

Hubert Llewellyn TUCKER 6-11-1873 to 24-7-1920 & Susan Isabell RANKINE

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Hubert Llewellyn was the second child and son of Annie and John Tucker and was born at *Eldon House*. He was the second grandchild of Ewen and Rachel McDonald and a great-grandchild of Christina and Donald McLean.

In England the poet Walter de la Mare was born, and in Africa the explorer David Livingston died. In Australia a party led by Colonel Peter Warburton set out from Alice Springs to explore the country west of the Overland Telegraph line and, if possible, to reach the coast of Western Australia.

Bert attended the Sandergrove Primary School and, when a young man, became a law clerk in the legal firm of his uncle, Edward Jones Tucker, in Strathalbyn. In 1896 Bert was a member of the Strathalbyn Polo Club when it played its first match against an Adelaide team. The latter won, three goals to two.

The Strathalbyn *Southern Argus* of December 22, 1898, shows that Bert's interest in sport also extended to tennis. It records that a meeting was held in 'the institute' to consider formation of a tennis club. The chair was taken by the Rev. A. Wheeler of the Church of England and those present were Messrs. Ben Castle, W. Frank Adams, G., A. and H. Rankine, Mac Cheriton and H. L. (Bert) Tucker, and Misses Tapley, Henderson. Crowder and Cheriton, and Mrs. C. D. McFarlane. Mr James Richardson had offered the use of his court at the back of Bell's Store in Sunter Street. The decision was made to form a club and the colours chosen were pale green and white, subscriptions to be 5/- for men and 2/6d for women players. The tennis clubs at Mt Barker and Meadows were to be challengers for matches.

In 1912 Bert married Miss Susan Isabell Rankine at the new home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Rankine. Mathew Rankine was a member of one of the first pioneering families and was only 9 years old when he arrived in South Australia from Scotland with his parents. His father was William, brother to Dr. John Rankine, the founder of Strathalbyn. By the time Mathew was 25 years old he had his own farm at Angas Plains, South Australia, called *Woodburn*. Accounts of his daily life are in his diaries which are now in the town's archives. At the time of his marriage Bert retired from his uncle's office and took his bride to live on his recently purchased property *Line Park* at Sandergrove. His interests included a big aviary of birds, and woodworking and carving, for which he had a fine set of tools. There were no children but his wife Susan became Aunt Susie to all the nieces and nephews.

Bert died at the early age of 47 years, six months after the death of his father John, and is buried in the family cemetery at Sandergrove. Susie who had been born about 1868, lived to be 88 years old. She is buried with her husband in the family cemetery.

- SOURCE : This biography was from page 69 of "History of Ewen & Rachel McDonald & Descendants" by Jill McDonald which was originally published in 1985. It was republished as part of "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" in 1995.
- COLONIALISTS : Christina and Donald McLean and their ten children migrated from Argyllshire to South Australia in 1837. This was in the earliest years of the colony. The McLeans initially settled near Adelaide where they grew the first wheat crop in SA. Then in about 1840 they pioneered the Strathalbyn area. There are now well over 20,000 descendants spread across Australia and elsewhere.
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