

CHRISTIANA HOCKING

4 Mar. 1833 – 20 Jan. 1914

Born : CORNWALL, ENGLAND

Died : HILL STREET, WEST KOGARAH NSW

Buried : WORONORA CEMETERY NSW



Christiana was born to William and Catherine (Kitty) Hocking on 4 March 1833, she was christened on 13 March 1834 at St. Gluvias, Caharrack – Wesleyan Circuit KG4/409, Cornwall, England. Christiana appears to be the eldest of William and ‘Kitty’s children. So far have found four other children Jane, Elizabeth, Amelia and William.

Christiana married Josiah Dennis in Devon, England when she was 21 years old. Christian and Josiah had two children in England :

JOSIAH Born about 1855/56 at Gunners Lake near Colstuck in Cornwall. Josiah married Margaret Ann Miller at Kempsey in 1882. Josiah and Margaret had 12 children – Alexander, Leslie, Netta, Gladys, Ruby, Donald, Christina, Edgar, Kenneth, Hastings, Elma and Pretoria. Josiah died on 3 January 1902 in Port Macquarie and Margaret died about 1949 in Kogarah.

ELIZABETH Born about 1856/57 in England. Elizabeth’s second name was Hocking. Elizabeth married John James Parr in 1874. Elizabeth and John had 11 children – Emily, Mary Ann, Ethel May, John Jnr., Annie Louisa, Edith J., Phillipa, Joseph Hl, Samuel W.V., Josiah E. and Henry O.

Christiana and Josiah sailed for England on 24 February 1857 in the “Gilmore”. They arrived in Adelaide towards the end of the year where they remained for some time up to the late 1860s. While living in Adelaide they had three more children:

MARY ANN Bom 6 August 1858. Mary Ann married Eugene Schubert on 2 October 1879 in Rockhampton, Mary Ann and Eugene had five children – Edith Maude, Gertrude Eugenia, Mary Jane, Eugene Waldemar and Ruby May. Eugene died on 29 December 1894 with a lung disease while living in Sutton Forrest. Mary Ann married William Barnsley in 1896 and they had two children Cecil Clyde and Alma. William died in 1938 in Rockdale and Mary Ann died on 18 January 1940 at Kogarah.

JOSEPH Born on 29 June 1860 in South Australia. Joseph married Catherine Gorman in 1890.

WILLIAM Born on 20 June 1862 . It seems William married an Eliza A. Fleming in 1890.

It seems it was after the birth of William that the Dennis family moved possibly to Queensland. Four more children were born after their move:

CHSISTIANA Born on 7 November 1865 and died in 1875.

AMELIA Born on 23 November 1867. Amelia married David Cruden in 1884. It seems that Amelia and David had six children – Amelia Maud Alice, David Alexander Stewart, Reginald Mervyn, Archibald, Daisy I. And Frederick C. Amelia died in 1906 in Marrickville.

JAMES Born on 27 April 1871. Possibly James married Cecilia M. Smith in 1892.

FREDERICK Frederick's second name was Charles. He was born on 19 April 1873 and died in 1875.

The family story goes that there was a rift in the family between Christiana and Josiah, they apparently separated sometime prior to Josiah's death in 1891.

In the latter part of her life Christiana lived with her daughter Mary Ann. She was always called Grandma Dennis. When the older Taylor children went to school they would call in to see Granma Dennis and she would give them a peppermint, it was too hot so after they left they would spit them out.

Christiana died on 20 January 1914 at Hill Street, West Kogarah and she is buried in Woronora Cemetery with her daughter Mary Ann and William Barnsley.

A funeral notice appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald on 21 January 1914 for Christiana – "The friends of Mr. & Mrs. W.T. Barnsley are respectfully invited to attend the funeral of their late dearly love mother, Christiana Dennis, to leave the corner of Hill Street and Webber Road, West Kogarah this afternoon at (?) o'clock for Church of England Cemetery, Sutherland via Carlton Street."

BIRTH REGISTRATION FACT FILE

NAME Christiana Hocking
SEX OF CHILD Female
DATE OF BIRTH 4 Mar. 1833
PLACE Cornwall, England

FATHER William Hocking
OCCUPATION
BIRTH PLACE
AGE

DATE OF MARRIAGE
PLACE OF MARRIAGE

MOTHER Catherine (Kitty) ?
OCCUPATION
BIRTH PLACE
AGE

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MARRIAGE REGISTRATION FACT FILE

GROOM	Josiah Dennis
STATUS	Bachelor
PLACE OF BIRTH	Cornwall, England
OCCUPATION	Miner
AGE	
USUAL RESIDENCE	
FATHER	
OCCUPATION	
MOTHER	
BRIDE	Christiana Hocking
STATUS	Spinster
PLACE OF BIRTH	Cornwall, England
OCCUPATION	
AGE	
USUAL RESIDENCE	
FATHER	William Hocking
OCCUPATION	Miner Of Ponsonpoth, St. Gluvias
MOTHER	Catherine (Kitty) ?
DATE OF MARRIAGE	Abt/ 1954
PLACE OF MARRIAGE	Cornwall, England
RELIGION	
WITNESSES	
MINISTER	

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DEATH REGISTRATION FACT FILE

NAME	Christiana Dennis
DATE OF DEATH	20 Jan. 1914
PLACE	Hill Street, West Kogarah Nsw
OCCUPATION	Old Age Pensioner
AGE	
CONJUGAL STATUS	
PLACE OF BIRTH	Cornwall England
TIME IN AUST COLONIES	56 Years In Nsw
FATHER	William Hocking
MOTHER	Catherine (Kitty) ?
PLACE OF MARRIAGE	Devon, England
AGE AT MARRIAGE	21
NAME OF SPOUSE	Josiah Dennis
CHILDREN OF MARRIAGE	Josiah, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Joseph, William, Amelia, James
INFORMANT	
CAUSE OF DEATH	
LENGTH OF ILLNESS	
DATE OF BURIAL	21 Jan. 1914
PLACE OF BURIAL	Woronora Cemetery Nsw
MINISTER AND RELIGION	
WITNESSES	

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