

14th Sept. 1938.
Onslow Police Station

P E R T H.

Sir,

South?

On Sunday the 11th inst. while on a visit to Rocklea Station situated some 220 miles North East of Onslow my attention was drawn to a female native child who is known by the name of Minit alias Dorrie.

This child I should say, would be some 8 years of age and is a true half caste, being the daughter of a native gin named Dolly who lives with her man on Rocklea property but are of nomadic origin. The husband, from what I can understand, is not the father of this child as he is a typical native and although I questioned the mother for about an hour with the aid of an interpreter, she would not reveal who the father of this girl was, apart from saying that he was a white man.

Constable S J Wightman, Protector

Mr. C.L. McBeath,
Inspector of Natives,
BROOME.

2nd November, 1939

Either at Rocklea or Hamersley Station in the North-West there is a half-caste female child about eight years of age, known as Minit @ Dorrie. The mother is named Dolly, and the foster-father is a full-blood, but the mother will not reveal the name of the father of the child. [Note: alleged father George Hancock]
extract of letter from Commissioner of Native Affairs

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Rocklea,
Nov. 7th, 1938.

The,
Officer in Charge,
Police Station Onslow.

Dear Sir,

Your letter dated the Nov. 3rd, received with reference to the Native girl Minit alias Dorrie.

The parents are not agreeable to letting her go away South, the girl is quite young and the only child they have, they are quite willing for her to be left here where she will always be always happy, living among her own people.

Yours faithfully.

Signed. Smith & Smith.