

Margaret Olive CLARKE, nee KEOUGH & Harold Osmond CLARKE

Biography as published in 1995

Margaret Olive Keough b. 13/11/1894 at Strathalbyn (as registered at Mortlock Library).

Parents : Christina McPhee Keough (nee McLean) & James Stanley Keough

Grandparents : Margaret McLean (nee Tannahill) & Hugh (the younger) McLean

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

Margaret returned to Strathalbyn in the early 1900s, was educated at Strathalbyn and became a tailoress at Bell & Co there.

Married: **Harold Osmond Clarke** (b. 6/7/1892 at Wallaroo, S.A. son of Anne & Nicholas Clarke).

Harold served in the 3rd Light Horse, W.W.1. in Egypt. On his return he commenced a plastering business and resided at West Croydon near Adelaide.

Deaths: Harold O. Clarke aged 84 years on 23/8/1976. Margaret Olive Clarke aged 89 years on 29/6/1984. Both interred at Centennial Park Cemetery.

Four children :-

1. Harold Stanley Clarke b. 19/1/1921 at Strathalbyn. His occupation: Plasterer after education at Croydon Primary School. After this he worked with his father. During W.W.2. he joined the 2/27th Battalion and served in the Middle East, Borneo & New Guinea. On returning formed a partnership with his father then worked on silos. Residence: Edithburgh, S.A. Married: Melva Tester b. 25/10/1919. Her occupation: Storekeeper. Death: of Melva Clarke aged 70 years on 10/9/1990. Interred at Edithburgh. Two children – 1947 & 1952.
2. Nacia June Clarke b. 5/6/1922 at Adelaide. S.A. After her education at Croydon Primary School she became a milliner at Coulter's, Adelaide. She joined the A.W.A.S. during W.W.2. Married: Gordon J. Hofman (b. 29/4/1917, NSW). Death: Nacia died aged 64 years on 11/5/1987. Residence: Hope Valley, S.A. Occupation of Gordon Hofman: Tool setter. Children: Besides their own 3 children they fostered a cousin's daughter Sharyn Keough. Three of their own children – 1946, 1948 & 1952.
3. Margaret Merle Clarke b. 19/12/1925 at Medindie, S.A. Occupation: Dressmaker. Married: Maurice Albert Appelt (b. 12/9/1917 at Perth) son of George Albert 8. Ruby May (nee Oates) Appelt. His occupation: Accountant. Residence: Armadale, Western Australia. Three children – 1950, 1953 & 1955.
4. Pauline Shirley Clarke b. 25/12/1927 at West Croydon, S.A. Occupation: Sales assistant at Myers, S.A. Rundle St. Department Store, Adelaide. Married: Bruce Maxwell Nelson (b. 13/11/1926 at Welland, S.A.). His occupation: Bruce learnt the plastering trade from his father-in-law and eventually took over his business. Of the two sons of Pauline & Bruce, both born at Adelaide, in due course the elder took over the plastering business & the younger followed an academic course. Residence West Croydon, S.A. Two children – 1951 & 1955.

• SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 535 to 537.
 • 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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