

# Anthony (Hugh) McLEAN & Myrtle Annie McLEAN, nee BURGE

Biography as published in 1995

Anthony 'Hugh' McLean was born 27/8/1895 at Narrabeen.

Parents : Mary McLEAN & Donald 'Rover' McLean

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

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

He featured in the sea rescue described above. Although his obituary gives his birth as in Aug. 1896, the next child having been born April 1897 does not permit of the at least 9 months between family members, hence the alteration to 1895. Nor was he the 6th son of the Rover - he was the 2nd nor were the McLeans the very first family at Manly Cove, Narrabeen. (See the 1925 newspaper article already given although not in full). But Anthony Hugh's obituary has much of interest as printed in a newspaper of Ballarat, Victoria.

It states that Hugh was the last surviving member of the original and 1st Boy Scout Troop in Australia with the members being drawn from Dee Why and Collaroy between Narrabeen and Manly. The troop was formed in 1906.

On 5/12/1909 the McLean children witnessed the 1st flight of an Australian built aircraft and piloted by G. A. Taylor, not powered by an engine but by 30 persons pulling on ropes from the then sand dunes at Narrabeen. At 15 Hugh joined his brother-in-law Parker Johnston at the Victorian Forest nursery at Broadford, Vic., commenced 1911 for the growing of pines. Hugh was sent to Pt Campbell with Gerry Geraghty (later the Chairman of the Vic. Forrestry Commission) and from there Hugh returned to Broadford.

Marriage: to **Myrtle Annie Burge** at Broadford, Vic.

The next move was to French Island (the Penal Settlement) to work at the plantation there. By 1922 the family was at Scarsdale - Linton area on a similar project.

At Linton his reputation as a rifle-man arose with his many trophies. Dunning 1928 the family was sent to Ouyen Forestry District, extending to the SA border where Hugh established Hardwood Forests under very adverse conditions. He was made Life Governor of the Ouyen Hospital for his work on the grounds and he set up the Ouyen scout Troop. June 1939 saw Hugh and his family at Lal Lal for him to establish the Hardwood Forest there and his many activities are listed in his obituary, He retired in 1962 after 50 years service with the Victorian Forests Commission to Ballarat where he resided until the time of his death on 13/7/1978 aged 83 years. His wife Myrtle (b. 4/1/1900) had died on 21/5/1970. (Both interred at Ballarat)

#### CHILDREN:

1. Keith Hugh McLean D. 8/9/1923 - d. 23/7/1992. Married: Kathleen O'Connell. Residence: (in 1988) Ballarat. Occupation: Retired school teacher and was at Edenhope Consolidated School (1956 - 1969). Due to ill health he retired 1981. Children: Rhondda, Andreana & David.
2. Ronald William McLean born 17/11/1926. Married: Valerie Mahood - d. February 1994. Residence: 2 Fair Hills Parade, Glen Waverley, Vic. 3150. Sons: John and Michael. See anecdote about Michael's plans for a Mt Everest expedition in 2003).
3. Margaret Betty McLean b. 17/5/1932. Married: Trevor Henry Hilton b. 13/12/1927. Retired. Residence: 401 Cooke St, Ballarat, Vic. Children – Rodney, Merrilyn, Suzanne, Christine, Darryl & David.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald &amp; Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 221 to 223.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• CHANGES : Please contact us with additions, corrections or suggestions about any part of this family tree.</li> <li>• CONTACT : Visit our website <a href="http://www.christinaanddonaldmclean.com">www.christinaanddonaldmclean.com</a> or Strathalbyn Museum phone 08 8536 2656 to discover more about your family – and about privacy and copyright.</li> </ul>
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