

RESEARCH NOTES – WALTER FRANCIS DAVIES

16 NOV 1908 BIRTH

From the Baptism records of the Anglican Parish of St Peter, Broken Hill, New South Wales, we see that Walter Francis Davies was born 16 November 1908.

27 DEC 1908 BAPTISM

Source: Charles Sturt University

From: Anglican Parish of St Peter, Broken Hill, County of Yancowinnia NSW

Wendy Baker 2014-09-27

Baptisms Solemnized in the Parish of St Peter Broken Hill in the County of Yancowinnia NSW
AD 1908

No. 1531

When Baptised: 27 Dec 1908

When born: 16 Nov 1908

Child's Christian Name: Walter Francis

Parent's Names: Christian - Thomas & Mary

Surname: Davis (no "e")

Abode: Broken Hill

Profession: Engine-driver

Officiating Clergyman: Herring

4 MAY 1929 MARRIAGE

Married aged 20, 4 May 1929 - his wife Monica "Monny" was aged 17 when they married.

Digger (SAGHS) (Goolwa Library 11 Jun 2010) showed:

Bridegroom DAVIES, Walter Francis, married 1929-05-04 BUTLER, Monica Olive May

Groom Age 20, Single; Groom's Father: Thomas George DAVIES

Bride Age 17, Single, Bride's Mother: Olive Elizabeth BUTLER

Place, Congregational Manse, Hindmarsh

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(NB As the mother's name was written under "Bride's Father", was the father deceased?)

4 MAY 1929 MARRIAGE

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DAVIES, Walter Francis 20y S (f.Thomas George DAVIES) m 4 May 1929 BUTLER, Monica

Olive May 17y S (f Olive Elizabeth BUTLER) at Congregational Manse Hindmarsh dist Hin

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*Wendy's note: I inherited nine studio portraits of "baby Davies" children, one of whom is Dene Richard Davies and another Betty Patricia Davies (see birth notices below). The photographic studio was Crown studios in Rundle Street. Some of the other children's portraits were taken at a photographic studio on the Port Road, Hindmarsh, S.A. Using NLA's Trove Website I found birth notices for two of Walter and Monica's nine children.

23 MAY 1938 DAUGHTER's BIRTH

Trove Online (Wendy Baker Feb 2012)

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Wednesday 25 May 1938, page 16

National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article30871315>

BIRTHS

DAVIES (nee Monica Butler) - On the 23rd of May. at "Wolseley" Croydon to the wife of Wal Davies - a daughter Betty Patricia. Both well. Special thanks to Dr. Dwyer, Sister Hoskin and staff.

1942 RESIDENCE

<http://guides.slsa.sa.gov.au/directories>

W. Davies is listed in the 1942 Sands & McDougall's Directory SA as "electrician" residing at 59 Jervois Ave, New Hindmarsh.

7 NOV 1942 DEATH OF SON (TOMMY)

Trove online (Wendy Baker March 2012)

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA: 1931 - 1954), Monday 9 November 1942, page 6

National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article48890218>

DAVIES.-On November 7, Thomas George (Tommy), loved nephew of Arthur Sommer and cousin of Valda. In God's care.

DAVIES-On November 7, Thomas George, dearly loved nephew of Eunice Webb and cousin of Jack, Colin, and Jean. So dearly loved, so sadly missed.

DAVIES. -On Nov. 7, at hospital Thomas George (Tommy), dearly loved youngest son Mr. & Mrs. Wal Davies, 5 Jervois ave, New Hindmarsh, brother of Laurie. Margaret, Betty and Dorothy, aged 8 years. Sadly missed.

DAVIES. -On Nov. 7, Thomas George (Tommy), dearly loved grandson of Mrs O. E. Butler; aged 8 years. Loved by all.

*Wendy's note: (1) From the dates above I am assuming that Valerie, Judith, Graham and Dene were born after young Thomas (Tommy) died in 1942. (2) Arthur Sommer mentioned above was the husband of Neta Muriel Davies, one of Walter Francis Davies' sisters.

23 JAN 1947 SON'S BIRTH

Trove online (Wendy Baker Feb 2012)

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA: 1931 - 1954), Saturday 25 January 1947, page 20

BIRTHS

DAVIES - on January 23 at Queen Victoria Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Wal Davies - a son Dene Richard. Both well. Thanking all in attendance.

1950 RESIDENCE

<http://guides.slsa.sa.gov.au/directories>

Sands & McDougall's Directory shows: "W. Davies Elctrcn" at 59 Jervois Ave, New Hindmarsh, S.A.

*Wendy's note: (a) In the death notice inserted in The Advertiser by the parents of young Tommy, the address is given as 5, but 59 appears to be the correct address. (b) In family recollections by Pearl Clark (nee Hastwell) she mentioned that Walter was an electrician who married "Monny" - Pearl has mentioned that at some stage in her childhood Walter and Monny (Monica) lived next door. This would have been after Pearl's uncle Justus Williams and Edrie (nee Davies) moved from Gawler to the vicinity of St Leonards, Adelaide. These Directory entries confirm Walter's occupation of electrician, although (in October 2016) nothing has yet been found of a St Leonard's address for him in the 1920's.

6 JUL 1992 DEATH & CREMATION

<http://www.aca.sa.gov.au/>

Died on 6/07/1992 at 83 Years of age.

Previously lived in MANNUM, SA .

Enfield Memorial Park

Section: Campbell Garden

Sub Section: CIRCLE

Area: CRE

Site Number: 3

Service Type: Cremation Memorial

Grant Expires: 13/02/2026

SITE RECORD

Surname	Given Names	Date of Death
Davies	Monica Olive May	31/01/2001

*Wendy's note - Interesting that while Walter "previously lived in Mannum", his wife "previously lived at Ridgehaven"; but both share the site at Enfield. There is a nursing home at Ridgehaven - perhaps she was there before she died. I would be happy to hear from anyone with any further information on this couple wbaker5211@gmail.com
