

Mabel (May) Reid



Personal details:

Mabel (May) Reid was born on 29 October 1901 in Farina, South Australia.

May married Andrew Johnston on 3 February 1921 in Farina, South Australia.

May died on 29 October 1982 in Whyalla, South Australia and was buried on the 30 October 1982 in the Whyalla Cemetery.

Family

May's parents were Michael Reid and Sarah Russell.

Michael Reid was born on 24 August 1863, in Wirrabara, South Australia and died on 5 April 1924 in Innamincka, South Australia. Michael's parents were Adam Reid and Mary Kennelly nee Tuohy. He married Sarah Russell on 29 June 1885 in Milparinka, New South Wales.

Sarah Russell was born on 13 March 1868 at Culgoa River, New South Wales and died on 18 December 1943 in Whyalla, South Australia. She was the daughter of John Jacob Russell and Martha Whitmarsh

Siblings

David Reid (Mickey) was born on 23 October 1886 in Queensland, died on 2 July 1939 in Broken Hill, New South Wales and was buried in the Broken Hill Cemetery. He married Isabella (Minnie) Elsie Lawson on 18 September 1929 at Bourke and Will's Dig Tree near Innamincka, Queensland. Their wedding photo is on display in the Innamincka Hotel. Isabella was the daughter of Thomas Lawson and Elsie Louisa Taylor. Isabella was born in 1910 in South Australia, died in October 1986 in Camden Park, South Australia and was buried in the Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide on 8 October 1986.

Martha Reid was born 1887 in Milparinka, New South Wales, died on 31 July 1959 in Whyalla, South Australia and is buried in Whyalla Cemetery. She married Patrick Joseph O'Reilly in Quorn, South Australia on 7 August 1905. Patrick was the son of Patrick O'Reilly. Patrick was born about 1867 and died on 25 July 1939 in Parkside Hospital, Adelaide, South Australia. Patrick was buried in West Terrace Cemetery, Adelaide.

John Jacob Reid was born on 18 April 1889, in Thargomindah, Queensland and died on 20 May 1957 in Moorook, South Australia. He married Marcella Maud Ferguson on 24 February 1912 in Farina, South Australia. Marcella was born 6 June 1890 in Beltana, South Australia and died on 30 October 1968 in Barmera, South Australia. She was the daughter of Alexander Cameron Ferguson and Catherine Smedley Shaw. They are both buried in the Old Barmera Cemetery, near Berri in South Australia.

Dolly Reid was born on 27 June 1892 in Queensland, died 30 October 1971 in Toongabbie, New South Wales and was buried in the Rookwood Cemetery, Sydney, New South Wales. She married Hugh Gillies on 16 April 1913 in Queensland. Hugh was born in 1883 in Urana, New South Wales, died on 13 February 1957 in Winton, Queensland and was buried in Winton Cemetery. Hugh was the son of Donald Gillies and Flora Francis Nicholson.

Adam Reid was born on 15 October 1894 in Thargomindah, Queensland, died on 26 June 1927 in Farina, South Australia and was buried in the Farina Cemetery. He married Maud Shaw on 24 August 1920 in Solomontown, South Australia. Maud was born on 5 April 1897 in Stirling North, South Australia. She was the daughter of Alfred Smedley Shaw and Amelia Jane Arnold. Maud later married Horace Edmund Lancelot McConnal in Quorn on 10 January 1934. Horace was born 20 October 1892 in Adelaide, South Australia and died on 31 March 1964 in Quorn, South Australia. Horace was the son of William McConnal and Ellen Ewing. Maud died on 7 March 1979 in Quorn, South Australia. They are both buried in the Quorn Cemetery.

Jane Tennant Reid was born on 25 February 1897 in Queensland and died on 12 March 1974 in Quorn, South Australia. She married Arthur John Hunt on 27 August 1916 in Beltana, South Australia. He was the son of Joseph Hunt and Nancy Carn. Arthur was born on 6 June 1896 in Farina, South Australia and died on 10 March 1973 in Quorn, South Australia. They are both buried in the Quorn Cemetery.

Herbert (Fagon) Henry Reid was born on 19 August 1899 in Farina, South Australia and died on 9 July 1951 in Whyalla, South Australia. He never married and is buried in the Whyalla Cemetery.

Annie Evelyn Reid was born in 1904 in Marree, South Australia and died on 22 October 1980 in Broken Hill, New South Wales. She married George Henry (Harry) Robertson on 10 April 1924 in Copley, South Australia. He was the son of William Robertson and Clara Jemima Somerfield. George was born about 1902 in Tibooburra, New South Wales and died on 29 April 1976 in Broken Hill, New South Wales. Both are buried in the Broken Hill Cemetery.

Sarah Eileen Reid was born on 28 June 1907 in Hawker, South Australia and died on 12 December 1979 in Tibooburra, New South Wales. She married Robert Henry Johnston on 30 December 1926 in Farina, South Australia. He was the son of Robert Johnston and Annie Lousa Oliveri. Robert was born on 18 August 1891 in Farina, South Australia, died on 22 November 1957 in Tibooburra, New South Wales. Both are buried in the Tibooburra Cemetery.

Michael Reid (Mick) was born on 3 March 1909 in Hawker, South Australia and died on 3 April 1980 in Whyalla, South Australia. He married Kathleen Avon Arnold on 6 January 1938 in Beltana, South Australia. She was the daughter of William Arnold and Rose Selina (Mary) Sherry. Kathleen was born on 13 April 1914 in Lyndhurst, South Australia and died on 27 November 1978 in Whyalla, South Australia. Both are buried at the Whyalla Cemetery.

Evelyn Mabel Reid was born 1 October 1911 in Hawker, South Australia and died on 13 November 1980 in Jamestown, South Australia. She married Thomas Benjamin Martin on 19 September 1929 at Farina in South Australia. Thomas's parents were William Joseph Martin and Ellen Josephine Elena Callary. Thomas was born on 19 April 1900 in Birdsville, Queensland and died on 27 April 1973 in Jamestown, South Australia. Both are buried at the Jamestown Cemetery.

Biography

Mabel (May) Reid was born in Farina on 29 October 1901 and lived in Farina until she and her husband Andrew Johnston and May's mother Sarah Reid moved to Whyalla nearly 40 years later.

It is recalled by May's daughter, Lorna, that May undertook the role of the town nurse when the nursing position was vacant.

May married fellow Farina resident, Andrew Johnston on 3 February 1921 at the residence of Mr Mark Johnston in Farina, South Australia. He was the son of Robert Johnston and Annie Lousa Oliveri. Andrew Johnston was born on 5 November 1898 in Farina, South Australia.

According to Sands and McDougall Directories, Andrew Johnston was in Farina until 1939.

May and Andrew had the following children:

1. Harold Michael Johnston was born on 8 September 1921 in Quorn, South Australia.
2. Robert Andrew Johnston was born on 10 December 1923 in Farina, South Australia.
3. Lorna May Johnston was born on 18 June 1926 in Farina, South Australia.
4. Ronald Frederick Johnston was born on 19 March 1933

May and Andrew moved to Whyalla in 1939 where they lived out the rest of their lives.

Andrew died on 3 July 1979 in Whyalla, South Australia and was buried on 4 July 1979 in the Whyalla Cemetery.

May died on 29 October 1982 in Whyalla, South Australia and was buried on 30 October 1982 in the Whyalla Cemetery.

Photos



Andrew Johnston (seated), Martin William (Bill) (L) and friends.



Fred Wills, William (Bill) Martin & Andrew Johnston.



Andrew Johnston, Farina 1931.



*Andrew and May Johnston, Whyalla
with grandson.*



*Johnston Family. 60th Wedding Anniversary.
Lorna, Ronald, Andrew (Father), Harold, May (Mother) and Robert.*



*May and Andrew Johnston Headstones,
Whyalla Cemetery.*