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In 1893 James attended only in the first quarter for 50 days and in 1894 he did not attend at all. He attended for only 38 days of the first quarter of 1895 and both he and Frank left the school in April 1895 when James Samuel leased his farm and the family moved to Cockburn.

James Thomas married **Annie Rafferty** in 1911 at Broken Hill. Annie was born in about 1891.



James Thomas c1911

The Rafferty Family

Annie was the second eldest of nine daughters and two sons of **Thomas Rafferty** and **Mary Elizabeth** (Elizabeth) **Reid**. They were married at Broken Hill in 1888. Thomas was born about 1867 and died at Exeter South Australia on 7 April 1945. Mary was born about 1870 and she

also died at Exeter shortly after her husband on 6 February 1946. They are both buried at Cheltenham Cemetery with their daughter Dorothy.²

Thomas and Mary Elizabeth Rafferty's children were:

Mary E. Born 1889 at Broken Hill. Married **Alfred Prindiville** at Broken Hill in 1897.

Annie Born 1891 at Broken Hill. Married at Broken Hill 1911 to **James Thomas Harford** (Born 25 September 1885 Whyte Yarcowie S.A. Died 21 December 1920. Buried at Broken Hill Cemetery).

In 1924 Annie married a second time to **Harry Lovis** (Born c1880. Died 17 September 1942 at Broken Hill. He is buried at Broken Hill Cemetery). Annie died 16 April 1959 at Rosewater South Australia and is buried Cheltenham Cemetery under the name of Annie Lovis.

Jane Born 1892 at Broken Hill. Married **George Christopher Levi** (Born 1892. Died 19 September 1964 Albert Park, South Australia.) at Broken Hill 1912. Died 25 May 1962 at Albert Park, South Australia. Buried Cheltenham Cemetery.

Agnes Born 1894 at Broken Hill. Married **John Mc Cormick** at Broken Hill 1913. Died at Felixstow, South Australia. Buried at Centennial Park, Pasadena, South Australia.

Alicia Florine May Born 1897 at Broken Hill. Married **Albert Kersten** (Born c1891 Died 10 November 1960 at Broken Hill) Died 14 January 1952 at Broken Hill.

Martha Georgina. Born 1899 at Broken Hill. Married **Oliver Bax** at Broken Hill 1915. Died 15 December 1984 at Peterhead South Australia 1984. Buried at Cheltenham Cemetery.

Beatrice Veronica. Born 1902 at Broken Hill. Married **Dudley Thomas Pettman** (Born 1902 Died 27 Oct 1989 at Semaphore SA.) at Broken Hill 1922. Died 20 January 1984 at Semaphore Park South Australia. Buried at Cheltenham Cemetery.

Martin Born 1905 at Broken Hill. Married **Irene Moore** (Died 1942) at Broken Hill 1924. Died 8 March 1967 at Broken Hill.

Thomas L. Born 1907 at Broken Hill. No marriage record located.

Evelyn T. Born 1909 at Broken Hill. Married **Jack Byrne** 1929 at Broken Hill..

Dorothy I. Born 1911 at Broken Hill. Married **John J. Rogan** at Broken Hill 1934. Died 7 April 2007 at Wayville S.A. Buried at Cheltenham Cemetery with her parents.

After they were married James and Annie lived at Newton St with James' parents. His brother Frank and his wife Blanche also lived there after they were married in 1910 but by 1913 they had gone to Adelaide where their second child Joyce was born in December.

²²² Section FX. Drive A, Path: 10(32) Site :291 N

In 1915/16 James & Annie moved to the corner of Long Street and Warnock Streets and the Electoral Roll also showed this address for Blanche. Frank's address was shown as the Corner of William and Warnock Streets. These addresses adjoin one another and they were clearly at the same place. The house would have been very lively by this time as James and Annie had two children and Frank and Blanche had three. There were two under two years old and the house would have been a small miner's cottage.

From the article below Blanche applied to the Land Board for the purchase of their property. Land owned by the Western Land Board was leased in perpetuity at nominal amounts. Improvements such as the building of a house could be made without altering the underlying rent. The house could later be sold with the purchaser meeting the ongoing rent commitment. It appears that Blanche had leased another block and erected a house for 18 Pounds.

THE WESTERN LAND BOARD.

THIS MORNING'S SITTING.

The Western Land Board, consisting of Messrs. C. J. M'Master (chairman) and S. W. Moore (member), sitting at the Courthouse this morning as a Local Land Board, dealt with the following improvement purchases cases:—

Tobias Bert Goldaworthy, 15/74, £11.
Blanche Maude Harford, 15/78, £18.
John James Robinson, 15/85, £15.

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This was followed by another article on 10 November 1915 in which the newspaper reported from the Courthouse where the Magistrate was sitting as Mining Warden "*granted the application of James Thomas Harford for six month's suspension of residence conditions on MT 687a on the grounds of ill health.*"³ Our conclusion from this is James had received relief from paying the rent on his property to the Lands Board implying that he was in a different location to Blanche and Frank. As their families had grown there was a need for them to be separately housed.

Frank and James had been shown on Rolls with occupations of Trucker and Labourer and they probably worked together at the mines. However, by 1915 they both attended the Municipal Employees Picnic at Silverton⁴. This means they were both working for the Broken Hill Council and would have been members of the Municipal Employees Union, a prerequisite for a job with the Council.

At the picnic, James Thomas participated in the Sanitary Employees Handicap, the area in which we know he worked, and was placed second in his heat. His handicap was 6 yards. In another event, over the same distance, Frank had a handicap of 10 yards. There was a Harford

³ Barrier Miner 10 November 1915

⁴ Barrier Miner 26 September 1915

second in the High Jump and we presume this was James who appears to have been the better athlete.

At the 1916 picnic both Frank and James competed at the picnic without success but in 1917 they both won their heats and semi finals of the Municipal Employees handicap. However, in the final James was second and Frank third. In the Sanitary Employees Handicap James won his heat, semi final and also the final. He also won the High Jump.

For the 1918 picnic, James and his brother in law Bill Pell were both officials. Frank was second in the Municipal Employees handicap and James won the Potato Race and the High Jump with a jump of 4 feet 5 inches. There was no report of a municipal employees' picnic in 1919 and in 1920 but at the Silverton Tramways picnic a J Harford won the Sack race and the Three Legged Rooster Race.⁵ Also in April 1920, James was recorded at the Cockburn Athletic Annual Sports at which there were "*many visitors from Broken Hill, Peterborough and outback stations.*"⁶ James was second in the Sack Race behind his brother inlaw George Levi.

Children

James and Annie had three children:

Doreen Mary. Born 1913 at Broken Hill. Married Stanley Howard Jacka (Born c1912. Died 14 July 1971 at Semaphore S.A.) Doreen died 24 September 1986 at Fullarton S.A. Doreen and Stan are both buried at Cheltenham Cemetery SA.

James Frederick. Born 2 April 1915 at Broken Hill. Married Hazel May Tucker (Born 1919. Died 16 August 1954. Buried Broken Hill Cemetery, Methodist Section.) Fred died 1 April 1967 and is buried at Broken Hill Cemetery Catholic Section.

Mary (Mollie). Born 1917 at Broken Hill. Married Ronald George Jacka 26 February 1938 at Broken Hill. Ron Died at Broken Hill on 17 October 1988 at the age of 70 years. He is buried in the Catholic Section of Broken Hill Cemetery. Mollie died at Broken Hill on 2 January 2011 and is buried at Broken Hill Cemetery.

Death of James Thomas 24 December 1920

According to the Death Certificate, James Thomas died from injuries accidentally received through falling off a dray he was then driving. A Coroner's Inquest was held on 25 and 28 December, 1920 by Mr A Perry, J.P., the Broken Hill Coroner.

James' death was the subject of a report in the Barrier Daily Truth on Saturday 25 December 1920 under the heading "**DEATH FROM SUNSTROKE**" and **COUNCIL EMPLOYEE'S FATE**

"About 2.30pm yesterday Mr James Thomas Harford, a Municipal Council garbage carter, sustained a sunstroke and shortly afterwards died in the Hospital. He was driving his cart in Murtoa Street on the way to the depot, and had just crossed Williams Street when he fell. As he was falling he called "Whoa" and the horse stopped.

⁵ Barrier Miner 6 April 1920

⁶ Barrier 23 April 1920

Mr W.A. Taylor went to Mr. Harford's assistance and asked him if he would ring the Town Clerk, but Mr. Harford replied. "No. Tell my wife and family." Mr Taylor communicated with the police, and Sergeant Mackie arrived on the scene, and had him removed to the Hospital. He had only been in the institution a few minutes when death occurred.

Deceased was about 35 years of age, had been a consistent member of the A.M.A. He leaves a widow and three young children.

An Inquest will be opened this morning. The Coroner will view the body, and then adjourn the inquiry till later."

A further report appeared in the Barrier Daily Truth on Wednesday 29 December 1920 after the Inquest had commenced under the headings **"MR. HARFORD'S DEATH"** and **"CAUSED BY INJURIES"**

"The Inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr James Thomas Harford, who died in the Hospital on Christmas Eve was continued by the Coroner yesterday afternoon. Dr. W Birks surgeon superintendent at the Hospital deposed that at about 3pm on December 24 deceased was admitted to the Hospital in a very serious condition. The weather was very hot and oppressive.

Deceased was suffering from profound shock and died a few minutes after admission without regaining consciousness. A post mortem examination showed that his liver was torn into almost three pieces; otherwise the organs were all healthy. There were bruises on the right side of the lower chest, back and forehead. The condition of the deceased may have been brought about by a dray wheel striking him. The cause of death was rupture of the liver. Deceased smelt of and the stomach contained beer.

To Mr Jonas: There was no evidence of a dray having run over deceased; no bones were broken.

To Mr Middling: Some great violence was necessary to produce deceased's condition. Witness could not say that deceased had had more than one glass of beer and would say there was no evidence of intoxication.

John Selinhalt deposed that he noticed deceased swaying a few seconds and then fell off the dray, the near side wheel going on to the body and then back again off him. Witness went to deceased's assistance, but could not understand what he said. A man named Taylor arrived a few seconds later and both were present when Sergeant Blackie arrived. Witness thought that the deceased was affected by the sun and felt sure he was not drunk.

To Mr. Jonas: Witness was about 100 yards away when deceased fell.

William A. Taylor corroborated the previous witness and said that he heard a man, who he believed to be deceased, call out "Whoa".

The Coroner found that deceased died from injuries received through falling from a dray drawn by one horse, which he was then driving.

James Thomas was buried on Christmas Day 1920. His parents who were both to die later are in an adjoining grave.

The next year Annie's parents, Thomas and Mary Elizabeth placed an In Memoriam Notice in the paper:

HARFORD.—In loving memory of our dear son-in-law, James Thomas, who was accidentally killed on December 24, 1920.

We were not there at the hour of death
To hear his last faint sigh,
Or whisper just one loving word,
Or even say good bye.

Inserted by T. and M. Rafferty.

Barrier Miner 24 December 1921



James Thomas' Grave Broken Hill Cemetery

In January Annie applied to the Council for compensation for James' death. The Council dealt with the matter promptly and before the end of the month the compensation had been agreed.

The following committee recommendations, among others, were adopted:—"That the claim for compensation made by Mrs. Annie Harford in respect to the death of her husband, James Thomas Harford, whilst in the employ of the Council on December 24, 1920, be paid over in terms of the conditions set out in the Workmen's Compensation Act." "Tha. n order

Barrier Miner 28 January 1921

After James' death Annie lived in Long Street. The 1921 and 1922 Rolls showed her at 40 Long Street further down from Warnock Street. Her children were 7, 5 and 3 so she had her hands full and would not have been able to work. Fortunately, she had compensation from the Council and although we cannot quantify this there is no doubt it would have kept her going. In addition she would certainly have had family support.

In 1924 Annie married Harry Lovis and began a new life. Harry was born on 12 July 1880 at Wallaroo Mines, South Australia, the son of Samuel John Lovis (Born 1845. Died 12 December 1919) and Sarah Harry. Harry had previously married Alma Blight Dressmaker born at Kanmantoo, South Australia. They were married at Broken Hill on 16 March 1901 at the home of James Bray who was married to Alma's mother Mary Ann. They were both under 21 and the marriage required parental consent. Harry's father lived at 78 Warren St Broken Hill and Harry was living there when his father died in 1919.

There were four children from Harry's marriage to Alma, all born in Broken Hill:

Harry. Born 1901

William. Born 1903. Died 28 September 1977.

Roy. Born 1906.

Olive E. Born 1908

Nora. Born 1911

Alma died on 14 January 1922 at the age of 41 and is buried at Broken Hill Cemetery.

Harry was miner for all of his working life. As his obituary shows the last seventeen years of his life he worked for Zinc Corporation. He was Shift Boss and a member of the Shift Bosses Association. He played an active role in the organization and running of the Zinc Corporation's Annual Picnic as a member of the committee for many years.

Harry's obituary below implies that Harry had a job right through the Depression while many others were out of work. Government welfare support in those days was virtually non-existent. However, the strong union town of Broken Hill established a Union of the Unemployed to organize to obtain relief for its members. Collectors were organized and they took sought contributions from people in the town as well as at outback Stations. Specific funds were established such as the Mayor's Christmas Relief fund and donations requested. There was a "H Lovis" continually mentioned as a tireless collector and while we don't know this was Harry it is the kind of role he may have carried out.

Shortly before his death the long period of underground mining caught up with Harry's health. He became ill and was placed on compensation and he died of lead poisoning on 15 September 1942.

Harry and Annie were shown as living at 90 Iodide St on the 1925 Electoral Roll and they were still there when he died.

At Harry's funeral there were representatives from the North Greyhound Club. This club had been formed in early 1937 and Harry had been elected as a Judge.⁷ He was reappointed again at the General Meeting later in the year and his son Roy, who raced dogs, was appointed as a Steward.⁸ Newspaper reports did not tend to go into detail about the officials but it appears that Harry and his son Roy continued to be involved with the club..

DEATH OF MR. H. LOVIS
 The death occurred on Monday at the Hospital of Mr. Harry Lovis at the age of 62 years. He was a miner, and worked on the line of lode for many years. His last place of employment was the Zinc Corporation, where he had been for the past 17 years. He leaves a widow and grown-up family of three sons and three daughters. He was a member of the W.I.U. of A. and Compo Association, having been placed on compensation about three months ago. The funeral will leave his late residence, 90 Iodide Street, at 4.30 p.m. tomorrow for the Church of England Cemetery. Fred J. Potter and Son have charge of the funeral arrangements.

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LATE MR. H. LOVIS
 The remains of Mr. Harry Lovis, who died on Monday, were buried in the Church of England Cemetery yesterday, the funeral leaving his late residence, 90 Iodide Street, at 4.30 p.m. Bearers were Messrs. W. King, A. Adams, R. Tiller, H. Norris, J. Hosking and W. Norris. The Rev. Father White officiated at the graveside. Mr. J. Paull represented the W.I.U. and Mr. J. Glanville the North Greyhound Club. Fred J. Potter and Son arranged the funeral.

Barrier Miner 17 September 1942

Harry and Annie had one child, **Evelyn Annie** Born in 1927 at Broken Hill. Harry was 47 years old by this time. By 1942 Evelyn was 15 years old and probably finished with school. Annie and Evelyn went to Adelaide very soon afterwards. This was very logical because both her parents were still alive and living at Exeter.

⁷ Barrier Miner 10 May 1937

⁸ Barrier Miner 16 June 1937

Annie bought two houses one at 44A Junction Road Rosewater which she lived in until she died. The other was at Cavendish Street Semaphore which was rented to her daughter Doreen and her husband Stan Jacka and their family until they later bought it from her. Both of these places were very close to where Annie's parents were living. However, they were to die in 1945 and 1946.

Evelyn married **Dudley Beades Hall** in 1945. Dudley had enlisted in the Army during World War 2 and stayed in the Army after the War was over. They lived in Army provided houses at a number of locations and later bought a newly established home at Warradale.

Dudley died of cancer in about 1968 at the age of 43. He is buried at Centennial Park RSL Cemetery.

Evelyn and Dudley had two children, **Therese** born 1947 and **Douglas Benjamin** born 1948. Therese has fond memories of Annie, her grandmother, as a lovely lady and a devout Catholic instrumental in her receiving a Catholic name. She often stayed with her and met all her children from her marriage to James Thomas.

Annie died 16 April 1959 at Rosewater South Australia and is buried Cheltenham Cemetery under the name of Annie Lovis. Her daughter Evelyn died in 1972. She had been through a very difficult time nursing her husband through his illness and had turned to alcohol. After Dudley's death she developed a relationship with another man who turned out to be a very violent and she was tragically murdered by him in 1972.