

# Hughie McLEAN & Maryanne McLEAN, nee McINTYRE

Biography as published in 1995

Hughie McLean was registered as "Hughie" - and recorded in his father's Bible as "my eldest son was born on this day 21 March 1850".

Parents : Christina McLean (nee Black) & Hugh (the elder) McLean

Grandparents : Christina McLean (nee McPhee) & Donald McLean

The reminiscences said that he grew up a capable and sober man, and unlike his mother despised the aborigines, and drunken whites whom he equated with them. He left home before his father died, and was gazetted as holding the licence of the "Coolatoo Inn" a few miles from Kingston in the south-east of S.A., and this no doubt caused him to fall from grace, and to become a victim of alcohol himself.

MARRIAGE: to school teacher, Maryanne McIntyre, who had relatives at Kingston. She is described as a fine young woman, who raised their 8 children well, against the difficulties which arose when Hughie took to "the Demon Drink". He was described as a farmer at one stage, but had teamed to be a stonemason, and was working on the Kingston wharf shunting trains when his eldest boy was killed in 1889. He seems to have moved about a good deal using his building skills. He was not in the vicinity of the scene of the accident on the Kingston Jetty at the time his son "Willie" died there.

DEATH: of Hughie at the age of 63 years, on 29/5/1913 (of a stroke) while working on a construction site at Parrakie, S.A. interred at Taillem Bend, S.A.

1913    DIED IN THE BUSH

Taillem Bend, May 30

On Thursday afternoon the body of Mr H. McLean, who had been camping about three miles from the town, was discovered in his tent by Mr W. Sneath. The deceased, when conversing with Mr Sneath a few days earlier, complained of feeling unwell, and it was through entering the tent to enquire after the camper's health that Mr Sneath discovered the man had succumbed. Constables Campbell and Kain were advised, and went out for the body. It is believed that members of Mr McLean's family are residents of Mount Gambier.

DEATH: Maryanne, wife of Hughie continued in Directories as a resident of Kingston until the year of her death. She died on 11/12/1927 (age not given) and was interred at the Kingston Cemetery.

## **THE CHILDREN OF HUGHIE MCLEAN and HIS WIFE MARYANNE (nee MCINTYRE) MCLEAN.**

1. William (Willie) John Hugh McLean, born 31/3/1876, at Kingston, S.A. He died there tragically aged 12 years on 2/2/1889. An account of the fatal accident, but without any names given, was printed in the "Border Watch" Mount Gambler newspaper of 6/2/1889 under the heading "Personal, Kingston" : "February - an accident of a most terrible nature today, (error it was 4 days earlier) on the jetty to a little boy of about 13 years of age, which resulted in his death in the course of a few hours. It appears that the lad was looking after the truck brake for his father, who was shunting up coal for the steamship "Emu" for the use of the railway and by some means got under the wheels. Injuries were of a frightful nature, the lower part of the body and one hand being literally torn and crushed, to such an extent as to all chances of saving the lad's life was next to hopeless. Dr Holmes was prompt in attending, and decided to amputate the leg at the thigh, and take off the torn fingers. Willing hands gave all the assistance in their power, and the operation was successfully performed in the goods shed, but to no avail. Death took place

about 5 o'clock, 4 hours after the accident. Not many months have elapsed, since an uncle of the boy fell off the jetty, and his body was not discovered until it had been partly eaten by sharks. Other accidents of a serious nature at the jetty are continually taking place, and point to the necessity of providing a suitable building, where such cases could be properly attended to until they were sent to hospital. Willie was buried at the Kingston cemetery. (Note : The shark eaten uncle was William McIntyre, a brother of Marianne, and not just a few months earlier, but about 6 years before in 1882!)

2. Alexander Ewen McLean (registered in error as Alexandrew) born 19/12/1877 at Kingston, S.A. Married Alice Maude Rosser. [See biographies 5038.4](#)
3. Mary Christina McLean, b. 18/5/1879, at Kingston, S.A. 1<sup>st</sup> marriage : Edwin H. Head, (b. 1883). 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage to William Doyle. [See biographies 5039.4](#)
4. Archibald McLean - Born 4/7/1883 at Kingston Occupation: Mounted Police Constable. Marriage to Grace Estelle Jones. [See biographies 5042.4](#)
5. Margaret Jean McLean born c. 1885 at Kingston. Registration of birth not found. Married: Her first cousin Donald James Smith (b. 24/7/1887) of Ashville, S.A. - d. 29/6/1959. They had one child – James Ewin Smith (b. 8/4/1914 - d. April, 1995) who married Rubina Ivy Smith (b. 27/4/1917).
6. Ruby Ann McLean born 27/3/1888 at Kingston. Married: William Charles Cooper. (b. 1887, Kingston). [See biography 5043.4](#)
7. James McLean birthdate not found - at Kingston. Married: Estelle Martin. Residence: Kingston.
8. Olive May McLean - Born 22/3/1896. Born at Kingston. Unmarried. Died there aged 21 years., on 22/5/1917

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 208 to 216.
- 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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