## **LONG, Beatrice Frances H.**

Beatrice (sometimes referred to as Beatrix) was born on 20th March 1877, in Sydney, the daughter of Mark Henry (1833-1906) & Helen (nee Robertson; 1837-1920) Long.

Siblings were Mark (1867 QLD -1947), Agnes Harriet (1869 QLD -1874), Charles Robertson (1871 Sydney -1876), Percy Thorn (1873-1875), George Thorn (1873 Sydney -1918) and Agnes Anne (1879-1880).**1**

In 1898 her father, Mark Henry Long, doctor of medicine, of Woodford, Blue Mountains, late of Regent-street, Sydney, was declared bankrupt.**2**

In March 1900 it was announced that ‘Miss Ogden [of Willabah] has made arrangements with Miss Beatrice Long, who was a pupil of Mrs. Warskitt for seven years, to conduct dancing classes in the Willabah schoolroom on Saturday afternoons and evenings.’

[In April 1893 Mrs. Warskitt had formed a juvenile dancing class at the Town Hall, Randwick.]

In April 1903 Miss Long was still conducting dancing classes, and it was advertised:

‘RAVENHURST, BEECROFT.

CLASSES FOR DANCING, Conducted by Miss Long. ADULTS: THURSDAY, 7.30 p.m. CHILDREN: SATURDAY, 10.30 a.m.

ELISE I. SAMPSON, Principal.’**3**

In June 1906 Beatrice’s father, Mark Henry Long, died.

‘The death is announced at Boomi, near Moree, of Dr. Mark Henry Long, late of Wemyss-street, Marrickville. The doctor was a student at New York Hospital and the London Hospital, and obtained the diplomas of Licentiate of the King and Queen’s College of Physicians, Ireland, and M.D. of the University of the City of New York in 1883, and soon afterwards came to New South Wales, being registered in February 1884. Dr. Long was a well-known numismatist, and the author of “A Skeleton Catalogue of Australian Token,” published in 1901. The Doctor, who died from heart failure, leaves a widow [Helen Long, of Beecroft].’ He was interred at Boomi.

[Mark Henry Long was born at Taunton, Somerset, England, in 1833. He arrived in Australia in 1855 and married in Sydney in 1863. About 1865 he was a chemist and druggist in Woodville. In 1873 he was a chemist in Sydney. In 1880 he lived at Marrickville, and worked as a chemist and druggist. Most likely he took up overseas studies in the early 1880’s to be registered to practice medicine, and was registered to do so in N.S.W. & QLD in February 1884.]**4**

In December 1907, at Beecroft, ‘There was a breaking-up party at the School of Arts in connection with Miss Long's private seminary.**5**

In August 1908 it was announced that ‘Mrs. Dow has purchased and taken over Ravenhurst College, Beecroft, from Miss Sampson, whose health has interfered with her duties at the college. Mrs. Dow is a matriculant of the Melbourne University and an experienced teacher.’**6**

In September 1908, ‘When Miss Long's winter dancing classes concluded at Beecroft, the pupils made presentations to the instructress and Miss Hewitt.’**7**

In October 1909 it was announced that ‘Miss Long has removed from the premises she has occupied for so many years into those recently vacated by Dr. Lidwill.’**8**

In December 1909 ‘At the distribution of prizes in connection with Miss Long's school and kindergarten at Beecroft, Winifred Whittam was presented with a medal as dux of the school. The prizes were handed to each of the successful pupils by Mrs. McCall. Miss Long (principal) was presented by the pupils with a silver-mounted scent-bottle, Mrs. [Helen] Long with a pair of silver vases, and the other members of the staff also received presents.’**9**

In December 1910 G. [George?] Long of Copeland-road, Beecroft, advertised for ‘a young girl, to assist in housework.’**10**

On 22nd March 1920, Helen Long, widow of Mark Henry Long, died at her residence, *Nusa*, Lurline-street, Katoomba, aged 81 years. She was interred at Wentworth Falls.**11**

In 1930 Beatrice was a teacher and lived in Katoomba. In 1963 she was still in Katoomba.

On 25th September 1967 Beatrice Long died at Katoomba. She is buried at Wentworth Falls Cemetery.**12**

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