

# William Bacon Smith McLEAN & Margaret McLEAN (nee ???)

Biography as published in 1995

**William Bacon Smith McLean**, born 4/3/1882 at Milang, SA.

Parents : Mary Frances McLEAN (nee SMITH) & Donald Henry McLEAN

G-Parents : Mary McLean (nee Stacey) & John McLean

G-Grandparents : Christine McLean (nee McPhee & Donald McLean

William was the child of Donald's first marriage to Mary Frances Smith. When his mother died (1884) his grandmother Smith who was widowed, took him and brought him up in Adelaide from the age of 2 years.

Married: on 13/10/1914 to Margaret. No details regarding her single name and residence are available. There were no children of the marriage. Her death date is not known.

He was living with his wife, in company with Donald's second family at Murrayville in the early 1900's.

Subsequently William and his wife Margaret returned to Adelaide and resided at 44 Balfour Street, Prospect Gardens. William was Station Master of Adelaide Railway Station in the late thirties, early forties. The Donald Henry McLean family used to stay with William and Maggie when they came to Adelaide to play country cricket. They also visited them from time to time in the late fifties and early sixties.

On one visit to see Will however, they found someone painting his house so asked the neighbour what had happened. The story was not a good one - Will used to play cards with some of the neighbours each week, but on this occasion Maggie told them when they called that Will was sleeping and would not be playing. They thought nothing of it until the following week when they again called to play cards and Maggie gave them the same message. There was now a foul smell about the place so the neighbour called the Police who had to break in. Will had been dead for at least a week. Maggie was taken to Victoria by her relations and put in a home.

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 295 & 296.
- 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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