

Christina HUGHES, nee McLEAN & James Henry HUGHES

Biography as published in 1995

From his Gaelic Bible:

CHRISTINA McLEAN bom 17/4/1859 at "Coewey", Lake Alexandrina.

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

Grandparents : Christina McLean (nee McPhee) & Donald McLean

MARRIAGE: She married James Henry Hughes (b. 1852) who when young was a teamster on a station in the Kingston area. According to the reminiscences of Douglas McLean (son of "Alexandrew") - the Manager was a cocky little fellow of the picking and bullying type. He endured this as long as possible, but finally James turned and the Manager fled with a whip cracking round his legs. The outcome was that surrounding property owners placed James on the Black List and none would employ him. He then went contracting with his brother-in-law Hughie McLean of Kingston but lost his share of the profits as Hughie drank the lot. As the first child (Mary) was born in 1878 at Milang it must be presumed that James left the south east for the McLean home territory. He farmed Narrung and at Albert Hill (half-way between Meningie and Ashville). It was here that Christy wife of Hugh the Elder spent her last days with her daughters family, until her death in 1907.

DEATHS: James died on 4/11/1920 aged 68 and Christina died aged 85 years on 27/5/1944 and both were interred at Meningie Cemetery. They had 7 children.

CHILDREN:

1. May Hughes born 1878 at Narrung, Lake Alexandrina. Died 4/2/1966 aged 87 years. She had married George Shillitoe who died 14/4/1952. Both interred at Meningie. They had 3 children - Henry, Christina & 'Bert'
2. James Henry Edwin Hughes born 1/10/1881 at Narrung, Lake Alexandrina. Married: Elizabeth Sabey (b. at Strathalbyn) at Meningie Anglican Church. She died 13/6/1947 and James died in his 83rd year on 17/7/1964. Both interred at Meningie Cemetery. They had 3 children – Doris, Gladys & Reta (Marjory).
3. George Robert Jeffrey Hughes born 1/11/1882 at Narrung, S.A. He died 28/2/1910 aged 28 years and was buried at Meningie Cemetery. He had married Olive Hiscock. They had one child – Jeffrey.
4. Mary Stoddart Hughes born 6/6/1885 (probably at Albert Hill. Married: aged 18, William Coad, butcher and farmer of Meningie. She died 15/4/1967 and was buried at the North Road Cemetery. They had 3 children – May, Wallace & Allan.
5. Allan Arthur Hughes born 12/4/1891 at Albert Hill, S.A. Occupation: with the S.A. Police Force. Married: Louise Chapman. Resided: at Sefton Park, S.A. Died: aged 88 on 15/9/1979. Children - Daphne & 'Allie'.
6. Alice Charlotte Hughes born 5/12/1893 at Albert Hill, S.A. Died aged 25 years, unmarried, on 3/2/1918. Interred at Meningie Cemetery.
7. Otto William Hughes bom 2/6/1896 at Albert Hill, S.A. Marriage: to Hilda Irene Curnow. [See biography 5050.4](#)

The Biographical Index does not have the Hughes family in the correct order. Most of the above is per favour of Mrs Glad Gardner (nee Hughes) of Meningie.

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 226 to 228.
- 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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