

Harriet Cooper WARLAND, nee McLEAN & Edward WARLAND

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HARRIET COOPER McLEAN born November 1847 at Strathalbyn, S.A.

Parents : Ann Soward McLean (nee Janeway) & Archibald McLean

Grandparents : Christina McLean (nee McPhee) & Donald McLean

Harriet was about 15 when her mother died in 1861 and she probably had to be housekeeper in her place but with Janeway grandparents at Sections 2743 and 2751 at Angas Plains there was help at hand. Archie was of Angas Bank, Strathalbyn until 1869 but had also "Melrose", Angas Plains, and it is not clear where the family lived.

MARRIAGE: Notice from the "Registered newspaper, Adelaide;-

On 6/1/1870 at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. John Anderson, Mr E. Warland of the Dry Plains to Harriet, eldest daughter of Archibald McLean Esq. late of Strathalbyn. ("late" meaning formerly, so the ceremony would have been at "Melrose".)

HISTORY: of the Warlands appears in "Brief Encounters at Victor Harbor 1802-1982" compiled by Madeline Brunato and also references in "O/d Strathalbyn" by Nancy Gemmell. Some of the main facts are given here. William and Alicia (Ebshie) Warland from Tollard Royal, Wiltshire, with 4 sons left England on 8/7/1839 by the "Singapore", (302 tons, Capt. Hamilton) and reached S.A. on 11/11/1839. An epidemic of typhoid took the life of their baby Edward but on 9/11/1839, two days before they arrived another son was born and also became Edward, and who at 30 married Hamet McLean. The family went to Yankalilla to the dairy farm of J.B. Hack to work until 1842 when William built the "Wheatsheaf Inn" - now called "Warland Inn" at Echunga. It had 20 rooms and was popular during the gold mining boom in that area. In 1869 Edward who had taken over from his father, farmed briefly in the north, unsuccessfully, moved to Dry Plains beyond Angas Plains where he farmed at the time of his 1870 marriage. After that he was at Strathalbyn where he tried a baking business, became a Councillor and married Harriet. Two sons were born at Strathalbyn. Nancy Gemmell's book gives further details as does the "Southern Argus".

Edward and Harriet commenced a school at Strathalbyn in 1871 at the corner of South and West Terraces in a single brick room away from the house which had a vine covered verandah. In the reminiscences of Maggie (Bell) Richardson who was a pupil at this school, she says that discipline was strict and punishment was administered with either a strap or a doubled up leather rein.

For a time Edward had the "Victoria Hotel" at Albyn Terrace facing the park and River Angas. In those days the Angas Mill was used as an Assembly Room and at concerts there Edward and Harriet were amongst the performers. His song "Tell Me Mary How to Woo Thee" was a great favourite. He was also violinist and played for the barn dances held at farms. The Biographical Index had Edward's occupations as farmer and publican but school teaching is not mentioned.

The Warlands left Strathalbyn in 1877 to take over the Railway Hotel at Port Elliot where Edward, always interested in civic affairs, was one of the founders of the Pt Elliot Institute Hall. The next move was to Victor Harbor where Edward built a two storeyed house on the sea front and named it "Austral House". This became a licensed hotel in 1881. The aborigines at a nearby camp soon discovered that Harriet was very generous with left over food. The "Austral Hotel" became later "Pipirikil Guest House" and remained so until the building was demolished in the 1970s. The 3rd child and only daughter was born in 1884.

In 1922 following Edward's death. the "Southern Argus" gave some details of Edward's life - "silvery sweet tenor voice - man of rare gifts and diverse character - deeply thoughtful and far-seeing - wonderfully observant -

exceptionally musical - pure tenor - host of friends at Strathalbyn before his years at Pt Elliot and Victor Harbor and that when the "Austral Hotel" was built at Victor Harbor the locals regarded it as far too ambitious. There are however no fine details of Harriet's life.

DEATHS: Edward Warland died at Victor Harbor aged 83 years on 14/8/1922 and was buried there. His Obituary in the "Southern Argus" of 31/8/1922 repeated some of the above information:-

"Mr Edward Warland of Victor Harbor died on Monday at the age of 83 years. He came to S.A. in 1839 in his first year and lived with his parents at Yankalilla and later with his father who was the licensee of the well-known "Wheatsheaf Hotel" between Mylor and Echunga. Mr Edward Warland engaged in farming at Strathalbyn subsequently and in 1879 went into business at Port Elliot. In 1884 he removed to Victor Harbor where he conducted the "Austral Hotel", but has lived privately for the last 12 years. He took a deep interest in local affairs and years ago his influence was an important factor in getting the railway extended to Victor Harbor. The deceased has left a widow and 2 sons: Mr A. H. Warland Town Clerk of Victor Harbor - Mr Laurence E. Warland of Port Wakefield and a daughter Miss (Jessica) Warland."

Harriet Warland (nee McLean) died at Victor Harbor aged 94 years on 21/1/1942 having survived her husband by nearly 20 years. Both were interred at Victor Harbor.

THE WARLAND DESCENDANTS:-

1. Laurence Edward Warland born 4/2/1871 at Strathalbyn, S.A. He and his younger brother attended school at Victor Harbor, opened in January 1877 and afterwards aided their father at the "Austral Hotel". Married: Lucy Emily Myra Smith (b. 21/10/1885 at Victor Harbor). He had joined the S.A. Railways and so moved to various towns in this state, and as noted in his father's 1922 obituary was then at Pt Wakefield, S.A. His occupation at this time was "engineer" They retired to Victor Harbor having had 3 daughters and one son. Deaths: Laurence aged 77 years on 21/10/1948. Lucy died aged 81 on 22/12/1966. Both interred at Victor harbor. Laurence and Lucy had 5 children - Eric (Allan) (b. 22/8/1907), Margaret (Helen) (b. 16/1/1909), Geoffrey (b. 1910), Phyllis (b. 6/4/1911) & Estelle (Linda) (b. 22/5/1920) The first four were all born in Victor Harbor and the last was born in Balaklava.
2. Albert Howard Warland born 25/9/1873 at Strathalbyn. Marriage to Caroline Lottie Cakebread. [See biographies 5088](#)
3. Jessie Florence Warland born 31/1/1884 at Victor Harbor when her parents had the 'Austral' Hotel there. Unmarried. History: Jessica received her education at Adelaide and studied music at the Conservatorium. On returning home she assisted her mother until the hotel was sold. The family then moved into the old Customs House where Jessie taught music. She cared for her parents until their deaths at Stirling House, Victor Harbor. Jess had a lively wit and was intensely interested in current affairs. She remained alert until she died aged 95 years. She died at the Ross Robenson Home, Victor Harbor on 17/8/1979. At her request she was cremated and her ashes were cast into the sea at the end of the Victor Harbor breakwater. Obituary: Miss Jessie Florence Warland of Victor Harbor, who passed away on 17/8/1979 in her 96th year was the only daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Warland and the sister of the late Albert Howard Warland O.B.E. In 1874 her father built the Austral Hotel at Victor Harbor and this in later years became Pipiriki House where Miss Warland was born. Her father was born on the ship "Singapore" a few days before it arrived in Holdfast Bay in 1839. Miss Warland was educated at a private school in Adelaide where she studied music She returned to Victor Harbor where she taught music for many years, riding her bicycle to Port Elliot once a week. She also travelled to Yankalilla by coach to her students, spent the night there and rode her bicycle to Victor Harbor the next day. She was keenly interested in town and district affairs and like her brother Mr A. H. Warland played a prominent part in making Victor Harbor a widely known holiday resort."

• SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 407 to 411.
• 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.
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