

RESEARCH NOTES (Sources as noted) for EMILY OLIVIA CLARK

By Wendy Baker (nee Clark) with thanks to Ian Masters

15 FEB 1883 BIRTH

Source: "Clark (e) Family in S.A. Australia

RhondaEmbee (View posts) Posted: 3 Jun 2012 9:29AM"

South Australian Births 1842-1906

Emily Olivia CLARK

Date: 1883-02-15

Father: Robert CLARK

Mother: Annie McEwin[sic] SMITH

Birth Place/Residence: Beachport

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11 MAR 1883 BAPTISM

Source: Primary – Exact Copy from the Registry of Baptisms kept in this district (signed: Roland Hayward, Minister for the District.

When Baptized: 1893 11th March born 15th February 1893

Name: Emily Olivia Clark

Parents' Name: Christian: Robert and Annie Jane McEwan [sic]Smith

Parents' Name: Surname: Clark

Abode: Beachport

Quality, Trade or Profession: Railway works

By Whom the Ceremony was performed: Roland Hayward

2 APR 1909 DEATH

South Australian Deaths Registrations 1842 to 1915

Emily Olivia CLARK

Date: 1909-04-02

Age: 26y

Status: S

Relative: Robert CLARK (F)

Residence: Maylands

Death Place: Maylands

District Code: Nor

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NB: Emily's name (without her middle name of Olivia) is included with that of her father Robert Clark (without his middle name of William) on the headstone in Payneham Cemetery, South Australia, which reads:

“IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Robert & Emily Sarah & Emily
Clark Smith

Also

Clarice Ada Clark
Died 8.7.62 Aged 72 yrs.”

Sarah Smith was the grandmother of Emily and Clarice Clark and mother of Emily Smith, and was Robert Clark's mother-in-law. Emily Smith was Emily and Clarice Clark's aunt (their mother's sister) who raised Robert's 5 children after his wife Annie Jane McEwen Smith died. Clarice Clark remained single all her life. Emily Smith remained single all her life, although the family story is that she broke her engagement to a minister in order to devote herself to caring for her dead sister Annie's children.

Sadly, the lease on this multiple family plot expired many years ago and was relinquished by Lyndell and her sister Wendy. As I write these notes in 2022, if I had only realized at the time the relevance of these people to the family I would have gladly continued the upkeep of the grave and memorial.
