

Alice Maude Mary STABERNACK, nee McLEAN & Julius Otto STABERNACK

Biography as published in 1995

ALICE MAUDE MARY McLEAN born 14/6/1864 at "Coewey", Lake Alexandrina. Her name was written in his Gaelic Bible by her father Hugh the Elder as "Alis Moade Mary".

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

Grandparents : Christina McLean (nee McPhee) & Donald McLean

MARRIAGE: c. 1900 to Julius (Otto) Stabernack (b. 1871 at Lobethal, SA). This was changed to Tweedvale during the 1914 - 1918 war due to its German name - later reverted to the original Lobethal. With some other Stabernacks Otto appears in Directories as a worker at the Lobethal Woollen Mills early this century. Glad Gardner recalls going by train on Sunday afternoons with her mother and sisters to visit this great aunt at Lobethal who was by then widowed in the 1920s. Later, Alice was at Croydon, near Adelaide.

DEATHS: Julius Otto Stabernack aged 52 years on 9/8/1923, at Lobethal. Alice Maude Mary died on 30/3/1940 aged 76 years at hospital, Unley, S.A. When Otto died and her only daughter Reta married and lived at Echuca, Victoria, Alice joined her there. Due to her dislike of Jim Brown, husband of Reta, she returned to South Australia and took a house at Huitle Street, West Croydon near Adelaide up to the time of her death in 1940. Alice and Otto were both interred at the Lobethal Cemetery. Alice was buried 1/4/1940.

CHILDREN:

1. Clifford Otto Stabernack b. 2/4/1901 at Mt Lofty, S.A. (newspaper notice). Death: at the age of 18 years (by accident) on 20/9/1919 at Croydon. He had been working as a shop assistant. "RAILWAY FATALITY - YOUTH KILLED AT CROYDON On Saturday afternoon, at about 2:30, Clifford Stabernack, about 18 years of age, who resided with Mr D. Manning, of Preston<terrace, Croydon, met his death at the Croydon Railway station. The deceased attempted to join the train to Adelaide when it was in motion, and missing his footing, fell between the platform and the carriage. The body was badly crushed and Dr Magarey, who was on board the train, pronounced life extinct. The body was removed to the morgue."
2. Reta Alice Stabernack b. 6/7/1902 at Mt Lofty, S.A. Married: James Brown, son of William and Martha Brown. Farmer of Echuca, Vic. Death: on 4/7/1976 of James Brown aged 73 years. interred at Numurkah, Vic. Residence: Reta Brown is still living, aged 92, at Numurkah in 1994. Her first two children were born at Croydon, S.A. where she apparently lived with her mother Alice, but following the mother's 1940 death she returned to her husband at Echuca, and had further family. They had 5 children – June, Allyncyn (Alice), Malcolm, Harley & Ian.

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 232 & 233.
- 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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