

REYNOLDS Charles Albon

Charles Albon Reynolds was born on the White Hills goldfield at Bendigo 25th May 1862.

Parents Richard and Eleanor Reynolds nee Hinde

His elder brother was Richard and his younger brothers were William and Harry.

His younger sisters were Mary, Louisa and Amelia.

It would appear that his first three years were spent on the goldfields as his sister Mary is registered as being born on the goldfields in Jan. 1866.

When Charles was ten years of age his Father died and his youngest sister Amelia was four months old. His brother Richard then left home to find work as a shearer. In this occupation Richard remained a bachelor and died at age ninety. Charles became after the death of his Father "the man of the house". And helped look after his baby sister and also the younger children.

His Mother's sales of butter and eggs kept the family for the next four years.

Her four school-age children went to school one week a month at a cost of 6d. Per week.

When Eleanor remarried Arculus Opie, who was a miner from Redruth Cornwall, Charles accompanied Arculus, his step-father, on most of his mining trips. Eventually Charles went to the Herberton Queensland area for tin mining and there he met his wife Ellen Kemp. They married and had two daughters in North Queensland. When the Queensland Bank crashed they lost their total savings and had to return to Victoria. Their son Robert was born at Lalbert Vic. on the Kemp property. They later purchased a vineyard at Mandurang near Bendigo. Shortly after this purchase the vines in the whole area were declared "black" and they had to uproot their healthy vines. They remained on the farm but Charles had to leave home often to get work. Another son Hector was born at Mandurang in 1900. They sold their farm in later years in order to give their children an education in the city. They purchased a home first in Albert Park and then later in Auburn, East Hawthorn.

Ellen died in 1925 and Charles in 1948, both in the home at Auburn.

Ellen Kemp was the daughter of Richard Kemp and Honora O'Brien. Her father came from Cork Ireland and Honora came from Limerick. Ellen was born at Sailor's Gully on the Ballarat Goldfields. She left home to live with a neighbouring family at age nine and helped with the housework. When older she went to work as a cook. Her sister Catherine and husband James Gibbons had gone to Nth. Queensland to manage a hotel so Ellen decided to go there and help and it was here she met her husband Charles Reynolds. Ellen was a very independent young woman at the time of her marriage.

After the death of Ellen Charles remained at Auburn. His daughter Amelia and son-in-law Frank sold their new home and came to look after Charles. Charles was always busy looking after the vegetable garden etc. keeping up with current affairs and imparting his knowledge to his grandchildren, five grand-daughters and a grandson. Charles died at Auburn aged eighty-six years.

AMELIA HONORAH REYNOLDS
2nd Generation Australian

Eldest child of Charles Albon and Ellen Reynolds nee Kemp
Born 13th May 1890 at Eureka Creek , Atherton Tablelands, Qld.

(Delivered by a girl called Dora)

The house was a handbuilt cedar log cabin built for her parents at cost of TenPounds.

In 1894 the family were forced to leave Queensland due to losing their savings in the Bank Crash of that time. They left their home and travelled in a Cobb and Co.Coach which took them to the coast from where I believe they then sailed by boat to Melbourne. Her parents, both born in Victoria, had met each other in North Queensland. Her father Charles had been tin mining in the area and her mother Ellen had gone there to visit her sister and family.

Amelia's sister Louisa had been born in Herberton in 1892 , so they were a family of four at this time.

Arriving in Melbourne the family went to stay with Amelia's grandmother Eleanor Opie/Reynolds for some weeks then rented 30 Brougham Street, Bendigo for a short period.

Their next move was to Lalbert where Ellen's parents had a wheat farm of 1000 acres.

Amelia's brother Robert was born at Lalbert in 1896. The family then returned to Bendigo and the Mandurang property of 360 acres was purchased. This was the place where Amelia spent her childhood, attending the small country school at Mandurang.

About 1914 the family sold the farm and bought a house in Albert Park. Due to the death of Robert in 1916 the family moved to Auburn, first renting a house and then buying another home in Auburn. - 1 Lingwell Road Auburn.

Amelia's occupation was a tailoress .