

Lucy Hanham ROGERS, nee TUCKER 6-2-1883 to 11-4-1957 & Sidney William ROGERS

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Lucy Hanham was the ninth child and second daughter of Annie and John Tucker and was born at *Lake View*. Five months later her seven-year-old brother Maurice Leslie died of bronchitis. Three first cousins were also born that year, Leonard Mott in New South Wales and Hector McDonald and Archie Raggatt both in Victoria. Her grandparents were Rachel and Ewen McDonald and great-grandparents were Christina and Donald McLean.

In Europe the legendary *Orient Express* train made its first run from Paris to Istanbul. In Australia the authors Katharine Susannah Prichard and Ethel Anderson were born.

Lucy attended school at Strathalbyn then helped at home with the never-ending chores associated with a family and farm. When her mother Annie died suddenly in 1902, Lucy's responsibilities increased greatly. Helped by her sister Rachel and a young maid, Rose Piercy, she managed the home until her marriage three years later. Her grandfather Ewen McDonald died at Noradjuha, Victoria, several months before her wedding. On September 12, 1905 Lucy was married to Sidney William Rogers in the Methodist church at Sandergrove. The bride was attended by her 20-year-old sister Rachel and a 10-year-old cousin of the groom, Gulielma Dunk, known as Guli. The groom's attendants were his brother Edwin Rogers and the bride's brother, Hubert Tucker.

Sid, born on May 3, 1883 was the son of Edwin William and Julia Elizabeth Rogers nee Dunk, of Sandergrove. Julia was born at Milang, South Australia. Edwin's father, William Rogers, was born in Cornwall, England, in 1818 and landed in South Australia in 1839. He first owned land at Nairne. Later his brother Joseph joined him and they set up as building contractors. Their many public contracts on the South Australian coast included the Cape Borda lighthouse on Kangaroo Island, the jetties at Port Noarlunga, and a breakwater at Port Victor.

In 1857, William Rogers, Sid's grandfather, purchased William Bowman's property near Finniss and named it *Sandergrove*, after his mother who was a Sanders. In 1858 he became a member of South Australia's first parliament, representing the Mount Barker electorate, and entered again in 1864, 1868 and 1872. In 1873, William Rogers purchased *Balmarino* from Lucy's grandfather, Ewen McDonald. At one time the Rogers' pastoral interests also included *Portee* and *Glenforslan* stations near Blanchetown, on the Murray River. Sid's parents, Edwin and Julia had lived on both properties as well as at Sandergrove. Sid attended Milang Primary School and then Wynham College, North Adelaide.

Lucy and Sid made their home at *Portee* station for some years before returning to Sandergrove. Sid then joined the stock firm of Dalgety's and was stationed at Port Augusta, Port Pirie and Jamestown, all in South Australia. About 1922 he left Dalgety's and joined South Australian Farmers Co-operative Union, known as the Farmers Union. He stayed with this company until his retirement. His home was in Adelaide but he often travelled throughout South Australia and the Northern Territory, auctioning for the firm. While chairman of the Stock Salesmen's Association he was one of those responsible for creating a new publication, the *Adelaide Stock and Station Journal*. His daughter Nan has a silver tray inscribed: 'The Adelaide Stock & Station Journal Ltd., Presented to S. W. Rogers Esq. in recognition of his service as a Director of the Company - from July 30th 1926 to June 30th 1959.' Sid was master of the Masonic Lodge of St John, number 15, at Strathalbyn in 1914. He was also a stickler for punctuality — if you were late you were left behind.

Lucy did not enjoy the best of health. When her elder daughter Doff left school, she assisted her mother at home. Her younger daughter Nan remembers her mother as a wonderful home-maker. Lucy took painting and woodwork lessons and became an accomplished wood-carver, fashioning bellows, overmantels, wooden boxes and even a

medicine chest. Auntie Sue Tucker, the former Miss Rankine and widow of Hubert Tucker, joined Lucy in the woodcarving lessons and also became a capable carver.

Lucy and Sid had two daughters, and the family lived at 29 Balham Avenue, Kingswood, Adelaide. Lucy died on April 11, 1957, aged 76 years and was buried in Mitcham cemetery, Adelaide. Sid died on November 8, 1964, aged 81 years and was also buried in Mitcham cemetery.

- SOURCE : This biography was from page 90 of "History of Ewen & Rachel McDonald & Descendants" by Jill McDonald which was originally published in 1985. It was republished as part of "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" in 1995.
- 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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