

Patrick William KELLY

06/03/2018

Patrick William KELLY

Late of Ultimo

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # P 8301

(pre 24 February 1915 which commenced the current Regd. #
system)

Rank: Sergeant – Death

Stations: ?, Clarence St – 1 Station,

Service: From 23 November 1904 to 11 June 1922 = 18 years
Service

Awards: No find on Its An Honour

Born: ? ? 1883 in Sydney

Died on: 11 June 1922

Age: 38

Cause: Enteric Fever (Typhoid)

Event location: Coastal Hospital (later to become Prince Henry Hospital in 1934)

Event date: ?

Funeral date: Friday 13 June 1922

Funeral location: ?

Funeral Parlour:

Buried at: Rookwood Cemetery,
Catholic Section M1, Sect AA, Grave 364

Memorial located at: ?



In Memory of
BRIDGET J. KELLY

WHO DIED 27th OF DEC. 1867
AGED 1 YEAR & 8 MONTHS

Also

FRANCIS KELLY

WHO DIED 19th OF MARCH 1908
AGED 13 YEARS & 9 MONTHS

R. I. P.

Also **JOHN KELLY**

FATHER OF ABOVE
NATIVE OF ABBY GALWAY,
DIED 2nd APRIL 1920.
AGED 69 YEARS

Also

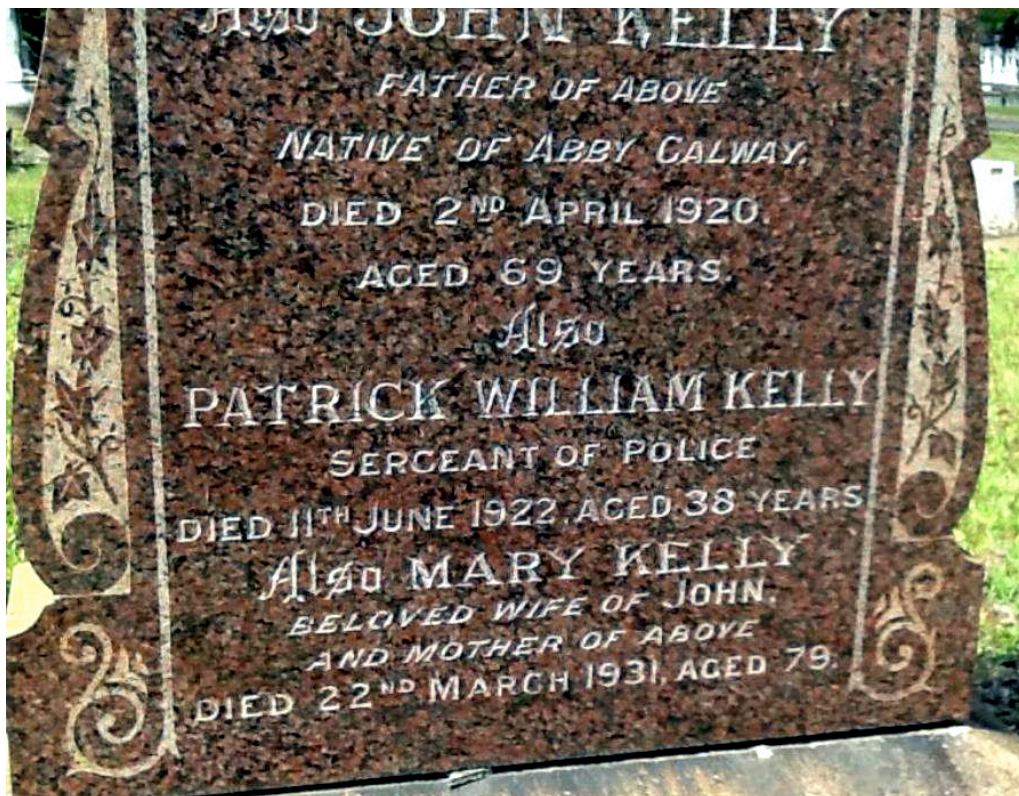
PATRICK WILLIAM KELLY

SERGEANT OF POLICE
DIED 11th JUNE 1923 AGED 38 YEARS

Also **MARY KELLY**

WIFE OF JOHN,
AND MOTHER OF ABOVE
DIED 22nd MARCH 1931 AGED 79.

Comment



PATRICK is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance
***NEED MORE INFO**

Funeral location: TBA

**FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED ABOUT THIS PERSON, THEIR LIFE,
THEIR CAREER AND THEIR DEATH.**

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Sergeant Patrick William KELLY. Born Sydney 1884. Died 11/6/1922 Coast Hospital from 'Enteric Fever' (Typhoid fever)

aged 38. Joined 1904, 18 years Service. The attached link is to his obituary is all I can find about this man who died whilst still serving.

Some background. The Coast Hospital (established around 1882 to isolate and treat patients with infectious diseases) was particularly valuable during the bubonic plague in Sydney of 1900 and then again when soldiers returning from Europe brought the influenza virus back in 1919. The Coast Hospital became Prince Henry Hospital in 1934. In 2001 services were transferred to Prince of Wales Hospital, Sydney and the hospital site became available for residential use.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/106395067>

Catholic Press (Sydney, NSW : 1895 – 1942),

Thursday 29 June 1922, page 39

THE LATE SERGEANT PATRICK WILLIAM KELLY.

Sergeant Patrick William Kelly, of **No. 1 (Clarence-street) Station** of the N.S.W. Police, died at the **Coast Hospital** on the 11th inst. of **enteric fever**, at the early age of 38 years. The deceased, who was a native of Sydney, was the eldest son of the late Mr. John Kelly and of Mrs. Mary Kelly, of County Galway, Ireland, and residents of Ultimo for over 35 years.

Sergeant Kelly joined the police force in **1904**, and rendered fine work to the department, gaining the confidence of the Inspector-General and other officers, and the esteem of all associated with him. The deceased was an inmate of the hospital for **only one week**, when he was called to his reward. He was attended spiritually during his illness by the **Rev. Fathers McHugh and Quinn (Maroubra)**, who administered the last rites of the Church.

The **interment** took place at the **Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood**, on **Friday, the 13th inst.**, the funeral leaving the residence of his mother, **79 Quarry-street, Ultimo**.

The cortege was headed by the **Police Band**, followed by about **100 uniformed and 50 plain clothes men and detectives**, who proceeded with the other mourners to the **graveside**.

The **Rev. Father J. Troy (Diocesan Inspector of Schools)** officiated, and, in referring in feeling terms of the remarkable courage and fortitude shown by **Sergeant Kelly** during his last hours, said he was typical of those who comprise the splendid force of police that the State of New South Wales is justly proud; and he took this public opportunity of expressing his appreciation of the members of that great body, who were the custodians of peace and the guardians of life and property.

The **chief mourners** were his mother, **Miss H. Kelly (sister)**, **Mr. J. J. Kelly (brother)**, **Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Finn and family (Carlton)**, **Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White and family (Erskineville)**, **Mr. J. Farraher, uncle (Redfern)**, **Mrs. Goodridge (Moss Vale)**, **Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mack (Moss Vale)**, **Mr. and Mrs. Spencer (Taralga)**, also at the graveside were **Superintendents Park** (representing the **Inspector-General of Police**), **Bannan, ex-Superintendents Brooks and McLean, Inspectors Turbet, Long, Robertson, Pauling, King, Mankey**, and **Mr. John Robinson** (ex-local auditor, Commonwealth Audit Office, Sydney). The **pall-bearers** consisted of **six comrades** of the deceased from the **foot and water police**. – R.I.P.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/106395067>

Turbet, Long, Robertson, Pauling, King, Mankey,

Edward Harold ALLARD

06/03/2018

Edward Harold ALLARD

(late of Telarah)

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: Constable 1st Class

Stations: ?, Redfern (1916 – 1922),
Raymond Terrace (1922 – 1927), West
Maitland Court House (1927 – 1929)

Service: From ? June 1916 to 25 April
1929 = 12+ years Service

Awards: ?

Born: 2 October 1889

Died on: Thursday 25 April 1929

Age: 39

Cause: Typhoid fever

Funeral date: ?

**Funeral location: Campbell's Hill
cemetery, C of E portion, West Maitland (Telarah)**

Buried at:

**Campbell's Hill cemetery, C of E portion,
West Maitland (Telarah)**

Memorial at: ?

[alert_yellow]**EDWARD** is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of
Remembrance[/alert_yellow] ***NEED MORE INFO**

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Maitland Daily Mercury (NSW : 1894 – 1939), **Monday 25 April 1932**, page 8

IN MEMORIAM

ALLARD. – In fond and loving memory of our dear husband and father, **Edward Harold Allard**, who departed this life on 25th April, 1929, aged 40 years. His smiling face and cheerful ways, Are a treasure to recall ; His loving heart was made of gold, He died beloved by all. Upright and just in all his ways, Faithful and true to the end of his days. Inserted by his loving wife and family.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article126676781.txt>

Manning River Times and Advocate for the Northern Coast Districts of New South Wales (Taree, NSW : 1898 – 1954),
Wednesday 1 May 1929, page 4

WALLAMBA.

(From Our Correspondent).

OBITUARY. CONSTABLE E. H. ALLARD.

On **Thursday morning last** the sad intelligence was received on the Wallamba that **First-class Constable Edward Harold Allard**, aged 40 years, had succumbed to that dire malady, **typhoid fever**, in the **Maitland Hospital**, where he had been a patient for a **fortnight**.

Deceased was the second son of Mr. H. F. Allard, of **Failford**, and joined the force **about thirteen years ago**, having been stationed for many years at **Raymond Terrace** and latterly at the **West Maitland Court House**.

The funeral took place at **West Maitland**, the remains being interred in the **C. of E. portion** of the **Campbell's Hill cemetery**, when a police funeral was tendered to the departed, thirty-one fellow officers being in procession and four of them conveying the bier to its last resting place. Revs. Woodhouse and Kitley officiated conjointly at the graveside ceremonial and the Oddfellows' burial service was also read by a fellow member, as deceased was a member of the M.U.I.O.O.F.

The chief mourners were the wife and children of deceased and Mesdames Mead, Codey and Miss Annie Allard (sisters), and Messrs Ernest, Gordon and Morton (brothers) and Messrs R. Mead and A. J. Johnson (brothers-in-law), all of whom had arrived prior to death.

The late Constable Allard was a native of Failford and leaves in sad bereavement his wife and three children – Florence Annie (16), Mona (14), and Reginald (13), an aged father, and brothers and sisters.

A large concourse of friends paid the last sad rites, and sympathy is extended to the bereaved and sorrowing.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article173805347.txt>

John LEPLAW

06/03/2018

John LEPLAW

aka John LIPLAW

Manly's Third Policeman

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 3359

Rank: Constable – appointed 27 December 1878

Senior Constable

Stations: ?, Manly

Service: From 27 December 1878 to 24 June 1884 = 5.5 years
Service

Awards: ?

Born: Friday 25 May 1855 in Greendale, NSW

Baptised: 24 June 1884 at Greendale

Married: Eliza Johnson on 29 December 1875 in Bombala, NSW

Died on: Wednesday 24 June 1884 in Manly, NSW

Age: 29

Cause: Typhoid fever

Funeral date: Saturday 27 June 1884 @ 2.30pm

Funeral location: Congregational Cemetery (Manly Cemetery)

Buried at: Manly Cemetery, Plot S.187 Register page MD17 No
headstone

Memorial at: ?



JOHN is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance ***NEED
MORE INFO**

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John was a policeman stationed at **Manly Police Station**. It was at the corner of **Fountain Street (now Sydney Road) and Market Lane**. A stone building was built, and **opened in 1866**, and was added to in **1889**. This was also his residence.

The Sydney Morning Herald,
Saturday **28 June 1884**, Page 1.

DEATHS.

LEPLAW. – June 27, at his residence, police station, Manly, John Leplaw, aged 29.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article28368668.txt>

The Sydney Morning Herald, **Saturday 28 June 1884**, Page 20.

FUNERAL NOTICES.

THE FUNERAL of the late JOHN LEPLAW, Senior Constable, Manly, will move from **his residence, police station, Manly**, at half-past 2 o'clock THIS DAY, Saturday, for the **Congregational Cemetery**.

ROBINS, WAUGH, and CO.,
Undertakers, Manly.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/28368672>

The Late John Leplaw.

A meeting of the inhabitants of Manly, convened by the **Mayor**, was held on Tuesday night, for the purpose of relieving the widow and orphans of the late **Senior-sergeant Leplaw**, who died a few day since from an attack of **typhoid fever**. The deceased was a very meritorious officer, and was highly respected by the inhabitants. The Mayor made a brief speech in introducing the subject, and on being called upon the **Hon. W. B. Dalley, Attorney-General**, addressed the meeting as follows: – Mr Mayor,- I feel sure that all here will feel very grateful to you for your invitation to this meeting, by which you enable us to take part in a work of duty and charity. To call our attention to and inspire an interest in deserving objects of relief and compassion – to enable us by our united effort – costing so small an individual sacrifice – to succour the widow and the orphan, is one the pleasures of your office. It is needless to speak of the excellent, meritorious officer who has recently been taken away from us so suddenly. You all know how thoroughly respectable, vigilant, and trustworthy a member he was of that police force of which, happily, in this country we have so much reason to be proud, and on the high character of which our peace and sense of security directly depend. The Mayor pointed out how we may show our appreciation of his humble, honest service, by helping the wife and poor little ones whom he has left to our pity. His former comrades have shown us an admirable example; and for the credit of this little place, for our own happiness, and you may be assured that works like this in which we are asked to take part to-

night are the truest and purest sources of happiness – “Thanks to the human heart by which we live. Thanks to its tenderness, its joys, and tears.” Most of the leading inhabitants of the town were present, and a subscription list was opened, and between £50 and £60 collected in the room. It is anticipated that altogether a sum of £100 or £150 will be obtained.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/13569203>

<https://www.geni.com/people/John-Leplaw/6000000006153051091>

A FRESH FACED BABE

An electronic book on CD

Snr. Constable John Leplaw

Snr. Const. John Leplaw and Sergeant John Carton

“I hold a thin little book. It’s black and bound and some of the colour is worn off from handling by other hands.

On the front cover, pasted upside down, a remnant of newspaper advertises a ‘drought resistant strain of Millet which is a splendid fodder plant.’ It’s available from Anderson and Company, Seedsmen and Plant Merchants of George Street, Sydney. Beneath, an advertisement offers Dinnesford’s Magnesia as a cure for Gout and Gravel.

It’s my great grandfather, John Leplaw’s 1884 Police Log and, judging from its size, is the one he carried on his person as he did his rounds.”

So begins A Fresh-Faced Babe, the story of John Leplaw, Manly’s third policeman from 1879 to 1884, when he died of typhoid fever contracted, so the family story goes, while chasing a felon through the Manly swamps.

John’s Log, dating from 22nd January to 13th May 1884, gives

us a glimpse of Manly's under-belly and the duties of its policeman.

The first 45 pages contain a Census listing names and locations in the Manly Municipality and beyond to The Spit, with the number of people in each establishment.

Log entries make for interesting reading. Manly appeared to be a reasonably orderly place during the week, but weekends and public holidays attracted the worst that Sydney had to offer. On one occasion "there was fully ten thousand people gathered. There was a mixture of the worst class of people in Sydney. Card Sharps and thieves ... I have not got the Town quietened down yet after the great excitement."

A Fresh Faced Babe brings to light previously unpublished aspects of Manly's early history and includes letters, illustrations and Tintype photographs from 1879-1884, Index, Bibliography and a full transcription of the Log and Census in both Location and Alphabetical order – a boon to researchers and lovers of Manly history.

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New South Wales Government Gazette (Sydney, NSW : 1832 –
1900),

Friday 3 May 1889 (No.233), page 3279

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION.

In the lands, goods, chattels, credits, and effects of **John Leplaw**, late of Manly Beach, near Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, policeman, deceased, intestate.

NOTICE is hereby given that after the expiration of fourteen days from the publication hereof in the New South Wales Government Gazette, application will be made to the Supreme Court of New South Wales, in its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, that letters of administration of all and singular the lands, goods, chattels, credits, and effects of **John Leplaw**, late of Manly Beach, near Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, policeman, deceased, intestate, who died on or about the 28th day of June, 1884, may be granted to **Eliza Leplaw**, of **Candelo**, in the said Colony, **widow** of the said deceased.— Dated at Bega, his 24th day of April, a.d. 1889.

WILL. J. CURTIS,

proctor for said Administratrix,

. Bega.

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<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article224324956.txt>

Bega Standard and Candelo, Merimbula, Pambula, Eden, Wolumla,
and General Advertiser (NSW : 1876 – 1884),

Saturday 5 July 1884, page 2

DEATH

LEPLAW.- On **June 28th**, at his residence, **Manly Beach Police Station**, John, the eldest and beloved **son of David and Ann**

Maria Leplaw of Corunna, aged 29 years.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article144377173.txt>

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

Saturday 26 July 1884, page 11

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE inhabitants of Manly have again been giving evidence of their generosity. Three or four weeks ago **Senior-constable Leplaw**, who had for some time past done duty at that watering-place, and was esteemed for many good qualities, and especially for the very efficient manner in which he discharged his police duties, died of typhoid fever, leaving a widow and children almost unprovided for. He was a comparatively young man, and had not had the opportunity of making that provision which it is incumbent upon heads of families to make. A few of his friends moved in the matter, a public meeting was held, Leplaw's excellencies extolled, and a subscription list opened. The result, it will be seen by advertisement, is that a sum of -100 has been collected for presentation to the widow. This is not the first time the inhabitants of " our village " have given substantial assistance to the bereaved family of a police officer.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article13571729.txt>

New South Wales Government Gazette (Sydney, NSW : 1832 –

1900),

Tuesday 7 August 1883 (No.329), page 4229

Department of Justice,

Sydney, 4th August, 1883

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned members of the Police Force to be additional **Sub-Inspectors under the Licensing Act of 1882**, for the Metropolitan Licencing District.

H. E. COHEN.

Rank and Name*.

Manly Senior-constable John Leplaw.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article221656657.txt>

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

Wednesday 27 August 1884, page 2

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The Widow of the late Senior-constable Leplaw desires to render her moat earnest and heartfelt thanks to the residents of Manly, also to the Officers and Members of the Police Force, who have aided her in her late bereavement, by so generously and liberally subscribing towards the relief of herself and little children.

August 14, 1884 (Signed) ELIZA LEPLAW.

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

Wednesday 1 August 1883, page 5

WATER POLICE COURT.

Antonio Amaral was charged with having, on the 6th July, stolen a cow, the property of **John Farrell**.

Mr Lowe appeared for the prosecutor, and **Mr Coonan** for the defendant.

The proceedings were initiated on the 9th July, and the hearing of evidence has occupied portions of six days.

Eighteen witnesses were examined, an equal number being called by each side.

It appeared that the prosecutor resided at Manly, and the defendant resided near the same place.

A man named **Thomas Lovett**, residing at Penrith, purchased 20 head of cattle from the defendant, paying him at the rate of 35s. each.

On the 6th July Lovett, assisted by **Thomas Antonio Amaral**, son of the defendant, was driving those cattle along the **North Shore-road**, when he was met by **Thomas Farrell**, father of the prosecutor.

Farrell pointed to a black and white cow, which he said was his son's property. The cow was, it was alleged, left at the prosecutor's place on the morning of the 7th July, and the defendant was arrested the next day by **Senior-constable Leplaw**.

The defence was that the cow in question was the property of the defendant, and that a mistake had been made with regard to the identity of the animal.

The defendant was committed for trial. Bail was granted, the defendant being required to enter into his own recognisance for £50, and to find two sureties in the sum of £25 each.

Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser (NSW :
1843 – 1893),

Thursday 22 February 1883, page 5

A TROUBLESOME CUSTOMER

A stabbing affray between a **Queensland black** and a **police-constable** occurred **in the bush, near Manly** on Sunday morning (says the Herald).

Senior-constable Leplaw, who is stationed at **Manly**, received information on Saturday evening that two Queensland blacks were wandering about **in the bush close by in a nude state**, and on the following morning, accompanied by two civilians, he set out in pursuit of them, with a view of ascertaining how and in what condition they were living.

Having discovered their whereabouts he approached them, and by means of certain signs endeavoured to make them understand that he would give them some clothing and also food if they would accompany him. One of them wore **a shirt only**, whilst the other was going about **perfectly naked**. The former made some remark in his native tongue to the latter, who thereupon bolted off, but he was pursued and quickly overtaken by the two civilians who accompanied **Senior-constable Leplaw**.

The officer, thinking that the other would also attempt to run away, kept very closely to him, and immediately he **drew a knife**, which he had concealed about his shirt, and with it he rushed at the officer, making a blow. The latter, in endeavouring to ward it off, received a **nasty gash on the back of the left hand, near the thumb**.

A lively tussle ensued between **Leplaw** and **the black**, who fought most desperately, but the officer, notwithstanding that he **lost a large quantity of blood**, at length secured his assailant, handcuffed him, and brought him along with his mate to **Manly**.

Leplaw then escorted them by the **s.s. Fairlight** to **Sydney**, and had them locked up.

The wound on the officer's hand was dressed at Manly. Although a very ugly one, it is not likely that it will have any serious results.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article867414.txt>

Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate (NSW : 1876 – 1954) ,

Thursday 22 February 1883, page 3

BARNUM THE SHOWMAN AGAIN.

The two **Queensland 'blacks'** who were arrested by **Senior-constable Leplaw**, near Manly, on Sunday morning, and one of whom **stabbed the officer in the hand**; were brought before **Mr. Marsh, S.M.**, at the **Water Police Court Sydney**, on Monday (says the S. M. Herald) and on the application of the police they were remanded for a week.

Mr. Cunningham, an agent for the well known **Barnum show**, appeared in court, and he informed **Mr. Marsh** that the prisoners formed part of a contingent of **nine blacks** which he had recently **procured** in Queensland for the purpose of forwarding to **Mr. Barnum** to add to his list of **curiosities**. He had been instructed by Mr. Barnum to obtain **six or more**

Queensland blacks, and with a view of carrying out his directions **Mr. Cunningham** proceeded to a camp in Queensland some few weeks ago, and after making **certain offers** to the nine in question they were **induced** to accompany him.

He brought them to **Sydney**, and the **two prisoners deserted**, thus accounting for their presence in the bush near Manly.

Mr. Marsh replied that it appeared to him as if the case partook very much of the **character of kidnapping**, and legal proceedings might in consequence be the result at any moment. He added that the matter should be **thoroughly inquired into** by the police, and he was informed that it would be.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article137091137.txt>

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

Saturday 24 February 1883, page 11

NEWS OF THE DAY

AT the Water Police Court yesterday, "**Jimmy**," a Northern Queensland aboriginal under engagement to **proceed to America** to join **Barnum's show**, was again brought up on a charge of having **unlawfully and maliciously stabbed Senior-constable Leplaw**. **Sub-inspector Atwill** stated that he had **not been able** to secure the services of **any person** who would be able to **interpret** the language spoken by the accused, and that he had not been able to even secure the services of any one who would be able to make the accused **under stand the nature of the offence** with which he had been charged. Under these circumstances **he desired to abandon the prosecution**. The accused was thereupon **discharged**.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article13529183.txt>

Evening News (Sydney, NSW : 1869 – 1931),

Monday 7 August 1882, page 3

Row at Manly Beach

The recent disturbances at **Manly Beach** formed the subject of investigation again on Saturday, at the **Water Police Court**, before **Mr. Buchanan, S.M.**

Adam Fraser, who was brought up on **three charges** of assaulting **senior constable Leplaw**, resisting the police, and assaulting **constable Minogue**, was fined £5 or the alternative of one month in gaol.

John Lewis, who was also similarly prosecuted by the same officers, was discharged, the case against him not being substantiated.

This matter will come on again at the Court on Tuesday afternoon, there being still two cases to be dealt with by the bench.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article108208553.txt>

Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser (NSW : 1843 – 1893),

Thursday 22 June 1882, page 6

Charge of Arson.

(From the Echo.)

The hearing of a charge of arson preferred against one **Robert Burman** was concluded at the **Water Police Court** on Saturday, before **Mr. Buchanan, S.M.**

The prisoner was charged with having on or about Monday, 5th instant, wilfully set fire to a dwelling house at **Manly Beach**, the property of **Mr. T. Stonier**.

Sergeant Higgins deposed that when he arrested the prisoner at 5 o'clock on the evening of Friday, 9th instant, and informed him of the nature of the charge, he said "I do not know how I did it ; there is no use blaming anyone else for it ; I must have been drunk when I did it ; I have no recollection of how it was done ;" witness had seen the prisoner on the 7th instant, when a conversation took place concerning a robbery, which, it was alleged, occurred at the prisoner's place some time before the fire, and also with respect to a bullet which prisoner had previously stated had been fired at him ; prisoner on this occasion said that the robbery was genuine, but that he fired the shot himself; he also stated that on the morning of the fire he was sleeping at Mr. Littlejohn's house, and that about 2 o'clock he was awakened by hearing an explosion of cartridges and the barking of dogs ; he found that his place was in flames, and that the two back rooms were burnt ; he had lost everything by the fire, and did not know who had done it ; on the 7th instant prisoner was in a house which was situate about 220 yards from that which had been destroyed by fire ; when witness inquired about the shot, prisoner showed him a window through which he said the shot had been fired ; witness asked him how it occurred, and whether he knew who did it, when he made a statement to the effect that about two o'clock in the morning he heard a voice saying, " Are you asleep ?" that was the way in which his master used to call him - when he (prisoner) opened the door,

and looked out, and saw a man standing about 10 yards off ; the man (prisoner stated) said to him " I thought I roasted you the other night, take that," at the same time firing a shot from a pistol ; he pursued the man over the rocks towards the Quarantine Ground, where he missed him ; the prisoner showed witness some tracks, which he said were made by the man ; prisoner also stated that he knew the man, whose name was Carl Endersen, and that he had previously known him in Victoria, where they quarrelled ; that Endersen threatened to have revenge, and that he believed it was he who had set fire to the house ; subsequently, in the course of conversation, the prisoner stated that it was he (prisoner) who had fired the shot, and that he had never known a man named Carl Endersen ; witness had made inquiries, but had not been able to find any such man.

Constable John Leplaw deposed that at about half-past five o'clock on the evening of the 5th instant prisoner came to him at Manly, and stated that his house was burned down by fire at ten minutes past two o'clock that morning ; in reply to enquiries, prisoner stated that he was sleeping at Mr. Littlejohn's, about 200 yards from the house which had been destroyed, and that his wife and family were away at Marrickville, at Mr. Stonier's place ; prisoner said he first saw the fire himself, having been awakened by crackers and barking of dogs, that he had 40 cartridges in the house, and that the place had been wilfully set on fire. This witness, having described other conversations which took place between him and the prisoner, said he made a search in the house occupied by the prisoner since the fire, and found a leaden bullet (produced), and on the bed in the bedroom occupied by prisoner, he (witness) found a loaded pistol ; prisoner then said, " Don't go any further in this case, I'm the man you're looking for;" witness asked him what he meant, and he replied, " I'm the man that's done the whole of it, do what you like with me, I will make a full confession ;" prisoner also said, " I fired the shot into the room on the morning of the 7th,

and I don't know there is such a man as Carl Endersen, for whom I got a warrant, alive ;" witness asked him why he had done it, and he replied, " I was afraid that I would be blamed for the burning of the house, I was trying to make up a scheme to get out of it ;" witness asked him whether he knew anything about the burning of the house, and he paused for a moment and then said, "No, I do not;" witness then asked him how he accounted for the footprints, and ... could show him (witness) thebelong to another party; I put them on to lead you astray; you will find the boots in Littlejohn's house, in the largo room;" in consequence of that conversation witness arrested prisoner, and afterwards went to Mr. Littlejohn's house and found the boots which corresponded with the tracks which prisoner had pointed out ; the house which was destroyed seemed to be scantily furnished. Other witnesses were called, and their testimony tended to show that prisoner was the first person seen near the house when it was discovered by some neighbours to be in flames ; that the building consisted of four rooms, and was constructed of weatherboard ; that it was the property of **Mr. Thomas Stonier**, of Marrickville ; that prisoner had arranged to purchase it for £500, the purchase money to be paid in weekly instalments of £1 ; that he had made four payments ; and that the building was insured by Mr. Stonier in the London and Lancashire office for £100, and that Mr. Stonier had made a claim on that policy.

The prisoner, having been cautioned in the usual way, made a statement to the effect that he had been drinking on the Saturday and Sunday preceding the fire, and that he went home at 8 o'clock on Sunday night, and could not remember anything more than that the house was in flames when he awoke next morning.

The prisoner was committed for trial at the next Court- of Quarter Sessions. Bail was granted, the prisoner being required to enter into his own bond of £100, and to find two sureties in £50 each.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article853714.txt>

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

Thursday 22 July 1880, page 3

WATER POLICE COURT.

Yesterday, Messrs Brown, Greville, and Captain Edwards, Js P were on the bench in the Charge Court.

Matthew Regan, on remand, was convicted of resisting **Constable Leplaw** while in the execution of his duty, and ordered to pay a fine of **20s** , or go to **gaol for seven days**.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article13464494.txt>

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

Wednesday 30 June 1880, page 6

WATER POLICE COURT.

Yesterday, the bench in the Charge Court was occupied by Messrs. Reading, Penfold, and Cock, and in the Summons Court by Messrs. Hunt and Jenkins.

Michael O'Hare was fined in the sum of 40s. for **assaulting Constable Leplaw** in the execution of his duty, with the alternative of one month's imprisonment. A further charge of wilfully damaging the constable's uniform was preferred against the prisoner, for which he was ordered to pay the

amount of the damage – namely, 45s., or to suffer an additional term of imprisonment for one month.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article13463154.txt>

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

Saturday 31 January 1880, page 7

POLICE.

At the **Central Police Court**, yesterday, the Police Magistrate was assisted in the Crime Court by Messrs. Jolly, Reading, Thomas, Skerratt, and Carpenter; and in trio Summons Court, by Messrs. Neale, Ridge, Barden, and Blair.

Mark Tierney, butcher, was proceeded against on a charge of cruelly ill-treating three calves. It appeared that the defendant was driving the calves in a cart up **Oxford-street, to Paddington**, on Thursday night, when the attention of **Constable Leplaw** was attracted to the condition of the animals in the vehicle. The cart was too small for the purpose, and the calves were huddled together in such a manner that they were almost unable to move, while their legs were tied so tightly that the rope cut through the skin.

The Bench fined the defendant in the sum of 20s., with 21s. complainant's' costs ; or, in default, seven days' imprisonment.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article13449937.txt>

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NSWBDM – Death = 5921/1884

John Benoni ROSS

06/03/2018

John Benoni ROSS

(late of Willoughby and Balmain)

New South Wales Police Force

[blockquote]

Sarah Ann ROSS – wife of John

Died on: 24 April 1885 (10 days after her husband)

Funeral date: Sunday 26 April 1885

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Regd. # 'Q' 2523

For the purposes of this website 'Q' represents those Police joining between 1 March 1862 (commencement of NSWPF) – 23 February 1915 (Commencement of NSWPF current numbering system

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Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed 25 March 1875

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: Senior Constable

Stations: ?, Balmain 1879 to 1882, North Willoughby Station (O.I.C. during 1884)

Service: From 25 March 1875 to 14 April 1885 = 9+ years
Service

Awards:

Not a Police award but a civilian one

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Born: ? ? 1852, Caithness, Scotland

Died on: Tuesday 14 April 1885 at Police residence,

Chatswood Police Stn, North Willoughby

Cause: Typhoid Fever as did his wife Sarah 10 days later aged 30 and their infant daughter Sarah aged 1

Age: 32

Funeral date: Wednesday 15 April 1885

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: Pioneer Memorial Cemetery, corner Mowbray Road West and Pacific Highway, Chatswood. (opposite the Great Northern Hotel)

Memorial at: ?



In Memory of Senior Constable John B. Ross Died 14th April 1885 aged 32. Also Sarah Ann, Wife of the above. Died 24th April 1885 aged 30. Also infant child Sarah. Erected by his comrades & friends.

**JOHN is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance *NEED
MORE INFO**

**FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED ABOUT THIS PERSON, THEIR LIFE,
THEIR CAREER AND THEIR DEATH.**

PLEASE SEND PHOTOS AND INFORMATION TO Cal



An Infant Child of
SENIOR CONSTABLE
JOHN B. ROSS

DIED 14TH APRIL 1885 / AGED 30

Also

SARAH ANN

Wife of The Above

DIED 24TH APRIL 1885 AGED 30

Also

Infant Child SARAH

Deceased by His Comrades

W. JOHNS



Kevin Banister

May 4 2020 at 4:59 PM

Went for a trip this afternoon (4/5/2020) to the Pioneers Memorial Reserve, Mowbray Road, Chatswood and took a couple of photos of the resting place of Senior Constable John Benone ROSS and family.

This little cemetery is a heritage site and is being maintained by Lane Cove Council and what a wonderful job they are doing. The ribbon had fallen off and I re-attached it. In the bottom left corner of the plot is a rose bush as is on most other marked graves. Even these are pruned.

The Sydney Morning Herald

Wednesday 15 April

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ROSS. – April 14, at his residence, **Police Station, North Willoughby, John Binnone Ross**, aged 33 years, native of **Caithness, Scotland**, leaving a wife and **five children** and large circle of friends to mourn their loss.

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In Memoriam.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/13579970>

The Sydney Morning Herald

1885

Wednesday 15 April

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THE FRIENDS of the late Mr. **JOHN B. ROSS** are respectfully invited to his Funeral ; to leave his residence, **Lane Cove-road**, THIS DAY Wednesday, at **3 o'clock**, for the **Wesleyan Cemetery, Willoughby**.

W. H. HOWARD, Undertaker, Walker-street, St. Leonards.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/13579996>

Balmain Observer & Western Suburbs Advertiser

April 1885

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Senior Constable Ross, well known in **Balmain** about **four years ago** and lately in charge of **North Willoughby**, died on **Monday night**, from, **consumption**.

It will be remembered that he made a very **plucky rescue** of **two men from a well** in the neighbourhood of **Beattie street**, in which was **foul air** while he was stationed in **Balmain**, the effects of which he has **since suffered from**.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/132245368>

THE FRIENDS of the late **Mrs. ROSS**, widow of the late **Senior-constable Ross**, of **Chatswood**, are respectfully invited to attend her Funeral ; to leave her residence at 3 o'clock **TOMORROW, Sunday, for Wesleyan Cemetery.**

W. H. HOWARD, Undertaker, Walker-street, St. Leonards.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/28361297>

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

In the Intestate Estate of **JOHN B. ROSS**, late of Willoughby, **Senior Constable**, deceased.

CREDITORS are to forward to me (through the Post Office if they think fit), at my office, in the Supreme Court, Sydney, their details for proof, verified by affidavit, on or before the fifteenth day of June next, or they will be excluded from all benefit from this estate.

THEO. POWELL,

Curator of Intestate Estates.

30th May, 1885.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/28362085>

The Sydney Morning Herald

Saturday 1 May 1886

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ROSS.— In remembrance of **John Ross**, who died April **13**, 1885 and **Sarah Ann Ross**, wife of the above, who died **May 1st**, 1885, at **their residence, Chatswood police station, North Willoughby.**

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/28356899>

'Balmain Association' newsletter dated April 2001.

P o l i c e H e r o i c R e s c u e

A letter from Mrs Meg Chamberlin formally of Ferdinand Street, Balmain and now of Macley Island, Queensland, stated that some information on her family history could be of interest to the Association. While cleaning out a draw on a visit to her mother at the family home, a letter was found with an interesting PS, relating to a presentation of a gold watch to **Constable John Benone Ross in 1879.**

Constable Ross was stationed at the **Watch House** from **1879 to 1882** and lived in **Darling Street, Rozelle**, near **Red Lion Street**. He then moved to **Chatswood** where he, his wife **Sarah Ann** and a child died within a few days of each other in a **Typhoid epidemic** in **April 1885**. **John** was **32** years and **Sarah** was **30** years and daughter **Sarah** **1** year. They were buried in the **church yard** of the **Methodist Church, Chatswood**. Comrades and friends erected the headstone. **Grandmother Sarah Ann**

Robinson reared the other **four children**.

In a report in the **Sydney Morning Herald, Tuesday 21st April 1879**:

On **Friday** morning a man named **Albert Drave** was nearly suffocated by descending into a newly dug well **25 feet deep** behind the **Bellevue, now Sackville Hotel, Darling Street**. A **blast** had just taken place at the **bottom of the well** and the **smoke** not having thoroughly cleared way before **Drave** descended, he was almost suffocated when he reached the bottom. His distress having been noticed by the proprietor of the allotment **Mr Barthrope**, he at once descended to retrieve **Drave**, but he was likewise became overpowered by the fumes of the powder. **Constable Ross** being near the spot, volunteered to descend and succeeded in bringing up to the surface first **Drave**, then **Barthrope**. **Drs. Brennan and Evans** were quickly on the spot and industriously applied the usual restoratives. Both men are doing well at the latest accounts.

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Suspicious Death.

ON Wednesday evening **Senior-constable Ross**, who **is** in charge of the **North Willoughby station**, received intelligence from a man named **Henby** that a death under suspicious circumstances had taken place in the district. He accordingly proceeded to a house near Burn's Bay, Lane Cove Road, occupied by William Cox, who is stated to be an old resident of the district. In one of the rooms was found the body of **Ann Sophia Cox** in bed, looking to all appearance dead.

Dr. Rorke, of North Shore, was at once communicated with. He soon arrived, and expressed an opinion that deceased had probably met with her death in consequence of external injuries. The only female clothes in the house beyond those found on the woman were a chemise and another garment, both of which were stained with blood.

Under the circumstances the constable apprehended **William Cox**, the husband of the deceased, at a late hour last night, and he his now lodged at the **St. Leonards police station**.

Upon being questioned as to the occurrence the prisoner declared that he knew nothing of the cause of his wife's death beyond that she had sustained a fall, and expressed ignorance concerning the garment stained with blood. It appears that Cox informed **Henby** of the death of the woman in the first place.

The police state that prisoner has been often seen of late under the influence of drink, and his domestic matters did not seem to have been of a happy character. He is described as of no occupation.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/98435914>
