**Daughter plans Hancock family reunion**

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THERE are six people still living who claim to be Lang Hancock's children born out of wedlock. Two others have died.

Besides Hilda Kickett, none met Mr Hancock, nor have they been DNA tested.

None is entitled to an inheritance - Hancock died with debts and the family trust is in Gina Rinehart's name.

**Aboriginal woman Stella Robinson claimed in the early 1990s she was his daughter but died soon after.**

Mrs Kickett said: "When we used to go up to Port Hedland or to Broome for holidays they used to come up and say 'You're Lang Hancock's girl. You're his girl. Your mum is Kathy'.

"These people I didn't even know, they'd say, 'You've got a brother down here, you've got a sister down there, you know'.

"And I'm thinking 'Do I go to the community and meet them?'

"And then, Teddy Alan and his brother. He came toward me in Port Hedland and you couldn't mistake it. They were the spitting image of old Lang, darker than Lang.

"The glasses, the safari suits they wear ... It is like he's instilled that something.

"And they were leaders of their community. They all got up and they spoke and I thought, 'doesn't he sound like Lang'?"

Mrs Kickett is trying to organise a reunion of the remaining offspring and their families, who are scattered across remote WA.

"I've met them all. One day I hope I could bring them together. I don't know about to meet Gina, but to meet me and their grandkids," she said. "My kids and my grandkids, they mix with the grandkids, they know who they are out there, they're all just brothers and sisters."

Mrs Kickett said John Hancock first invited her to a family Christmas in the late 1990s and Bianca confided she feared she was unwittingly recruiting cousins to work in the family's mines.

One of Bianca Rinehart's colleagues was related to her through Mrs Kickett's husband Kelvin.

"Bianca and I used to meet in Kings Park in Perth, she used to be talking how she used to work in the mines and she used to be talking to all the recruitment people in the mines, the indigenous people," Mrs Kickett said.

"She said 'I could be talking to my own cousins, my own family'. And the very girl with her that day happens to be Kelvin's niece.

"She said 'I really want to go and see my family'.

"They don't want to be in a little cocoon, they want to be able to function like every other family and bring their kids up the way they want to bring them up."