

# Robert (Napier) McLEAN & Mary Florence McLEAN, nee COLLINS

Biography as published in 1995

**Robert (Napier) McLean** b. 9/3/1905 at Strathalbyn. He was known as "Tick".

Parents : Sophia Henrietta McLean (nee Somers) & Robert Tannahill McLean

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

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

Married: at Melbourne **Mary Florence Collins** (b. 28/12/1923).

Concerning "Tick" McLean; He worked in a munitions factory during the war & then, until 1949, he did saw milling at Cockatoo, Victoria. In that year he returned to Strathalbyn where he worked as a builder (& according to the 1967 Electoral Roll also as a plumber). His residence in that Roll was Lot 34, North Parade, Strathalbyn, but locally it was said to be 5 Melville Lane. From Strathalbyn he went to Coonalpyn, S.A. & was there by 1966 with the E. & W.S. Department. He retired in 1975 at the age of 70 & moved to Littlehampton near Mt Barker. By this time his wife had left him & with her daughter Margaret had returned to Melbourne.

Death: Notice in the Adelaide "Advertiser" stated that Robert Napier McLean of Blakiston Road, Littlehampton died suddenly on 25/8/1977 aged 72 years. Husband of Shirley, father of Margaret & Pauline, father-in-law of Mervyn & grandpa of David & Susan. An explanation is needed as Tick did not marry a second time & his wife was still living. Shirley was his housekeeper/companion, Margaret his wife's daughter but not his. However, Pauline was the only child of his marriage. He was cremated at Centennial Park Crematorium.

Death: of Tick's wife, Mary, at Melbourne on 7/11/1979 - 2 years after Tick in S.A.

CHILD:

1. Pauline Ann McLean b. 25/7/1945. Married: at Adelaide, (now divorced) to Mervyn Edwin Fennell. Their residence was 4 Melville Lane, Strathalbyn, opposite her father's house of no. 5. Pauline's present place of residence is Hillcrest, Adelaide. Two children – 1964 & 1965 – both born at Strathalbyn:

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 546.
- 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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