

"King Billy" will Have a Surname

DARWIN, Friday.—Aborigines named simply King Billy, Jackie and Mary will disappear soon from the Northern Territory. They will have surnames as well as Christian names.

Christian and surname registration by the native affairs branch will begin soon.

Data which the branch will collect will be made available to the official registrar for births and deaths.

Registrations for bush natives will be difficult, but even increasing numbers of bush aborigines are in regular contact with missions which will co-operate in the scheme.

Aborigines will be given

two white names and a "blackfellow" name.

The coming generation of aborigines will also know their ages accurately.

At present, much confusion is caused by the dozens of original "Jackys," "Tommys," "Marys" and "Marys."

Aborigines can be distinguished from one another only by calling one "Daly River" Tommy, and another "Liverpool River" Tommy.

Aborigines rarely know their ages, and usually answer questions about their age with: "Maybe 20, maybe 40."