

## Otto William HUGHES & Hilda Irene HUGHES (nee CURNOW)

NOTE : The information in this version of the biography is from the original history which was published in 1995. Up-to-date versions are available on the website.

**Otto William Hughes** bom 2/6/1896 at Albert Hill, S.A

Parents : Christina Hughes (nee McLean) & James Henry Hughes

Grandparents : Christina McLean (nee Black) & Hugh (the elder) McLean

G-Grandparents : Christina McLean (nee McPhee) & Donald McLean

From the Douglas McLean reminiscences concerning Otto: As a lad his uncle Hughie McLean of Kingston sent him a telegram to say join him in building stables in the Murray mallee area so he was delighted at the opportunity to learn a trade. But an elder brother advised Otto to buy a return ticket. It was not long before he used it as dingoes howled about his tent at night and he became very homesick. Otto joined the 1st A.I.F. and served overseas. On his return he had a store at Meningie and was later at Murray Bridge. He was also a postal officer, and retired to the suburb of Torrens Park. He had served with the 1st A.I.F. in the 9th Light Horse in Egypt in the Middle East. Marriage: to **Hilda Irene Curnow** (now deceased).

Death: on 27/1/1970 in his 73rd year. Interred at Centennial Park Cemetery.

#### CHILDREN:

1. Brigadier Ronald Hughes of Canberra - 3 children.
2. Brigadier James Hughes - also married - 2 children.

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 228.
- 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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