

As such and in the very beginning I began with Emily's death certificate, which I have a copy of and which states:

Reg#:1960/002361

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When and Where died: 11 May 1960: Bethany Home, Spencer Street, Rockhampton

Name and Surname: profession, trade or occupation: Emily HAWKES : Household Duties

Sex and Age: Female: 92 years

Cause of Death: Senility

Medical Attendant by whom certified: Dr. J Bruce Gordon

When he last saw deceased: 9 May 1960

Name and Surname of Father: Profession, trade or Occupation: John WRIGHT : Stockman

Name and maiden surname of mother: LEFT BLANK

Signature, description and resident of Informant: Miriam Thrower: No Relation; Bethany home, Rockhampton and by J. Hawkes, Son: Wren Street, Longreach

Signature of Registrar: Date: Place of Registration: C.V. Daly 12 May 1960: Rockhampton

If Burial or Cremation Registered: When and Where buried or cremated: 13 May 1960, North Rockhampton Cemetery

By whom certified: C.F. Tucker

Name and Religion of Minister: Timothy J. O'Dwyer: Roman Catholic

Where Born and how long in Australian States, stating which: Trangie, New South Wales: about 41 years Queensland: 51 years.

If deceased was married: Where: What age: To Whom: Roma, Queensland, 42 years, Thomas Hawkes.

Issue Living, in order of birth, their names and ages: Thomas: 58 years and James: 53 years

As a side note to this certificate:

Emily Hawkes lived at Longreach before entering the Bethany Home in Rockhampton (she was suffering from dementia and had no known living family in Rockhampton, although the family did visit her at the home). Emily's daughter Emily Wells nee Hawkes had predeceased her in 1953.

I have also written to the Bethany Home and asked for any information held and was advised all information of that time frame from the 1960's had been destroyed.

I also followed up with the Funeral Home, which is still operational, and they were able to give me basic details of the cost and operation of the funeral, church the service was to move from and to where. Also the copy of the funeral notice, which just lists family and friends whom are invited.

As an Overview and From this certificate then we have Emily's Father as John WRIGHT: Stockman and NO LISTED MOTHER. Emily as been listed as being born in Trangie, New South Wales and having lived there for 41 years. Married Thomas Hawkes in Roma, Queensland at age 42 years. Has lived in Queensland for 51 years. Living Issue are two sons, Thomas and James Hawkes.

My Next Avenue was to secure the Marriage Certificate for Thomas Hawkes and Emily Wright

Reg#:13/ 002257

When and Where Married: 20 August 1913, Roma, Queensland

Name and Surname Bridegroom: Thomas HAWKES

Bride: Emily WRIGHT

Condition:            Bridegroom: Batchelor

Bride: Spinster

Birthplace:            Bridegroom: Yass, New South Wales

Bride:            New South Wales

Profession, Trade or

Occupation:            Bridegroom: Contractor

Bride:            Domestic Duties

Age:            Bridegroom: 52 years

Bride:            44 years

Usual Place

of Residence:            Bridegroom: Taroom

Bride:            Roma

Parents:

Fathers Name

and Surname:      Bridegroom: John Hawkes

Bride: John Wright

Mothers Name

& maiden surname: Bridegroom: LEFT BLANK

Bride: LEFT BLANK

Fathers Rank

or Profession:      Bridegroom: LEFT BLANK

Bride: Stockman

Married at St.Paul's Rectory, Roma, Queensland by Officiating Minister or registrar, Arthur E Henry.

In the presence of Vincent Fossey and F. Campbell. According to the rites of the Church of England.

The marriage was registered on 13th September 1913.

As there were areas of details left out on the marriage certificate, I wanted to follow up that this was not left of the original church records so followed up with that at the church in Roma.

There were no details that were forthcoming only change was the fact that the marriage parties had signed in the incorrect places ! Does this make the marriage legal?

Also on the 17th September 1913, Brisbane, Queensland the three children

Thomas Wright, born and Reg#24762/1902, Nyngan (Also found under Hawkes in NSW BDM)

Emily Wright, born and Reg#2128/1904, Cobar (Also found under Hawkes in NSW BDM)

James Wright, born and Reg#12471/1907, Cobar (Also found under Hawkes in NSW BDM)

were then amended and entered in under the Queensland births as "Hawkes"

Thomas Hawkes, Reg# B33477

Emily Hawkes, Reg# B33478

James Hawkes, Reg# B33479

The family gave the reason as to Emily and Thomas Not being married before this time was due to the fact Thomas was a contractor and away working all the time and when the Officials were in town that were able to marry parties he was never home!

Following on from this I applied to the NSW BDM for copies of the entries of the registrations of the children's births. At first I was denied as they were now re registered under Qld BDM but then as I pressed further and requested for History purposes I found further information not recorded on the Queensland documents.

From Emily's first born child, Thomas Wright/Hawkes New South Wales birth certificate, Reg#24762, born 25th June 1902, at Nyngan. Father listed as Thomas Hawke, Labourer, 40years, born at Sydney, New South Wales. Date and place of Marriage: 26th April 1901, Cobar, N.S.W. No previous issue. Mothers name listed is Emily Wright, 33 years old, born at Duck Creek near Nyngan, N.S.W. The Informant is herself, Emily Wright, Mother of Duck Creek.

The Witness or Nurse is Mrs. Lawler

This was quite a moment as Emily is giving the information herself and was the first time I had discovered this information.

I followed up on the marriage but there is NO recorded marriage. followed up at both the courthouse in Nyngan and NSW BDM.

The second child Emily Wright/Hawkes NSW BDM also revealed a little more, again Emily being the informant herself. This time she gives her birthplace as Duck Creek, Cannonbar, NSW. Emily is living at Cobar. A Mrs Williams is the Nurse or witness.

Emily's third child, James also born at Cobar, also shows herself as the informant and again giving herself as being born at Duck Creek, Near Cannonbar. Now living at Meryula near Cobar.

The Nurse or Informant again is Mrs. Williams.

Just as a note, on the original NSW certificates the fact that under issue; none of the children are listed on each others birth certificates.

I have No Known birth of Emily Wright and No Known history of her before her birth of her first born child Thomas Wright/Hawkes on 25th June 1902 at Nyngan, New South Wales.

There is a 1901 Census Listing in Nyngan for an Emily Wright, living at what looks like Nambiaia Street, listed 3 M and 3F.

I have written to Cannonbar Station with no luck obtaining any records on the family.

Also Nyngan Family History Centre, also no luck there either.