

# George (Robert) McLEAN & Adelaide McLEAN, nee THOMPSON

Biography as published in 1995

George (Robert) was born 29/10/1880 at Strathalbyn - 2nd child of Allan (Junior) and Sarah (nee Thompson) McLean.

Parents : Sarah (nee Thompson) & Allan (jnr) McLean

Grandparents : Catherine (nee Dawson) & Allan (snr) McLean

G-Grandparents : Jane (nee Hamilton) & James Dawson and Christina (nee Phee) and Donald McLean

Married: **Adelaide Thompson** at Mt Barker in 1913.

He had been educated at Strathalbyn and as a young man travelled to New Zealand on a timber boat looking for work, then on to America and was at San Francisco on 19/4/1906 when the great earthquake struck. On his return to South Australia he joined the Municipal Tramways Trust as a clerk. There was tension between his wife Addie and Sarah his mother, never explained as to the cause.

**Deaths:** Addie died of cancer in 23/8/1929 and thereafter Robert (as he was called) and his boys lived a somewhat unsettled life in boarding houses in the St. Peters area, but he brought them up in a disciplined and religious manner. Robert was a quiet and gentlemanly figure, concerning whom his daughter-in-law said "that he was one of the 10 nicest men I ever knew"

He and the boys had identical beautiful copy book handwriting that could not be told apart. Later in life Robert lived with his sister Eva and son Bob, until he moved to a nursing home at Magill where he died on 3/3/1955 aged 74.

Robert & Adelaide had 2 children :-

1. Allan Robert (Bob) Charles McLean, born 1/2/1914. Married: Jean Drew. [See biographies 5021](#)
2. Douglas Hamilton McLean born 1916 - 1974. Married twice – Lola Fuss & Betty Sunman. [See biographies 5022](#).

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 88.
- 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.
- CHANGES : Please contact us with additions, corrections or suggestions about any part of this family tree.
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