

# Douglas Hamilton McLEAN & Lola McLEAN, nee FUSS Betty McLEAN, nee SUNMAN

Biography as published in 1995

**Douglas Hamilton McLean** born 1916.

Parents : Adelaide McLean, nee Thompson & George (Robert) McLean

Grandparents : Sarah (nee Thompson) & Allan (jnr) McLean

G-Grandparents : Catherine (nee Dawson) & Allan (snr) McLean

G-G-Grandparents : Jane (nee Hamilton) & James Dawson and Christina (nee Phee) and Donald McLean

After attending East Norwood High Schools he was awarded a scholarship (sporting) to Prince Alfred College where he did his Intermediate Examination.

Like his brother, Doug's sporting ability was notable and he played League Football for Norwood as well as District Cricket.

From school he worked as a window dresser and ticket writer at John Martins, Adelaide before being conscripted into the Army. He later joined the Airforce and went to England where he was a Navigator/bomb aimer on Lancasters which had a crew of 9. He was away for two and a half years and wrote every day to his wife Lola. He left with dark wavy hair and returned with much of it grey and to see his son Warren for the first time.

Subsequent to the War he had trouble settling down as happened to many service personnel and he worked as a traveller for Gordon and Gotch, Adelaide and the Heinz Company and later managed a footwear business.

Marriages : Douglas married twice – firstly to **Lola Fuss** – they had one child, Warren. His second marriage was to **Betty Sunman** – they had no children.

Death: He died suddenly at Melbourne in 1974 having been at Perth with a second wife, then at Melbourne where he managed a Holden car dealership.

Child :

1. Warren Hamilton McLean, born 26/4/1943 in Adelaide (his mother is Lola – first marriage). Married Biruta Puspurs. Residence – O'Halloran Hill, SA. His occupation – Manager of CIG (medical health care equipment of Torrensville, SA). Two children – 1968 & 1969

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 88 & 89.
- 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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