

Capt. Sydney George Leyland Catchlove



Played with Adelaide University



Football Club: A Grade (1906 & 1907)

(Intervarsity Football 1904-1907)

Blue: Football (1908)

Degree: MB BS (1907)

Background

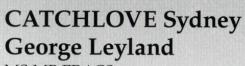
Coinciding with the Centenary of Anzacs our incentive behind the series of biographical publications is the Adelaide University Football and Cricket Club's desire to honour our players who served in the Great War (1914 - 1918). These brave men put on hold their academic, professional and sporting careers for King and Country in the name of peace and freedom. The AUFC/AUCC WW1 Memorial Committee is endeavouring to identify every one of our players who served and prepare life stories on all. This is to ensure their sacrifices and further contributions to society will be recognised by future generations.

On Anzac Day 2015, the Centenary of the Gallipoli landing, a memorial plaque was unveiled on the Adelaide University Oval Pavilion and this was followed by the erection of a picket fence between the pavilion and the scoreboard with each picket bearing a plaque with the name of an AUFC/AUCC player who served.

The following documentation relates to the life of Sydney George Leyland Catchlove. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

Biography

Blood Sweat and Fears: Medical Practitioners and Medical Students of South Australian who served in World War 1. *Verco, Summers, Swain and Jelly 2014.*

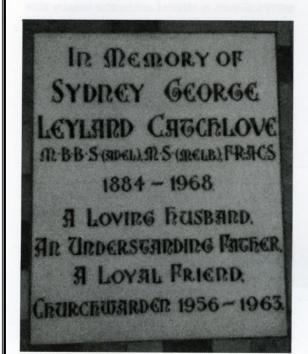


MS MB FRACS

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Sydney George Leyland Catchlove was born in Liverpool, England on 31st May 1884, the son of George Catchlove and Margaret, nee Leyland, both from Cheshire, England. They came to Adelaide and lived at Gover Street, North Adelaide. Catchlove attended Prince Alfred College and played football for the school. He went to the University of Adelaide achieving his MB BS in 1907. He also represented the Adelaide University at football. Following his graduation he was appointed as a Resident Medical Officer at the Adelaide Hospital. He married Una Heywood Cox and a notice in the Adelaide Register recorded that they had a daughter in Sydney in May 1913



Catchlove was appointed to the AAMC Reserve of Officers on 1st July 1914, prior to WW1 as a Captain in the 2 MD in New South Wales. He was appointed to the AIF on the 8 July 1915, but this appointment was terminated on the 7 January 1916. It was recorded that he should not have been placed in the AIF. In England he was deployed in Australian Auxiliary Hospitals. He also served for some months on the staff of the Australian Head Quarters in London. He returned to Australia in November 1915 as the medical officer on the transport ship Runic. On return to Australia it was recommended that he transfer to the AAMC CMF in the 3 MD in Victoria. He was promoted to temporary major in August 1916 and appointed to 5 AGH. In June 1918 he became CO of 5 AGH and appointed lieutenant colonel. He was placed on the Reserve of Officers in 1921. He was issued with the British War Medal and although he requested the 1914-15 Star and Victory Medal, was told that he was not entitled to them as he did not serve in the AIF.

In 1938 Catchlove resided in Ellwood, Victoria and lived from 1947 in Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria and was a surgeon at Prince Henry's Hospital until 1955. Sydney Leyland Catchlove died in Melbourne, Victoria on the 7th August 1968.

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The Adelaide Advertiser 17 Jan 1908 The Register Adelaide 28 May 1913 http://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Catchlove-21 Photo: Family and PAC Collection

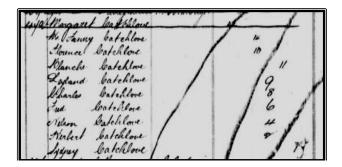
Note: The article from The Register, Adelaide, 1913 (http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article56986620) states that three of Sydney's brothers had children born in April/May 1913. George J Leyland Catchlove, Sydney, a daughter, Charles Hamilton Leyland Catchlove, Hawthorn, SA, a daughter and Frederic S Leyland Catchlove, a son. See below for details of Sydney's Children.

Early Life

Sydney George Leyland Catchlove was born on the 31st May 1884 at Toxteth Park, and inner city area of Liverpool, England, the son of George Catchlove and Margaret Leyland. He was baptised at St John's Chapel, Liverpool on the 18th July 1884.

In the English Census of 1881 the Catchlove family were living at 5 Alfred Place, Toxteth Park with the seven children born to that date, plus a general servant and a nurse. Sydney was the youngest of the Catchlove children, his siblings were Margaret Annie (Fanny) born 1870, Florence (Floss) Maud born approx 1871, Blanch (e) May born 14 Nov 1872, George James Leyland (Leyland) born 12 December 1874, Charles Hamilton Leyland born approx October 1876, Frederic (k) Sebastian Leyland born approx July 1878, Nelson Victor Leyland born approx Jan 1880 and Herbert (Bert) Henry Leyland born approx April 1882.

George immigrated to Australia on the Gulf of Venice in 1884. Margaret and the nine children departed from London and arrived in Australia on the 21st March 1885 onboard the 'Orient'.



Approx 1895 - George and Margaret Catchlove and Family



Back - Blanche May, her husband Albert White, Florence Maud, George James, Frederick Sebastian.

Middle - Victor Nelson, George (Father), Margaret (Mother), Charles, Margaret Annie.

Front row - Herbert Henry, Sydney George.

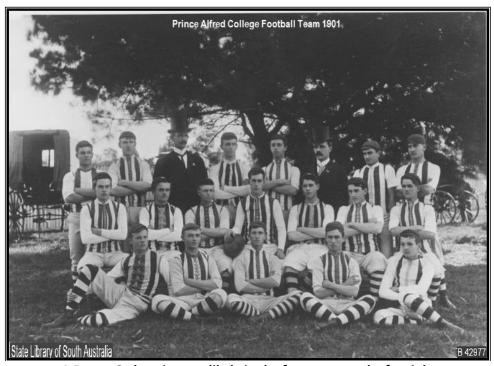
Blanch married Albert WT White in 1895 and died aged 23 in February 1896. Margaret Annie married Rev George R Godbehear, a Weslyan minister from Victoria in 1898. The Catchlove family were living at Mann Terrace, Nth Adelaide in 1895. Florence Maud married Henry CW Pearce at Mosman, NSW in 1922; she died in 1957 aged 86.

Schooling

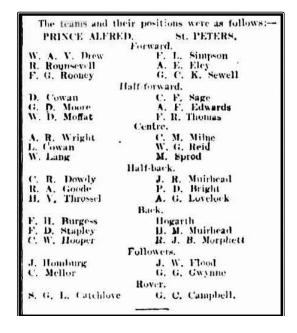
Sydney attended Whinham College (formerly North Adelaide Grammar School), a private school operated in North Adelaide (now the Lutheran Seminary on the corner of Ward St and Jeffcott St). He then attended Prince Alfred College from 1898. Sydney passed his Preliminary Examinations and First Grade Free Hand at the Art and Science Examinations in October 1899. He passed his Junior Examinations in Latin, German, Mathematics and Chemistry in 1900 and Senior Examinations in December 1901.

On the 6th January 1902 Sydney's eldest brother George James Leyland Catchlove enlisted for service during the Boer War.

Sydney played Intercollegiate Football for PAC against St Peter's College in June 1900 and June 1901.



A Rover, Sydney is most likely in the front row on the far right



Adelaide University

Sydney commenced studying medicine at Adelaide University in 1902.



June 1902 - First Year medical Students

SGL Catchlove - Back Row - Second from Right

In June 1903 Sydney was licensed to practice anatomy at the Anatomy School at Adelaide. Tragically for the Catchlove family, Sydney's brother Herbert (Bert) Henry Leyland passed away on the 16th November 1904, aged 22. Sydney was just completing his second year of medicine when Bert passed away.

Sydney gained his MB BS in December 1907 and was registered as a qualified medical practitioner in January 1908.

Adelaide University Sport

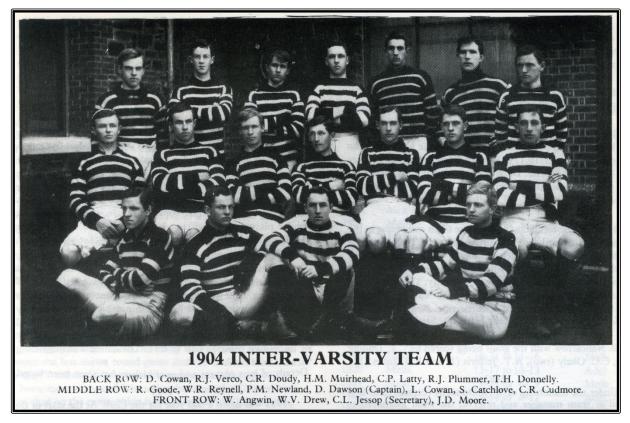
Football

Sydney played Intervarsity Football for Adelaide University from 1904-07, thus competing in the first four Intervarsity matches played by Adelaide University.

In 1906 and 1907 Sydney played for Adelaide University in the Adelaide and Suburban Association competition. In May 1906, Sydney was one of two Adelaide University players selected to represent the Adelaide and Suburban Association in a match against the Barrier Ranges (Broken Hill) Association. Sydney was selected as a forward. He also competed in a match between Adelaide University and Geelong College in 1907.

In 1908 (the first year Blues were awarded by the Adelaide University Sports Association), Sydney was awarded a Blue for Football.

1904 Intervarsity Team



SGL Catchlove - Middle Row - Second from Right

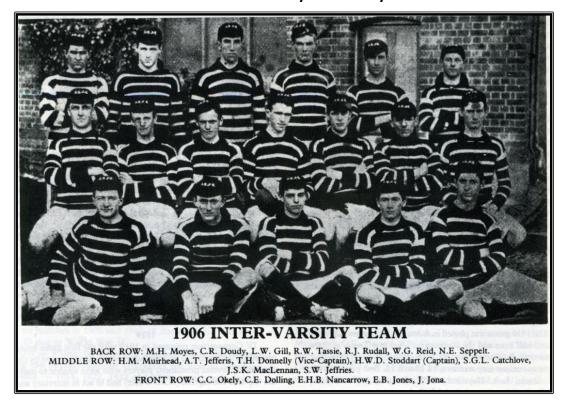
June 1906 – Adelaide and Suburban versus Barrier Ranges



SGL Catchlove – Second Row from back – Fifth from Right (right hand player of the two in horizontal stripes)

Back Row of Players - A. Lawrie, A. McFarlane, H. Philips, H.W.D. Stoddart, S.G.L. Catchlove, H. Cullen, P. Robin. Middle Row - A. Crafter. H. Barrcan, A. Sheffield, C. Godfrey (Capt.), A. Wilcox (V-Capt.), N. H. Wells, J. Mitchell. Front Row: B.Nash, R. Deslandes, H. F. Wyld (Umpire), Sanderson, M. Quinn.

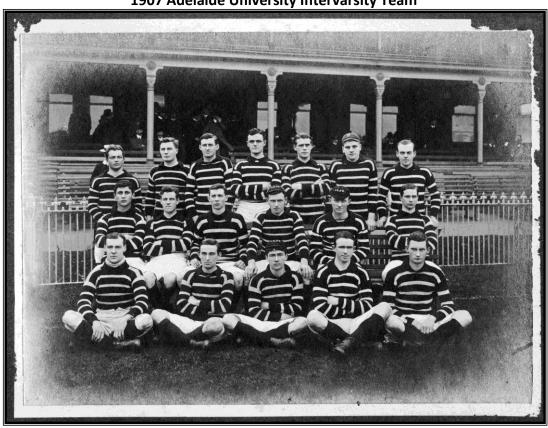
1906 Adelaide University Intervarsity Team



SGL Catchlove – Middle Row – Third from Right

Note: this photograph from the AUFC 75th Anniversary Book names seven people in the back row of the photograph. MH Moyes who was in plain clothes appeared in the original photograph but the photograph in the AUFC 75th Anniversary Book was cropped to exclude him.

1907 Adelaide University Intervarsity Team



SGL Catchlove – Back Row – Third from Right

Back: W A V Drew, L H Haslam, E L Baylis, G A Harvey, G L Catchlove (sic), A C Wilton, D R Cowan.

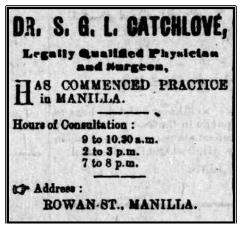
Middle: J Jona, W B Angwin, M H Moyes, T H Donnelly(capt), C E Dolling, C F Drew.

Front: S D Ronald, E M Holder, E B Jones, H W D Stoddart, S W Jeffries.

(Photograph courtesy of Tony Swain one of the authors of the book "Blood, Sweat and Fears")

Pre War Career and Family Life

After qualifying, Sydney became a resident medical officer Adelaide Hospital. In May 1909 he commenced a practice at Manilla, NSW (45 kilometres northwest of Tamworth).



On the 5th August 1909 at the Methodist Church, Palmerston Street, Carlton, Victoria, Sydney married Una Heyward Cox, the daughter of Rev ET Cox of Carlton. While at Manilla the couple's first two children, Hamilton Lister (Lister) Catchlove (b 26 April 1912) and John (Jack) Pelham Catchlove (b 1 December 1913) were born.

Sydney was actively involved in the community a Manilla. On the sporting front, he was a member of the Tennis Club, Rifle Club and Golf Club. He was on the committee of the Standard Football Club and played in billiards tournaments at the Mechanics Institute. Sydney was on the committee of the Mechanics Institute and was their president in 1912-13. He was on the Library committee and an active member of the Debating Club, Manilla Musical Society and the Parents & Citizens Association. Sydney was instrumental in the formation of a Masonic Lodge at Manilla.

DEBATING CLUB. There was an exceptionally large attendance at the usual meeting of the Debating Club on Wednesday night. One question discussed was, "Should the quarantine restrictions be removed from Sydney," Dr. S. G. L. Catchlove very emphatically argued that they should not. He said it was wise to take precaution against smallpox. Mr. Redmond spoke in the opposing strain but when it came to a vote, he voted, alone. Mr. J. Kelly spoke in favor of the unification parliament. Mr. Hart spoke in opposition. The vote was against Mr. Kelly's ideas. The next meetingof the society will be on the 22nd inst., when the subject is, "A Night With Dickens."

World War I

In August 1914 Sydney disposed of his practice at Manilla and in September he left for Sydney, NSW with the intention of travelling to England to join the Army Medical Corps. Una and the two boys travelled to Sydney en route to Melbourne.

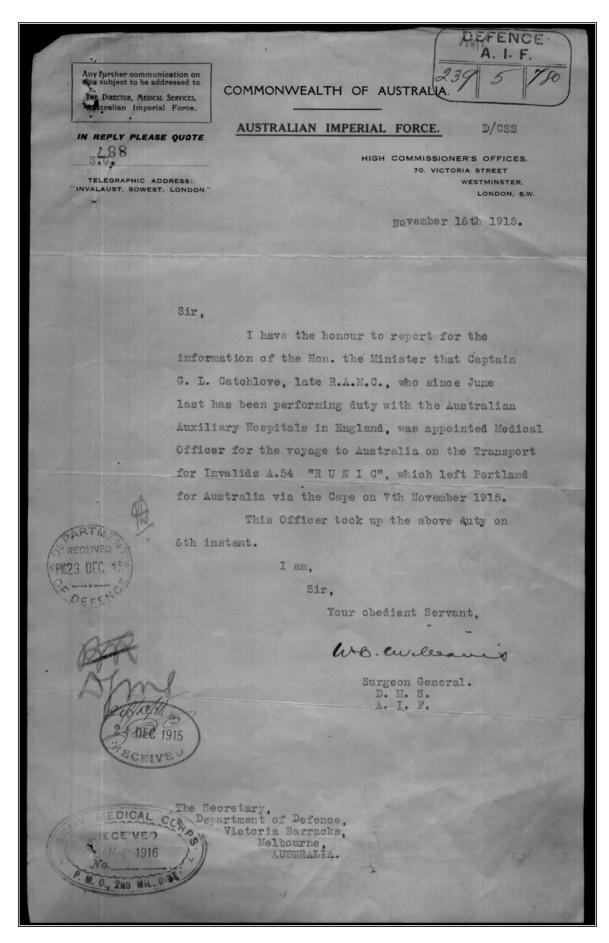
Dr. Catchiove took his departure from Manilla in his motor car on Sunday morning. 'During his residence in Manilla, the young medico established a good practice, made many friends, and took an interest in the affairs of the town. The members of the local branch of the Masonic Lodge, of which he was one of the founders, bade him farewell the other evening, and made him a presentation of a fewel. Dr. Catchlove hopes to shortly leave for England, where it is his intention to join the Army Medical Corps, for service at the war. Mrs. Catchlove and "the two little boys left on the previous evening for Sydney, en route to Melcource.

Sydney's rather unusual service record for WWI is well documented in the "Blood, Sweat and Fears" biography above. Sydney's letter dated 3rd December 1914 to Mr K Briscombe states that he left Australia onboard the troop ship 'S.S. Benalla' and arrived in the Suez Canal on 1st December 1914.

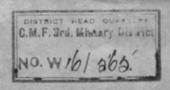
Letter From Dr Catchiove.

Mr. K. Briscombe has received a letter from Dr. Catchlove, written on board the s.s. Benalla, on December 3rd, 1914. He says: "Arrived at Suez December 1st, and came through the canal that night, arriving at Port Said early on the chored out in the Mediterranean Sea, about six miles from Port Saif awaiting orders, when we proceed to Alexandria, where the troops are to disensbark. The Benalla is proceeding thence to London, when I will disembark and get on to the Continent as soon as possible, Have had an excellent trip. On arrival at Suez we heard that the Turks had attempted damage, etc., to the Canal, and 20,000 of them were encamped a few miles away. However, we proceeded to negotiate the Canal and take the risk, All our troops slept next to their loaded guns whilst going through the Canal. We saw nothing of the Turks, but many evidences of their defeat. A British warship came up the Canal and stormed their beadquarters. This stormed their beadquarters. we saw as we passed through. is now flying the Union Jack Forty thousand Indian troops are guarding the Canal entrenched all along it. Port said is a very cosmopolitan place, at present crowded with British and French warships and Dresdacughts, 40 of our transports and hundreds of other ships of all nations, including some i captured Germans, also a few aeroplanes. On seeing these sights one realises to a slight extent Britain's strength. I was awakened this morning by our band playing the "Marseillaise" honor of a passing French dreadnought. The Tooks torture their prisoners by cutting off their heads and arms. This they have done to two British officers here.

An article in 'The Australasian', Melbourne in March 1915 stated that Captain Sydney GL Catchlove, RAMC 'is at present at the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, and who leaves shortly for the front'. However Sydney was deployed for some months in hospitals in London before returning to Australia on the transport for Invalids 'A54 Runic'.







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PMOS HACE

Sydney served at the Base Hospital (No 5 Australian General Hospital), St Kilda Road, Melbourne where he was a temporary Major in the Citizens Military Forces and Adjutant of the hospital. In late 1918 when the hospital was due for closure, Sydney was a temporary Lieut. Colonel and the officer commanding the hospital. From April to August 1919 Sydney served at the No 11 AGH, Caulfield, Vic.

Una and Sydney were living at Ormond Road, Elwood, Melbourne. On the 14th May 1917 their third son, Leonard Hugh (Hugh) Catchlove was born. On the 30th August 1917, Sydney's mother, Margaret, of 96 Gover St North Adelaide, died aged 75.

Sydney's brother Nelson Victor Leyland Catchlove served in WWI. He was a Corporal in the 48th Infantry Battalion.

Post War Career and Family Life

In 1919 Sydney's father passed away. From 1921, Sydney had a practice at 93 Collins Street, Melbourne. In December 1921, Sydney was awarded a Master of Surgery from Melbourne University.

In 1923 Sydney was associated with the Woodlands Private Hospital and by 1924 he had a practice at his home at 46 Ormond Road, Elwood and was a clinical assistant to the out-patient surgeons at Alfred Hospital.

On the 23rd March 1924 Sydney and Una's daughter Leila was born.

Lister and Jack both attended Melbourne Grammar School. Both boys were excellent students, fine athletes and footballers and in 1930 they played together in the MGS senior team. Lister played at centre back and Jack on the wing. Lister won the open championship at the MGS Sports in 1930.

In 1929 Sydney became a surgical clinical assistant at Melbourne Hospital. In January 1930, Una's father, Rev Cox passed away in his 78th year.

In 1931 Lister commenced studying medicine at Melbourne University and was a reserve for the Intervarsity football match against Adelaide University in 1931.

From 1932 Sydney was associated with the Ivanhoe Homoeopathic Hospital.

By 1932, Jack was also studying medicine at Melbourne University. Lister and Jack both played football for the Melbourne University Blacks in the Metropolitan Amateur competition. By this time, their younger brother, Hugh, was at Melbourne Grammar and was showing also a good student, athlete and footballer. Lister must have payed Intervarsity Football in 1932 as he was awarded a Blue for Football in April 1933. Both Lister and Jack played Intervarsity Football in 1933 and Jack was awarded a Blue for Football in March 1934. In 1934 Jack competed in the Intervarsity Boxing competition.

The family stayed at Erskine House, Lorne for their January holidays in 1933 and 1934.

From 1935, Sydney was a member of the honorary medical staff at Prince Henry's Hospital, St Kilda and he and Una often attended the Hospital Ball. Sydney was also a member of the Athenaeum Club.

By 1936, Leila was attending Melbourne Girls' Grammar School and competed in the athletic sports and Hugh joined his brothers at Melbourne University studying medicine. Lister graduated MB BS in December 1936 and Jack graduated MB BS in 1937.

In 1938, Sydney was appointed an honorary major in the Australian Military Forces Reserve.

Lister became engaged to Joan Fussell the daughter of Mr and Mrs AH Fussell of Camberwell in February 1938 and the couple married in January 1939. The couple then travelled to England so that Lister could continue his studies. Sydney, Una, Jack, Hugh and Leila holidayed at Erskine House, Lorne in January 1938.

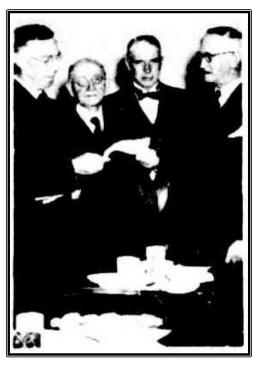
December 1938



SGL Catchlove (left) and Una Catchlove (right)

World War II

In May 1940 Jack became engaged to Jean Hamilton Baird, of Mount Melville, Cavendish, the youngest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs AH Baird.



July 1940 - Prince Henry's Hospital

SGL Catchlove - Far Right

All three of the Catchlove boys joined up for WWII. Lister (SN 251419) joined the Air Force, Jack (SN VX39223) joined the Australian Army Medical Corps and Hugh became a Surgeon Lieutenant in the Navy on the 3rd February 1942 and was demobilised in August 1946.

Hugh was awarded his MB BS in September 1941. Hugh became engaged to Kathleen Mary Scantlebury, the daughter of Dr and Mrs GD Scantlebury, East Melbourne in August 1942 and the couple married in September 1942.

In September 1942, Sydney sold his practice at Ormond Road, Elwood and then lived at 15 Yarradale Road, Toorak.

Jack served in Malaya and was reported missing in July 1942. He was a prisoner of war and he did not return to Australia until September 1945. He married Sgt. Jean Hamilton Baird (AAMWS, 2/7th AGH, Lae) at the Melbourne Grammar School chapel.

Squadron-Ldr Lister Catchlove gained his fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons then joined the RAF in 1940. He served in London during the blitz, and was later senior RAF surgeon in Iceland for 12 months. During their six years overseas Lister and Joan had two daughters.

Post WWII

Leila Catchlove became engaged to John Darbyshire in March 1947. John was studying finance at Harvard University when war broke out. He served with the Army Flying Commandos and later as a commander in Navy Salvage. The couple both studied art after the war. The couple married in December 1947 at the Melbourne Grammar School Chapel.

From September 1947, Sydney was on the board of Prince Henry's Hospital and in April 1949 he was appointed to the Victorian Cancer Board.



May 1950 - Royal Australasian College of Surgeons

Dr SGL Catchlove and Dr H Lister Catchlove

In 1951 Sydney and Una travelled to the UK, they departed from Sydney and arrived in London on the 16th March 1951. They attended Royal Ascot in June 1951. They departed from London on the 21st September 1951 on the Orcades. Sydney resumed his practice at Collins St, Melbourne in November 1951.

By 1954, Sydney and Una were living at 104 St Georges Road, Toorak.

Death

Sydney George Leyland Catchlove passed away on the 7th August 1968, aged 84. He was a resident of Toorak prior to his death.

Una Heyward Catchlove nee Cox passed away on the 12th June 1972.

Sydney and Una are buried at the Box Hill Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria.

Hamilton Lister Catchlove passed away on the 29th April 2016. He had been married to Joan for 76 years when Joan had passed away a year earlier. Lister and Joan had four children, Angela, Suzanne (dec), Peter (dec) and Rosemary and at the time of Lister's death nine grand children and 17 great grandchildren.

John Pelham Catchlove passed away in 1994.

Leonard Hugh Catchlove passed away in Melbourne, Victoria in February 23, 2009.

Leila and John purchased the St Leonards winery, Wahgunyah (Rutherglen Region) in 1972. They redeveloped the property. On Friday December 14th 1979 at 2.30pm the St Leonards property was put up for auction by Mr & Mrs Darbyshire, they were selling due to "the winery having developed to a point where it is too big for them". St Leonards was purchased by Brown Bros.

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