

Patricia Helen Robertson (née Martin)

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Biography

Eldest daughter of Joan¹ and Norman Martin.² First married John Dulford Walmond (engaged in 1940;³ married 21 April 1942 at Christ Church, Claremont²), who died 1942. They had no children.

She left Perth in about June 1947, heading to England via Africa.⁴ There she married Derrick Mowbay Robertson}, and had three children.

Their engagement was reported in *The Western Mail* in Perth, December 1947:⁴

Engaged in Rhodesia

An engagement of local interest this week took place in Northern Rhodesia, the lass being Pat Walrond, well known and popular in Perth's nursing fraternity. Visiting friends and moving from place to place with plans for England drawing her northward, she came to Mufulira in Northern Rhodesia, and took a position as receptionist in the office of the copper mines.

There she met Derrick Robertson, of Johannesburg, and decided to abandon the English venture in favour of a home on the mines.

Western Mail (Perth), 1948:⁵

¹[joan-soutter-lodge.html](#)

²Family Notices (1942, April 23). *The West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879-1954), p. 1. Retrieved April 11, 2020, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article47329581>

³ENGAGEMENTS. (1940, July 22). *The West Australian* (Perth, WA: 1879-1954), p. 10. Retrieved April 11, 2020, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article46727944>

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⁵These People (1948, April 15). *Western Mail* (Perth, WA : 1885 - 1954), p. 32. Retrieved July 9, 2022, from

Overseas news tells of West Australians in Africa. Pat, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs Norman Martin, of Cottesloe, is to be married in Johannesburg on April 17, and Pat Lindsey, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. S.T. Lindsey, of Subiaco, who left Australia in the same ship last year, is doing her best to get leave from her job in Nairobi, Kenya, in order to be present at the wedding. Letters to Perth mention a prospective honeymoon which will include ten days in the. Natal National Park, a trip down to Durban and a short stay at the Victoria Falls on the return journey to Mufulira, in Northern Rhodesia, where as Mrs. Derrick Robertson, this West Australian lass will make her home.

Died in 2015.

These people (1947, December 11). *Western Mail* (Perth, WA: 1885-1954), p. 33. Retrieved April 12, 2020, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article52177379>

Related items (2)

Item 37: Joan Hall and Pat Martin in uniform

TYPE: Photograph

DATE: c. 1935

DESCRIPTION: Joan and Pat in uniform, probably taken in Cottesloe at Pat's parents' home in Forrest Street.

Note from Joan Jessup, Pat's daughter (18 May 2020):

I suspect it is taken in Cottesloe, perhaps at my Grandparent's home in Forrest Street. It's not at their Broome Street residence as they didn't have a picket fence at that home. The pine trees would support that thought.

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article39085910>

Item 233: 1945-11 Telegrams re Murray's return

TYPE:

DATE: 1945 November

DESCRIPTION: Six telegrams written to Margaret Wilson from her husband Murray on his return to Australia from Japan in 1945, and a couple from other people as well.