

# Audrey May HICKEY, nee STURTZEL & Thomas Michael HICKEY

Biography as published in 1995

**Audrey May Sturtzel** born 12/1/1907 at Bordertown, S.A.

Parents : Eva (nee McLean) & Albert Sturtzel

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

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

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

She recalled "moving pictures" which were continuous of "News of the World" (in Rundle Street) – the "Pav" also in that street which cost 6 pence to enter (5 cents) - Charlie Chaplin, Mary Pickford of the long golden curls and her husband Douglas Fairbanks senior in silent film dramas. The Keystone Cops and also the serial such as Pearl White in the "Perils of Pauline" which this writer also recalls well and the pursuit by the villain and the "to be continued next week" caption at the most dramatic moment.

When W.W.1. commenced in 1914 Audrey was sent to the Bradleys at Kybybolite in the south-east, and she attended a one teacher school, one roomed too. She recalled a happy time with "Auntie Kitty" and her family. She remembers also, the wild rejoicings at Adelaide in 1918 when the war ended. She commented that Eva and her brothers had to walk two miles to school at Strathalbyn, that they were never bored and did their chores and made their own amusements in a time when T.V. and even radio had not been invented. Sometimes they were late for school and got into trouble even though they had been rescuing lost lambs and returning them to the mothers.

**Marriage.** of Audrey at All Soul's C. of E. St. Peters, S.A. to Thomas Michael Hickey (b. 27/9/1901, Ballarat, Vic.) and who died at Melbourne on 24/4/1977. Audrey lived at Adelaide until 1937 when she moved to Melbourne and returned for the McLean reunion in 1988, then to live at Leabrook SA in 1989 where she still resides.

## One child:-

1. Maureen Patricia Hickey D. 9/2/1929 at "Wendourie", Wayville, S.A. Married: at Christ Church, C of E. South Yarra, Victoria, Gordon Edwards (b. 3/9/1929, Melbourne). Residence: Camberwell, Victoria. Returned 1993 to live at Burnside, S.A. No children.

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 92.
- 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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