

# **Lieut. Francis Ernest Osborn**



### **Played with Adelaide University**



Cricket Club: 1908/09-1910/11 (A Grade)

Intervarsity Cricket (1910)

**Student: Medicine (1908-1912)** 

## **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 Francis Ernest
Osborne. It is compilation of information and photographs collected
from a variety of historical sources.

AUFC/AUCC WW1 MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

#### The AIF Project

https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=230945



#### **Francis Ernest OSBORN**

Date of birth 15 April 1888

Place of birth Burnside, South Australia

Religion Methodist
Occupation Vigneron

Address Bundarra, McLaren Vale, South Australia

Marital status Single
Age at embarkation 28

Next of kin Mother, Mrs Mary Jane Turnbull Osborn, Rochester Street, Knight's Bridge, South

Australia

Enlistment date 10 April 1916
Rank on enlistment 2nd Lieutenant

Unit name 43rd Battalion, A Company

AWM Embarkation Roll

number

23/60/1

Embarkation details Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A19 Afric on 9 June

1916

Rank from Nominal Roll Lieutenant
Unit from Nominal Roll 43rd Battalion

Fate Returned to Australia 22 July 1917

Discharge date 9 November 1917 - medically unfit

Other details War Service: France

Returned to Australia on board 'Nestor' disembarking at Adelaide on 21 September

1917

Married Frances Helena d'Arenberg on 24 June 1920

Member of State Board of R.S.L. (Vice-President) 1934-37; long time member of

Legacy

Date of death 3 August 1957

Age at death 69

### **Service Record**

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| AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.   |
| ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD  No. Name OS BORN Francis Ernes   |
| Unit   |
| Joined on  |
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| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? near the Town of Adelaide in the County of South aust   |
| 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)  4. What is your age?  |
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| 5. What is your trade or calling? 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? 6.  |
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| 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? 9.  10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His ]   |
| Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incorrigible and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with disgrace from the Navy?   |
| 11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge                        |
| 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous 12.  |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? 13.  |
| 14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support widowed mother)  Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you after embarkation during your term of service?   |
| 15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever?  |
| 3. Francis Ernest Osto somemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth. |
| And I further agree to allot not less than two fifths three fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my  |
| Date 2 8 18 Grant & Osborn   |
| * This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.  † Two-Afths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.  |
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#### **Biography**

#### **Early Life**

Francis Ernest (Frank) Osborn was born on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 1888 to Joseph Rowe Osborn and Mary Jane Turnbull Stewart, (SA Birth Registration 416/83). Joseph (Joe) was instrumental in the creation of the SAFA (South Australian Football Association) which became the SANFL and was a co-founder of the Norwood Football Club. He was the Clubs first Captain and captained Norwood to three consecutive premierships (1878-80). Joe was a teetotaller and director of Thomas Hardy and owned a stable of prize-winning horses. In 1912, Joe sold his stable of horses and purchased the property at McLaren Vale now the home of the d'Arenberg Winery.

#### Schooling

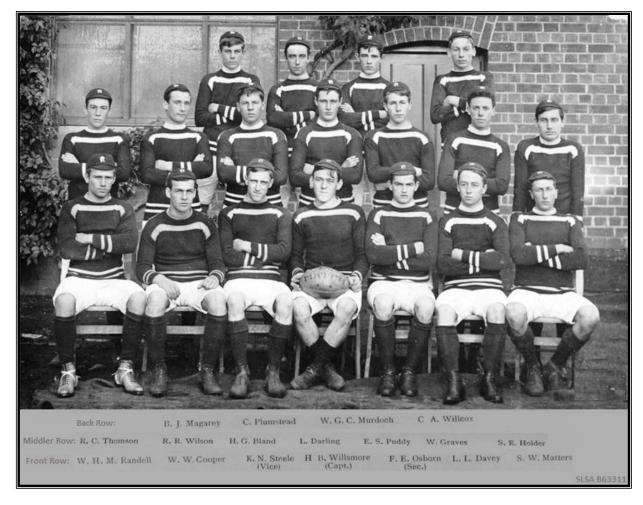
From 1904, Frank attended Prince Alfred College, Adelaide where he passed his Junior Examinations in 1905 and Senior Examinations in 1906 and 1907.

Frank played Inter-collegiate Football for PAC against C.B.C., Roseworthy Agricultural College, Melbourne Scotch College and St Peter's College in 1906 and Inter-collegiate Football for PAC against Roseworthy Agricultural College, Melbourne Scotch College and St Peter's College in 1907. He also played in a PAC match against Mt Barker in 1907.



PRINCE ALFRED TEAM.

Back Row: Burkett Coper, Reedman, Matters, Thomson, Magarey. Middl: Row: Lord, Davey, Symonds, Steele, Rankin, Osborn. Front Row: Plumstead, Grant, William, Goode (Capt.), Lloyd, Fleicher, Willemore.



1907 PAC Football Team - FE Osborn - Middle Row - Third from Right

Frank played cricket for PAC and was a member of the 1st XI team from 1905 to 1907. In February 1905 he was a member of the PAC cricket team which played a match against an un-official Adelaide University Eleven.

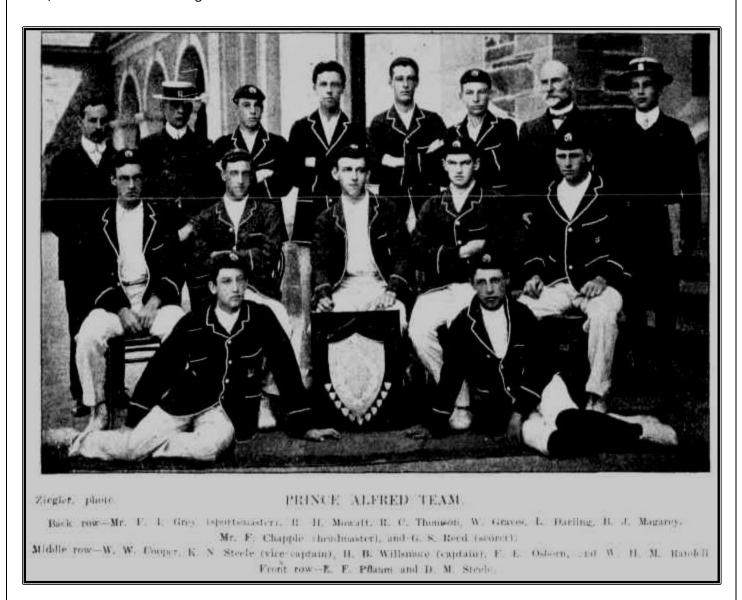
The Chronicle (Adelaide, SA: 1895 1954), Saturday 18 February 1905

|   | dnesday afternoon the Adelaide University                               |
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|   | ven played a match against the Prince st eleven on the college grounds. |
| Scores:-                                    | st eleven on the conege grounds.  |
| Scores                                      | P.A.C.  |
| H W D S                                     | Stoddart, b. Dawson 10  |
| R. Middlet                                  |   |
|   | de, b. Dawson 6   |
| H. Rankine                                  |   |
|   | w, not out  |
| R. F. Osbo                                  | orne, run out 11  |
| C. E. Doll                                  | ling, not out   |
| Sundrie                                     | es 4  |
|   | or five wickets   |
|   | one for 49; Dawson, two for 47; Nesbit,                                 |
|   | Cowan, none for 19; V. McAree, none for                                 |
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|   | UNIVERSITY  |
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Most of the PAC team members would go on and play with University. Charles Dolling would be the first captain of the AUCC when they were admitted to the SACA competition at the start of the 1908/9 Season.

In 1906, Frank played for the current boys in the annual Past v Present match and in the Inter-Collegiate match against St Peter's. He won the First Eleven Bowling prize in 1906.

In the 1907/08 season he played B Grade District Cricket for PAC and Inter-Collegiate Cricket against St Peter's, winning a Gold Medal for Cricket from PAC in December 1907. Frank's statistics for the 1907/08 season were: Batting 10 Innings, 246 runs with a High Score of 107 and an average of 24.6. and Bowling 84 overs, 24 maidens, 263 runs, 8 wickets with an average of 32.9.



1907 PAC Cricket Team – F.E. Osborn – Middle Row – Second from Right

Frank also competed in the Inter-Collegiate Sports in 1906 & 1907 and was on the Committee to manage the 1907 PAC Swimming Competition.

Frank was in the Commonwealth Cadet Corp for 3½ years and rose to the rank of Lieutenant.

While at University Frank also competed for the PAC Old Collegian team in the Past v Present cricket match in 1910. Frank was on the committee of the PAC Old Collegian's Association from September 1909 to September 1911.

#### **Adelaide University**

Frank studied medicine at Adelaide University from 1908-10.



Adelaide University - Second Year Medical Students "The Ruffians of 1909" Included are: Prof. Watson, A.E. Williams, S. Holder, L.G. Tassie, H.C. Nott, J. Gardner, K. Godfrey, G.H. Burnell, H.J. Penny, F.N. Le Messurier, R.A. Baker, F.E. Osborn, H.C.C. Rennie.

In 1910, Frank was secretary to the committee who organised the first Adelaide University medical student's ball. In March 1911, Frank left for Melbourne where he intended continuing his medical studies. However, by early 1913 Frank had given up his studies and joined his father on the land, becoming a vigneron at McLaren Vale.

MEDICAL STUDENTS' BALL. The Adelaide Varsity medical students Friday held their Norwood night, August Hall, 11 and BBY Town to was a great success is to give but praise, considering what one would like to say, for the arrangements were perfect and many congratulations are due to the energetic secretary, Mr. Frank Osborn, and to the committee for the excellent way which carried out. The they were

#### **University Sport**

Frank played A Grade District Cricket for Adelaide University from 1908/09 until the 1910/11 seasons. His statistics for the 1908/09 season were - Batting – 8 innings, 78 runs, high score of 37 and an average of 9.75 and Bowling 61.1 overs, 6 maidens, 238 runs, 6 wickets and an average of 39.66. For the 1909/10 season Frank's statistics are below.

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| C. F. Drew   | . 12   | 1  | 468   | 117*  | 42.00   |
| C. R. Davis  | . 8  | 1  | 170   | 48  | 24.28   |
| A. C. Wilton   | 10   | _  | 256   | 48  | 23.27   |
| G. C. Campbell   | 13   |  | 257   |   |   |
| H. J. Penny  | 5  | 5  |   |   | 17.33<br>17.  |
| F. Lampe   | 6  | 9  |   |   | 16.66   |
| F. E. Osborn   | 9  | 5  | 100   |   |   |
| H. A. Rankin   | ກັ   |  |   |   | 12.70   |
| D. R. W. Cowan   | 8  |  | 39  | 70*   | 5.38  |
| R. F. Cowan  |  | 9  | 15  |   | 3.75  |
| F. N. Le Messurier   | 7  | _  | 17  |   | 2.88  |
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Frank was a member of the first Intervarsity Cricket team which played against Sydney University in December 1910.



1910 Intervarsity Cricket Team – F.E. Osborn – Back Row Player on far Left

| SYDNEY DEPEATS ADELAIDE.  SYDNEY. December 27.  Teams representative of the Adelaide and Sydney Universities respectively commenced a match on Saturday. The homb team was not strong in its composition, but it defeated the visitors by 6 wickets. Scores:—  ADELAIDE.  First Innings.  Draw, c. Tozer, b. McIntoeh 92 Wilton, b. Massie 50 Campbell, c. Tozer, b. Stack 18 Lamrock, b. Osborne 5 Lamrock, b. Osborne 5 Roughton, b. Wilton 110 Fisher, c. Campbell, b. Seppelt 19 Lamrock, b. Osborne 5 Roughton, b. Wilton 26 Broughton, b. Wilton 26 Stack, b. Jones 73 Rankin, c. and b. French 9 Penny, b. Stack 17 Rankin, c. and b. French 0 1 Sundries 10  Total 117 Bowling,—Stack 4 for 72; Massie, 3 for 32; French, 2 for 37; McIntosh, 1 for 26. Second innings.  Davies, c. Stack, 4 for 72; Massie, 3 for 32; French, 2 for 37; McIntosh, 1 for 26. Second innings.  Davies, c. Stack, h. Massie 0 Campbell, c. Uit, b. Lamrock 9 Dolling, c. Prench b. Massie 30 Draw, c. and b. Massie 23 Wilton, c. Massie, b. French 7 Le Messurier, b. Massie 30 Lamrock, c. Campbell, b. Osborne 42 Fisher, c. and b. Seppelt 19 Lamrock, c. Campbell, b. Osborne 42 Fisher, c. Campbell, b. Osborne 42 Fisher, c. Campbell, b. Osborne 42 Fisher, c. and b. Seppelt 32 Lamrock, c. Campbell, b. Osborne 42 Fisher, c. and b. Seppelt 32 Lamrock, c. Campbell, b. Osborne 42 Fisher, c. and b. Seppelt 32 Lamrock, c. Campbell, b. Osborne 42 Fisher, c. Davies, b. Campbell, b. Osborne 42 Fisher, c. Davies, b. Osborne 42 Fisher, c. Campbell, b. Osborne 42 Fisher, c. Osborne, 2 for 58; French, 2 for 51; Jones 2 for 51; Jones 2 for 51; Jones 2 for 52; Jones 2 for 52; Jones 2 for 53 Froughton, not out 23 Froughton | INTER-VARS  | ITY MATCH.   |
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| Total 199 Sydney won by 6 weekets.   | Sundries  | Rowling.—Osborne, 2 for 24; Seppelt, 1 for 30; Jones, 1 for 50; Le Messurier, 0 for 2; Wilton, 0 for 42; Davies, 0 for 5.  |

#### **Post-University**

From 1913, Frank was on the land at McLaren Vale, SA and in May 1913, Frank purchased a 12 h.p. De Dion car. Frank exhibited birds in the McLaren Vale Poultry Show in July 1913 and 1914.

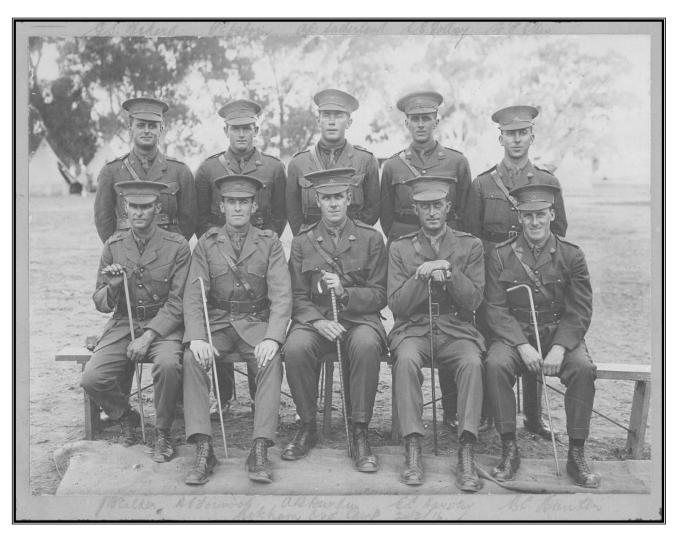
ODDS AND ENDS.

A fine 12-h.p. De Dion car has been purchased by Mr. Frank Osborne, of McLaren Vale, from Mesers. Eyes & Crowle, Ltd. It is replete with up-to-date fittings.

#### World War I

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August 1915, Frank enlisted as a Private, he was 27 years and four months old, 5'7¾", and weighed 178 lbs. From the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 1915 to the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 1915 Frank was at N.C.O. School and from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> of October, he attended Officers School. Frank was with the 2/32<sup>nd</sup> Battalion in November 1915 and the 9/27<sup>th</sup> Battalion from the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 1915 to mid-January 1916. On the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 1916, Frank received his Commission as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Battalion AIF. Frank embarked onboard the *HMAT A19 Afric* on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June 1916. Frank served in France and was promoted to Lieutenant.

Unfortunately, the rigors of war adversely impacted on Frank's health, exacerbating the rheumatism he had suffered from since childhood. After many periods of illness Frank returned to Australia on board *HMAT A71 Nestor*, disembarking at Adelaide on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September 1917. He was discharged from the AIF on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 1917.



27th Battalion Mitcham Camp - 24th March 1916

Back Row: Guy Spencer Packard, Francis Ernest Osborn, Allan D'Arcy Sutherland, Sam Elderton Tolley, M E Ellis
Front Row: John Bricknell Calder, Reginald Ernest Forwood, Arthur Bruce Durdin, Eric Charles Harvey, Rupert Charles Hunter



June 1916 – Officers of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Battalion – F.E. Osborn - Back row - Third from left

#### **Post-War Life**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 1920, Francis Ernest Osborn married Frances Helena d'Arenberg (born 26 Sep 1895) at St Peter's College Chapel, Hackney. Known as Helena, she was the only daughter of F.A. d'Arenberg Esq., M.A., and Mrs. d'Arenberg, of North Unley, and granddaughter of the late Rev. Francis Williams, M.A., one-time head master of St Peter's College.



Frank, Helena and Joseph Osborn (c1920)

Frank and Helena's first child, a daughter, Jane Antoinette (known as Antoinette) was born in 1921.



Frances Helena Osborn (nee dÁrenberg)

In May 1921, Frank's father Joseph Rowe Osborn passed away, aged 69, leaving Frank in full control of the family business.

Mr. Joseph Rowe Osborn, daide racehouse owner, died Wednesday morning, after a the age of 60 years. Truro, Cornwall, England, and quite young his parents emigrated to Vic He was educated at Richmond and subsequently entered upon mercantile In 1873 he came to South Aus pursuits. train, and soon afterwards entered Thomas Hardy & Sons, service of Mesars. wine merchants. Three years In 1888 partner in the firm. became a elected as a member of the Burnside District Council. Latterly he was the council's delegate on the East Torrens Caunty Board of Health. He was also member of the Masonic lodge. Osborn was keenly interested in all outprominently deor sports, and was the turf. He married in ciated with 1884 a daughter of Mr. Thomas A. Stewart He leaves one son and two of Glasgow. daughters-Mrs. J. C. Marshall, of Ade laide, Mrs. Tolley, of Nuricoppa; Frank Osborn, of McLaren Vale.

Sadly, in October 1923, Helena's father (F.A. d'Arenberg Esq., M.A., a former Adelaide University lecturer, well known tutor and lawyer) died.

In 1924, Frank and Helena's first son, Rowen Frederick, was born and in November 1924, the family holidayed at Henley Beach.

In December 1924, Frank and Helena's second son, Francis d'Arenberg (d'Arry) was born, but tragically on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December 1924, a few days after d'Arry's birth, Helena passed away, aged only 29. She was buried at Nailsworth (North Road) Cemetery, Adelaide.

Frank was elected to the South Ward of the Noarlunga Council and served in that role for many years. In 1927, the winery was built at 'Bundarra'. Frank was an active member of the R.S.S.I.L.A (later RSA and RSL) and he was a member of State Board of R.S.L. (Vice-President) 1934-37 and a long-time member of Legacy. He was President of the McLaren Vale RSA for many years and in August 1928, he was thanked for his hospitality and interest in RSA affairs and was presented with a gold cigarette case, suitably inscribed. He also attended 43<sup>rd</sup> Battalion reunions. For sport, Frank played golf at McLaren Vale.

In 1933, 'Yeoman' wrote an article entitled 'McLaren Vale – Land of vineyards and orchards' for the *Chronicle* which included the following excerpt on Frank.

Cellars On The Hills

Mr. Owen Thomas motored me to "Bundarra," owned by Mr. Frank Osborne, who bought 160 acres in 1912. The homestead, set in a pretty garden, overlooks miles of vineyards, the and dipping into the waters of St. Vincent Guif. When Mr. Osborne took this property over only 50 acres were under vines. His plantings have increased the area to 50 acres of Shiras, Mataro,

Grenache and and grapes severa. acres of currants Mr. Osborne was over at his nest which he erected in compact cellars, year he has concen Until this trated upon making burgundy and port, but now it is all sweet wine The capacity of 50,000 gallons is mainly in cement tanks, and includes some storage. Commenting upon the vintage, the owner of "Bundarra" told me that this was the first season for 21 years, since he had been there, that they had started picking grapes April.

In December 1949, Frank was appointed to the Land Appeal Board (Southern).



Both Rowen and d'Arry followed their father to Prince Alfred College. In 1943, due to a decline in Frank's health, d'Arry (aged 16) left school and joined the family business. After WWII, Frank often appeared in the paper hosting parties for his three children.

Antoinette left in January 1948 to spend 10 months in London, staying with her cousin, Mrs. E.F. Kelly. She later lived in Rangoon, Bangkok.

Rowen became a member of the Australian Diplomatic Corp and was posted to Karachi from the early 1950's. In December 1952, he returned to Australia, visiting his sister in Rangoon on the journey home. He was then posted to

Canberra. Antoinette holidayed in Australia in 1954 before returning to Rangoon in late July. She later married Pat Bourne and lived in England.

#### Death

Frank passed away on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 1957, aged 69 and is buried with Helena at Nailsworth (North Road) Cemetery, Adelaide. After Frank's death, d'Arry took full control of the business and in 1959 he launched the d'Arenberg brand, named in his mother memory. d'Arry was later joined by his son Chester who became Chief Winemaker in 1984.

#### **Further Family Details**

http://www.darenberg.com.au/family-history

#### **Family History**

One of the most significant wineries in McLaren Vale, d'Arenberg was established in 1912 when Joseph Osborn, a teetotaler and director of Thomas Hardy and Sons, sold his stable of prize winning horses to purchase the property that now houses the winery, cellar door and d'Arry's Verandah Restaurant.

Joseph's son Frank Joined him on the land and they set about acquiring some more vineyards. Joseph Osborn died in 1921 leaving full control of the business to Frank.

In the early years grapes were sold to other wineries before the winery was built in 1927 shortly after Francis (universally known as d'Arry) Osborn was born.

Initially making fortified wines to export to England, the business prospered until World War II stifled demand. This coincided with Frank's ill health which forced d'Arry to leave school in 1943 at age 16 to help his father run the business and work the land.

d'Arry took full control of the business in 1957 upon Frank's death and in 1959 he launched his own wine label named in honour of his mother, Helena d'Arenberg, who died shortly after giving birth to him. d'Arry decided to put a red stripe on the label, inspired by happy memories of his school days at Prince Alfred College, where he wore the crimson-and-white striped school tie.

d'Arry's son Chester Joined the business in 1984 as Chief Winemaker and makes distinctive wines using traditional methods both in the vineyard and the winery.

**Rowen Frederick Osborn** (1924 – February 2012) was an Australian public servant and diplomat. Osborn was born in 1924 and was educated at Prince Alfred College in Adelaide.

In 1948, Osborn joined the Department of External Affairs as a cadet. He graduated from his cadetship alongside Neil Currie, and Barrie Dexter. He served in Karachi, The Hague, Tokyo and London between 1948 and 1970. He was Australian High Commissioner to Fiji and Tonga from 1970 to 1973, and to Samoa from 1972. In 1983 Osborn was appointed High Commissioner to Canada. He returned to Canberra from the posting in 1985.

Osborn died in February 2012, having been missing for several days.

#### Francis d'Arenberg Osborn

D'Arry's recollections of his family history and the history of the winery were recorded as part of the South Australia's City of Onkaparinga Oral History Project.

'The History of d'Arenberg winery. Celebrating 100 years in 2012' (available on YouTube) gives d'Arry and Chester's history in their own words (<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a\_nlN8cqf9w">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a\_nlN8cqf9w</a>).

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