

Albert (Bert) Howard WARLAND & Caroline Lottie WARLAND, nee CAKEBREAD

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Albert Howard Warland born 25/9/1873 at Strathalbyn.

Parents : Harriet Cooper Warland (nee McLean) & Edward Warland

Grandparents : Ann Soward McLean (nee Janeway) & Archibald McLean

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

Marriage to **Caroline Lottie Cakebread** (b. 15/1/1875, Encounter Bay). They had 6 children but all but two died young.

History: Albert (Bert) Warland grew into a tall, broad-shouldered man with strong features and thick black hair and moustache. In 1900 when the young couple married they first lived in a small cottage still standing adjacent to the later camping grounds in Victoria St. He possessed a deep bass voice and like his father was a popular choice at concerts, his favourite rendition being "Sons of the Sea" together with his wife Caroline, a soprano, with whom he often sang duets. Both were Sunday School teachers at the Congregational Church, Victor Harbor. They later took up residence at the Cakebread homestead on Mill Road, Encounter Bay. Until 1914 Victor Harbor formed part of the Council of Encounter Bay.

Bert was aged 26 when he followed O. B. Hutchinson early in 1900 as District Clerk for the Encounter Bay Council, his territory 108,000 acres. At the wedding of 28/9/1900 the fashions were the talk of the town as 8 bridesmaids and the impressive party posed under the Cakebread verandah for photographs.

In 1897 Bert had gone into partnership with J. Grovenor with 900 acres of virgin land in Back Valley (sections 376E - 377, 369) and in 1901 Bert bought out his partner. When not attending Council duties he cleared land which included fertile swamps and grew high quality vegetables. A small dwelling was erected there and Edward the father, in his retirement, spent much time doing odd jobs. Ben donated land for a school at Back Valley and also for St. Francis Church which opened in 1947. The family retained the property until 1969.

Of the 6 children of Bert and Caroline 4 died young with 3 being lost when each was aged 23 years. Two daughters remained. These tragic events greatly affected the family and Bert became even more involved in town and district affairs. Besides being district clerk he was elected Town Clerk 1914 and Secretary of the New Year's Sports begun in 1870. His efforts saw the opening of the South District Hospital in 1929. Largely through his initiative the Soldiers' Gardens were planted after W.W.1. and the seawall built. The local oval, the Victor Harbor High School and a multitude of civil improvements were due to him including his untiring promotion of tourism. His manner was brusque but his heart was kind and generous. For 51 years he was Clerk of the District Council and he was noted for his horse drawn sulky. In 1923 he was appointed J.P. and M.B.E. awarded in 1943 for outstanding services to the town. Caroline supported him always, though ever sad at the loss of her children and the fact that the two remaining daughters left the district when they married. She was organist at Newland Church opened in 1918 at Encounter Bay.

Bert retired in 1950 (by then widowed) and due to his health was obliged to use crutches. His name is recorded in Warland Avenue, Warland Reserve and a "House" of the local High School. He was one of the most civic minded men of the southern district.

Deaths:

Caroline Lottie Warland died at Adelaide on 26/11/1945 aged 71 years.

Albert (Bert) H. Warland died at his residence on 31/5/1960 in his 87th year. His coffin was carried to the family grave at Victor Harbor by prominent citizens and followed by a host of mourners. On his headstone is engraved: "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

THE CHILDREN (6):

1. Howard Hadden Warland b. 16/10/1901, Victor Harbor. He died unmarried at the aged of 23 years of appendicitis on 8/1/1925 at Victor Harbor where he was buried.
2. Jean Viola Warland b. 22/9/1903, Victor Harbor. She died unmarried aged 23 years on 28/7/1927 also of appendicitis at Victor Harbor where she too was buried.
3. Lorna Heyward Warland b. 5/6/1905, Victor Harbor. When she reached the age of 24 safely her father remarked:- "Well you've made it my girl." Married 3 times. 1st marriage at Victor Harbor to Kenneth Norman Clarke (b. 1889 - died 27/12/1953) – No children. She and this first husband returned from the north of S.A. to care for her widowed father Albert and managed the Back Valley property called "Pondyong", which remained in the family until 1969. 2nd marriage to Albert William Cakebread (b. Victor Harbor - d. 25/3/1979). 3rd marriage to Oscar Tooley Mayfield (b. Yankalilla, S.A. ' d. 25/7/1981 at Norway). Residence: In 1993 L. H. and O. T. Mayfield are in the telephone book as at Cakebread Road. Victor Harbor.
4. Edna Lilian Warland b. 1/7/1907, Encounter Bay. Married: John Thomas Summers (b. 11/8/1903, Unley - d. 17/6/1987). Residence: Somerton Park, S.A. in 1993, E. L. Warland at Leabrook, S.A. Children - Janet (b. 9/10/1933), John (b. 31/5/1935) & Michael (b. 10/11/1942). The first two were born in Victor Harbor, and the last, in Bordertown.
5. Blythe Halley Warland b. 10/4/1910, Victor Harbor. Died aged 23 years on 22/5/1933, at Victor Harbor. A coincidence that 3 of the Albert Howard Warland children died at the same age. Marriage: (of Blythe) at Adelaide to Elsie Alma Bolt. Residence: Tumby Bay, S.A. One child - Gordon (3/3/1933 in Victor Harbor).
6. Lonnen Trevor (Billie) Warland b. 5/7/1912, Victor Harbor. He was tragically lost aged 5 years when he fell into a copper of boiling water when his mother was holidaying at Mt Barker and so died on 17/7/1917. Interred at Victor Harbor.

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 409 to 411.
- 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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