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John W Watkins  
260 Collins valley road  
Collins Creek  
Via Kyogle 2474  
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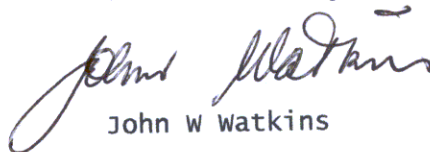
The General Manager,  
Kyogle Council,  
P.O. Box 11  
Kyogle 2474

Dear Sir,  
re; Bridge over Collins Creek on Collins Valley Road

This letter serves as a request to have the new Bridge over Collins Creek, named after my grandfather "Jack Watkins". My Grandfather came to the property beside the bridge 75 years ago, before the first bridge was built, and it has been known locally as "Watkins bridge" ever since its construction.

Three generations of the family have occupied the farm beside the bridge and we continue to do so.

Yours sincerely



John W Watkins

## John Thomas (Jack) Watkins

*Part Portion 4 and Portion 107, Parish of Warrazambil*

Jack Watkins' father was also named John Thomas. He was born at Woodford Island, Clarence River in 1875 and married Sarah Jane Wilcox in 1898. The third child of their family of thirteen, John Thomas (Jack) was the only member of the family to come to the Kyogle District.

In 1927 Jack married Emily Parkinson of Palmer's Channel, Clarence River. When they first came to the Richmond River district they worked a dairy farm at Tomki for the Gooley family. They later came to Edenville to work for the Studders family.

In 1938 Jack and his family moved to lower Collins Creek to work the Jane Cooper estate dairy farm. This was Portion 4, which he bought in January 1944. In March of that year



Mr and Mrs Jack Watkins

he bought a 203 acre (82Ha) property which adjoined to the West from Tulip George Cooper. It was Portion 107, which increased the total area of his farm to 335 acres (136Ha).

Mr & Mrs Jack Watkins left Collins Creek in 1963 and moved to the property they had purchased at Ewingsdale. The Collins Creek farm was leased to their son and daughter-in-law, Jack Oakley Watkins and Dulcie Patricia Watkins who purchased it in 1967.

Family of Mr & Mrs Jack Watkins  
Oakley (M) Dulcie Fulwood; Lyle (M) Marie Ezzy; Geoff (M) Beryl Galvin; Betty (M) Ken Johnson.

## Jack Oakley (Oakley) Watkins & Dulcie Patricia Watkins

*Part Portion 4 and Portion 107, Parish of Warrazambil*

Oakley Watkins was born at Casino. He started school at Edenville when his parents were farming in that district. The family moved to Collins Creek in 1938 and Oakley completed his education at Collins Creek School. In 1952 he married Dulcie Patricia (Dulcie) Fulwood.

In 1963 Oakley and his wife leased the Collins Creek dairy farm from his father, and in 1967 they purchased it. In 1979 they purchased a nearby property from Barry James Barnard and his wife Nola Fay Barnard. (See story) This was Portion 127, Parish of Warrazambil, which was comprised of original portion numbers 11, 14 and 46. They sold a half share in Portion 127 to their son-in-law and daughter, Paul Gregory Driscoll and Patricia Ann Driscoll in 1984 and in 1989, sold the other half share to them.

Oakley and Dulcie Watkins are bulk milk suppliers and run a fine herd of dairy cows.

Family of Mr & Mrs Oakley Watkins: Patricia (M) Paul Driscoll; John; Pamela (M) Michael Zambelli.

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COLLINS CREEK 2474  
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Arthur Piggott,  
The General Manager,  
Kyogle Council.

Dear Sir,

Re: New bridge on Collins Valley Rd

We are writing in support of the application by John Watkins to have the new bridge named the "Jack Watkins Bridge".

This bridge has been known as Watkins Bridge for at least as long as we have lived in this area & we feel that it is fitting to officially name the bridge after John's grandfather.

Your faithfully,

*Gurpreet Singh*