

Bernard Joseph John DOWLING

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New South Wales Police Force

Constable

Horse Accident

Brewarrina

22 old

Death: Reported as 11 January, 1882 but grave stone indicates he died on 19 January 1882.

On 11 January, 1882 the constable was riding near Milroy Station, Brewarrina, when his horse bolted and threw him against a tree. He landed across the saddle and was then dragged some distance. Unfortunately Constable Dowling had received severe injuries and despite being treated by a doctor, he passed away the following day.

The Maitland Mercury reported on 14 January, 1882 that "Yesterday evening while mounted Constable Bernard Dowling was riding near Mrs. Whitmarsh's on Milroy Station, his horse bolted with him and ran him against a tree. He was thrown across the saddle and dragged some distance. A messenger came in for the police and doctor. Dowling was still insensible when the messenger left which was about an hour after the accident. Senior Constable Steele and the doctor left here about midnight."

The constable was born in Ireland about 1860 and was a single man. At the time of his death he was stationed at Brewarrina.

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Launceston Examiner newspaper, Thursday 2 February 1882, page 1 of 4

DEATHS

DOWLING – Near Brewarrina, N.S.W., Bernard J., son of the late W. P. Dowling, of Launceston, aged 22 years.

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Inscription:

In Memory

of

Bernard Joseph John

DOWLING

born at

Launceston Tasmania

July 17th 1853

Died Jan'ry 19th 1882

R.I.P.

5 April 2014: From Ken Medway, Beyond Courage Facebook page:

We recently visited Brewarrina and located the grave of Bernard Joseph John DOWLING who died in January 1882 as a result of a horse accident.

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According to his headstone he died on 19 January and was 22 years old being born on 17 July 1859 at Launceston.

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GPS Location 29 58' 10S / 146 50' 46E

Old Catholic Section right over on western fence

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A thorough search of the cemetery failed to locate the grave of John Charles DONOVAN aka DONAVON who is also recorded as being buried there. Inquiries with Brewarrina Shire revealed that all records were destroyed some years ago so his precise whereabouts will probably never be known.

NOTE:

From Cal: "See Yackandandah Times story article attached to the death of John Charles DONOVAN. Body re-interred in Yackandandah Cemetery, Victoria, pre 27 January 1922."

Edward HAMPSON

25/10/2012

Edward HAMPSON

New South Wales Police Force

Rank: Constable

Regd. #: ? * A search of the 'on-line' State Archives does NOT reveal a HAMPSON, or similar, as being a member of the Police

Stations: East Kempsey (Lock up Keeper)

Service: From ? ? ? to pre March 1862 = ? years Service

Awards: No find.

Born: Sunday 15 May 1825, Lancashire, England

Emigrated: from USA to Australia between

July 1853 and before Nov 1854

Died: Wednesday 24 December 1862

Cause: Horse Accident – against a tree

Event location: East Kempsey – near the
Yarrabandinni gates

Age: 37 – 39?

Funeral date:

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: Frederickton Cemetery, Great
North Rd, Frederickton, NSW:

Anglican section row G # 67

GPS: 31 02' 02S / 152 52' 38E

Grave location: [codepeople-post-map]

[alert_red]Edward IS NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of
Remembrance[/alert_ed]



Constable Edward HAMPSON – grave



Constable Edward HAMPSON – grave

The constable is believed to have suffered fatal injuries when he was either thrown or fell from his troop horse at East Kempsey.

Some 62 years later the Macleay Chronicle of 7 May, 1924 in a

related story recounted that the constable had been “killed while riding near the Yarrabandinni gates on Christmas Eve, 1862”. In a contemporary account however, the Empire newspaper of the 5 January, 1863 reported the following.

“ACCIDENT

On the 24th instant, a settler named **Edward Hampson** came by his death through a fall from a young horse he was riding. It appeared from the evidence given before the coroner that the deceased was thrown with so much violence against the spur of a tree as to cause instantaneous death.”

Few details are known at present, however the ***MacLeay Chronicle*** of **7 May, 1924** reported that the constable had been “ *killed while riding near the Yarrabandinni gates on Christmas Eve, 1862* “.

At the time of his death the constable is thought to have been the lockup-keeper at the **East Kempsey Police Station**, where he had been stationed since at least **early 1856** (he is mentioned in the **New South Wales Police Gazette of 16 February, 1856**).

In **1862** he became a member of the **newly-formed New South Wales Police Force**.

He **is not** listed in the official New South Wales Police Honour Roll.

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An enquiry was received from **Kempsey Police** re **Edward Hampson** who was killed **Christmas Creek**, near **Yarrabandinni Gates** on **Christmas Eve 1862** when his young horse threw him against a tree.

It was believed **Edward** was a **police constable** and had **died on duty**, and the information was required for a book on **police killed in the line of duty**.

A **death certificate** in Research records however gave **Edward's** occupation as a **farmer**, as did a marriage certificate for his oldest son, Wright Harrison Hampson. It appears **Edward** was a police constable at some stage **but had left the Force prior** to his death.

<http://www.kempseymuseum.org/userfiles/newsletters/newsletter%201211.pdf>

Edward and his wife **Eliza** arrived from the **United States of America** sometime in the late **1840s** or early **1850**, with **three** children. They had immigrated to the USA from England, however for some reason they changed their mind about settling in America and came to Australia.

After their arrival, at least **another four children** were born, 1854 Thomas, 1856 William, 1857 Edward, 1860 Henry and 1862 Mary. The majority of the children's place of births are

registered as Macleay River.

Their father **Edward HAMPSON**, became a Police Officer, however he was killed while on duty in 1862 near a river.

<http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/AUS-NSW-NORCO/2005-03/1111738684>

From: "Janice Doughty" <adoughty01@optusnet.com.au>

Subject: Re: [NORCO] EDWARD HAMPSON-Police Constable

Date: Sun, 27 Mar 2005 09:24:51 +1000

References: <000001c53113\$2b468a30\$295d1ed3@AD0UGHTY>
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Thank you to Rod and also to the many other Listers who have helped with my enquiry regarding the Hampson family of Macleay River district.

Within a day of requesting help with the HAMPSON family, I have found out so much from this wonderful List and I would like to share the HAMPSON story with you so far.

Edward HAMPSON was Christened on **15th May 1825, at Saint Michael, Ashton Under Lyne, Lancashire, England**. His parents being Thomas and Nancy HAMPSON. Family rumour has it that this family was very well off, living in a large home in the town of Ashton Under Lyne in Lancashire.

Eliza HARRISON was Christened on 23 May 1824 at Saint Michael, Ashton Under Lyne, Lancashire. Her parents were James and Alice HARRISON.

Edward HAMPSON at 20 years of age, married **Eliza HARRISON** also 20, on **1st January 1844** at the Cathedral, Manchester, Lancashire ENGLAND.

Some time **between 1844 and 1848**, **Edward** and **Eliza HAMPSON** sailed for the **United States**, and settled on the east coast of the USA. It is believe that there were already relatives of Edward's living in the U.S.

Children born in the U.S.A were:-

Wright Harrison HAMPSON born 1848 in Salem, Mass.

Desdemona Ann HAMPSON born 1851 Newark New Jersey

Alice Maria HAMPSON b.1853 Boston, Mass.

After the birth of Alice in Boston in July 1853 and before the birth of Thomas in Australia in Nov 1854, the family sailed from Boston to **old Sydney Town, Australia**. What ship they sailed on is at the moment unknown.

Children born in the Colony were:-

Thomas 1854,

William 1856,

Edward 1857,

Henry 1860 and

Mary 1862.

All except Thomas, who may have been born in Sydney, not long after the family arrived in Sydney Cove, were born in the Macleay River district. The family settled somewhere near Kempsey, at the moment it is unknown exactly where their property was. Any help with establishing where the family actually lived, would be very much appreciated.

As previously stated, the father **Edward** joined the police force, and was tragically killed on **Christmas Eve 1868** when he

was thrown against a tree.

More work has to be done regarding the death of **Edward**. Not sure if he was on duty when he died.

It was only six months before, when **Edward** and **Eliza**'s son Thomas, at 14 years of age was killed in an accident in July, while driving a team of bullocks, when one of the wheels got on the end of a slab, suddenly lifting the other end, which struck Thomas on the head killing him on the spot.

Thomas at the time was in the employ of Mr. James Ducat (Manning River New – 11.07.1868). Thomas was recovering from a broken arm at the time of his death.

The surviving children all married:-

1870 Wright Harrison HAMPSON, married Isabella Emmeline Reid at Port Macquarie. She died in 1886 and Wright's second wife was Ellen Berman and they married in 1906, also in Port Macquarie.

Desdemona Ann HAMPSON married Edwin James CLOUGH in 1868 at Macleay River.

Alice Maria HAMPSON married John JONES in 1868 at Macleay River. (The sisters may have married on the same day).

William HAMPSON married Elizabeth BOLSTER in 1884 at Kempsey.

Edward HAMPSON married Annie KELLARD IN 1882 in Sydney.

Henry Frank HAMPSON married Ada Caroline KELLY in 1881 in Sydney.

Mary Amelia HAMPSON married Arthur Pringle STEWART in 1881 in Newtown.

The one member of this family whose name survives today, through his wonderful exploits is Wright Harrison HAMPSON, through his colourful career as a mail contractor and coach driver for Cobb & Co. He was well known for playing on his

The lad who was killed at Moonebah by being struck on the head by a rail as mentioned by our regular correspondent, was named Thomas Hampson. He was in the employ of Mr. James Ducat. A magisterial enquiry was held.

Manning River News newspaper – **11 September, 1869** page
3 column 3

A son of a Mrs. Hampson has had his leg broken. It is stated that the boy belongs to a particularly unfortunate family. His father was killed by being thrown against a tree, his eldest brother had his arm broken, and had no sooner recovered from that accident than he was suddenly killed, and now this lad comes in for his share of trouble. The boy's mother certainly deserves the sympathy of her neighbours, and pecuniary aid too, if she needs it.

Also, Janice, in the "NSW – Patriotic Fund Subscribers – Crimean War (1855) index" there is the following entry extracted from the

Sydney Morning Herald ... Hampson EKempsey & Macleay River **16**
Aug 1855 page 6 column 1

If this is one of the family it may establish that he was in the Macleay district in 1855

Also, is Wright Hampson one of the family you are researching ? He married Miss Berman on 3 January, 1907.

Hope the above is of some assistance.

Best wishes,

Rod & Wendy Gow

On **25 Mar 2005**, at 7:18 PM, Janice Doughty wrote:

Good evening Listers,

I am new to this list and am hoping that SKS maybe able to assist me.

I am helping the wife of my husband's cousin to find out some history on her gg grandfather one **Edward HAMPSON**.

Edward and his wife **Eliza** arrived from the United States of America sometime in the late **1840s or early 1850**, with three children. They had immigrated to the USA from England, however for some reason they changed their mind about settling in America and came to Australia.

After their arrival, at least another four children were born, 1854 Thomas, 1856 William, 1857 Edward, 1860 Henry and 1862 Mary. The majority of the children's place of births are registered as Macleay River. Their father **Edward HAMPSON**, became a Police Officer, however he was killed while on duty in 1862 near a river. The lady I am helping thinks she can remember the cause of death was a fall from a horse.

Any help regarding this family would be very much appreciated.

Regards,
Janice
Sydney

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Chris Stafford Good evening everyone, yesterday I received **Edward Hampson Death Certificate** and unfortunately, at the time of his death, **Edward was no longer a Constable**, but was a farmer and settler in the Fredo/East Kempsey (East was the original township). This was back up by one of his children's marriage certificate.

Even though I have found written reference in newspaper that did indicate Edward was the Lock up Keeper for East Kempsey, but it seems by 1862, at the creation of the NSW Police Force, he was no longer a serving member.

This maybe the reason while there is no record on the NSW Honour Roll or the Canberra Wall. However, I am still going to attempt to fix his grave up and place a new plaque stating Edward as a former Police Officer.

Robert Lovell McDOUGALL

25/10/2012

Robert Lovell McDOUGALL

New South Wales Police Force – Mounted Police – Gold Police

Regd. # ?

Rank: Corporal

Stations: , Sofala (under 2 years)

Service: From 1 October 1851 to 23 September 1853 = 2+
years

Awards: ?

Born: ? ? 1816 in Coleraine, Londonderry, Ireland

Died on: Friday 23 September 1853

Cause: Horse Accident

Event location: Sofala

Age: 37

Funeral date: Sunday 25 September 1853

Funeral location:

Buried at: Sofala Cemetery (Anglican Christ Church), Sofala
Rd, Sofala, NSW

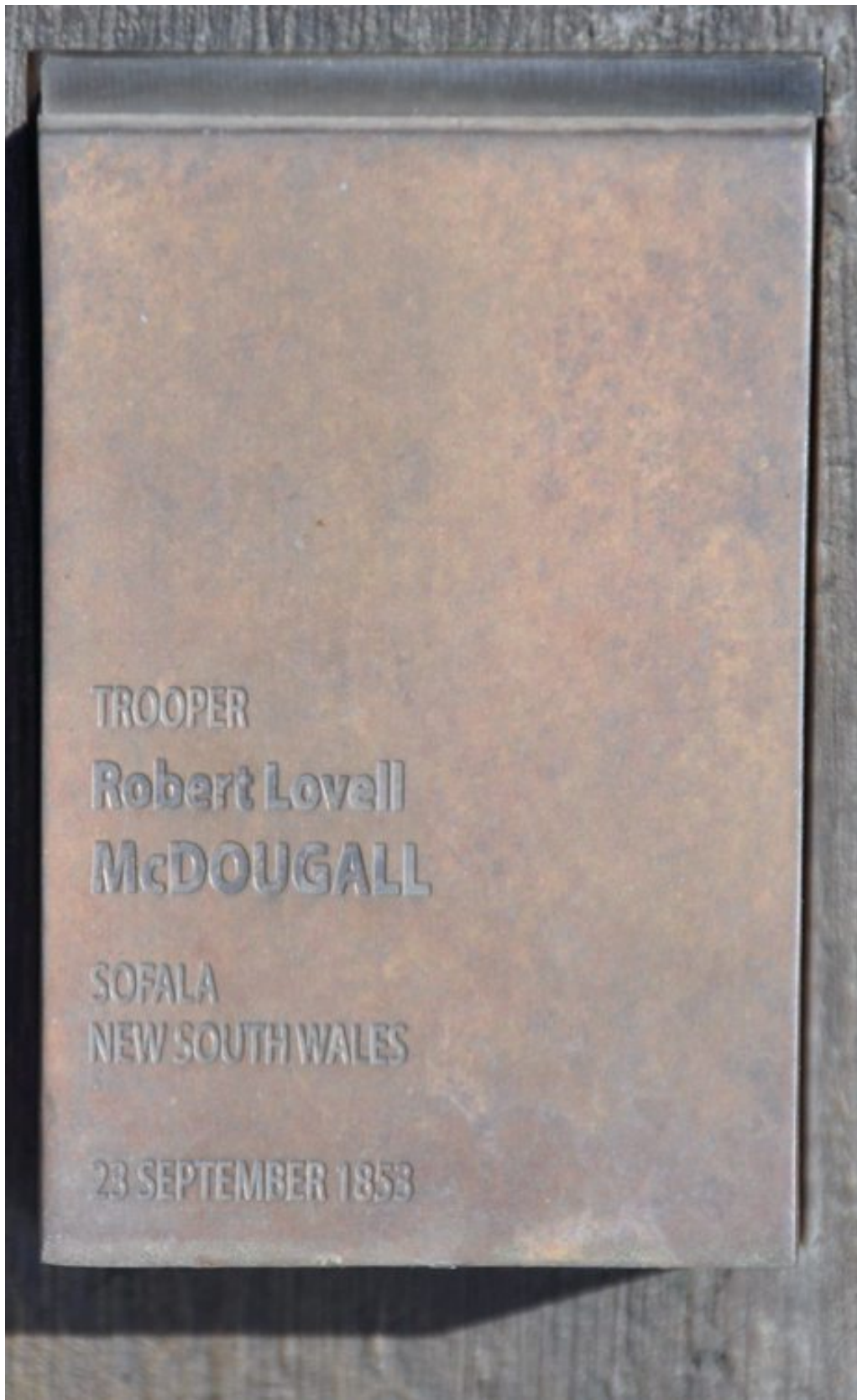
Grave Location: positioned right hand side upon the entry
gate



Robert Lovell McDOUGALL gravestone



ROBERT IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance



It appears that Corporal McDougall met his death in 1853 when returning **to Sofala** from **Wattle Flat**, where he had been **inspecting gold licences** and executing a warrant with another

policeman **possibly named Johnson**. McDougall and Johnson had each then set out **for Sofala** via different routes, for some reason. As **McDougall** rode along the road over **Whalan's Hill** his horse took fright going down a **steep incline** and he was **thrown**. It would appear that one of his **feet** became **caught in a stirrup** and he was **dragged along**, inflicting **fatal injuries**. When his riderless horse returned to town late that night a search was immediately launched and the unfortunate corporal was found about **2am**. He died shortly **after being taken home**. He left a widow, **Mary Ann McDougall** and five children. His headstone **at Sofala** reads "McDougall" however most documents located so far indicate that the correct spelling is **probably "MacDougall"**.

The Sydney Morning Herald of Wednesday 5 October, 1853, p3, carried the following account of the incident.

A melancholy accident, which terminated fatally occurred last week to Corporal MacDougall of the mounted police. It appears that the deceased was returning from the new diggings on Thursday evening when about half a mile from Sofala his horse stumbled and fell, probably on the top of him. The fall unseated him, but unfortunately one of his feet got entangled in the stirrup, and he must have been dragged a considerable distance on the road, as his body was in a very mutilated condition. The horse arriving in town late at night without the rider, a search was at once instituted, but it was not until two o'clock on Friday morning that he was found on the side of a hill, half a mile from Sofala in a state of insensibility. Deceased was at once removed to Sofala, and medical assistance procured, but the injuries he received were of so severe a nature that he expired on Friday evening. A magisterial enquiry was held by Mr Commissioner Johnson, when a verdict of accidental death was returned. He was a most

efficient officer of the police, and the respect in which he was held by the inhabitants of Sofala was fully testified by the large concourse of all classes and denominations which **last Sunday** followed his remains to their **last resting place**. He was in the 27th year of his age, and has left a wife and five children."

A report submitted on **26 September, 1853** by **Assistant Gold Commissioner Johnson** of **Bathurst**, sheds a little more light on Corporal McDougall, as follows.

AGC Office Sofala 26th Sept/53. No. 53/112.

Sir,

I regret to have to report to you the death of Crpl **Robt MacDougall** of the **Gold Police** of this State who died on the 23rd instant from the effects of a fall which he received from his horse on returning from **executing a warrant** on the **22nd instant**.

1. No-one witnessed the occurrence but from the evidence given by persons who were with **MacDougall** immediately prior to it he appears to have been **perfectly sober** and that the horse he was riding was very restive.

2. The deceased had been in the **Police at Sofala** for **nearly two years** during which period he bore the character of a steady, sober and efficient policeman having never been brought up for any misconduct whatever.

3rd. He has left a wife and five children the **youngest** being **only just born** and who by this sudden bereavement are left **almost destitute**. I would therefore urge whether taking into considerations the good character and efficient service of the deceased a gratuity, or pension may not be bestowed upon his widow.

Signed W Johnson AGC

The Gold Commissioner

Western Districts

Bathurst

The corporal was born in 1816 and enlisted in the Gold Escort on 1 October, 1851. At the time of his death he was stationed at Sofala.

Robert Lovell McDougall (son of **Samuel McDougall** and **Margaret McCormack**) was born 1816 in Coleraine Londonderry Ireland, and died 1853 in Sofala NSW Australia. He married **Mary Ann Saul**.

More About **Robert Lovell McDougall**:

Burial: 1853, Sofala NSW Australia.

Children of **Robert Lovell McDougall** and **Mary Ann Saul** are:

- i. **+Mary McDougall**, b. 1844, Bermuda West Indies, d. date unknown.
- ii. **+Samuel McDougall**, b. 1846, d. date unknown.
- iii. **+John McDougall**, b. 1849, d. date unknown.
- iv. **+Jane Leslie McDougall**, b. 1851, Sydney NSW Australia, d. 1940, Kandos NSW Australia.
- v. **+Margaret May McDougall**, b. 1853, Sofala NSW Australia, d. 1892, Sofala NSW Australia.

<http://www.genealogy.com/ftm/j/a/c/Cindy-Jackson-Rylstone/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0004.html>

National Police Wall of Remembrance touch plate inscription:
– differs slightly on date of joining, his rank and station
but **especially** the date of death.

Trooper Robert Lovell McDOUGALL

Sofala NSW

29 September 1853

Jurisdiction: New South Wales

Year of Birth: 1816

Details of Death:

It appears that **Trooper McDougall** met his death in 1853 when returning to Sofala from Wattle Flat where he had been inspecting gold licences with another policeman possibly named Johnson. McDougall and Johnson each set out for Sofala via different routes. As he rode along the road over Whalan's Hill McDougall's horse took fright as they travelled down a steep incline and he was thrown to the roadway. He died from his injuries shortly after being taken home. The Trooper was born in 1816 and **appears to have enlisted** in the **Gold Escort** on **26 November 1851** at the **rank of Trooper**. He was stationed at **Upper Turon**.

<http://www.npm.org.au/mcdougall>

I have found the headstone of Corporal Robert Lovell MACDOUGALL has broken in half & the inscription has almost been weathered away. He was buried at Sofala C of E cemetery in 1853, positioned right hand side upon the entry gate.

His widow **Mary Ann** remarried to another **Trooper, Owen Valentine PARSLEY**, her Headstone is to be found **beside that of**

Corporal MacDougall.

Robert was born in Coleraine, Londonderry, Ireland. 1816

He married **Mary Ann (Marion) SAUL**, their first child Mary was born in Bermuda.

Two sons were then born in Donegal, Ireland. On arrival in Sydney a daughter Jane Leslie was born, their last child Margaret was born in Sofala a few months before Robert's death on 26th September, 1853.

Thanking you in anticipation

Janet Aubrey
