

RESEARCH NOTES – NITA (CLAIRE) HASTWELL

Digger - South Australian Births Registrations 1907-1928, 22 Oct 2009, gives:
Nita Claire HASTWELL, Female, (Mother: Metta Amanda Ivy MILLER); (Father: James Stanley HASTWELL) born 1918-06-28, Birth Place, Woodville; Reg.Dist. PtA; Bk.21A; Pg.84.

23 DEC 1931 JAMES HASTWELL'S ACCIDENT

Border Watch (Mount Gambier, SA: 1861 - 1954), Thursday 24 December 1931, page 3
National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article77958465>

CAR OVERTURNS.

TANTANOOLA RESIDENT AND CHILDREN INJURED.

When returning from Glencoe about midday on Wednesday Mr, James Hastwell, baker and storekeeper of Tantanoola, who was- accompanied by his son and daughter, Harry and Clare, met with a nasty accident, which might have had more serious consequences. The car was descending the Glencoe hill on the Tantanoola side when a back tyre blew out, throwing the vehicle on its side and precipitating the occupants on to the roadway.

A passing tourist car was immediately on the scene, and the occupants of the overturned car were taken to Tantanoola. Dr. Salts was called from Millicent, and an examination showed that the girl's arm was fractured near the elbow. She also received nasty cuts and abrasions about the head and face. The little boy, Harry, also sustained cuts about the face and head, while Mr. Hastwell escaped with minor abrasions and shock. Mr. A. McAdam, the postmaster at Tantanoola, and a party of local men went to the scene of the accident, and after making adjustments were able to drive the damaged car into Tantanoola under its own power, a broken windscreen and hood being the chief damage. The patients are progressing as well as can be expected at their home, but it is understood that Clare will be taken to the Millicent Hospital.

5 Jan 1932 SCHOOL RESULTS - Q.C.

South Eastern Times

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/200072832>

“Tantanoola.

Government Exhibitions

The head teacher of the Tantanoola School Mr C.C. Harrison, has again been successful with his Q.C. candidates. Of the 7 presented and passed, five have been awarded government exhibitions.” Claire Hastwell’s name topped the list of five with 662 marks.

13 Jan 1944 SOCIAL NOTES

Border Watch (Mt Gambier SA 1861-1954)

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/78159558>

“Sister Hastwell, of Adelaide, and Miss Claire Hastwell, school teacher Tanunda, after spending a few days at Tantanoola, left on Monday for Mount Gambier, where they intend to spend a few days sightseeing before returning to their duties.”

20 JAN 1944 VISIT BY AUNT

Border Watch (Mt Gambier SA 1861-1954) Thursday 20 January 1944 Page 1

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/78159757>

“Mrs R. O. Miller of Hobart Tasmania, who is on an extended visit to relatives in South Australia, is spending a fortnight in Mt Gambier with her nieces, Misses Nell and Claire Hastwell. They are staying at Gifford’s Hotel.

Mid 1980's - RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Source: Pearl & Bill Clark's address book:

Nita Claire & Ivy (Nell) lived at 2/12 Edward Street, Plympton SA.

3 AUG 1996 DEATH

Death of [Nita Claire] HASTWELL according to: (Source, Coroner's Reports - Finding of Inquests - relevant extract, culled for privacy reasons, taken by Wendy Baker).

FINDING OF INQUEST

An Inquest taken on behalf of our Sovereign Lady the Queen at Adelaide in the State of South Australia, before a Coroner for the said State, concerning the deaths of Nita Claire Hastwell and Ivy Nell HASTWELL

I, the said Coroner, do find that:-

- Nita Claire Hastwell, aged 78 years, late of 7a Acacia Street, Plympton Park, died on the Sturt Highway near Blanchetown in the State of South Australia on the 3rd day of August, 1996. I find that the cause of death was cerebral avulsion due to crushed head;
- Ivy Nell HASTWELL, aged 81 years, late of 7a Acacia Street, Plympton Park, died at the Royal Adelaide Hospital on 6 August 1996. I find that the cause of death was multiple injuries.

I find that the circumstances of each of these above-mentioned deaths were as follows:-

1. The collision

1.1 At about 1.00p.m. on Saturday 3 August 1996 a collision occurred between the following vehicles:-

- a semi-trailer consisting of a 1993 Ford prime-mover ... and fully laden trailer ...
- and • a 1993 Toyota Sedan ... driven by Nita Claire Hastwell, aged 78 years, of Plympton Park, South Australia;

1.2 In the Toyota sedan, Nita Claire Hastwell died instantly due to massive head injuries. Her sister, Ivy Nell HASTWELL, who was a front-seat passenger in the vehicle, received serious injuries, was conveyed to the Royal Adelaide Hospital, where she died on 6 August 1996 as a result of injuries received in the collision.

AUG 1996 CREMATION

Centennial Park Cemetery list gives:

Name: Hastwell, Nita Claire

From: Plympton Park

Date of Death: 3/8/1996

Age: 78

Cremation
