

The Spot & Sarah and Murdock McLean

Later Greenlanes and Greenland

An unreferenced 1920s Guest House list includes The Spot and a map of attractions showing The Spot situated on the river side of the police station which is incorrect.

The following advertisement has been found.

The Argus, 6 Mar 1937

THE SPOT.-Excel. Accom., H.W.8., good position: tariff £2/2/. Tel. 16.
Mrs. McLean.

In Marysville Sarah McLean ran The Spot, guesthouse between Murchison and Sedgewick Streets until the late 1930s.

Geoff Cobb took over management and announced that Green Lanes/Greenlanes would be opening from 1 October 1938. The property stayed in the McLeans hands until Murdock McLean's death in 1954.

Sarah McLean

Sarah Bagnall was born 1873 in Galway, Ireland and married Matthew Wilson in the latter 1890s. They had three sons and a daughter all born in Anick, Northumberland Matthew's home town. The 1911 UK Census shows Matthew an Innkeeper and most likely Sarah assisted. See next page.

In 1912 the family sailed to Melbourne. Sadly Matthew died in 1918 in Melbourne. In 1919 Sarah Wilson, nee Bagnall, married Murdock McLean.

They appear in records in Marysville in 1925. Murdock is a labourer and Sarah's occupation is listed as home duties. Annoyingly most women in Marysville running guesthouses list their occupation as home duties and most people give the address as Marysville. They run the guesthouse until the mid-1930s.

Sarah and Murdock McLean are still living in Marysville until her death in 1951, although they are no longer managing the guesthouse. See Greenland document for further history of this property.

In 1932 Josephine Wilson, Sarah's daughter came to Maryville unwell and died in Marysville. She is buried in Burwood Cemetery. Details from death notice.

Sarah died in Marysville in 1951, aged 78 and is buried in Box Hill cemetery. Murdock died in Eildon in 1954 and is buried with Sarah.

McLean Street, off Sedgewick Street opposite where The Spot was, remembers Sarah and Murdock

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Number of Schedule 9
(To be filled up by the Enumerator after collection.)

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.

The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family.	AGE (last Birthday) and SEX.	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE.						PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards.				BIRTHPLACE of every person.	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country.	INFIRMITY.
of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder, or Servant, who (1) passed the night of Sunday, April 2nd, 1911, in this dwelling and was alive at midnight, or (2) arrived in this dwelling on the morning of Monday, April 3rd, not having been enumerated elsewhere. No one else must be included. (For order of entering names see Examples on back of Schedule.)	State whether "Head," or "Wife," "Son," "Daughter," or other Relative, "Visitor," "Boarder," or "Servant."	For Infants under one year state the age in months as "under one month," "one month," etc.	Write "Single," "Married," "Widow," or "Divorced," or opposite the names of all persons aged 15 years and upwards.			State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of—			Personal Occupation. The reply should show the precise branch of Profession, Trade, Manufacture, &c. If engaged in any Trade or Manufacture, the particular kind of work done, and the Article made or Material worked or dealt in should be clearly indicated. (See Instructions 1 to 8 and Examples on back of Schedule.)	Industry or Service with which worker is connected.	Whether Employer, Worker, or Working on Own Account	Whether Working at Home.	(1) If born in the United Kingdom, write the name of the County, and Town or Parish. (2) If born in any other part of the British Empire, write the name of the Dependency, Colony, etc., and of the Province or State. (3) If born in a Foreign Country, write the name of the Country. (4) If born at sea, write "At Sea." NOTE.—In the case of persons born elsewhere than in England or Wales, state whether "Resident" or "Visitor" in this Country.	State whether:— (1) "British subject by parentage." (2) "Naturalised British subject," giving year of naturalisation. Or (3) If of foreign nationality, state whether "French," "German," "Russian," etc.	If any person included in this Schedule is:— (1) "Totally Deaf," or "Deaf and Dumb," (2) "Totally Blind," (3) "Lunatic," (4) "Imbecile," or "Feeble-minded," state the infirmity opposite that person's name, and the age at which he or she became afflicted.
			Completed years the present Marriage has lasted.	Total Children Born Alive.	Children still Living.	Children who have Died.	No entry needed for Domestic Servants in private employment. If employed by a public body (Government, Municipal, etc.) state what body. (See Instruction 9 and Examples on back of Schedule.)	Write opposite the name of each person engaged in any Trade or Industry. (1) "Employer" (that is employing persons other than domestic servants), or (2) "Worker" (that is working for an employer), or (3) "Own Account" (that is settler employing others nor working for a trade employer).							
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.
Matthew Wilson	Head	46		Married	16	4	4		Employer 943	Iron Worker	non a/c		Scamb. Herham	British	
Sarah Wilson	Wife	38		Married									Clifton, Galsong	British	
Matthew Wm Wilson	Son	15		Single					Farm Labourer 140	Worker			Amick Herham		
Richard P. Wilson	Son	14							"	"			Amick Herham		
Arthur W. Wilson	Son	11							School 390	"			Amick Herham		
Josephine M. Wilson	Daughter	8							"	"			Amick "		

(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

I certify that—
 (1) All the ages on this Schedule are entered in the proper sex columns.
 (2) I have counted the males and females in Columns 3 and 4 separately, and have compared their sum with the total number of persons.
 (3) After making the necessary enquiries I have completed all entries on the Schedule which appeared to be defective, and have corrected such as appeared to be erroneous.

Total.		
Males.	Females.	Persons.
4	2	6

Initials of Enumerator: MD

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (House, Tenement, or Apartment). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom; nor warehouse, office, shop.

6 Rooms

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: Matthew Wilson

Postal Address: Amick St Herham on Tyne