin



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A big thankyou goes out to all the family who have helped by sharing photographs and stories to enable us to put together their life story.

While every effort has been taken to accurately record our family's history from oral and factual sources, the passage of time has left many gaps in their life story that may forever remain unknown to their descendants.

Brett Cummings (Great nephew).

Alice Lottie Martin



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Alice Lottie Martin was born on 13 July 1904 in Queensland. She was the youngest and sixth child of William Joseph Martin, born 1 December 1865, South Australia and Ellen Josephine Elena Callary born on 8 November 1871 in South Australia.

Alice Lottie Martin	
in the Australia, Birth Index, 1788-1922	
Detail	Source
Name:	Alice Lottie Martin
Birth Date:	13 Jul 1904
Birth Place:	Queensland
Registration Year:	1904
Registration Place:	Queensland, Australia
Father:	William Joseph Martin
Mother:	Ellen Josephine Helena Callary
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Alice's birth record.

Alice never married and lived with her mother, Ellen, until her mother's death. Family stories recall that Alice was engaged to a local Farina gentleman but no one recalls who he was or what happened to him.

Alice was an avid photographer in her early years and took many photos of Farina life, her travels in the region and holidays.

Farina newspaper articles and photographs shows her as a young woman full of life.

FARINA

School Picnic.

August 30.—The annual picnic of the Farina public school was held on Wednesday, August 28, at the local race-course, and was favored with splendid weather. A big programme of races and sports was carried out under the supervision of the head teacher, aided by an energetic committee. The girls' championship was won by O. Rollins, while the boys' fell to W. Martin. In addition to being regaled with lunch and tea, lollies and fruit, each child on the ground received a present of a toy or ornament. Following is the prize list:—
 Boys, infants.—K. Barnes. Under Nine.—L. Stanford. Under 12.—John Stanford. Over 12.—Joe Stanford. Championship (prize, silver medal, presented by the head teacher).—W. Martin. High Jump.—W. Martin, E. Burr (equal). Sack Races.—J. Kite, J. Stanford. Three-leg race.—J. and T. Kite. Catching rooster.—E. Burr. Girls.—Infants—L. Budge. Under 9.—E. Barnes. Under 12.—N. Barnes. Over 12.—H. Bird. Championship (prize, silver bangle, presented by Mr. R. C. Barnes).—O. Rollins. Skipping Contests.—A. Martin, N. Barnes. Egg and Spoon Race.—E. Martin. Thread the Needle.—O. Rollins. Potato Race.—E. Martin. Catching Rooster.—W. Budge.

Alice moved to Farina in 1911 when she was 7 years old and attended the Farina school until 1918. Alice won the school skipping contest in 1912.



By 1921 Alice (front row centre) was now 17 and zest for life was evident.

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Farina.

A successful American Tea in aid of renovations to the Anglican Church was held on Wednesday, October 24. The recent heavy storms had shifted the church from its foundations, and a busy bee, organised and carried out by Mr. H. C. Ridgway, the district foreman, assisted by the railway men and the schoolmaster, was held on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 20. The necessary repairs were effected to the satisfaction of the missionary, Rev. J. J. Emery. The Rev. Emery declared the fête open, and an enjoyable time was spent by all who attended. The stalls included—Jumble, Mrs. T. Clayton; sweets, Misses Martin, Danielsen, and Davis; refreshments, Mesdames R. Bell and Jeffreys; cool drinks, Mrs. J. H. Norgard; shooting gallery, Mr. J. H. Norgard; fairy well, Messrs. Payne and Clayton. Musical items were rendered by Mrs. Justin, Misses Danielsen, Davis, Dolly and Edie Finn, M. Davis, and Messrs. Ridgway, Trust, Webb and Payne. An exhibition dance was given by Miss A. Martin and Mr. N. Davy. A lazy man competition was held, Mr. Payne being declared laziest man with Messrs. Bill Martin and Dick Bell a little more energetic. This competition brought in over £16. Musical items were interspersed with dancing, ably conducted by Mrs. Justin at the piano and Mr. Tommy Martin as M.C. Mrs. Danielsen, the organiser, was pleased to announce that the proceeds amounted to over £50.

Alice was actively involved in the social life in Farina and the surrounding district.

In 1923 she helped in the fund raising to repair the church. Alice ran a Sweets stall and did an exhibition dance with a Mr N Davy. Her brother, Tommy (Thomas) was the MC for the occasion.

Farina.

Fancy Dress Ball.

On Monday evening, Jan. 28, a fancy dress ball was organised by a few of the local lads, namely, Messrs Justin, Payne, Davy, T. Martin, Francis, and Dennison, and the arrangements were successfully carried out.

The floor was reserved for dancers in fancy costume until 10 p.m., and it was quite a gay scene to see so many fancy costumes on the floor, especially in the novelty dances, which included streamer dance, moonlight waltz, confetti fight and balloon dance.

Much amusement was caused by the little party which consisted of J. Justin as the "Parson," Miss L. Jeffreys the "Bride," Curley Francis the "Bridegroom," Mr. and Mrs. W. Collins as "Dad and Mum" and Tom Trust as the "Bridesmaid," and dancing ceased while the wedding ceremony took place.

Those in fancy dress were:—Messdames Collins, Mum; Seidel, Starlight; Martin, Night; Caldwell, Japanese; and Misses A. Martin, Harem; T. Danielson, Folly; E. Chapman, Bells of Peace; M. Davis, The Bride of the Nation; Molly Davis, Yes, We have No Bananas; L. Jeffreys, the Bride; I. Coulthard, Half-man Half-woman; R. Johnston, Lampshade; A. Caldwell, Bo Peep; E. Barnes, Black Cat; Messrs Collins as Dad; N. Davy, Old Nick; L. Payne, Charlie Chaplin; W. Martin, Oriental; T. Martin, Jester; O. Danielson, Red Indian; R. Bell, Half-man Half-woman; C. Davis, Brigand; G. Caldwell, Chinaman; Joe Justin, the Parson; C. Francis, the Bridegroom; Tom Trust, Bridesmaid; and Master J. McCabe, Nigger.

A prize was awarded for lady's and gent's best fancy costume, most humorous, and best sustained character. Mrs. R. Bell and Sister Dorrington were the judges for the lady's costume, and they decided—Best fancy costume, Miss A. Martin, (harem); humorous, Mrs. Collins as Mum; and best sustained, Miss L. Jeffreys as the bride.

Messrs. Laidlaw and Hastings were entrusted with the judging of the gents, and their verdict was—Best fancy costume, Norm Davy (Old Nick); most humorous, Joe Justin (The Parson); best sustained Laurie Payne (Charlie Chaplin).

In the balloon dance Will Martin was successful in keeping the ladies' dainty feet off his balloon, and so was declared the winner, and Miss M. Davis, having three strings from balloons, was awarded the ladies' prize.

Mrs. Justin officiated at the piano, and Tom Martin as M.C., and the lighting effects in Moonlight Dance was carried out by Laurie Payne, who got the electricity from a motor car kindly lent by Mr. Hastings.

During the evening a presentation was made by the Hospital Committee to Mrs. Frost, who is leaving Farina. Mrs. Frost has done wonderful work in helping the hospital, and will be greatly missed. Mrs. Danielson, in making the presentation, spoke in glowing terms of her efforts for the hospital, and said what a loss Mrs. Frost would be to the town.



Alice and Eileen Martin, Farina.

Alice with her sister Eileen dressed and ready for the Fancy dress ball held in Farina on 28 January 1924.

Alice won the lady's best fancy dress costume on the night.

SOCIAL AT LYNTHURST SIDING.

Last Wednesday evening a social was held in the Lyndhurst Siding hall, when a party of visitors from Farina paid a call. Mrs. Y. T. Yates, assisted by the ladies, provided supper. Those present included Mesdames Y. T. Yates, C. Hall, T. Amesbury, J. O'Loughlin, Misses Eileen O'Loughlin, Gwen Place, and Jean Place, Messrs. Clm Hazard, Lox O'Donnell, Ted Shapley, Bill Martin, and Y. T. Yates. Visitors from Farina included Matron A. M. Dow, Mesdames K. Maxwell and A. Frost, Misses K. Patterson, A. Patterson, M. Davies, E. M. Chapman, and A. Martin, Messrs. A. J. Copeland, Tommy Martin, G. Chapman, B. Smith, J. Patterson, Jim McCabe, and A. Dawson.



Alice in a hay stack at Farina.

LEAP YEAR BALL.
One of the most successful balls in the history of Farina was held on Friday evening, when a leap year ball, convened by Mrs. L. Payne and the Messrs E. and A. Martin, took place. These ladies were assisted by Messdames R. M. Bell, E. J. Martin, and F. Davies, who took charge of the supper arrangements. Visitors were present from Maree, Mount Lyndhurst, Lyndhurst Siding, Copley, and Beltana. The surrounding stations also supplied their quota. The hall was decorated in colored streamers, with a bell-shaped arch directly over the centre. Accordion music was all that was available, and those who supplied it were Messrs. A. M. and A. Johnston, Tom Bunting, J. Kite, L. Payne, M. Reid, and J. Parkin.

Alice's work for the community continued for many years. In 1928 she was one of the convenues of the leap year Ball at Farina.



Alice with unnamed friend (location of hotel unknown).



Alice (on left) with Harry (?) and her sister, Eileen, Farina.

Farina Picnic Races

The Farina Racing Club held a picnic meeting in aid of the District Trained Nursing Society hostel, Farina, in ideal weather. Visitors were present from all the outlying stations, as well as from Marree, Copley, Beltana, Lyndhurst, Blinman, and Orroroo. The meeting opened well, and the racing was of a high order, and some splendid finishes were witnessed. Results:—

Hack Race, six furlongs.—Sister McDonald's GREY BOY (A. Johnston), 1; Mrs. J. Francis's Bombeer (R. Morgan), 2; Miss A. Martin's Silver Queen (R. Reid), 3.

Maiden Plate, four furlongs.—Mr. G. Patterson's GOLDEN FLEECE (G. Patterson), 1; Mrs. J. Francis's Raven (A. Johnston), 2.

Second Hack Race, six furlongs.—Mr. M. Arnold's BRICKIE (J. Mooney), 1; Miss A. Martin's Silver Queen (R. Reid), 2.

Women's Race, five furlongs.—Sister J. McDonald on GWEN, 1; Miss Marjan Mahomet on Duchess, 2.

Consolation Race, four furlongs.—Mr. M. Reid's BIDDY (Reid), 1; Mr. M. Arnold's Brickie (Johnson), 2.

Farina Handicap, six furlongs.—Mr. J. Dunn's KURDADIE (R. Morgan), 1; Mrs. J. Francis's Sulgeneres (J. Mooney), 2.

Camel Race, Amanullah Handicap, five furlongs.—Mr. Sherall Mahomet's QUETTA ROSE (S. Mahomet), 1; Mr. Trace Collins's Bako Sacko (Sheroo Balooch), 2.

Novelty Events.—Flag Race—Mr. A. Johnston, Mr. M. Reid. Tent Pegging—Mr. F. Arnold, Mr. S. Tilmouth. Tilting the Ring—Mr. J. Mooney, Mr. J. Francis. Apple Race—Mr. Alec Johnston, Mr. G. Chapman. Potato Race—Mr. Alec Johnston, Mr. J. Mooney.

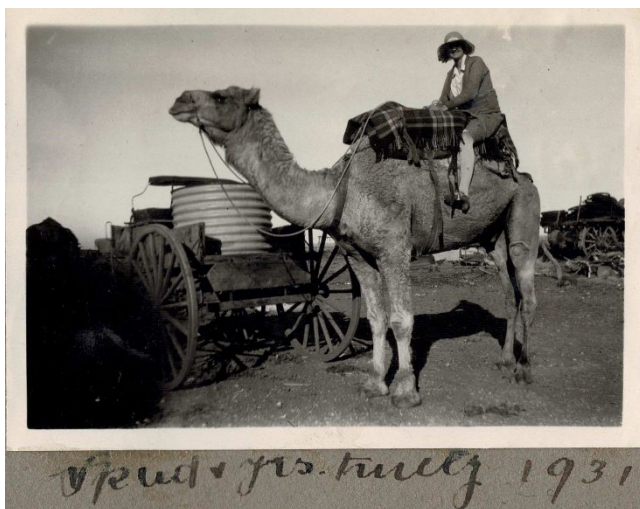
The luncheon booth was run under the auspices of the District Trained Nursing Society, and was convened by Mrs. J. H. Hall, assisted by Mrs. A. Dawson and Miss R. Johnston.

The race ball in the evening was a success. The supper arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. T. Davies and Mrs. A. Johnston. Music was supplied by Mrs. B. Beale and Mr. Noel Slater. The officials in charge of the racing were:—Chairman, Mr. J. A. D. Patterson; judges, Mr. Guv Bonython and Mr. T. Yates; starter, Mr. P. Gourlay; clerk of scales, Mr. J. H. Bell; secretary, Mr. G. Chapman; stewards, Mr. J. Davey, Mr. J. Francis, and Mr. V. McIntosh.

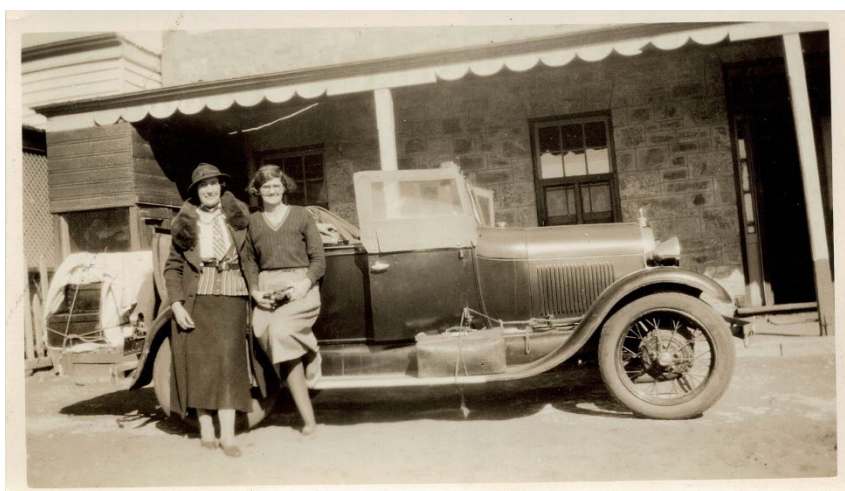
Alice's horse Silver Queen came 3rd and 2nd at the 1931 Farina Picnic races.



Silver Queen. Farina Races 1931



Alice in various Farina locations.



Unnamed with Alice (on left), Farina.

Alice moved to Jamestown with her mother in 1936 after a fierce storm hit Farina destroying much of the town including her mother's house. Farina was slowly dying and the storm was the trigger to move. Alice was 32 at the time.

Her mother's parents and some of her great Aunts and Uncles on the Callary side already lived in the Jamestown and Belalie areas, so the move would have been very logical.

It is believed they initially moved in to a tin house on Gloucester Street, Jamestown before moving to a house on Vohr Street, Jamestown. Later Alice and her mother lived in a flat behind the Butcher shop in Ayre Street where they stayed for many years. Alice also lived in Globe hotel in Jamestown for a number of years before moving back with her mother behind butcher's shop after the hotel was sold.

Alice was the main support for her mother Ellen and Grandmother Julia Callary nee McAuliffe in the later years.

She worked in Jamestown at Eudunda Farmers as a sales woman. Over time she was promoted and became the Haberdashery buyer for the Jamestown store.



Alice Martin.

Her mother, Ellen inherited a house at 21 Cockburn Road in 1941 from her Aunty Catherine Callary. However, Alice and her mother remained at the butcher shop. Alice became the owner of the house after her mother's death in 1949. It was transferred to Alice on 23 January 1950.

It was at this time Alice moved in to the house on Cockburn Road to live with her brother Thomas and Evelyn Martin and his family. She stayed with Thomas and Evelyn for many years.



Alice gardening at the back of the Cockburn Road house, Jamestown.



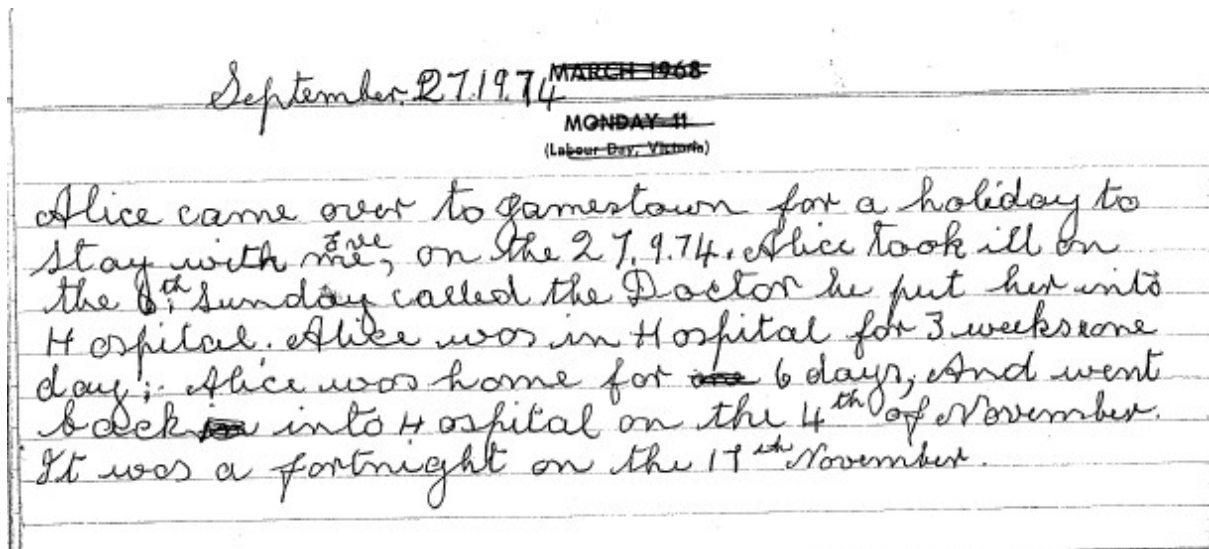
Evelyn and Alice 1970, Jamestown.

She was living at Cockburn Road when she had a stroke while working at Eudunda Farmers on 16 July 1969. She had to retire as the stroke paralyzed her left side and she needed a walking stick. The walking stick became known as Jack the Peg after the Rolf Harris song as it had three leg prongs on the base.

Over time Alice needed more support and she decided to move to St Clare Nursing Home in Port Pirie on 23 January 1972. Alice then went through a period of declining health.

IMPORTANT EVENTS	
FOR QUICK AND EASY REFERENCE	
1969 DATE, 16 July	SUMMARY OF MAIN EVENTS
Alice had a stroke on the left side at Jamestown.	<p>January 6, 1975</p> <p>Alice Martin went into Port Pirie Hospital on the 6th 1975 with a falling bad heart turn.</p> <p>Alice Martin had her second eye operation done in Whyalla, 1976. Went into Whyalla Hospital on the 29 of August. Had eye operation on the 31st August. Came out from hospital on the 11th of September. Went out and stayed with Geoff & Betty for a week. Geoff brought Alice home to St Clare home on the 18th of September 1976.</p> <p>Alice had first eye operation on in March 1976.</p>

Extract from Evelyn Martin's diary.



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While in Port Pirie, Betty, who lived the closest in Crystal Brook, often supplied Alice with contraband of beer and cigarettes.

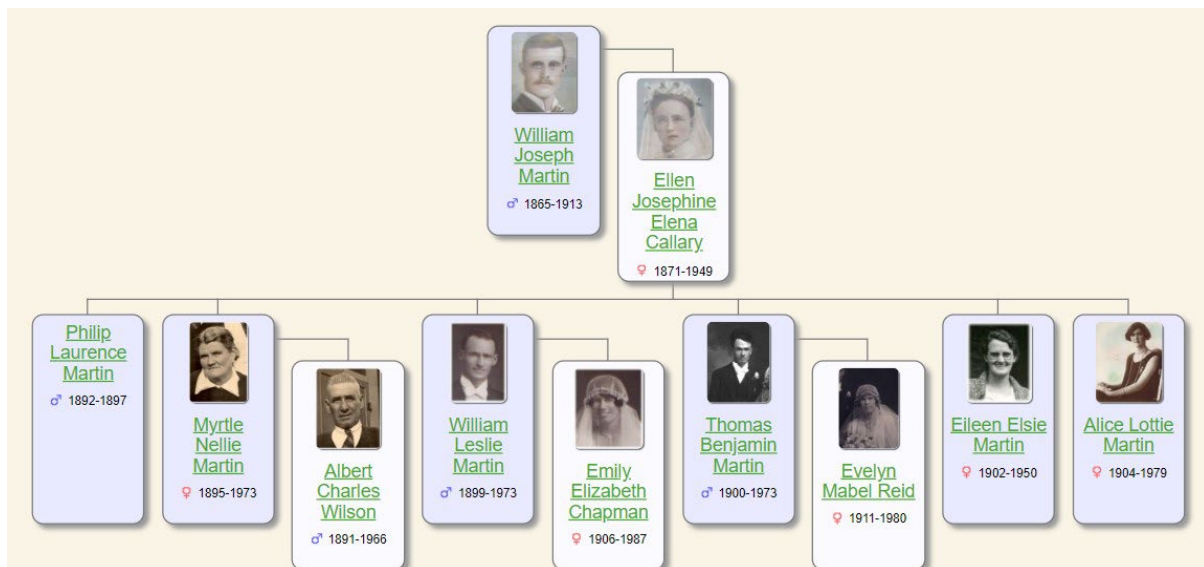
On 20 November 1978 Alice sold the house to pay for her care at St Clare's. Alice had only a few possessions, one of them was a parrot.

Alice died on 17 July 1979 in Port Pirie, South Australia and is buried in the Port Pirie Cemetery. The parrot out lived her and remained with the Nuns at St Clare



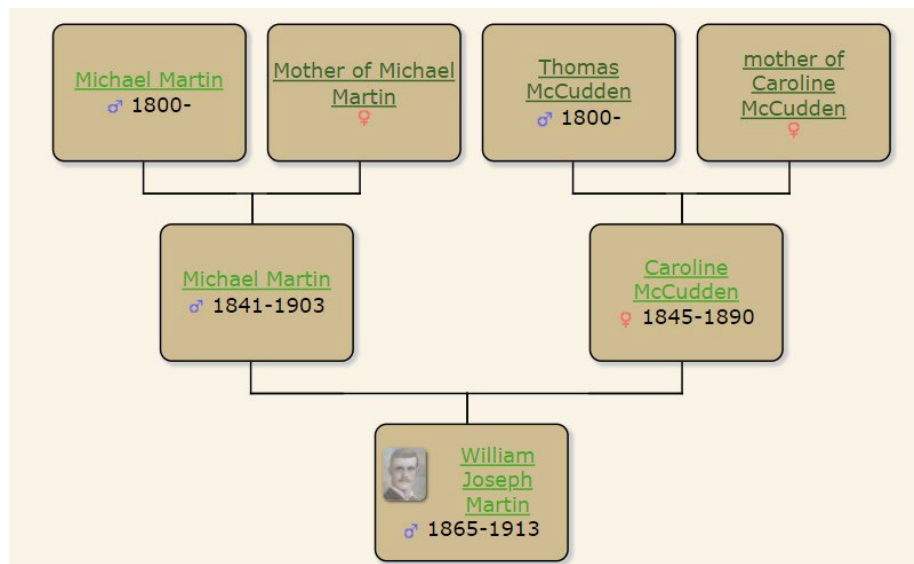
Alice Martin's grave location.

Alice's family tree.



Alice Martin's parents and siblings

Alice's father's
ancestors.



Alice's Mother's
ancestors.
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