

# Alfred Hamilton BRADLEY & Eily Magdalene Caroline BRADLEY, nee SCHINKEL

Biography as published in 1995

**Alfred Hamilton Bradley** born 20/5/1896 - M.B.E. and JP. of Kybybolite, S.A.

Parents : Catherine (nee McLean) & Alfred Bradley

Grandparents : Catherine (nee Dawson) & Allan McLean

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

MARRIED: Eily Magdalene Caroline Schinkel (b. 4/12/1893) in 1921 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Naracoorte. Rev. R. W. McLean officiated.

Alfred's father's original section was taken up in 1906 when Kybybolite Station then sub-divided for a closer settlement (in 1905) and is still farmed (Section 526) Hundred of Binnun. By his son Douglas Hamilton Bradley together with sections 614-615 in the Hundred of Binnun and also sections 554-555-556 and with his sons John and Phillip Bradley. Note that the original section of 1906 was taken up by Alfred senior, husband of Kitty McLean. and father of the above Alfred Hamilton Bradley.

Concerning the marriage of Eily and Alfred: the bridesmaids wore white crepe-de-chine with gold lace and black net caps made by Mrs Rene Schinkel. They were trimmed with violets and the girls carried white fur muffs also trimmed with violets.

Alfred H. of "Battunga Park", was a prominent member of the community as was his father. The Naracoorte "Herald" of 30/10/1961 had a headline: "Chairman of the Naracoorte District Council" in a farm accident in which his leg was mangled by farm machinery during mowing operations so that he required hospitalisation and was seriously hurt.

By 1978 Alfred H. was in need of care and went to the Naracoorte Hospital and his wife went to "Longridge". In 1981 on Sept. 20th Alfred and Eily celebrated their Diamond Wedding (60 years) at "Battunga Park", the descendants being photographed with them.

#### DEATHS:

Eily aged 90 years on 3/2/1984 - interred at Naracoorte. \_

Alfred Hamilton Bradley died aged 89 years on 11/8/1985 at the Naracoorte Hospital.

His long obituary was published in the Naracoorte "Herald" of 2/9/1985. Extracts are that he established the Fire Fighting Unit in the Kybybolite area and was the Chairman for 14 years. Chairman of the District Council. Committee member and Chairman of the Kybybolite Town Hall for 30 years. Life member of the Football Club and Agricultural Bureau. Chairman of the Naracoorte Hospital Board. Patron of the Naracoorte Agricultural and Pastoral Society. After leaving school he had worked on his father's farm and helped with the family store at Kybybolite. Both he and his wife were accomplished pianists for church and social occasions, Alfred received his M.B.E. in 1969 for service to the Community. He had been hospitalised for 8 years.

Alf's dance band was in popular demand in the period 1930 - 1950's when many formal balls were held at Kybybolite, Naracoorte and surrounding towns in S.A. and Victoria. Eily played for Sunday church services at the Kybybolite Hall for many years and usually entertained the minister and some of the congregation for afternoon tea at her home.

CHILDREN:

1. Geoffrey Hamilton Bradley born 30/6/1922. As Flight Lieutenant Bradley he saw service in Italy and Africa with the R.A.A.F. during W.W.2. and he returned to farm at the family property in 1946. Married: at Naracoorte. Valma Dawn Jones (b. 31/8/1924). They had 2 children – Peter & Trudy. He retired from farming in 1980 to Naracoorte.
2. Peter Graham Bradley born 1925 2nd child of Eily and Alfred H. Bradley. He was a diabetic and died of diphtheria at the age of 9 years at the Bordertown Hospital on 6/6/1936.
3. Douglas Hamilton Bradley born 16/12/1928 at "Battunga Park". Married Marjorie Fay Harding. 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 97 & 99.
- 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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