

**From “Kenbi Land Claim” (Brandl, Haritos and Walsh 1979:28-29):**

Olga Singh and Rachel (or Paula) Thompson are the daughters, by different mothers, of Tommy Lyons or Imabulg, now dead. Olga has grown up in the claim area with both her parents, who in turn lived in the claim area most of their lives... Rachel (or Paula) Thompson, on the other hand, grew up away from the claim area and has stayed with her ailing mother, an Oenpelli woman. Rachel states that she has no interest in the claim.

Kathleen or Dolphin Minyinma is the daughter of the late Billy Minyinma and the youngest of the traditional owners. She is growing up away from the claim area with a Darwin family who care for her with the approval of her mother.

And there is a list of names in Kenbi Land Claim on page 42:

Marriage to danggalaba local descent group members

Norman Harris

Nipper Rankin

John Singh

Matthew Thompson

Maudie Bennett

Given Rachel (or Paula) Thompson’s disinterest in the claim, Matthew Thompson may share it, but he is named here because of his marriage to the daughter of the danggalaba leader Tommy Lyons.

By his marriage to Margaret Moy, Tommy Lyons had a daughter called Rachel (also known as Paula) Thompson. She is also deceased but is survived by her five children, Eddie Stephanie, Una, Sharon and Andrew Thompson. Eddie had four children, Shane, Owen, Mark and Tama Thompson. Stephanie has two children, Victoria and Jethro Thompson. Una has one daughter, Andrea Thompson.

Gray (2000:35) *The Kenbi (Cox Peninsula) Land claim No. 37: Report and Recommendations by the Aboriginal Land Commissioner, Justice Gray, to the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs and to the Administrator of the Northern Territory.*

.P.S. Denise Lawungkurr Goodfellow in her autobiography, “Quiet Snake Dreaming” (2007) describes at length her close relationship with the Thompson family at Bagot. From Denise’s description, Paula Thompson (dec) sounds an exceptionally strong traditional woman so I do not know why she refused to participate in the Larrakia claim in 1979. However her daughter Stephanie and Stephanie’s siblings are interested. I am in communication with Denise Goodfellow so I will ask her for some answers and forward her reply to you.

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